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LOCATION: CAMP BIMINI**

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**HURON-PERTH PRESBYTERY IS CALLED TO MEET ON  
CAMP BIMINI**

Address is 3180 Perth Road 113

GPS coordinates: N 43 17.655' W080 58.340'

**Via Stratford:** coming into Stratford on Hwy 7 or 8, turn onto Erie St (Hwy 7 to London) in downtown Stratford. At Lorne Ave is a McDonald's and Timmy's the next light is Perth Rd 113, turn left, continue to flashing traffic light, go through it, and in about one mile (2km) you'll see Bimini snuggled into the woods on your right.

**Via Hwy 7 from London/St Mary's:** turn right at the first road past Klomp's Nursery, continue to a flashing traffic light, turn right, go about a mile (2km), and find the Camp on your right.

**Or,** continue towards Stratford where the first traffic light you encounter is Perth Rd 113, turn right, and follow the instructions for "Via Stratford" above.

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

4:00 pm	Divisions and Committees meet (optional)
5:30 pm	Supper
6:30 pm	Constitution of the Court Approval of the Consent Docket and Minutes of Previous Meetings Introduction of Guests and New Members of Presbytery
6:45 pm	Welcome and Worship
7:00 pm	Certificate presentation – Education and Student Committee Installation of Chairperson
7:30pm	Pastoral Support Minister report Resource Centre Youth Minister
7:45 pm	<b>Reports from Divisions and Committees</b> Education and Students Committee Division of Finance and Administration Division of Stewardship and Mission in Canada: UCW, Division of World Outreach Division of Communications Pastoral Care and Oversight Committee Pastoral Relations Committee Representative to London Executive Conference Liaison Nomination Committee Office of the Chairperson Office of the Secretary Other Business and Announcements
8:50 pm	Reflections, Courtesies, Closing Prayer & Benediction
9:00 pm	Adjournment

Meeting Dates : Tentatively set for : September 22 – Trinity United, Listowel  
October 27 – Lakeshore United, Goderich (Missionfest)

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## **CONSENT DOCKET**

The Consent Docket contains a series of standard motions that are part of the preliminaries for each Presbytery meeting but which do not normally require discussion. If anyone wishes to discuss any of them, that one(s) will be removed from the Consent Docket and placed on the floor at an agreed upon time in the agenda. If anyone has a question for clarification about an item on the Consent Docket it will be answered with a brief explanation.

## **THE MOTIONS**

**ATTENDANCE** that the attendance be as noted on the registration record.

**CORRESPONDING MEMBERS** that all visitors to the Court be made Corresponding Members of the Court for the current meeting.\*

**AGENDA** That the agenda, as printed and circulated, be the agenda for the current meeting of Huron-Perth Presbytery.

**CORRESPONDENCE** that all correspondence as identified on the Correspondence Record, available on request from the secretary, be received for information only. \*\*

**MOTIONS:** All motions must be clearly typed (sent by email) or written for the secretary.

**NEXT MEETING:** That the time and place of the next meeting of Huron-Perth Presbytery shall be as noted in the current 'Notice of Meeting.'

**PRESBYTERY POWERS TO THE EXECUTIVE**, that at the adjournment of the current meeting of the Court, the powers of Huron-Perth Presbytery be granted to the Executive of Huron-Perth Presbytery to conduct emergent business of the Presbytery on its behalf.

**\* Corresponding Members (being all those who are one time visitors who are not elected Presbyters by their congregations) are reminded that they may speak on any matter before the court but you may not vote on any matter for which a vote is called.**

**\* Delegates to Huron-Perth Presbytery who have been elected by congregations will be made full voting and speaking delegates at Huron Perth Presbytery after the Presbytery secretary has received written confirmation from their pastoral charge secretary stating who their pastoral charge delegates are. Further, self-proclaimed Delegates will not be counted as Delegates until Presbytery has been so advised by letter from the congregational Secretary to the Secretary of Presbytery.**

**\*\*Division of Communication is now making public announcements using the computerised slide show format. Therefore, all those who wish announcements to appear for the benefit of Presbyters must e-mail their notice to [hpprevents@gmail.com](mailto:hpprevents@gmail.com) no later than the Friday before the date of Presbytery.**

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**CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT:**

A quorum being present, and due to the absence of Chairperson Mary McIntosh, Past Chairman Harry Disher called the April 28, 2015 meeting to order at 6:38pm by asking for nominations for acting chair person.

**Motion:** Moved by Ken Hunking and seconded by Paul Ross to nominated Gary Clark as acting Chair for the meeting. Nominations were closed and Gary Clark was acclaimed.

**MINISTRY PERSONNEL:**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Harry Disher, Sandra Cable, Randy Covey, Gary Clark, Mary Fletcher, Elise Feltrin, Mary Stewart, Alun Thomas, Brian Hymers, June Hawtin, George Russell, Val Pitt, Kate Crawford, Kate Ballagh-Steeper, Paul Ross, Colin Snyder, Kevin Steeper, Thomas Beecroft, Stephen Hildebrand, Mark Graves

**REGRETS:** Kathy Douglas, Krista Elizabeth Vandarsar, Doug Loucks, Terry Fletcher, Judith Anne Baird Ritchie, Tom Dunbar

**ABSENT:** Richard Hall, Pirie Mitchell, Meg Runhart, Arlene Ruggles, Scott Boughner, Charles Love, Sandy Morris, Nancy Wetselaar, Jock Tolmay, Nancy Knowles, Steven Cox, Kathryn Wreford, Jeff Hawkins, Marion Jackson-Tyler, Kathi Urbasik-Hindley, Rivkah Unland, Paul Vollick, Don Wright, Michelle Down

**LAY REPRESENTATIVES:** Flo Cartwright, Avaline Wandel, Bob Kellington, Keith Otterebein, Dave Williams, Ken Hunking, Marg Dale, Anne Gregory, Cecil Pepper, Don Procter, Betty Graber Watson, Ted Dunn, Flo Keillor, Brent Caslick, Douglas Trewartha, Don Stephen, Mary Ellen Jacklin, Gail Fricker, Heather Gregersen, Roger Hyatt, Byron Morris, Bob Doupe, Max Demaray, Dorothy McGregor, David Onn, Susan Campbell, Nancy Denham, Bruce Whitmore, Shelley Warr, Ruth Ann Eagleson, Joe Laurie, George Gracey, Margaret Hern, Murray Donaldson, Tracy Schelken Emmerton, Ross Carter, Bob Down, Doug Garniss, David Cullen, Bill Dowson, Marilyn Horne, Margaret Bakker

**REGRETS:** Mary McIntosh, Jocelyn Miller, Linda Dunford, Dianne Josling, John McIntosh

**ABSENT:** Llyod Karges, Russ Barker, Bruce Delbridge, Gloria Wilbee, Margaret Anne Buchanan, Donna Stephens, Hilda Lansbergen, Barbara Cooper, Helen Shute, Joan Hunter, Peter Kudelka

**ALTERNATES:**

**CORRESPONDING MEMBERS and SPECIAL GUESTS:**

Ken Eagleson – new delegate for Huron Shores United, Grand Bend

Joan Dierolf – new delegate for Dungannon Union, (Trinity United)

Ron Durnin – new delegate for Dungannon Union, (Dungannon United)

Lavern Clark – new delegate for Blyth United

Harry Jacklin – guest Calvary United, Listowel

Sharon Otterbein – guest Fordwich United

Don Keillor – guest St. Andrews, Bayfield

Muriel Coultres – guest Belgrave United, representing Huron Perth Presbytery United Church Women

Shelley Worsell – guest Knox United, Auburn

Dana Bean – guest Knox United, Auburn

Barb Knox – Camp Menesetung

Mel Knox – guest Londesborough United Church

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**APPROVAL THE CONSENT DOCKET AND AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Margaret Bakker and seconded by Randy Covey that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve the Consent Docket and agenda as presented at the Constitution of the Court.

**Carried**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HURON-PERTH PRESBYTERY OF March 28, 2015**

**MOTION:** Moved by Margaret Bakker and seconded by Randy Covey that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve the minutes of its meeting of March 28, 2015 as printed.

**Carried.**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE HURON-PERTH PRESBYTERY OF:  
March 10, 2015 AND EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CALL April 2, 2015.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Margaret Bakker and seconded by Avaline Wandel that Huron-Perth Presbytery receive the minutes of the meetings of its Executive of March 10, 2015 and Executive Conference call of April 2, 2015 for information.

**Carried.**

**MINUTES OF THE COVENANTING SERVICE OF: April 19, 2015** for Rev. Kate Ballagh-Steeper, Rev. Kevin Steeper, Lakeshore United Church, Huron Perth Presbytery and London Conference for information.

**MOTION:** Moved by Margaret and seconded by Avaline Wandel that Huron-Perth Presbytery receive the minutes of the meeting of the covenanting service April 19, 2015 for Rev. Kate Ballagh-Steeper, Rev. Kevin Steeper, Lakeshore United Church, Huron Perth Presbytery and London Conference for information.

**Carried.**

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND NEW DELEGATES:**

Ken Eagleson – new delegate for Huron Shores United, Grand Bend  
Joan Dierolf – new delegate for Dungannon Union, (Trinity United)  
Ron Durnin – new delegate for Dungannon Union, (Dungannon United)  
Lavern Clark – new delegate for Blyth United  
Harry Jacklin – guest Calvary United, Listowel  
Sharon Otterbein – guest Fordwich United  
Muriel Coultres – guest Belgrave United, representing Huron Perth Presbytery United Church  
Women

**WELCOME and WORSHIP:** Randy Covey welcomed everyone and led worship with everyone singing We Are One. Worship was based on Mark 12:28-34, 'We have a Purpose'. Worship closed with prayer and singing Walk With Me.

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**WORKSHOP:**

Paul Ross led a workshop on the Report from the Comprehensive Review Task Group.

Paul Ross and four members of Presbytery each gave a short report on the six different proposals and then answer questions from the audience

The six proposals and the Presbytery member giving the report are as follows;

- 1....Chasing the Spirit - Paul Ross
- 2...Aboriginal ministries – Paul Ross
- 3...Council Model.- Betty Graber Watson
- 4...A College of Ministers – Gary Clark
- 5...An association of Ministries – Kate Crawford
- 6...Funding a new Model. – Harry Disher

Anyone who would like to recommend changes to any of the six proposals is encouraged to send their proposal to Presbytery before May 19, so the executive can vote whether to transmit the proposal, with concurrence or with non-concurrence, to London Conference. It is also suggested that they contact Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa or Brad Morrison at London Conference for assistance with formatting the proposal.

**PROPOSAL:** Presented by Muriel Coultres on behalf of Huron Perth United Church Women Presbyterial (Page 2015 - 55 )

**Huron- Perth U.C.W. Presbyterial proposes that:**

**The 42nd General Council:**

**Ensure that in the three Council model proposed by United in God's Work, provision is made for the full voting participation of a representative of the United Church Women on the Regional and Denominational Councils and their Executives.**

**Motion:** Moved by Avaline Wandel and seconded by Shelley Warr that Huron Perth Presbytery, forward with concurrence, the proposal from the Huron Perth United Church Women Presbyterial to London Conference.

**Carried.**

**REPORTS:**

**RESOURCE CENTRE REPORT:**

- Now available are:
- New Crest bulletin covers with blank back
  - New Crest Bulletin covers with "A New Creed" on back
  - New Crest key chains in Gold tone
  - New Crest face down decal to put on doors and windows
- The next book in the Feasting on the Gospel Series has been released. "John Volume 1" is now available.
- The Gathering for Pentecost is now available for purchase.
- Books - N.T. Wright has a new book out, "Simply Good News- Why the Gospel is News and What Makes it Good".
- Children's books - the next book in the "God Gave Us..." series has been released, "God Gave Us Angels".

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The Resource Centre is now selling colourful hand made bags made by the Mukwano Women's Group in Bujagali Falls Uganda. They are \$20 each and come in two designs. If you would like to purchase some, or if you would like some to sell, contact the Resource Centre.

**PRESBYTERY YOUTH MINISTER - Kathy Douglas**  
- no report

**PRESBYTERY PASTORAL SUPPORT MINISTER: Val Pitt**

A short reflection was shared related to taming one's inner critic as we open ourselves to creative and innovative ministry.

In my present work with Huron Perth Presbytery I am hearing many interesting stories of congregations who continue to offer amazing ministry and are grounded and guided by the Spirit.

Often times in the church we can have a tendency to focus on what needs to be fixed. There are occasions when we need to do that as well as celebrating ministry that is going well.

An invitation was offered to the Presbytery for people to share something that is happening in their congregations that is bringing new life and energy or/and tell of a risk that they had taken that didn't go as expected yet also brought about good learning.

Many members of Presbytery shared stories of interesting and transformative ministry that is taking place in their congregations. Thank you to everyone who took part. I am sure there are many more stories to hear. Hopefully, we can build on this experience and make this a monthly event at Presbytery meeting as we share ideas and experiences with one another.

A reminder was given that there is a requirement in London Conference that ministry personnel update their boundaries training every three years. Blessings to you all Val

**REPORTS FROM DIVISIONS AND COMMITTEES:**

**DIVISION of FINANCE and ADMINISTRATION: - Brent Caslick**

1. **Motion:** Moved by Anne Gregory and seconded by Marg Dale that Huron Perth Presbytery approve the request of the Trustees of Emmanuel United Church Cemetery Board to transfer the Emmanuel United Church cemetery located at 72587 Bronson Line, concession 13 Pt Lot 17, Pt Lot 18, Municipality of Bluewater and all perpetual care funds to the Municipality of Bluewater.

**Carried.**

2. **Motion:** Moved by Bob Down and seconded by Tom Beecroft that Huron Perth Presbytery approve the request of Jen Stevely for \$200.00 to be taken from the Youth Ministry fund in the Visioning Fund to attend the "GO Project" in Newfoundland.

**Carried**

3. **Motion:** Moved by Tom Beecroft and seconded by Joe Laurie that Huron Perth Presbytery approve the request of Pam Campbell for funding out of the Visioning Fund to enroll in the Licensed Lay Worship Leader program at Five Oaks.

**Carried.**

4. **Motion:** Moved by Marg Dale and seconded by Bob Down that Huron Perth Presbytery approve the request from Brucefield Community United Church to commence to modernize and repair the septic system for approximately \$35, 000.00 with the funds to be drawn from their capital fund.

**Carried.**

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- the financial report was given for information, with a note that the line 'Draw From Accumulated Reserve' should read 'Draw from Visionary Fund, if Required' (Pg. 2015- 54)
- churches are reminded to fill in the Statically Information Forms accurately because their assessments are based on those numbers. Those forms are now past due but will still be accepted if they have not been sent in yet
- churches are reminded that in order to maintain their Charitable Tax Status the "Registered Charity Information Return - T3010 E form" must be filled in on TIME, no later than June 30th, 2015.

**PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Harry Disher**

- no report

**PASTORAL CARE & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – Betty Graber Watson**

- Co-Chairs Betty Graber Watson and George Russell

- no report

**EDUCATION & STUDENTS COMMITTEE – Mary Stewart**

1. **Motion:** Moved by Mary Stewart and seconded by Elise Feltrin that Huron Perth Presbytery confirm the status of Brian Hymers as candidate in the Designated Lay Ministry Program.

**Carried.** 1 abstention

2. **Motion:** Moved by Mary Stewart and seconded by Elise Feltrin that Huron Perth Presbytery confirm the status of Ian O'Neill as candidate for Ordered Ministry with the following conditions:

1. complete his courses at Emmanuel College prior to seeking Internship
2. serving internship with an on-site supervisor
3. complete the Boundaries workshop by December 31, 2015.

**Carried.**

3. **Motion:** Moved by Mary Stewart and seconded by Elise Feltrin to receive Mark Graves as a Candidate for Ordained Ministry. We agree that Mark Graves demonstrates the capacity to undertake the required courses at Emmanuel College, courses to commence in September 2015 at Emmanuel College and to be completed by May 2018. We strongly encourage and recommend that Mark Graves become more involved with United Church events, activities and learning opportunities.

**Carried.**

- June Hawtin has completed all of the requirements for Designated Lay Minister and will be recognized at the May Presbytery meeting at Camp Bimini.

**DIVISION OF MISSION IN CANADA & STEWARDSHIP – Bob Kellington**

- no report

**DIVISION OF WORLD OUTREACH: - Llyod Karges**

- no report

**DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS: - Terry Fletcher**

- no report

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**LONDON CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE:** Huron Perth representative Ken Hunking

**Report for February 18, 2015 meeting -**

The Conference Executive met on Feb 18th at St Clair United Church in Sarnia. I was not present at the meeting but this report is based on the minutes of the meeting.

This church is located on the First Nations Reserve in the city of Sarnia. Rev Val Pitt is the minister there. Several First Nations members led in worship and shared their stories of their First Nations' heritage and involvement with the St Clair United Church.

Elaine Graham, Conference Pastoral Support Minister, led a discussion on the Affirming Ministries program. Some presbyteries have expressed concern over the perceived overweighting of General Council commissioners from a few presbyteries. Cheryl-Ann explained that the commissioners represent the Conference; not the presbytery where they are from. This will be considered when planning for the election of commissioners to the General Council 43.

There will be a mission trip to Mozambique. The executive approved the payment from reserves of the President-Elect's expenses related to the trip of up to \$5,000.

There are vacancies in Conference for the Chair of Ministry Personnel and Education and the Pension Convenor. The Social Justice Committee is looking for interested people to serve on the committee.

At a sub-executive conference call on Mar 11th, approval was given to reduce the list price of the Hyatt Avenue United Church in London from \$249,900 to \$149,000. There is difficulty in selling this property and challenges in the maintenance of the building.

The executive of London Conference will meet tomorrow at Uncle Tom's Cabin in Dresden.

**Report for April 15, 2015 -**

The Conference executive met on April 15, 2015 at Uncle Tom's Cabin in Dresden. You may have noticed that throughout this conference year the executive has met at various places. This is a part of President Rev Dr Jeff Crittenden's theme "At the Crossroads".

Before our executive meeting at Dresden, we had a tour and presentation regarding Uncle Tom's Cabin and the Underground Railway through which people who were slaves in the USA made their way to Canada.

The executive approved the recommendation of Budget Forum 2016 to recommend to the Annual Meeting of Conference that the Conference assessment from presbyteries in 2016 be \$580,526 using 2.4% of Column 40 over 3 most recent years. This requires a draw of \$61,473 from reserves.

Three positions in the Conference office were changed from contract positions to permanent positions.

A motion was approved to have Conference executive enter the process of becoming an Affirming Conference, including the provision of diversity education, as outlined in the Affirm Manual.

Discussions are continuing with Iona College in Windsor to have their bylaws brought into conformity with United Church requirements for incorporated ministries.

The Executive Secretary reported that, if a congregation has its insurance with HUB, the minister can obtain insurance to cover legal costs re suspension resulting from sexual charges.

The General Council Executive approved a "Gender Transitioning Health Spending Account" for any plan member who self-identifies as being in gender transition. This only provides benefits to the plan member whereas existing health, dental and Employee Assistance plans cover the Plan Member and their dependents covered by the family plan. The Executive Secretary will write to the General Secretary to request



clarification as to whether this new benefit applies only to employees or extends to all beneficiaries of the plan.

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**OFFICE OF SECRETARY:** Margaret Bakker

- attended the closing service for Emmanuel United, Zurich on March 29
- the Covenanting service for Kate Crawford, Huron Shores United, Grand Bend, Huron Perth Presbytery and London Conference will be May 24, 2:30pm
- London Conference Annual meeting will be held on June 5,6,7 and everyone is encouraged to attend

**OFFICE OF CHAIR:** Acting Chair Gary Clark

- no report

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- anyone who would like to submit a Proposal for the Comprehensive Review report is reminded to send them to Presbytery Executive before May 19
- there will be a Re-Building Community workshop led by Dr. Reina C. Neufeldt, at Blyth United Church on May 4, 7-9:00pm. Sponsored by Lucknow & Area Quaker Worship Group, Blyth United Church, Blyth Christian Reformed Church and Living Waters Church.

**REFLECTIONS, PRAYER, BENEDICTION:** Dave Williams reminding us that change is coming to the United Church and sometimes you have to take the leap and build your wings on the way down. Reflections closed with Prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Murray Donaldson and seconded by Bob Kellington at 9:02 pm.

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Mary McIntosh, Chair

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Margaret Bakker, Secretary.

The tentative meeting dates and locations for the up coming year are:

May 26 (Tuesday) - Camp Bimini  
September 22 – Trinity United, Listowel  
October 27 – Lakeshore United, Goderich (Missionfest)

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**HURON PERTH PRESBYTERY  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
for the period ending April 24, 2015  
with prior year's comparison**

	2015 BUDGET		2015 ACTUAL	2014 ACTUAL
<b><u>RECEIPTS:</u></b>				
GROSS ASSESSMENTS	\$251,600	32.6%	\$81,935	\$55,581
MISCELLANEOUS	-		-	-
SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM	-		-	-
GO PROJECT -STRATFORD	-		-	750
CONTINGENCY RECOVERY	-		-	-
INTEREST	1,500		522	264
COVENANTS	500		257	-
DRAW FROM ACCUMULATED RESERVE	30,000		-	-
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>283,600</b>	29.2%	<b>82,713</b>	<b>56,595</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>				
LONDON CONFERENCE ALLOCATIONS	\$107,496		\$26,874	\$22,834
<b>PRESBYTERY ADMINISTRATION:</b>				
EXECUTIVE EXPENSES	2,200		-	262
- Annual Meeting of Conference	-		-	-
OFFICE OF SECRETARY	650		-	-
OFFICE OF TREASURER	150		-	-
HONORARIA - SECRETARY	2,600		650	-
- E-MAIL NETWORK CO-ORDINATOR	800		200	-
- TREASURER	1,200		300	-
<b>DIVISIONS AND COMMITTEES:</b>				
MANSE	30		-	-
PENSIONS	120		-	-
PASTORAL RELATIONS	1,800		137	88
PASTORAL CARE & OVERSIGHT	500		-	-
EDUCATION & STUDENTS	2,300		-	-
- CONTINUING EDUCATION SUPPORT	1,000		-	-
COMMUNICATIONS	600		68	78
MISSION IN CANADA	200		-	-
YOUTH	1,000		-	-
WORLD OUTREACH	200		-	-
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION	1,100		131	230
STEWARDSHIP	100		-	-
<b>PRESBYTERY PROJECTS, GRANTS:</b>				
RESOURCE CENTRE	20,000		10,000	5,000
CAMP BIMINI	12,000		7,000	-
CAMP MENESETUNG	12,000		7,000	-
CONTINGENCY	2,554		-	-
CONTINGENCY-MEALS	-		-	-
PASTORAL SUPPORT MINISTER	40,000		9,598	12,291
YOUTH MINISTER	73,000		19,397	16,504
	<b>283,600</b>	28.7%	<b>81,354</b>	<b>57,287</b>
<b>(DEFICIT) BALANCE</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$1,359</b>	<b>(\$692)</b>
			Bank Balance - Apr 24/15	\$29,533
			Savings Account	\$6,936
			Visioning Account	\$212,969
			Membership Shares-Cr Union	\$242
				\$36,559
				\$6,879
				\$159,881
				\$50

Paid in Full: Brussels, Centralia-Zion West, Crediton, Hensall, Parkview-Stratford, Milverton (St. Pauls), Thamesview-Fullarton & Zurich.

Partial Payments Received: Atwood, Auburn, Bayfield, Belgrave, Bluevale, Blyth, Brucefield, Clinton, Dashwood, Dungannon-Union, Gorrie-Wroxeter, Hampstead, Huron Shores, Kirkton, Lakeshore, Listowel-Calvary/Wallace/Zion & Trinity, Londesborough, Main Street-Mitchell,

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**TITLE:** Comprehensive Review: United in God's Work  
Representation of United Church Women on Councils  
**ORIGINATING BODY:** Huron - Perth U.C.W. Presbyterial  
**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Cost of Meeting Participation  
**STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:**None

**Huron- Perth U.C.W. Presbyterial proposes that:**

**The 42<sup>nd</sup> General Council:**

**Ensure that in the three Council model proposed by United in God's Work, provision is made for the full voting participation of a representative of the United Church Women on the Regional and Denominational Councils and their Executives.**

**Background:**

The involvement of a representative of the United Church Women in The United Church of Canada's current structure is not consistent. Some Presbyteries and Conferences and their Executives do include a representative as a full voting member while others, including the General Council Executive, only permit these representatives to serve as corresponding (non-voting) members.

The proposals from United in God's Work offer an opportunity to address this inconsistency across the church and to recognize the vital role that United Church Women play in the denomination by ensuring that a representative of the UCW is able to participate fully in the Regional and Denominational Councils and their Executives.

United Church Women have traditionally supported their local congregations fulfilling their purpose by expressing their loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service. It is recognized by many that with-out the devotion and commitment of the UCW many congregations would have ceased to exist long ago. It could also be noted that the commitment to the wider work of our church through support of the Mission and Service fund is evident as in 2014 alone, \$1,462,840 was given to M&S by the UCW across Canada.

Including a representative of the United Church Women as a full voting member on these Councils will allow for the wisdom and the work of the U.C.W. to inform and guide the Councils. It will also provide a link between a key population and network, and the governance structure.