

Knox Preston Presbyterian Church
Cambridge, Ontario
January 12, 2010

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DATE AND PLACE:

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 12th, 2010 within Knox Preston Presbyterian Church, Cambridge Ontario. The ladies of the congregation provided refreshments of breads, cheese, squares, juice, tea and coffee.

ATTENDANCE:

Ministers: B. Ashfield, L. Ashfield, L. Bell, J. Borthwick, A. Botha, C. Brown, W. Bynum, H. Gale, M. Gaskin, M. Gedcke, J. Hamalainen, B. Martin, M. Molengraaf, J. Olivier, L. Paquette, M. Richardson, N. St. Louis, A. Sutherland (Moderator), J. Veenstra, K. Wübbenhorst

Representative Elders: L. Arbuckle, B. Bonner, L. Brimblecombe, L. Carter, G. Cober, J. Crane, J. de Groot, A. Foster, S. Gascho, J. Godin, P. Hall, A. Isaac, D. Henry, I. Howell, M. Hunter, A. Israel, M. Koeslag, L. Moir, R. Renton, R. Rowat, L. Samis, G. Scott, G. Schieven, Neil Stewart, E. Suggit, W. Welsh

Alternate Representative Elders: H. Cleghorn, G. McIlwraith, Glennys Stewart, W. Turner

Students for Ministry of Word and Sacraments: B. Molengraaf

Observers and Committee Members: E. Fairbairn, L. vanMossel

W.M.S.: H. Cleghorn, J. Godin

Clerk: J. MacDowell (Clerk)

Guests: Colin Carmichael – Associate Secretary, Communications

REGRETS:

Ministers: P. Garrison, R. Sinisac, D. Wright

Representative Elders: J. DeSchiffart, G. MacRobbie

Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll: R. Duncanson, J. Smith, M. Whitson

WORSHIP AND CONSTITUTION:

The Moderator, The Rev. Angus Sutherland led worship and Ross Gibault led the music worship. The scripture was taken from Matthew 25:31-46 leading up the Meditation titled 'Recognition'. At the conclusion of the worship time, The Moderator constituted the Court with prayer.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The Moderator warmly welcomed all and called for introductions. Marty Molengraaf introduced Barb Molengraaf, Student for Ministry of Word and Sacraments. Brooke Ashfield introduced the new Representative Elder from Knox Waterloo, Lawrie Carter. The Moderator introduced Colin Carmichael, Associate Secretary, Communications who would be more formally introduced later in the meeting.

DOCKET:

G. Scott/A. Botha moved that adoption of the docket as printed with no changes. *CARRIED.*

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MINUTES:

N. St. Louis/A. Botha moved the adoption of the Minutes of November 10th, 2009, November 22nd, 2009 and December 9th, 2009 as printed. *CARRIED.*

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Clerk, Janet MacDowell, reported for the committee.

**Business Committee Report
November, December 2009 and January 2010**

1. Correspondence:

09-119	From Pension and Benefits with changes to the Pension Plan Constitution effective January 1, 2010	Clerk
09-120	From Chantal Jackson, Camp Cairn, with a Presbytery newsletter	Education, Issues and Fellowship
09-121	From Tom Billard, requesting funds for the Alex Sim Rural Ministry Symposium	Mission and Outreach
09-122	From Canadian Council of Churches – with an invitation to discuss theological, ethical and policy challenges for the next decade	General
09-123	From Elders' Institute with information on new online courses, putting a face to ruling eldership and PAW 2010	Education, Issues and Fellowship
09-124	From Matt Foxall, Director of Youth Ministry, St. Andrew's Guelph (and also John Borthwick) with information on a Youth Ministry Training Conference on Friday, September 17 th and Saturday September 18 th , 2010 and also requesting financial assistance	Education, Issues and Fellowship
09-125	From The PCC Committee on History with a sample (and suggestions) for a Heritage Sunday	Mission and Outreach
09-126	From Barb Summers, Communications Coordinator, PWS&D with suggestions of Gifts of Change (PWS&D, Canada Ministries and International Ministries)	Mission and Outreach
09-127	From John Matheson, Convenor, Cookes Fund advising that the Trustees of the Cookes Fund will be considering congregation requests for summer students, capital projects, new ministries at its meeting on February 25 th , 2010	General

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09-128	From Ian Carmichael, with information on doing pulpit supply	Ministry Committee
09-129	From Jackie Czegledi, Ministry and Church Vocations, with the names of candidates who have recently come before the Education and Reception Committee	Ministry Committee
09-130	From Stephen Kendall, Assembly Office, with acknowledgement receipt of nomination for Moderator of the 136 th General Assembly, Rev. Dr. Herb Gale	Clerk
09-131	From Elizabeth Bartlett, Assembly Office, with Changes to the Roll	Clerk
09-132	From Gale Elmira Steering Committee, with an update on their 'Voyage of Faith' and also a financial request	Business Committee
09-133	From Mark Gaskin, St. Andrew's Galt, requesting assistance for The Stewards by Design Conference in May 2010	Education, Issues and Fellowship
09-134	From Lynda Pinnington, Clerk of Session, Central Cambridge, requesting assistance for The Stewards by Design Conference in May 2010	Education, Issues and Fellowship
09-135	From Brooke Ashfield, with Grant Request from Renewing Ministries Canada Ministries	Mission and Outreach
09-136	From The Emmaus Planning Committee stating that The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington was accepted and may send 8 registrants. Monies due at the end of January	Business Committee
09-137	From Elizabeth Bartlett, Assembly Office, with Changes to the Roll	Clerk
09-138	From Kenneth Kim, Director PWS&D with a big thank you for the \$1333.444 donated through 'One Gift' Campaign	General
09-139	From Don Muir, Assembly Office, with regards to Overture No. 10, states that Sunday pulpit supply amount be raised from \$100 to \$150 for both clergy and lay, effective January 1, 2010	General
09-140	From Karen Masterton, Justice Ministries, via Mark Gedcke, regarding the sudden cut of CIDA funding for KAIROS	Mission and Outreach

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09-141	From Reuben St. Louis, with information on Youth in Mission trips this year. International trip applications are due by February 1 st , 2010 and March 15 th , 2010 for Canada/US trips. The Sabeel Young Adult Conference applications are due March 1 st , 2010	Mission and Outreach
09-142	From Lesley Bolton, The Emmaus Project Even Coordinator, with an application form and more information	Business Committee
09-143	From Wes Denyer, Convener and Harry Klassen, Project Coordinator, with fourth notice on The Emmaus Project Update	Business Committee
09-144	From Linda Paquette with an outline, plans, blue prints for an addition to Rockwood	Congregational Affairs
09-145	From Johan Olivier, with information on Rev. Emmanuel Ariel's visit and a request for funds	Mission and Outreach
09-146	From Angus Sutherland stating that The Session at Doon Kitchener, request The Presbytery to proceed in the process of certifying Lisa Brimblecombe to Knox College	Ministry
09-147	From Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Assembly Office, with acknowledgement receipt of 12 Commissions to the 136 th General Assembly	Clerk

2. Matters to Note:

- a) The Business Committee will meet on Thursday, January 7th, 2010 at 1000 hours within Westminster-St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Guelph. Outreach to provide refreshments.
- b) **Changes:** *Ross Rowat* nrowat@rogers.com *Representative Elder/Knox Waterloo*
Lawrie Carter 206 Alexandra Ave. Waterloo N2L 1M7 519-885-0851
carters@alumni.uwaterloo.ca *Alternate Representative Elder/Knox Waterloo*
Shirley Carter – same information as Lawrie Carter Reuben St. Louis 244 Dartmoor
Cres., Waterloo N2K 3S9 reuben.stlouis@utoronto.ca 519-884-9855 *Glen Cober*
cober@tnt21.com
- c) **Commissioners to Synod** October 18th/19th, 2010
Ministers: Jeff Veenstra, Marty Molengraaf
Alternates: David Whitecross, Aubrey Botha
Representative Elders: Westminster-St. Paul's Guelph – Bob Renton, Knox-Calvin
Harriston – Jim Zaryski (declined) Wilma Welsh - Moderator
Alternates: Calvin Kitchener – Grant Scott, Church of the Lord – Donald Kim
- d) As there has been an increase in requests for conference funds, The Presbytery is over budget, so some of the monies will be coming from The Lay Education Fund.

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- e) For those eligible to vote, please have your ballots for Moderator of The 136th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada back to me by March 9th, 2010 – the evening of our meeting at Calvin Kitchener. I need to have them back by the 15th of March. **THANK YOU.**

3. Recommendations:

- A. That the actions of The Business Committee in assigning correspondence, be homologated.
- B. That the commissioners to The 136th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada be:
Ministers: J. Mark Lewis, John Borthwick, Linda Ashfield (Convenor), Linda Bell, Robert Sinasac and Herb Gale
Sessions: Bob Renton, Jessie Bush, Ron Watson, Don Vickers, Peter Goudy, Wilma Welsh
- C. That The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington's representatives to The Emmaus Project be:
The Rev. Dr. Linda Bell X – Convenor
The Rev. Linda Ashfield X
The Rev. Dr. Aubrey Botha X
The Rev. Angus Sutherland X
Liz Samis X
Wilma Welsh X
The Rev. Penny Garrison X
Jennifer McDougall ?

Stand bys.....

Andrew Foster X and John DeSchiffart

Andrew Foster/K. Wübbenhorst moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

Andrew Foster/K. Wübbenhorst moved Recommendation A. *CARRIED.*

Andrew Foster/K. Wübbenhorst moved Recommendation B. *CARRIED.*

Andrew Foster/K. Wübbenhorst moved Recommendation C. *CARRIED.*

Andrew Foster/K. Wübbenhorst moved the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

STATED HOUR:

Colin Carmichael, Associate Secretary, Communications was introduced by Andrew Foster. Colin provided a wonderful background of his personal and profession life – stating some of the changes that have taken place, how to use different websites, following which he answered some good questions.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education, Issues and Fellowship:

Andrew Foster, Convenor, reported for the committee.

Andrew Foster/B. Bynum moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

Andrew Foster/B. Bynum moved that in response to a request from Matt Foxall, Director of Youth Ministry at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Guelph Ontario, the Presbytery grant \$1,500.00 (one thousand, five hundred), from The Conference Fund towards the total cost of \$10,000.00 (ten thousand) – Youth Ministry Training Conference. *CARRIED.*

Andrew Foster/B. Bynum moved that in response to the request from the Session of St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, the Presbytery sponsor a liturgy writing workshop on February 6th, 2010 and provide an honorarium of \$300 (three hundred) and mileage expenses for the leader from The Lay Education Fund. *CARRIED.*

Andrew Foster/B. Bynum moved that St. Andrew's Galt Presbyterian Church Cambridge be granted \$563.00 (five hundred and sixty three) from The Lay Education Fund and \$187.00 (one hundred and eighty seven) from The conference Fund toward their participation in The Stewards by Design Conference in May 2010. *CARRIED.*

Calvin Brown/B. Bynum moved that Central Presbyterian Church, Cambridge be granted \$563.00 (five hundred and sixty three) from The Lay Education Fund and \$187.00 (one hundred and eighty seven) from The Conference Fund towards their participation in The Stewards by Design conference in May 2010. *CARRIED.*

Andrew Foster/L. Bell moved that The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington, through The Moderator, write to all Members of Parliament, having ridings within our bounds urging them to oppose the cuts, noting what Kairos does for our society, reminding them how long it has been supported by CIDA and noting that CIDA has obtained good audit reports of the effectiveness of the organization and of the good stewardship by Kairos of CIDA funds. Also to be copied in on the letter are Prime Minister Harper and Bev Oda, Minister of International Co-operation. *CARRIED.*

Andrew Foster/B. Bynum moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

Outreach Committee:

Nan. St. Louis, Convenor, reported for the committee.

N. St. Louis/Neil Stewart moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

Knox Waterloo wishes to apply for a Renewing Ministries grant from Canada Ministries in the amount of \$200,000.00 (two hundred thousand). N. St. Louis/Neil Stewart moved that we recommend the grant application. *CARRIED.*

N. St. Louis/Neil Stewart moved that \$750.00 (seven hundred and fifty) be made available to support The Alex Sims Rural Ministry Symposium. *CARRIED.*

N. St. Louis/Neil Stewart moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

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Congregational Affairs Committee:

Brooke Ashfield, Convenor, reported for the Committee.

Brooke Ashfield/M. Gedcke moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

Brooke Ashfield/M. Gedcke moved that The Rev. Dr. Brice Martin be approved to retire on August 31st, 2010. *CARRIED.*

A visitation report was received regarding a visit to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Guelph. It was agreed that the congregation of St. Andrew's Guelph be commended for their outreach to their community and to the wider world.

Brooke Ashfield/M. Gedcke moved that the congregation of St. Andrew's be affirmed for their ministry as a congregation and their outreach to their community and to the wider world. *CARRIED.*

Brooke Ashfield/M. Gedcke moved that The Rev. John Borthwick and the staff of St. Andrew's Guelph be affirmed for their empowering leadership. *CARRIED.*

Brooke Ashfield/M. Gedcke moved that the congregation of St. Andrew's be affirmed for their goal of making their church parking lot and building more accessible, and that they report back to the Presbytery through The Congregational Affairs Committee about this issue by January 2011. *CARRIED.*

Brooke Ashfield/M. Gedcke moved that the Session and The Board of Managers of St. Andrew's be encouraged to be proactive in supporting stewardship through events such as a stewardship campaign that celebrates time, talent and treasures. *CARRIED.*

A policy for proposed visitations was presented and discussed. This discussion was led by Mark Gedcke visitation coordinator. The policy of once every five year visitations was recommended. It was noted that visitation to two point charges will happen in one visitation. Sunday visitations are encouraged.

Brooke Ashfield will move or cause to be moved at another meeting the following:

- A) The 29 pastoral charges in the Presbytery are to be visited by a visitation team at least once every 5 (five) years. The teams are made up of a minister and two elders (either from the minister's own charge or from a different charge). The visitation team is to ask for the most recent Annual Report and any other relevant material such as a recent newsletter, if the pastoral charge has a website that can be looked at as well. There is a list of questions for the minister, the Board of Manager and the Session. Many of them are practical in nature. The visitation gives the list of question to the pastoral charge along with the Congregational questionnaire. The response to the questions and the questionnaire are to be returned to the visitation team at least 2 weeks (14 days) before the visitation.
- B) The visitation team focuses their visit on noteworthy areas of the responses, and on matters that are particular to each congregation.
- C) The team will meet with the minister (or with each minister), with the Board of Managers (or equivalent committee) and with the Session. This can be done on Sunday following worship, or at another time or times.

- D) The team is encouraged to attend worship on a Sunday morning and Presbytery pays pulpit supply for the minister who is part of the visitation team.
- E) In the case of a two point charge, the team will meet with each of the sessions and Boards of Managers separately.
- F) The task of visiting a two point charge is more work. However, it is good to visit two churches of the same pastoral charge at the same time. It allows for a clearer picture of that pastoral charge.

Brooke Ashfield/Mark Gedcke moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED*.

Ministry Committee:

Karla Wübbenhorst, Convenor, reported for the committee.

K. Wübbenhorst/J. Borthwick moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED*.

K. Wübbenhorst/J. Borthwick moved that Remit A be approved. *CARRIED*.

K. Wübbenhorst/J. Borthwick moved that Remit B be approved. *CARRIED*.

At this point, Karla Wübbenhorst and John Borthwick provided us a dialogue on weddings – please see attachment.

It was all agreed that the Clergy present would all like to continue doing weddings and would not like to give up their licenses.

The study session the previous Saturday studied the discussions sent to The Presbytery and will be forwarded to The General Assembly Office.

K. Wübbenhorst/J. Borthwick moved that the Ministry Committee be given Power to Issue in interviewing Lisa Brimblecombe as a student for the Ministry of Word and Sacraments – so that it may go through Education and Reception in a timely fashion in time for General Assembly in June. *CARRIED*. After note: a committee was formed, Lisa was interviewed and I am waiting to hear if she would like her certification sent directly to Education and Reception or to her to include with the application.

K. Wübbenhorst/J. Borthwick moved that The Presbytery approve the action of the Ministry Committee in replying to the Rev. Ian Carmichael and our thinking to replying to all requests as may come from individuals outwith our denomination who seek opportunities for (paid) ministry with us, in the above terms. *CARRIED*.

K. Wübbenhorst/J. Borthwick moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED*

IAND Committee:

Marty Molengraaf, Convenor, reported for the committee.

M. Molengraaf/L. Ashfield moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED*.

The report had been previously circulated and was discussed at the study session the previous Saturday. Marty Molengraaf thanked those who attended and for their input.

There was discussion regarding the position regarding Executive Presbyter.

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TIME:

B. Martin/L. Samis moved that the time being 2130 hours, the meeting continue until 2200 hours or before. *CARRIED.*

M. Molengraaf/L. Ashfield moved that The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington agree in principle to the concept of an Executive Presbyter to enhance our ministry together. *CARRIED.* Karla Wübbenhorst noted her dissent – please see attachment.

M. Molengraaf/L. Ashfield moved that The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington gives permission to the IAND Committee to engage in discussions with The Presbytery of Brampton in order to seek common ground with respect to the possible hiring of an Executive Presbyter to serve both Presbyteries. *CARRIED.*

M. Molengraaf/L. Ashfield moved that The Presbytery direct the IAND Committee to continue to work, pray, explore and bring back specific motion, including notice of motions to change Standing Orders, with respect to the possible hiring of an Executive Presbyter for The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington. *CARRIED.*

M. Molengraaf/L. Ashfield moved that The Presbytery will support the IAND Committee with prayer as they go forward on our behalf. *CARRIED.*

J. Borthwick/J. Veenstra moved that the Moderator name a task for consisting of 5 persons and that they be given the motions and move forward. *DEFEATED.*

J. Borthwick/L. Ashfield moved that The Business Committee contact each quadrant and request that the one minister/one elder from each quadrant enhance the IAND Committee. *CARRIED.*

P.S. After the meeting, Marty Molengraaf has resigned from the committee, John Borthwick will replace him as minister from The Guelph Quadrant and Linda Ashfield will be interim convenor.

M. Molengraaf/L. Ashfield moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION:

Linda Bell moved adjournment. Pastoral prayers included those in Haiti who had had a 7.1 earthquake earlier that day (and since have had at least one after shock of 6.1).

The Moderator adjourned the Court to meet:

1. In Special Session on Sunday, February 28th, 2010 within Central Presbyterian Church, Cambridge for the purpose of recognition for Mr. Colin Carmichael, Associate Secretary, Communications and Mrs. Tori Smit, Associate Secretary, The Vine. Presbytery will meet at 6:30 p.m. for Worship and Recognition at 7:00 p.m.
2. In Special Session on Sunday, March 7th, 2010 at Knox Crieff Presbyterian Church, Crieff for the sole purpose of Inducting The Rev. Jeff L. Smith. The Presbytery will meet at 2:30 p.m. with Worship and Induction to begin at 3:00 p.m.
3. In Regular Session on Tuesday, March 9th, 2010 within Calvin Presbyterian Church, Kitchener. Time: Refreshments at 6:30 p.m. with Worship and Meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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