

**PRESBYTERY: HURON-PERTH
CONFERENCE: LONDON
LOCATION: HENSALL UNITED, HENSALL**

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DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2016**

**HURON-PERTH PRESBYTERY IS CALLED TO MEET ON
February 27, 2016**

HENSALL UNITED CHURCH, HENSALL

76 Kings Street. Hensall is located immediately north of Exeter on Hwy 4. Coming into Hensall on Hwy 4 from North or South, turn west on to King Street, which is Hensall's Main Street. The church is your right.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 9:30 a.m. - Divisions and Committees meet (optional)
- 11:00 a.m. – Constitution of the Court, Consent Docket, Minutes of previous meetings
 - Introduction of New Members, Visitors
- 11:10 a.m. - Welcome to Hensall United and Worship
- 11:30 a.m. – REPORTS
 - Pastoral Support Minister
 - Youth Minister
 - Resource Centre
- 12:01 p.m - Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. - REPORTS
 - Education and Students Committee
 - Division of Stewardship and Mission in Canada: UCW
 - Division of World Outreach
 - Division of Communications
 - Pastoral Care and Oversight Committee
 - Pastoral Relations Committee
 - Division of Finance and Administration
 - Nomination Committee
 - Representative to London Executive
 - Office of the Chairperson
 - Office of the Secretary
 - Announcements and Other Business
- 1:40 p.m. - Workshop
- 2:50 p.m. - Courtesies, Reflections
- 2:55 p.m. - Adjournment

Meeting Dates : Tentatively set for :

- April 2 - Wingham United
- April 26 – Grace United, Tavistock
- June ?? - Camp Menesetung

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 no later than the Friday before the date of Presbytery.**

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CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT: A quorum being present, Mary McIntosh, Past Chairperson of Huron-Perth Presbytery declared the November 24, 2015 meeting of Huron-Perth Presbytery to order at 6:32pm with these words, "In the name of Jesus Christ the one true Head of the Church, and by the authority vested in me as the chair of Huron Perth Presbytery, I now declare this meeting constituted, for worship, fellowship and the transaction of such business as may properly come before it"

Mary asked everyone to keep in their thoughts and prayers, Nancy Denham whose mother Ruth Schade passed away, Margaret Bakker whose mother Greda Postma passed away and all those that are mourning the passing of a loved one

MINISTRY PERSONNEL:

IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Covey, Elise Feltrin, Mary Stewart, Brian Hymers, George Russell, Kate Crawford, Charles Love, Colin Snyder, Kevin Steeper, Kathy Douglas, Doug Loucks, Tom Dunbar, Scott Boughner, Jock Tolmay, Kate Ballagh-Steeper, Val Pitt, Pirie Mitchell, Richard Hall, Elaine Strawbridge,

REGRETS: Gary Clark, Mary Fletcher, Krista Elizabeth Vandersar, Alun Thomas, June Hawtin, Thomas Beecroft, Terry Fletcher, Sandra Cable, Paul Ross,

ABSENT: Stephen Hildebrand, Steven Cox, Jeff Hawkins, Judith Anne Baird Ritchie, Meg Runhart, Arlene Ruggles, Sandy Morris, Nancy Wetselaar, Nancy Knowles, Kathryn Wreford, Marion Jackson-Tyler, Kathi Urbasik-Hindley, Rivkah Unland, Paul Vollick, Don Wright

LAY REPRESENTATIVES:

IN ATTENDANCE: Mary McIntosh, Flo Cartwright, Keith Otterebein, Ken Hunking, Flo Keillor, Brent Caslick, Llyod Karges, David Onn, Susan Campbell, Joe Laurie, George Gracey, Murray Donaldson, Marilyn Horne, Betty Graber Watson, Linda Dunford, Dave Williams, Douglas Trewartha, Marg Dale, Don Procter, Mary Ellen Jacklin, Gail Fricker, Gloria Wilbee, Bruce Whitmore, Lavern Clark, Joan Dierolf, Jocelyn Miller, Avaline Wandel, Nancy Denham, Tracy Schelken Emmerton, Roger Hyatt, Ruth Ann Eagleson, Don Stephen, Max Demaray, Donna Stephens, Ted Dunn, Byron Morris, Bob Down, David Cullen, Russ Barker, Ken Eagleson, Margaret Bakker

REGRETS: Bob Kellington,

ABSENT: Anne Gregory, Heather Gregersen, Ross Carter, Cecil Pepper, Shelley Warr, Bruce Delbridge, Dorothy McGregor, Ruth Long, Bob Doupe, Bill Dowson, Joan Hunter, John McIntosh, Peter Kudelka, Doug Garniss, Dianne Josling, Margaret Anne Buchanan, Hilda Lansbergen, Barbara Cooper, Ron Durnin,

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS and SPECIAL GUESTS:

- Harry Jacklin – Calvary United, Listowel, visitor
- Andrew Middleton – St Mary's United

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APPROVAL THE CONSENT DOCKET AND AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Margaret Bakker and seconded by Pirie Mitchell 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 October 27, 2015

MOTION: Moved by Margaret and seconded by Elise Feltrin that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve the minutes of its meeting of October 27, 2015 as printed.
Carried.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE HURON-PERTH PRESBYTERY OF: October 13, 2015 for information.

MOTION: Moved by Margaret and seconded by Doug Loucks that Huron-Perth Presbytery receive the minutes of the meetings of its Executive of October 13, 2015 for information.
Carried.

MINUTES OF THE TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF HURON-PERTH PRESBYTERY OF November 5, 2015 for information

MOTION: Moved by Margaret Bakker and seconded by Flo Cartwright that Huron-Perth Presbytery Executive approve the minutes of the Executive Telephone Conference Call Meeting of November 5, 2015 for information.
Carried.

MINUTES OF THE COVENANTING SERVICE OF: November 15, 2015 for Rev. Mary Fletcher, Northside United Seaforth, Caven United, Huron Perth Presbytery and London Conference for information.

MOTION: Moved by Margaret Bakker and seconded by Ken Hunking that Huron-Perth Presbytery receive the minutes of the meeting of the covenanting service November 15, 2015 for Rev. Mary Fletcher, Northside United Seaforth, Caven United, Huron Perth Presbytery and London Conference for information.
Carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND NEW DELEGATES:

- Joe Laurie introduced the new minister for Brucefield United, Rev. Randy Banks

WELCOME: On behalf of the Blyth United congregation, Emily Phillips welcomed everyone to their church and to the 'inter-generational seating' in the church, the large soft chairs in the back, the hard pews, the cushions for the pews and the hard chairs. She also informed us of the successful relationship they have with Brussels United and the mission work they are involved in.

WORSHIP: Kevin Steeper led the worship service. Worship began with a moment of silence for Duff's United and Gloria Wilbee singing 'Hallelujah' with words she had written for the closing service of Duff's United, Walton. Worship was based on Matthew 6:5-8 and the theme was an ancient form of prayer 'Centering Prayer' The guidelines for Centering Prayer are:

1. Choose a "sacred word" as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within.
2. Sitting comfortably and with eyes closed, settle yourself and silently introduce the "sacred work" as the symbol of your consent to God's presence and action within.
3. When engaged with your 'thoughts' return ever so gently to the sacred word.
4. At the end of the prayer period, remain in silence with eyes closed for a couple of minutes.

A Centered Prayer is usually a 20 minute period.

Worship closed with everyone singing Hope is a Star.

GENERAL COUNCIL 42 REPORT: Kate Crawford

Kate Crawford gave a report on the General Council meeting with the focus on One Order of Ministry

REPORTS:

RESOURCE CENTRE REPORT: Submitted by: Susan Campbell

We now have available the newest book from United Church Publishing House (UCPH), "Preaching the Big Questions". Each of 13 key doctrines is explored theologically, scripturally, in pastoral application and a sample sermon is provided.

Advent is upon us, and we carry a selection of Family devotion and activity booklets that would make a great gift for the families in your congregation. They are also wonderful resources for Sunday School classes as they have many crafts, games, etc. outlined in them.

The new booklet from Wood Lake Books is available now, "Sorry. Why Our Church Apologized" by Maggie McLeod, Stan McKay, Bill Phipps and Carolyn Pogue. The book is intended for people 10 years old and up. It explains why the church apologized in easy to understand terms.

We have a children's book that takes on the timely topic of refugees, "Four Feet Two Sandals". It is about two girls who came to know each other after each one received one sandal of a pair that was donated to a refugee camp. This book is a great resource to have at this time, to initiate the discussion of refugees with the children in your life.

The 2016 Abingdon Creative Preaching Annual and 2016 Abingdon Worship Annual are now available.

Reminder: We carry selection of bulletin covers for Advent and Christmas, and Advent candles.

Thank you for including the announcement and bulletin insert at your churches that was sent out a couple of weeks ago. Many people do not realize this ministry supported by them exists, and we are trying to spread the word.

We will be closed for the two weeks at Christmas, so the last day open in 2015 will be December 18th. We will reopen on Monday January 4.

PRESBYTERY YOUTH MINISTER - Kathy Douglas

- Kathy gave a brief overview of her work for the last 8 years as Presbytery Youth Minister

- reminded everyone to come out and participate in the Annual Church Cup Hockey tournament on December 28 at the Blyth Arena, 10-2:00pm

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PRESBYTERY PASTORAL SUPPORT MINISTER: submitted Val Pitt

Thank you for the continued opportunity to be in conversation with you and your congregations. I have recently been in the process of connecting with retirees. It's good to speak with them and to find out how life is going as well as have the opportunity to thank them and remind them of the gift that they continue to be to the church and the world.

One retired minister, Rev Wib Dawson (once the minister at St Mary's United Church and later an education with the Canadian Bible Society) continues to share his gift and skills in video production at Siloam United Church in London where he is a member.

He has developed three videos connected to the United Church Stewardship program, "Called to be the Church."

Wib has kindly offered to help create videos for congregations who are using the stewardship program noted above. He is willing to change what he has developed so far to make the video personal to your congregation.

I will send the link to the videos via the Presbytery email.

The job description for the Pastoral Support Minister suggests that this position involved 3 T's Training, Taking Care and Trouble shooting.

Presently I am working on several projects in relation to this:

A gathering for retired clergy

Contacting licensed lay worship leaders to offer education, support and thank.

Expanding clusters and connection.

Educational workshops

One cluster group continues to meet regularly. In the new year these meetings will take place on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome.

In the spring there will be an opportunity to for a pulpit exchange.

I am available to work with you and/or your congregation.

Please be in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

I will end with a question: What are you or your congregation planning during Advent to deepen your relationship with our Creator as you prepare to welcome the Christ Child?

REPORTS FROM DIVISIONS AND COMMITTEES:

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Mary McIntosh

Motion: Moved by Mary McIntosh and seconded by Jocelyn Miller that Huron Perth Presbytery approve the request for a change in pastoral relations by Stephen Hildebrand effective March 13, 2016.

Carried.

PASTORAL CARE & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

- Co-Chairs Betty Graber Watson and George Russell

- no report

EDUCATION & STUDENTS COMMITTEE – Mary Stewart

1. **Motion:** Moved by Moved by Mary Stewart, seconded by Elise Feltrin, to recommend to Huron-Perth Presbytery to receive Gail Fricker as a Candidate for Ordained Ministry.

Carried.

2. **Motion:** Moved by Mary Stewart, seconded by Elise Feltrin that Gail Fricker be approved as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader from September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016.

Carried.

3. **Motion:** Moved by Mary Stewart, seconded by Elise Feltrin that Andrew Middleton be approved as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader from September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016.

Carried.

4. **Motion:** Moved by Mary Stewart, seconded by Elise Feltrin that Flo Cartwright be approved as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader from September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016.

Carried.

5. **Motion:** Moved by Mary Stewart, seconded by Elise Feltrin that Huron-Perth Presbytery terminate immediately Ian O'Neill's Candidacy for Ordered Ministry (Ordained). We move also that he not be considered for re-entry of candidacy.

Carried.

DIVISION OF MISSION IN CANADA & STEWARDSHIP – Kate Ballagh-Steeper

- Camp Menesetung is looking for a treasurer, and they have hired Clayton Peters and Mary Ross as their Director and Assistant Director for 2016

DIVISION OF WORLD OUTREACH: Kevin Steeper

- committee is planning to have an awareness and education workshop on sponsoring refugees

- a petition was passed around asking for support for the KAIROS and the Legacy of Hope

Foundation who agree with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that education is the key to reconciliation. Petitions for Call to Action #62 calls for the residential school legacy, Treaties and past and present Indigenous contributions to this country to be a mandatory part of the curriculum in each province and territory.

PASTORAL SUPPORT GROUP: Betty Graber Watson

Motion: Moved by Betty Graber Watson and seconded by Brent Caslick that Huron Perth Presbytery extend the appointment of Rev. Valerie Pitt as our Presbytery Support Minister part-time (20 hours a week), effective January 1, 2016 until June 30, 2016, on the terms presented to the Court but not recorded herein along with all other terms and conditions according to The Manuel and policies of the United Church of Canada. This ½ time position to be reviewed prior to June 2016

Carried.

DIVISION of FINANCE and ADMINISTRATION: - Brent Caslick

1. **Motion:** Moved by Kate Crawford and seconded by Tom Dunbar that Huron Perth Presbytery grant Thamesview United Church, Fullerton, the right to seek tenders only, on their approximately \$400,000.00 accessibility project. This is not an approval to begin construction. A financial plan, design drawings and a current budget and financial statements will be required before final approval is given to continue with the project.

Carried.

2. **Motion:** Moved by Brent Caslick and seconded by Ken Hunking that Huron Perth Presbytery receive the treasure report as printed. (Pg.2015 – 136)

Carried.

3. **Motion:** Moved by Brent Caslick and seconded by Tom Dunbar that Huron Perth Presbytery approve the 2016 budget of \$241,600.00 and set the 2016 assessment based upon a three year average of Line 40 (Church operations), for the years 2011, 2012, 2013, at \$229.300.00.

Carried. (Pg. 2015 – 135)

- the Visioning Fund has approximately \$250,000. And the committee is looking for suggestions/recommendations on how the money can be used.

LONDON CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE: Huron Perth representative Ken Hunking The London Conference executive met on Wednesday, Nov 18th in the Conference's new offices at Riverside United Church, London. The executive comprises: the president, past president, president-elect, executive secretary, treasurer; the ministerial and lay representatives to General Council Executive, a representative from each of the 8 presbyteries, the chairs of Finance and Administration; Ministry, Personnel and Education; Social Justice; Communications and Public Relations; nominations, staff support; the president of the Conference UCW; and a representative of youth and young adults (who is a corresponding member). The Minister of Vocations/Administration acts as recording secretary for the meeting. This time the Algoma Presbytery representative joined the meeting by telephone conference call.

There is also a sub-executive comprised of the president, past president, president-elect, executive secretary, treasurer and the 8 presbytery representatives. The sub-executive is given power to deal with certain immediate problems between meetings and meets by telephone conference call.

At the meeting, the Mission Support Grants for 2016 were approved.

The executive received a report that a complaint under the Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Policy had been concluded. A review of a minister's effectiveness has been initiated. This latter review, which in the past would have been performed by the presbytery, is now handled by Conference under the Effective Leadership program.

Rev Harry Disher is now the chair of the Interim Ministry Committee. Two people were approved as members of the Affirm Task Group, a new chair of the Communication and Public Relations was approved, and Rev Jeff Crittenden was added as a member of the Staff Support Committee. We agreed to dissolve the Institute for Specialized Ministries Board and send the funds to the Five Oaks Neos Project..

Recommendations regarding two applicants for admission to the United Church were received from the Conference Interview Board.

An agreement with the Church World Services regarding the PEDRA girls school in Mozambique probably won't be completed by December 31st.

The Moderator is expected to be at Youth Forum in 2016. We are also hoping to invite the Moderator to preach at a worship service in the Conference (and not just at one of the larger congregations).

Rev John Pentland from Calgary is expected to be the theme speaker at the 2016 Annual Meeting. The registration cost will stay the same as last year-\$85.00

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WORKSHOP: Elise Feltrin conducted a workshop. Each committee was asked to list what they do and what they do well. A discussion was held on finding new ways to do the work and how is the work furthering God's kingdom.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY: Margaret Bakker

- Margaret thanked everyone for their support, kind words, prayers and cards of sympathy after the passing of her mother

OFFICE OF CHAIR:

- No report

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

REFLECTIONS, PRAYER, BENEDICTION: Randy Covey closed the meeting with reflections, prayer and gave the benediction.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Murray Donaldson and seconded by Elaine Strawbridge at 9:20 pm.

Gary Clark, Chair

Margaret Bakker, Secretary

The tentative meeting dates and locations for the upcoming year are:

April 2 - Wingham United (Saturday)

April 26 - Grace United, Tavistock

June ?? - Camp Menesetung

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HURON PERTH PRESBYTERY TREASURER'S REPORT for the period ending November 14, 2015 with prior year's comparison				
		2015 YR. BUDGET	2015 ACTUAL	2014 ACTUAL
RECEIPTS:				
GROSS ASSESSMENTS		\$251,600	82.1% \$206,680	\$199,328
MISCELLANEOUS		-	465	4,126
SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM		-	14,966	20,378
GO PROJECT -STRATFORD		-	-	5,378
CONTINGENCY RECOVERY		-	-	-
INTEREST		1,500	1,642	1,451
COVENANTS		500	1,326	195
DRAW FROM VISIONING FUND, if Required		30,000	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS		283,600	225,079	230,855
EXPENSES:				
LONDON CONFERENCE ALLOCATIONS		\$107,496	\$80,622	\$75,669
PRESBYTERY ADMINISTRATION:				
EXECUTIVE EXPENSES		2,200	690	1,265
- Annual Meeting of Conference		-	-	-
OFFICE OF SECRETARY		650	-	80
OFFICE OF TREASURER		150	-	29
HONORARIA - SECRETARY		2,600	650	1,300
- E-MAIL NETWORK CO-ORDINATOR		800	200	550
- TREASURER		1,200	300	-
DIVISIONS AND COMMITTEES:				
MANSE		30	-	-
PENSIONS		120	-	86
PASTORAL RELATIONS		1,800	1,128	1,798
PASTORAL CARE & OVERSIGHT		500	39	-
EDUCATION & STUDENTS		2,300	1,957	1,748
- CONTINUING EDUCATION SUPPORT		1,000	-	709
COMMUNICATIONS		600	26	280
MISSION IN CANADA		200	-	88
YOUTH		1,000	100	610
WORLD OUTREACH		200	50	-
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION		1,100	497	819
STEWARDSHIP		100	-	-
PRESBYTERY PROJECTS, GRANTS:				
RESOURCE CENTRE		20,000	20,000	21,000
CAMP BIMINI		12,000	12,000	13,000
CAMP MENESETUNG		12,000	12,000	13,000
CONTINGENCY		2,554	-	1,071
CONTINGENCY-MEALS		-	140	255
SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM EXPENSES		-	14,954	28,374
GO PROJECT EXPENSES		-	-	5,378
PASTORAL SUPPORT MINISTER		40,000	26,394	29,829
YOUTH MINISTER		73,000	41,580	64,557
		283,600	213,329	261,492
	(DEFICIT) GAIN	\$0	\$11,750	(\$30,637)
		Bank Balance	\$36,186	\$4,301
		Savings Account	\$6,970	\$6,920
		Visioning - Unrestricted	\$225,099	\$120,803
		Visioning - Restricted	\$44,625	\$47,860
		Membership Shares-LIBRO	\$385	\$145
Paid in Full: Atwood, Blyth, Brussels, Centralia-Zion West, Crediton, Egmondville, Exeter, Hensall, Listowel-Calvary-Zion-Wall Londesborough, Milverton, Parkview-Stratford & Thames Rd-Elimville,Thamesview (Fullarton), Wingham				