

Regular Meeting of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington
Knox Presbyterian Church, Guelph
January 24th, 2017

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met at Knox Presbyterian Church, Guelph on Tuesday, January 24th, 2017 for the regular meeting of Presbytery. Refreshments were served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting was constituted at 7:00 p.m.

WORSHIP

Worship was conducted by the Rev. Johan Olivier, minister of Knox Guelph.

The host minister welcomed the presbytery.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT AND WELCOME

The Rev. Brooke Ashfield, Moderator, Acting Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer and constituted the court.

The Moderator welcomed all visitors in attendance asking for them to be introduced and encouraged the visitors to sign in so that we will have a record of their attendance. He welcomed the Rev. Nick Pavel to his first meeting as a member of the constituent roll and Hannah Erhardt, new representative elder from Doon Kitchener.

ATTENDANCE:

Ministers - Rev. Brooke Ashfield (Acting Moderator), Rev. Ed Charlton, Rev. Darrell Clarke, Rev. Alex MacLeod, Rev. Scott McAndless, Rev. Kathy Morden, Rev. Johan Olivier, Rev. Nick Pavel, Rev. Scott Sinclair, Rev. Greg Smith, Rev. Glen Soderholm, Rev. David Whitecross, Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst.

Representative Elders – Lenore Arbuckle, Margaret Bingham, Carolyn Boyne, William Cassels, Bob Cooper, Janet DeGroot, George Forsyth, Andrew Foster, Hannah Erhardt, Donna Henry, Marion Hunter, Alan Israel, Joan Knox, Peggy Lennox, Janet MacDowell, Ross Rowat, Grant Scott, Rick Thomas, Jim Zaryski

Alternate Representative Elders - Helen Cleghorn, Candace Delane, Peter Goudy, Erik Kabbes, Doug McCaig, Darryl Norris, Gaston St. Louis,

Appendix to the Roll – Rev. Dr. Linda Bell, Rev. Calvin Brown, Rev. Dr. Wayne Dawes, Rev. Angus McGillivray, Rev. Mary Whitson.

Students – Diane Boyd

Graduate Student – Lisa Dolson

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W.M.S - Jean Godin

Visitors: Ramona Brown Monsour (Kortright Guelph), Loretta Fox (Knox Elora),

Treasurer - Allan Stewart

Clerk - Dr. Wilma Welsh

REGRETS:

Ministers – Rev. Linda Ashfield, Rev. John Borthwick, Rev. Michael Burns, Rev. William Bynum, Rev. Chris Ji Hoon Cho, Rev. Mark Gaskin, Rev. Dr. Mark Lewis, Rev. Mark Richardson, Rev. Jane Swatridge, Rev. Frank Szatmari, Rev. Amanda Wickenheiser

Representative Elders – David Ogram

Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll – Rev. Dr. Arnold Bethune, Rev. Angus Sutherland

APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA

Moved by Alex MacLeod/Ed Charlton that the proposed agenda be adopted. CARRIED

MINUTES

Moved by Scott Sinclair/Joan Knox that the minutes of the regular meeting of presbytery, November 8, 2016 and the November 20, 2016 meeting, the Induction of the Rev. Nick Pavel September 13, 2016, be approved as circulated. CARRIED

CALL TO DAVID THOMAS STURTEVANT

The Moderator has called two emergent meetings regarding the Call to David Sturtevant to St. David's Presbyterian Church, St. John's, Nfld.

February 2, 2017 for the sole purpose of receiving and considering the Call

February 12, 2017 – Ordination of David Sturtevant if the Call is sustained by both the Presbytery of Newfoundland and the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington.

REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE – presented by Wilma Welsh, Clerk – see Appendix "A"

Moved by Scott Sinclair/Ed Charlton that the Report of the Business Committee be received and considered. CARRIED

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Correspondence

Moved by Scott Sinclair/Ed Charlton Scott that the actions of the Business Committee in assigning the correspondence be homologated. CARRIED

Overture – Mission and Outreach Committee (Cambridge Quadrant)

(see Mission and Outreach Report – page 5509)

Committee of the Whole Meeting – January 28th, 2017 – 9:00-mid afternoon – recommendation

Recommendation

Moved by Scott Sinclair/Scott McAndless that the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington move into Committee of the Whole on January 28, 2017, 9:00 a.m. at Gale Presbyterian Church, 10 Barnswallow Drive, Elmira to be convened by Rev. Peter Coutts. CARRIED

All are invited to attend and speak. Voting members of the Presbytery (**presbyters**) will be voting members of the Committee of the Whole.

Please note that details concerning registering for this meeting were distributed to the Presbytery in late December.

Moderator 2017 ballots - the Clerk advised that ballots were available for pick up tonight and return by the March 14th Presbytery meeting.

Police checks – the Clerk reported that all checks were accounted for.

Cooke’s Fund application – Doon Church

Recommendation

Moved by Ed Charlton/Scott McAndless that the application from Doon Church to the Cooke’s Fund be approved and that the Clerk forward the application to the Cooke’s Fund before the deadline date. CARRIED

General Assembly Commissioners – by rotation

Ministers – Rev. Brooke Ashfield (leader), Rev. William Bynum, Rev. Frank Szatmari, Rev. Ed Charlton, Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst

Elders – Dean Bulloch (Calvin, Kitchener), Bill MacPherson (Gale, Elmira), Jeff Scott (St. Andrew’s, Alma), John Matheson (St. Andrew’s, Fergus), Laird More (St. Andrew’s, Arthur)
The list now being completed it was moved by Darrell Clarke/Kathy Morden that the Clerk submit these names to the General Assembly Office. CARRIED

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Rev. Michael Burns,

The presbytery has been advised by Mike Burns that he has been accepted as a volunteer chaplain with the Wellington North Fire Service beginning Feb. 7th, 2017

Recommendation

Moved by Janet DeGroot/Karla Wübbenhorst that the presbytery affirm Michael Burns, and the Sessions of St. Andrew's Mount Forest and Knox Conn in supporting the appointment of Michael Burns as a volunteer chaplain for the Wellington North Fire Service. CARRIED

Future Presbytery Meetings – for information

March 14, 2017 – Central, Cambridge – 7:00 p.m. (refreshments at 6:30)

May 9, 2017 St. Andrew's, Kitchener – 7:00 p.m. (refreshments at 6:30)

June 20, 2017 Knox, Elora (dinner \$15.00 per person) 5:30 p.m.

September 12, 2017 (new moderator's congregation with Communion)

Report as a Whole approved on motion of Ed Charlton/Janet DeGroot. CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT – See Appendix "B"

Report presented by the Allan Stewart, Treasurer

Moved Scott McAndless/Scott Sinclair that the Treasurer's Report be received and considered. CARRIED

Grant request from Doon Presbyterian Church

Recommendation:

Moved by Scott McAndless/Scott Sinclair that a grant from the Development Fund be extended to Doon Presbyterian Church, Kitchener in the amount of \$10,000 to alleviate some of the emergency repair costs already incurred of over \$20,000. CARRIED

Financial Report to December 31, 2016

Moved by Johan Olivier/Alex MacLeod that the Financial Report to December 31st, 2016 be approved as presented. CARRIED

Proposed Budget for 2017

Moved by Margaret Bingham/Andrew Foster that the proposed balanced budget for 2017 be approved as presented. CARRIED

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Moved by Scott McAndless/Scott Sinclair that the Treasurer's report as a whole be adopted.
CARRIED

EIF REPORT – see appendix “C” – report presented by Convener Ed Charlton
Moved Ed Charlton/Peggy Lennox that the EIF Report be received and considered. CARRIED

Recommendation 1

Moved by Ed Charlton/Peggy Lennox that the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington approve the use of the \$2,500 set aside for the Women's Gathering Conference in May of 2017, dividing the money up equally amongst applicants with a maximum of \$200 being given per person. The deadline to apply for the funding will be April 30, 2017. CARRIED

Recommendation 2

Moved by Ed Charlton/Peggy Lennox that the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington approve the document “Understanding the Bible” as printed in the 2016 Acts and Proceedings and to give our comments that it is a worthy document for use by Presbyteries, Sessions, and Congregations.

amendment received – Moved by Karla Wübbenhorst/Margaret Bingham that we strike after “approve” encourage sessions to report back to the Committee on Church Doctrine by the report back deadline of January 31st, 2017. CARRIED

Motion as amended - CARRIED

Recommendation 3

Moved by Ed Charlton/Peggy Lennox that the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington continue to be a member of APCE and pay the membership fee for 2017. CARRIED

Young Adult Representatives

Congregations were reminded to submit names of Young Adult Representatives to general Assembly to the EIF Committee.

Moved by Ed Charlton/Peggy Lennox that the Report as a Whole be adopted. CARRIED

CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – see Appendix “D” – report presented by the Convener, Johan Olivier

Moved by Johan Olivier/Alex MacLeod that the report of the Congregational Affairs Committee

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be received and considered. CARRIED

Vacancy at Knox's Galt, appointment of Interim Moderator.

Recommendation #1:

Moved by Johan Olivier/Alex MacLeod that in light of the Rev. John Paeng's upcoming transition to Vancouver Island, the Rev. Glen Soderholm be named interim moderator for Knox's Galt.

CARRIED

Recommendation #2:

Moved by Johan Olivier/Alex MacLeod that The Rev. John Borthwick and Mr. Gib McIlwrath to serve on the Interim Moderators advisory committee. CARRIED

Moved by Johan Olivier/Alex MacLeod that the report as a whole of the Congregational Affairs Committee be approved. CARRIED

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – see Appendix "E" – report presented by Convener, Scott Sinclair

Moved by Scott Sinclair/Caroline Boyne that the report of the Committee on Ministry be received and considered. CARRIED

Recommendation #1:

Moved by Scott Sinclair/Caroline Boyne that the Presbytery Pulpit Exchange occur on Sunday, April 30th, 2017. CARRIED

Moved by Scott Sinclair/Caroline Boyne that the report as a whole of the Ministry Committee be approved. CARRIED

MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE – report presented by Scott McAndless on behalf of the Convener. See Appendix "F"

Moved by Scott McAndless/Glen Soderholm that the report of the Mission and Outreach Committee be received and considered. CARRIED

Jeff-a-thon Report – a video was shown and congregations were encouraged to share it with their congregations.

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Syrian Refugee Sponsorship

Recommendation

Moved by Scott McAndless/Glen Soderholm that the presbytery conclude the refugee grant process as of February 28, 2017. CARRIED

Overture re transferring responsibility from the Cambridge quadrant to the Business Committee (see page 5509)

The prayer of the overture requested that it be referred to the Business Committee to report to the presbytery.

Moved Scott McAndless/Glen Soderholm that the report as a whole of the Mission and Outreach Committee be approved. CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The business being completed the court adjourned on motion of Scott Sinclair/duly seconded. CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of Presbytery will be held on Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (refreshments at 6:30) at Central Church Galt, Cambridge. The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer and the Benediction.

Rev. Susan V. Clarke, Moderator

Dr. Wilma Welsh, Clerk

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Appendix "A"

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT –

Correspondence received - November 9, 2016 to January 22, 2017

16-208	Barbara Nawratil – responding to question re sale price of Drayton Church – response was \$145,000	Business Com. Clerk
16-209	J. Harrison – requesting PCC ruling on plastic water bottles	All Presbyters
16-210	PCC Connect – November 2016 edition	All Presbyters
16-211	M. Scheidt – October 2016 Presbyterian Sharing Report	All Presbyters
16-212	O. Ng (PCC-DFO) – Statistical Reports - To be sent to all Clerks in December	All Presbyters
16-214	M. Richardson – requesting Crieff profile be sent to other presbytery clerks	Presbytery Clerks
16-215	PWS&D – November 2016 newsletter	All Presbyters
16-216	S. Sinclair – requesting Candidacy Process Review sent to all presbyters	All Presbyters
16-217	M. Bethune – suggesting article on growing churches to go to presbyters	All Presbyters
16-218	Clerk, Knox's Galt – advising dates of John Paeng's last service	Cong. Affairs
16-219	Jen de Combe – copy of letter to Two Rivers re grant applications	File
16-220	B. Street – requesting grant re Refugee family from Sudan	Mission & Outreach
16-221	A. Sutherland – copy of email to Ministry Committee re survey	File
16-222	F. Szatmari – advising re proposal to rent property to another church	Clerk
16-223	A. Wickenheiser – re pulpit supply during visitation	Treasurer
16-224	Changes to the Roll - November 2016	All Presbyters
16-225	B. Ashfield, Knox Waterloo – re January 28 th meeting	Presbytery
16-226	B. Ashfield, re Aboriginal Fund from M&O Committee	Presbytery
16-227	John Scace – requesting support for his membership on the Design Team with K. Callahan	Treasurer
16-228	Knox College, Connexions – Winter 20167	All Presbyters
16-229	St. Andrew's Hespeler, Cambridge – re Matthew Brown certified as candidate for Ministry	Ministry Committee
16-230	PCCConnect – December 2016 edition	All Presbyters
16-231	S. Sinclair – Notice of Ministry Committee meeting	File
16-232	Clerk of Session, Central Cambridge – expressing appreciation for Grant for Refugee sponsorship	Treas/file
16-233	M. Vissers – Invoice for maintaining website	Treasurer
16-234	J. Borthwick, Flyer for distribution re L3 Group	All Presbyters
16-235	TL Hamilton – requesting statistical information re Presbytery	Clerk

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16-236	ESC News – December 2016	All Presbyters
16-237	T.L. Hamilton, re General Assembly Committee Nominations	All Presbyters
16-238	PCC, re Gifts of Change	All Presbyters
16-239	Interim Moderator’s Report for Knox Crieff	Cong Affairs
16-240	Doon Church, requesting funding assistance re basement leakage	Treasurer
16-241	A. Hyde, requesting name of M&O Convener	Clerk
16-242	Oliver Ng – Two Rivers consideration to become a congregation	Mission & Outreach
16-243	J. Vissers, copy of letter from Knox College to Cheryl D’Angelo	Ministry Committee
16-244	Doon Church, requesting approval of Cooke’s Fund application	Business Committee
16-245	S. Kendall – enclosing ballots for Moderator of 2017 General Assembly	Voting Presbyters
16-246	APCE again requesting renewal of membership	EIF Committee
16-247	J. Kerr, Conn, suggestion re use of Waterloo North Funds	C of the Whole
17-001	M. Lewis, proposal for use of Waterloo North Funds	C of the Whole
17-002	M. Gaskin, requesting circulating memo from EDEF Hiring Committee	All Presbyters
17-003	D. Bulloch, Job Posting for Program Coordinator	All Presbyters
17-004	A. Stewart, Suggestion for Jan.28 th Committee of the Whole Meeting	C of the Whole
17-005	J. Vissers – re Cheryl D’Angelo’s eligibility	Ministry Committee
17-006	Alex Bisset – PYPs joint Synod event at Knox Waterloo	All Presbyters/Clerks
17-007	Proposal from St. Andrew’s, Fergus re Worship Project	EIF Committee
17-008	Angela Back, thank you for support I Love Taiwan Project summer 2017	File
17-009	J. Borthwick – acknowledging Indigenous Territory St. Andrew’s, Guelph	Mission & Outreach
17-010	P Coutts – Re: Committee of the Whole – Jan. 28, 2017	All Presbyters
17-011	TL Hamilton – acknowledge receipt of Remit A	Clerk
17-012	J. Harrison – resignation as an elder/rep elder at Doon Church	Clerk
17-013	R. Topping – event February 24, 2017 – 500 th Reformation Anniv.	All Presbyters
17-014	Canadian Ministries – Re Rural & Remote Ministries Grant applications	All Presbyters
17-015	VST – Theology at a Glance – January 2017 edition	All Presbyters
17-016	Mike Burns – Volunteer Chaplain with Wellington N. Fire Station	Business Committee
17-017	Mission & Outreach Committee – Overture to Presbytery Revised copy received January 4, 2017 (see below)	Business Committee
17-018	Matthew Brown – indicating his Call to Ministry of Word & Sacraments	Ministry Committee

Committee on Business recommendations and materials received for Information

1. Correspondence

Recommendation

That the actions of the Business Committee in assigning the correspondence be homologated.

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2. Overture – Cambridge Quadrant – (revised – Jan. 24/17)

To the Reverend, the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington:

WHEREAS the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington has, for several years now, conducted its business through a system of committee work being assigned to four quadrants of the Presbytery on a rotating basis, and

WHEREAS discontent with this system has continued to be raised on the floor of presbytery particularly with regards to continuity in dealing with matters and consistency with following up on issues, and

WHEREAS this system does not permit presbyters to participate in the work of the presbytery according to their passions, gifts, abilities and interests but rather according to what has been assigned to them, and

WHEREAS the Quadrant of Cambridge, being the smallest of all the quadrants with decreasing numbers of both clergy and representative elders over the last few years, has struggled to do that business assigned to it, and

WHEREAS the Quadrant of Cambridge accepts, without complaint, the criticism that it has sometimes received that it has not completed the work that has been assigned to it adequately, and

WHEREAS in our present situation, with the loss of yet another minister and talk of further amalgamations, the quadrant does not have a convener,

THEREFORE, the Quadrant of Cambridge humbly overtures the Reverend, the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington, to reassign the duties of the Mission and Outreach Committee, as defined in the standing orders, to the Business Committee of Presbytery until such time as the Presbytery can establish a means of dealing with the business that comes before it in a way that is equitable, efficient and permits presbyters to participate in the work of the Presbytery in ways that honour each person's passions, gifts, interests and abilities, or to do otherwise as the Presbytery, in its wisdom, deems best.

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3. Committee of the Whole Meeting – January 28th, 2017 – 9:00-mid afternoon – recommendation

Recommendation

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Please note that details concerning registering for this meeting were distributed to the Presbytery in late December.

4. **Moderator 2017 ballots** - available for pick up tonight

Please pick up **your ballot only** – balance will be mailed. Please complete and return to the Clerk tonight, on January 28th or at the March presbytery meeting. If mailing please mail to 153 Marksam Road, Guelph, ON N1H 7L1

5. **Police checks** – all checks accounted for – thank you

6. **Cooke's Fund application – Doon Church** (see page 5)

Recommendation

That the application from Doon Church to the Cooke's Fund be approved and forwarded to the Cooke's Fund.

7. **Future Presbytery Meetings** –

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September 12, 2017 (new moderator's congregation with Communion)

8. **General Assembly Commissioners** – by rotation

Ministers – Rev. Brooke Ashfield (leader), Rev. William Bynum, Rev. Frank Sztatmari, Rev. Ed Charlton, Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst

Elders – Dean Bulloch (Calvin, Kitchener), Bill MacPherson (Gale, Elmira), Jeff Scott (St. Andrew's, Alma), John Matheson (St. Andrew's, Fergus), Laird More (St. Andrew's, Arthur)

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9. **Rev. Michael Burns,**

The presbytery has been advised by Mike Burns that he has been accepted as a volunteer chaplain with the Wellington North Fire Service beginning Feb. 7th, 2017

Recommendation

That the presbytery affirm Michael Burns, and the Sessions of St. Andrew`s Mount Forest and Knox Conn in supporting the appointment of Michael Burns as a volunteer chaplain for the Wellington North Fire Service.

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December 23, 2016

Trustees of Cooke's Church, Toronto, Cooke's Fund, Presbytery of East Toronto

Dear Trustees,

We would like to begin by thanking you again for your confidence in our outreach efforts in 2015 and 2016. Last year we applied and received a grant of \$7500 in support of a Director of Outreach, a position we formalized in the summer of 2016.

Your confidence in us in 2016 has seen great advances in our outreach objectives. Our numerous outreach activities and events planned and executed by our outreach director (and outlined below) have resulted in several new families, becoming part of our faith community, including over forty children. This connection is not only a connection through worship on Sunday morning, but a connection through numerous other ministries of our church.

Our Request:

To continue with our youth and young family outreach to our community during the spring and summer period, we are requesting a grant of \$3200 based on section (f) of the Cooke's Fund guidelines. This would fund a post-secondary student for a period of 8 weeks starting July 3rd and continuing for eight weeks ending August 25th, 2017.

Statement of Objectives:

At this time we will be offering an expanded outreach program, introducing new opportunities for youth and young families to connect with Doon through Food Truck events, Market Days, Doon Java Summer Café, summer arts and music camps, and our annual Vacation Bible School. Doon's matching portion of this application will be funded from the general fund. It will be up to 6 matching weeks of employment and a weekly hourly top up for the student. Please find a 2017 summer outreach program budget and summer coordinator tactical budget.

There will also be an opportunity to participate in Doon's aboriginal community partnership in downtown Kitchener.

Blessings,

Marjorie Poitras
Clerk of Session
Doon Presbyterian Church

Pastor Darrell Clarke
Doon Presbyterian Church

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Appendix "B"

**Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington
Treasurer's Report to Presbytery at January 10, 2017**

Grant request from Doon Presbyterian Church

A request was received from the Session and Minister of Doon Presbyterian Church, Kitchener for financial assistance from Presbytery following significant emergency repairs brought about by water leaking into the church basement in very late 2015. After inspection, it was found that the water originated from outside the building. The leak was a result of a failure in the church's water line connecting the building to the city's line at the front of the property. The result was four days of excavation, water line replacement, gas line relocation and reconnecting to the city water supply. The resultant invoice was in excess of \$20,000. During 2016 I visited Doon and interacted several other times on this matter with the Rev. Darrell Clarke. We established that the church insurance would not cover this damage as the site of the break was outside the building envelope. Additionally the City of Kitchener would not cover it as the location was on Doon property and the line had been installed by Doon.

This request was fully discussed by the Business Committee at its Tuesday, January 3, 2017 meeting. We noted that the congregation had absorbed a \$27,000 deficit due mainly to this unanticipated setback. Doon decided to freeze all non-essential spending and reduce one staffing position. Doon has an expansive capital vision to meet future needs by repurposing their building to be not solely a church environment, but also a multi-use community centre, with expanded capability for worship and ministry. This capital plan involves the replacement of windows, the installation of new audio visuals in the worship centre, tinting of stained glass windows in the worship centre, the completion of upgrades to the café to enable greater public use of the facility, and refurbishing the two building entrances. The total cost of these additional upgrades will be approximately \$28,000 and the congregation is responding well to this new challenge.

All present were agreed, in light of the above circumstances, on the following recommendation:

Recommendation:

that a grant from the Development Fund be extended to Doon Presbyterian Church, Kitchener in the amount of \$10,000 to alleviate some of the emergency repair costs already incurred of over \$20,000.

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Financial Report to December 31, 2016

The financial report to December 31, 2016 follows this page. It shows there was a surplus of **\$9,615** in 2016 against a budgeted deficit for the year of **\$8,500**. The absence of a deficit is mainly due to a number of expense categories being under spent, principally Canada Youth 2016, Bunun Exchange and Students for Ministry Grants and Counselling.

Proposed Budget for 2017

A proposed balanced budget for 2017 was unanimously approved at the Business Committee meeting at Knox Waterloo on January 3, 2017 and it follows the 2016 financial report.

Respectfully submitted,
Allan Stewart, Treasurer

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FINANCIAL REPORT TO WATERLOO-WELLINGTON PRESBYTERY AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2016

	<u>to Dec 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2016</u>	<u>Amount remaining</u>
INCOME			
Assessment Income	143,257	143,257	-
Income from services	2,380	1,000	(1,380)
Other income - interest	2,073	2,961	888
Total Income	147,710	147,218	(492)
EXPENSES			
Synod Assessment	49,009	49,010	1
Special project - Two Rivers Church	22,000	22,000	-
Special project - Post Sec. student grants	15,600	15,050	(550)
Special project - Bunun Exchange	1,500	6,000	4,500
Special project - Canada Youth 2016	-	3,500	3,500
Special projects - total	39,100	46,550	7,450
Clerk's honorarium	12,755	12,755	-
Treasurer's honorarium	6,733	6,733	-
CPP/EI	513	520	7
Liability Insurance	2,695	3,500	805
General and office supplies	1,639	2,500	861
Telecommunications	1,231	1,900	669
Audit and legal fees	400	500	100
Bank interest and service charges	137	300	163
Office expenses - total	26,103	28,708	2,605
Travel and mileage	5,015	7,000	1,985
Meals and hospitality	163	500	337
Travel - total	5,178	7,500	2,322
Grants - U of G chaplaincy	6,000	6,000	-
Grants - Students for Ministry	600	4,000	3,400
Grants - New Life Counselling	1,500	1,500	-
Grants - total	8,100	11,500	3,400
Commissioner's Expenses	1,820	2,350	530
Conference Funds	4,330	4,000	(330)
Student Psych. assessments/counselling	825	2,000	1,175
Pulpit supply for visitation	480	1,000	520
Visitors and Gifts	1,700	1,000	(700)
Christian education	900	1,000	100
Clerk's consultation April 2016	550	600	50

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Student certification	-	500	500
General expense - Total	10,605	12,450	1,845
Total All Expenses	138,095	155,718	17,623
Surplus/(Deficit)	9,615	(8,500)	(18,115)

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2017 BUDGET - WATERLOO-WELLINGTON PRESBYTERY

	Budget 2017	Budget 2016	\$ change	% change
INCOME				
Assessment Income	139,465	143,257	(3,792)	-2.6%
Income from services	1,000	1,000	-	0.0%
Other income - interest	1,651	2,961	(1,310)	-44.2%
Total Income	142,116	147,218	(5,102)	-3.5%
EXPENSES				
Synod Assessment	49,654	49,010	644	1.3%
Special project - Two Rivers Church	17,000	22,000	(5,000)	-22.7%
Special project - Post Sec. student grants	15,600	15,050	550	3.7%
Special project - Bunun Exchange	4,000	6,000	(2,000)	-33.3%
Special project - Women Gathering (2017)	2,500	-	2,500	100.0%
Special project - Canada Youth (2016)	-	3,500	(3,500)	-100.0%
Special projects - total	39,100	46,550	(7,450)	-16.0%
Clerk's honorarium	12,934	12,755	179	1.4%
Treasurer's honorarium	6,827	6,733	94	1.4%
CPP/EI	451	520	(69)	-13.3%
Liability Insurance	3,000	3,500	(500)	-14.3%
General and office supplies	2,200	2,500	(300)	-12.0%
Telecommunications	1,500	1,900	(400)	-21.1%
Audit and legal fees	500	500	-	0.0%
Bank interest and service charges	300	300	-	0.0%
Office expenses - total	27,712	28,708	(996)	-3.5%
Travel and mileage	6,000	7,000	(1,000)	-14.3%
Meals and hospitality	500	500	-	0.0%
Travel - total	6,500	7,500	(1,000)	-13.3%
Grants - U of G chaplaincy	6,000	6,000	-	0.0%
Grants - Students for Ministry	3,000	4,000	(1,000)	-25.0%
Grants - New Life Counselling	1,500	1,500	-	0.0%
Grants - total	10,500	11,500	(1,000)	-8.7%
GA Commissioner's Expenses	2,350	2,350	-	0.0%
Conference Funds	2,500	4,000	(1,500)	-37.5%

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Student Psych. Assessments	1,000	2,000	(1,000)	-50.0%
Pulpit supply for visitation	1,000	1,000	-	0.0%
Visitors, Donations and Gifts	1,000	1,000	-	0.0%
Christian education (Lay Grants)	500	1,000	(500)	-50.0%
Clerk's consultation (2016)	-	600	(600)	-100.0%
Student certification	300	500	(200)	-40.0%
General expense - Total	8,650	12,450	(3,800)	-30.5%
Total All Expenses	142,116	155,718	(13,602)	-8.7%
Surplus/(Deficit)	0	(8,500)	8,500	-100.0%

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Appendix "C"

EIF Committee Report
for January 2017 Presbytery Meeting

The EIF Committee has three recommendations to bring before the Presbytery. The first recommendation is in regards to the upcoming Women's Gathering Conference running from May 19-22, 2017. With the \$3500 being set aside for this conference by the presbytery, it was moved that we divide the money up equally amongst the applicants with a limit of \$200 maximum per person. Therefore we put forward the following recommendation for the Presbytery's approval.

Recommendation 1

That the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington approve the use of the \$3500 set aside for the Women's Gathering Conference in May of 2017, dividing the money up equally amongst applicants with a maximum of \$200 being given per person. The deadline to apply for the funding will be April 30, 2017.

The second recommendation is in regards to the General Assembly remit entitled "Understanding the Bible". We felt that this is a worthy document to be read and circulated amongst congregations. Some may find this document hard to understand in places but it is useful for us to use. Therefore we put forward the following recommendation for the Presbytery's approval in response to the second recommendation from the document "Understanding the Bible".

Recommendation 2

That the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington approve the document "Understanding the Bible" as printed in the 2016 Acts and Proceedings and to give our comments that it is a worthy document for use by Presbyteries, Sessions, and Congregations.

The third recommendation is in regards to our APCE membership. APCE or The Association of Presbyterian Church Educators is an association made up of those who are serving or have served in educational ministries, as ministers, professional or volunteer educators, or students, in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Reformed Church in America, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Moravian Church in America, and the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Recommendation 3

That the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington continue to be a member of APCE and pay the membership fee for 2017.

Respectfully submitted by the EIF Convener, Rev. Edward Charlton.

Wilma Welsh, Clerk (clerkwatwell@gmail.com)

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Appendix "D"

Congregational Affairs Committee Report January 10, 2017

The Congregational Affairs Committee met December 14, 2016 at Knox Presbyterian Church, Guelph.

The members of the quadrant present discussed the progress in Reverend Frank Szatmari's health after his operation. The Reverend Frank Szatmari is back to work and happy the surgery was a success. He will be following up with his specialist at the end of January 2017.

Interim moderator's report December 2016: Knox, Crieff: see appendix "1"

Vacancy at Knox's Galt, appointment of Interim Moderator.

Recommendation #1:

In light of the Rev. John Paeng's upcoming transition to Vancouver Island, the Rev. Glen Soderholm be named interim moderator for Knox's Galt.

Recommendation #2:

The Rev. John Borthwick and Mr. Gib McIlwrath to serve on the Interim Moderators advisory committee.

Respectfully submitted, Rev Johan Olivier (Convener CA)

Appendix 1:

Interim moderator's report December 2016: Knox, Crieff

The search committee has been very faithfully meeting regularly and we took great encouragement from the words that Rev. Kees Vandermeijer spoke at Presbytery re the search process at Palmerston! There have been numerous ministers apply for the ministry at Crieff, however we are discovering that our plan for who is the next minister is not God's plan. The search committee is taking a month off and will resume the search in January. The congregation is doing well, a bit anxious but nonetheless seeking to wait upon God's timing and person. The pulpit supply is confirmed to the end of June 2017.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Richardson, Interim Moderator

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Appendix "E"

Committee on Ministry
Report to the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington
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The Committee on Ministry (CoM) has met once since the last meeting of Presbytery. The CoM is scheduled to meet again on February 14th, 2017

Subcommittee on Students

Cheryl D'Angelo

The CoM has redesigned the Support Committee for Cheryl D'Angelo to be a Transitional Support Committee comprised of Rev. Mark Richardson and Ms. Judith Harrison. The CoM is working to define the Terms of Reference of the Transitional Support Team.

The Presbytery has received a letter from John Vissers, the Director of Academic Programs at Knox College informing us that "The Faculty of Knox College, unanimously agrees that Cheryl D'Angelo be removed from eligibility for the Diploma of the College effective December 14, 2016." The CoM is following up on this information through the Transitional Support Committee and the Pastoral Care Committee.

Rev. Greg Smith now serves as convener of the Subcommittee on Students.

Matthew Brown

We have received communication from the session of St. Andrew's Hespeler concerning Mr. Matthew Brown's intention to be certified as a candidate for ministry. The Subcommittee on Students is following up on this.

Pulpit Exchange

Having considered feedback from the Presbytery motion of November 8th, 2016 regarding the Presbytery Pulpit Exchange the CoM has reconsidered the date for this event.

Recommendation #1:

That the Presbytery Pulpit Exchange occur on Sunday, April 30th, 2017.

Respectfully yours

Rev. Scott Sinclair, convener.

Wilma Welsh, Clerk (clerkwatwell@gmail.com)

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Appendix "F"

**Mission and Outreach Committee
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January 24 Report to Presbytery**

1. For information:
 - a. Jeff-a-thon Report
 - b. Refugee Families Updates

1. **Refugee Support**

The November, 2015 Presbytery meeting agreed that the Presbytery make available \$40,000 from the Development Fund (\$10,000 per quadrant) to congregations seeking to sponsor a refugee family from Syria.

At its June, 2016 meeting the Presbytery made available an additional \$20,000 from the Development Fund to congregations who seek to sponsor a refugee family from Syria.

There was no "deadline" or "sunset clause" in either the 2015 motion or the 2016 motion. Most of the funding has been allocated.

Recommendation:

That the Presbytery conclude this refugee grant process as of February 28, 2017.

2. **Convener**

At the January 19 meeting of the Mission and Outreach Committee the current Convener of the Committee (Mark B. Gaskin) indicated that at the conclusion of the meeting he was resigning as Convener. As the discussion progressed it was evident no person was available to assume the position of Convener.

There was some consideration given to presenting a notice of motion to the January 24th Presbytery meeting, recommending that the Business Committee assume the duties and responsibilities of the Mission and Outreach Committee.

However, the Committee decided to proceed with an Overture to Presbytery.

According to the Book of Forms, an overture is the appropriate way to ask a superior court to make a significant change in its rules and regulations. It was felt that the desire for the change was raised more from the group of churches that makes up the Quadrant

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than it was arising from the business properly coming before the mission and outreach committee; and, the format of an overture gave us a much better opportunity to explain our reasons for suggesting a course of action.

It was agreed to attach the completed overture to the Mission and Outreach report and to also send it to the Clerk as Correspondence.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Mark Gaskin, Convener

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Overture – Cambridge Quadrant – (revised copy)

To the Reverend, the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington:

WHEREAS the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington has, for several years now, conducted its business through a system of committee work being assigned to four quadrants of the Presbytery on a rotating basis, and

WHEREAS discontent with this system has continued to be raised on the floor of presbytery particularly with regards to continuity in dealing with matters and consistency with following up on issues, and

WHEREAS this system does not permit presbyters to participate in the work of the presbytery according to their passions, gifts, abilities and interests but rather according to what has been assigned to them, and

WHEREAS the Quadrant of Cambridge, being the smallest of all the quadrants with decreasing numbers of both clergy and representative elders over the last few years, has struggled to do that business assigned to it, and

WHEREAS the Quadrant of Cambridge accepts, without complaint, the criticism that it has sometimes received that it has not completed the work that has been assigned to it adequately, and

WHEREAS in our present situation, with the loss of yet another minister and talk of further amalgamations, the quadrant does not have a convener,

THEREFORE, the Quadrant of Cambridge humbly overtures the Reverend, the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington, to reassign the duties of the Mission and Outreach Committee, as defined in the standing orders, to the Business Committee of Presbytery until such time as the Presbytery can establish a means of dealing with the business that comes before it in a way that is equitable, efficient and permits presbyters to participate in the work of the Presbytery in ways that honour each person's passions, gifts, interests and abilities, or to do otherwise as the Presbytery, in its wisdom, deems best.

Tuesday, January 24, 2017
Cambridge, ON

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