

**PRESBYTERY: HURON-PERTH EXECUTIVE  
CONFERENCE: LONDON  
LOCATION: MAIN STREET UNITED, MITCHELL**

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**November 19, 2010**

**CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT:** a quorum being present, the Chairperson of Huron-Perth Presbytery declared the November 19, 2010 meeting of the Executive of Huron-Perth Presbytery to order at 9:36am for the purpose of transacting such business as may be brought before it.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Emily Phillips, Tom Murray, Ken Hunking, Brent Caslick, Krista Vandesar, Winston Jibb, Betty Graber Watson, Margaret Hern, Pirie Mitchell, Ruth Long, Margaret Bakker  
**Corresponding:** Heather McLean.  
**Regrets:** Gary Clark  
**Absent:** Flo Cartwright

**OPENING DEVOTIONS:** Emily Phillips read Luke 1: 26-33, when the Angel Gabriel came to visit Mary. Emily spoke of love and hope at this time of year. Everyone was then asked to tell about their most memorable Christmas concert.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF HURON-PERTH  
PRESBYTERY OF OCTOBER 15, 2010**

**MOTION:** Moved by Winston Jibb and seconded by Brent Caslick that Huron-Perth Presbytery Executive approve the minutes of their meeting of October 15, 2010.  
**CARRIED**

**MINUTES OF THE COVENANTING SERVICE OF HURON-PERTH  
PRESBYTERY OF OCTOBER 31, 2010**

Moved by Ken Hunking and seconded by Winston Jibb that that Huron-Perth Presbytery Executive approve the minutes of the Covenanting Service for Rev. Cindy Bourgeois, Central United Church Stratford and Huron Perth Presbytery that was held on Sunday October 31, 2010.  
**CARRIED**

**REPORTS:**

- discussion was held concerning future covenanting services and appointment of commissioners to represent presbytery.
- a check list or guide will be created to assist those setting up a covenanting service

**DIVISION OF WORLD OUTREACH:** Winston Jibb

- The committee held discussions on how to rebuild the church

**NOMINATIONS:** Ken Hunking –

- Still looking for a Chairperson-elect for 2012

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**FUTURES COMMITTEE:** Tom Murray

- committee has not met since September
- committee feels presbytery needs to see what we can do to help church grow and what can be done at a local level.
- need to focus on mission and not on the structure of the church and the need for freedom of worship and mission work and less on church institutionalization.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:** Brent Caslick

- 84% of assessments have arrived
- committee met November 10 to set budget for next year
- small changes will be made to proposed budget as the assessment from London Conference has been dropped from \$15.10 to \$14.80 due to a lower decline in membership than previously predicted.
- assessment per member has been set at \$34.00
- an expense line for Annual Meeting of Conference has been added to assist with the cost of attending Conference
- it was recommended that congregations help pay for some of the travelling and meal costs of those attending Conference
- a chart showing the differences using 'resident membership, identifiable givers and total money raised in each congregation' for assessment purposes was handed out and discussed. Chart has been added as appendix.
- in future 'Cost to do Ministry' may be on a percentage bases rather than by resident membership

**PASTORAL RELATIONS:** Margaret Hern

- Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa will replace Gary Clark as co-chair
- the work being done at Thamesview, Crediton, Dashwood-Zurich, and Hensall was discussed, as well as the concerns at the Nile church

**PASTORAL CARE AND OVERSIGHT:** Betty Graber Watson

- concerns at Wroxeter-Gorrie were discussed
- report was given on successful meeting held to discuss the experiment at Kirkton-Woodam Centralia-Zion-West, over 30 in attendance and good discussions held
- concerns at St. John's Stratford were discussed, the congregation will vote on Sunday on a motion to support the work of the board and move on.
- regular visits to congregations are getting more complex as they are asking more about archives, stewardship and pastoral relations

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**PASTORAL SUPPORT MINISTRY:** Betty Graber Watson  
Neil Lackey- is looking at dividing Huron Perth into 6 cluster groups  
-plans to gather the clergy to discuss coordinating our future and will contact each area for at time of conversation and reassurance.

**UNITEDCHURCH WOMEN:** Ruth Long  
- New president will be Margaret Hern  
- reports were handed in at the November meeting  
- next presbytery UCW meeting will be held on January 31 at Londesborough and Kate Monk will be the guest speaker  
- 3 UCWs closed this past year, Holmesville, Lingelbach, Seaforth

**DIVISION OF MISSION** Ruth Long  
- good reports from both camps  
- looking a being involved with the Go project again

**DIVISION OF MISSION IN CANADA-STEWARDSHIP:** Krista Vandesar  
-Mission Fair coming up at the next presbytery meeting on November 23, will be open to the public from 6:30-8:00 with highlights and mission work as the theme for the evening.

**EDUCATION AND STUDENTS:** Pirie Mitchell  
- transfer request for Mary and Terry Fletcher from Lambton Presbytery to Huron Perth was not successful  
- one student has with drawn from the ministry  
-Ian O’Niel is attending Emmanuel College, doing well and working on obtaining permission to give sacraments  
-the number of students applying to go into the ministry is down

**NOTES FROM LONDON CONFERENCE:** Heather McLean  
A request has been made to put London Conference Executive decisions in the minutes for information purposes. This is done to improve communication and dissemination of information; therefore highlights of executive meetings are included in the minutes.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2010**

**Investigating 3-Year Term for London Conference Executive**

After discussions with Presbytery executives, a proposal for Presbytery representatives to London Conference Executive to fulfill a three-year term will be presented at the February meeting. There will be staggered terms of office to begin at the rise of Conference.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mission Support Grants

**Motion It was moved, seconded and carried that London Conference Executive approves the Mission Support Grants recommended for 2011 by the Mission Support Committee.**

\*spreadsheet of recipients attached

Inclusion of World Vision Catalogue with the United Church Observer

**Motion It was moved, seconded and carried that London Conference Executive, via the Acting Executive Secretary, will send a letter on behalf of the Conference Executive members protesting inclusion of World Vision with the November 2010 copy of the United Church Observer.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Planning Committee for the Annual General Meeting (Gary Clark)**

· **Recommendation:** That discussion groups would be used for part of the annual meeting. Sessions would provide an opportunity for attendees to explore in-depth a topic of interest with the intention of generating meaningful dialogue.

· **Recommendation:** That choosing a president-elect should start at the presbytery level. Presbyteries are reminded to be thoughtful of who would be the best representative for the upcoming year as nominees may need time to discern their suitability for the role.

**Staff Support Committee (John Brown)**

Reminder that Bev Robinson's retirement celebration to occur at Riverside United Church, London Ontario on December 3, from 1pm – 3pm.

**Finance & Administration (Bev Slater)**

Budget Forum has been set for March 25, 2010 from 1pm to 4pm, with a workshop presented in the morning by a financial representative from the General Council office. Membership declined 3% overall instead of the 5% projected decrease.

**Motion: It was moved, seconded and carried to decrease presbytery assessment from \$15.10 to \$14.80.**

**Motion: It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the treasurer's Finance & Administration budget and report.**

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**London Conference Mission Support Grants 2010**

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Approved</b>
Algoma	First United Church Wawa	Kaireen Morrison jkmwawa@shaw.ca 705-856-2118	First United Church 124 Mission Road, Box 221 Wawa ON P0S 1K0 705-856-2926	\$ 7,675.00
Algoma	St. Paul's United Church Manitouwadge	Cathy Drapeau cpdrapeau@sympatico.ca 807-826-4466	St. Paul's United Church 8 Shawinigan, PO Box 759 Manitouwadge ON P0T 2C0 807-826-3897	\$ 10,250.00
Essex	Windsor Downtown Mission	Barry Furlonger 519-973-5573	Downtown Misison of Windsor 664 Victoria Avenue Windsor ON N9Z 4N2	\$ 6,000.00
Essex	Student Outreach Ministry Iona College	Sandi Rose office@ionacollege.edu 519-973-7039	Student Outreach Ministry c/o Iona College 208 Sunset Avenue Windsor ON N9B 3A7	\$ 5,000.00
Huron-Perth	Huron-Perth Traveling Summer Day Camp	Kathy Douglas kathymdouglas@hotmail.com 519-523-4380	H-P Traveling Summer Day Camp 422 Mill Street, PO Box 400 Blyth ON N0K 1N0 519-523-4380	\$ 1,500.00
Kent	Ridgetown Chaplaincy c/o Blenheim & District Ministerial Association	Eric Skillings southbuxtonpc@yahoo.ca 519-689-7555	Ridgetown Chaplaincy Program c/o Blenheim & Dist. Ministerial Assn. 6635 Middle Line Merlin ON N0P 1W0 519-689-7555	\$ 3,750.00
Lambton	St. Paul's United Church Parish Nursing	Fred Fysh fredfysh@sympatico.ca 519-336-8786	St. Paul's United Church 360 Devine Street Sarnia ON N7T 1V1 519-337-6312	\$ 5,000.00 *pending LIM
Lambton	St. Clair United Church	Geraldine Roverton gerald.iner@hotmail.com stclairunited@xcelco.on.ca 519-336-6541	St. Clair United Church 978 Tashmoo Avenue Sarnia ON N7T 7H5 519-344-6119	\$ 34,298.00
Middlesex	Limberlost Chaplaincy	Paula Marcotte pamarcotte@ody.ca 519-439-6294	Limberlost Chaplaincy Sherwood Forest PO Box 8098 London ON N6G 4X1	\$ 5,250.00
Middlesex	Southdale Chaplaincy	Kate Ballagh-Steeper kbs@southdalechaplaincy.com 519-473-1287	The Southdale Chaplaincy Inc. PO Box 37085, 900 Adelaide St. S. London ON N6E 3T3 519-685-2771	\$ 11,250.00
Middlesex	UWO Chaplaincy	Rev. Bill McAuslan PO Box 29 Ilderton ON N0M 2A0 519-666-0615	Middlesex Presbytery UWO Chaplaincy Office 256 University Com Centre London ON N6A 3K7	\$ 7,500.00
Middlesex	East London United Church Outreach	Sharon Ashton sharonashton93@hotmail.com 519-455-9385	ELUCO PO Box 32013 London ON N5V 5K4	\$ 9,000.00
Oxford	Meeting Place Operation Sharing	Robert Martin bmartin@explornet.com 519-539-3920 John Furry 2jfurry@sympatico.ca 519-539-8432	Operation Sharing PO Box 20081 Woodstock ON N4S 8X8	\$ 11,250.00

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**NOTES FROM LONDON CONFERENCE: Heather McLean**

For the Presbytery Executive for Information/Minutes – November/December 2010

Heather McLean, Acting Executive Secretary updated us about the following:

1. Highlights from the Nov 17, 2010 Conference Executive meeting have been circulated to Presbytery Secretaries along with the Summary of the Meeting of General Council Executive, Nov 2010.
  - IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL CONGREGATIONS. LONDON CONFERENCE AND THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA:
    - a. Please note the UCC Protect, the General Insurance Plan of The United Church of Canada – Umbrella Directors and Officers Liability Insurance, that is being extended to congregations on a “NO COST” basis for a 2 year period, starting Dec 1, 2010 to Dec 1, 2012. Check documentation for further information from Bill Kennedy and Virginia Morato, on Nov 16, 2010.
    - b. From our annual meeting in May 2010, the budget for 2011 was based upon a 5% decrease in resident membership in London Conference. The most recent statistics just received on Nov 16, 2010 show a more favourable picture of only a 3% decrease. With church closures we are aware that a decrease in church membership is now the norm. However, we accept the 3% as good news, and the executive made a decision that the 2011 assessment for conference shall decrease now from \$15.10 as agreed upon at the annual meeting to \$14.80. Bev Slater, as treasurer, has shared this information with all the Presbytery treasurers.
    - c. Mission Support Grants for 2011 were approved. Check highlights from the executive meeting for details for those mission units in your presbytery that received funding. A new chaplaincy in Kent Presbytery at the Ridgetown Agricultural College is being funded by the United Church, the college, other denominations, and some agricultural groups.
    - d. The Hope Book – has been sent to each pastoral charge. The Hope Book is the London Conference alternative gift catalogue where mission and gifts come together.
    - e. In January 2011, all ministry personnel and known lay leaders will be sent a survey in order to consult widely about pastoral relations and building healthier pastoral relations within The United Church of Canada. This research project comes from the decision by the General Council Executive in May 2010 whereby pastoral relations work or part thereof, shall shift to the conference from the presbytery. In order to assess how this can happen, its impact and wisdom, watch for this Effective Leadership & Healthy Relationships Collaborative Research Project in January 2011.

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**CHAIRPERSONS REPORT:** Emily Phillips

- there will be an open house for Bev Robinson
- a letter from London Conference has been sent to board of Observe magazine concerning the inclusion of the World Vision catalogue
- discussion was held concerning the cost of attending Conference
  - busing – 56 passenger approximately \$110, 47 passenger approximately \$120
  - lodging – approximately \$119 each/night
  - meals – approximately package \$70.
- members of presbytery will be asked to sign a sheet at registration table at presbytery or let secretary know if they are thinking of attending so arrangements can be made to help keep cost down
  
- the next executive meeting will be held on January 21 in Blyth, as a large majority of the members come from the Blyth area

**CLOSING:** Prayer was given by Emily Phillips and everyone joined in to say the Lord's Prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Winston Jibb made a motion to adjourn at 11:58.

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Emily Phillips, Chair

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Margaret Bakker, Secretary