

Knox Presbyterian Church  
Guelph, Ontario  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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**DATE AND PLACE:**

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in Regular Session within Knox Presbyterian Church, Guelph Ontario on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Wonderful refreshments including fresh fruit was served prior to the meeting.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Ministers:** Borthwick, J., Botha, A., Brown, C., Bynum, W., Carrothers, D., Dawes, W., Gale, H., Garrison, P., Gedcke, M. (Moderator), Kay, C., Kay, T., Ma, S., Martin, B., Molengraaf, M., Richardson, M., Sinasac, R., Smit, J., Smit, T., St. Louis, N., Sutherland, A., Vandermeij, K., Wübbenhorst, K.

**Representative Elders:** Alexander, C., Arbuckle, L., Blake, M., Cober, G., Crane, J., de Groot, J., Koeslag, M., Grimwood, S., Henry, D., Howell, I., Kim, D., Lamont, M., MacRobbie, G., Moir, L., Patterson, J., Renton, R., Rowat, R., Scott, G., Stewart, Glennys, Stewart, Gary, Stewart, Neil, Stinson, T., Suggit, E., Welsh, W., Whetham, R., Zaryski, J.

**Ministers on the Appendix:** Bethune, A.

**Alternate Representative Elders:** Cleghorn, H., Fairbairn, E., Forsyth, G., Geddes, J., Goudy, P., Ingram, G.,

**Students for the Ministry:** Dimock, K., McAllister, S.

**Observers and Committee Members:** Dudgeon, I., Pentelow, L., Pentelow, M., vanMossel, L.

**Retired Missionaries:** Geddes, B., Geddes, J.

**WMS:** Godin, J.

**Clerk:** MacDowell, J. (Clerk)

**REGRETS:**

**Ministers:** Bell, L., Lewis, M., Wright, D.

**Representative Elders:** Foster, A., Maitland, L.

**Ministers on the Appendix:** McLean, W.

**WMS:** Johnston, M., Stewart, Phyllis

**WORSHIP AND CONSTITUTION:**

Karen Dimock, student at Knox College preached A Tale of Two Kings. The scripture was taken from Matthew 2: 1-12 with hymns including Immortal Invisible God Only Wise and Lord of All People. The Rev. Mark Gedcke, Moderator, did then constitute the Court in the name of Jesus Christ, the King and only Head of the Church.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

The Moderator warmly welcomed everyone and called for introductions. There were none.

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**DOCKET:**

Borthwick/Botha moved the adoption of the Docket as printed. *CARRIED.*

**STATED HOUR:**

The Rev. Dr. Herb Gale, Associated Secretary for Planned Giving for The Presbyterian Church in Canada, presented a presentation on how the congregations may be more active in this area.

**MINUTES:**

Changes to the December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Minutes – on page 3853 New motion was changed to Motion as Amended.

St. Louis/Patterson moved the adoption of the Minutes of November 13, 2007 and amended Minutes of December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007. *CARRIED.*

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The Clerk, Janet MacDowell, presented the Business Committee Report.

**Business Committee Report  
November, December 2007, January 2008**

**1. Correspondence:**

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| 07-135 | From Elizabeth Bartlett, Assembly Office,<br>with Changes to the Roll  | Clerk    |
| 07-136 | From Jim Sitler, Clerk of The Presbytery of<br>Barrie, with notification that The Rev. Carey<br>Nieuwhof ceases to be a Minister of The<br>Presbyterian Church in Canada   | Clerk    |
| 07-137 | From The Office of The Registrar General,<br>Marriage Office, with acknowledgement of<br>the list of Ministers in The Presbytery of<br>Waterloo-Wellington   | Clerk    |
| 07-138 | From Doug Maxwell, Clerk of The<br>Presbytery of Kootenay, with notification<br>that The Rev. Ron Benty ceases to be a<br>Minister of The Presbyterian Church in<br>Canada   | Clerk    |
| 07-139 | From Susan Shaffer, Committee on<br>Education and Reception stating that<br>permission has been granted to the<br>Presbytery to examine Sam Lee for<br>certification for ordination subject to no<br>objections and satisfactory completion of 3 | Ministry |

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07-140	semesters of theological study From Hanny Semuel Palendeng requesting assistance in funding to attend VST – Minister of The Christian Evangelical Church in Minahana	Outreach
07-141	From John Matheson, Convenor of The Cooke’s Fund with information, eligibility, loans and grants	Outreach
07-142	From Joan Smith, with information on Synod Youth Ministry Consultant (due by February 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2008)	Business Committee
07-143	From Jackie Nelson, Ministry and Church Vocations, with a memo outlining the names of candidates who have come before Education and Reception	Ministry
07-144	From Wendy von Farra (and Lydia Maitland), Clerk of Session, Livingston Baden requesting permission to use funds from The Livingston House for Church funds	Congregational Affairs

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07-145	From Cathy Johnson, with final financial statements from the 133 <sup>rd</sup> G.A.	Treasurer
07-146	From Mark Gedcke, mentor for student Sam Lee, requesting a letter be written to Education and Reception to delete the words 'non' Korean congregation from his requirements	Ministry
07-147	From All Saints Anglican Church, requesting a meeting with a representative from The Presbytery and Waterloo North leadership	Congregational Affairs
07-148	From Elizabeth Bartlett, Assembly Office, with Changes to the Roll	Clerk
07-149	From Stephen Kendall, Secretary, Assembly Council, requesting input on biennial General Assemblies	Education, Issues and Fellowship
07-150	From Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Assembly Office, requesting nominations for the agencies and committees of the General Assembly (April 1, 2008)	Business Committee
07-151	From Charlie Klager, Clerk of Session, St. Andrew's Hespeler Cambridge, forwarding the name of Richard Warne, as a candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacraments	Ministry
07-152	From Pension & Benefits Board with a copy of 'Window'	General
07-153	From Jean Davidson, Elders' Institute, with information on the Pre Assembly Workshop	Education, Issues and Fellowship
07-154	From Ron Watson, Clerk of Session, Knox's Galt Cambridge, recommending Rafael Vallejo as a candidate for Certification as a Minister of Word and Sacraments	Ministry

**2. Matters to Note:**

- a) **The Business Committee** will meet on Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 at 1000 hours within Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, Outreach to provide refreshments.
- b) **Commissioners** to The 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada – within The Presbytery of Ottawa. Opening worship June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.  
**Ministers:** Jeff Veenstra X (Convenor), David Whitecross (declined), Marty Molengraaf X, Aubrey Botha (declined), Penny Garrison

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(declined), Thomas Kay X, William Bynum X, Don McCallum

(declined), Wayne Dawes X Cathy Kay X

**Alternates:** Brooke Ashfield, Mark Gedcke, Karla Wübbenhorst,  
Sungho Ma

**Sessions:** St. Andrew's Fergus – Angela VanGrootheest X, Knox  
Preston – Carol White X, Rockwood (declined), Knox-Elora (declined),  
Duff's Puslinch (declined), Doon Kitchener – George Schieven X,  
Knox Conn – Harold Widdis X, St. Andrew's Alma (declined), Knox-  
Calvin Harriston, St. Andrew's Arthur

**Alternates:** Livingston Baden, Chalmers Winterbourne

X = acceptance

- c) The Business Committee would appreciate **invitations** for the meetings of May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – **any areas** of The Presbytery.
- d) **Changes:** *Mike Burns:* 2022-30 Charles St. W., Toronto M4Y 1R5 416 -925-3468      *Marty Molengraaf:* 4640 Wellington Rd 35, R.R. # 6 Guelph N1H 6J4      *Mary Ann Koeslag* andian@sympatico.ca  
*Alan Israel*      P. O. Box 550, Elora ON N0B 1S0
- e) **Ballots for Moderator** of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly due to Clerk by **March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008** – must be to Assembly Office by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – **NEW DATE**
- f) **Statistical Reports**, along with one copy of your annual report, due **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2008.**

### 3. Recommendations:

- A) That the actions of the Business Committee in assigning the correspondence as designated, be homologated.
- B) That The Clerk and Moderator be given 'power to issue', after January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 in finding Commissioners to attend The 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
- C) That the Memorial for The Rev. Wilfred Allan McLeod, be spread in the Minutes and sent to The Presbyterian Record.

### **The Rev. Wilfred A. McLeod 1917-2007**

Wilfred Allan McLeod was born in Alberta to Scottish parents. He had one younger brother Earl Alexander. Wilfred spoke the Gaelic language, something he learned from his grandmother. When Wilfred and his family moved from the harsh realities of the climate in the West, they settled in Waterloo County. Only a short time after their move, Wilfred's father died of Pneumonia, leaving his young wife to raise two young boys. From the time he was eight to eighteen, Wilfred attended The Mennonite Church. The spiritual formation and

perspective he received during his formative years, stood him in good stead throughout his Ministry. During his time at Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church, he met and later married Ruby Cressman. His uncle, who was a Presbyterian Minister, lured Wilfred back into The Presbyterian Church. At Wilfred's request, The Mission Board provided him with Ministry opportunities throughout Ontario and Western Canada. He graduated from Knox College in 1950 and was Ordained into The Ministry of Word and Sacraments in the same year after receiving a Call from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Wiarion. During his Sojourn in Wiarion, Wilfred and Ruby became parents to David and Stuart. From Wiarion, Wilfred became the Minister at St. Andrew's Church in Welland. In 1967, Wilfred became the Minister of St. John Church in Hamilton. While there, his wife Ruby and their son Stuart were killed in an accident. As a result of this accident, Wilfred left the Ministry for a time and worked for the Social Welfare Services Of Hamilton-Wentworth. He met Margaret Harper. While supply preaching in Hagersville, they were married. After a brief Ministry in Wiarion, Wilfred returned to Waterloo to do further study at Wilfred Laurier University and then became Associate Minister at MacNab Street Presbyterian Church. He retired from MacNab in 1989. Interim Ministries followed ~ Brantford, Ancaster and Cambridge. Wilfred was given the honour of Minister Emeritus of St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church. Wilfred died on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, in his ninetieth year. The Memorial Service was held on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008. He is survived by his wife Margaret, his son David and several nieces and nephews.

**D) Remit A**

Some Presbyteries operate on the calendar, the petitioners request that there be a change made to accommodate this reality.

That section 131.1 be amended to read:

The appointment is made (at least once a year and hold good for two months after the close of the annual meeting of the General Assembly; unless within that time a new election has been made. The appointment for the succeeding year should be made early to enable Synod and Presbytery to strike their committees of person in office for the year) annually and takes effect on a date ordered by the Presbytery.

Recommendation that Remit A be approved

St. Louis/Martin moved that the report be received and considered.  
*CARRIED.*

St. Louis/Martin moved Recommendation A. *CARRIED.*

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St. Louis/Martin moved Recommendation B. *CARRIED*  
St. Louis/Martin moved Recommendation C. *CARRIED*  
St. Louis/Martin moved Recommendation D. *CARRIED*

The Past Moderator, Nan St. Louis took the chair.  
The Rev. Mark Gedcke read the Notice of Motion:

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

I give notice that, at a future sederunt, I will move or cause to be moved the following Overture:

Overture re: Young Adult Representatives and Student Representatives:

Whereas, Young Adult Representatives and Student Representative are a valuable and essential part of General Assembly, and

Whereas, The General Assembly has made changes in their status and role to encourage their fuller participation, such as allowing them to sit and correspond (A&P, 1997.p 261, 24 Recommendation # 6),  
And

Whereas, the ability to be a voting member would allow these Representatives to fully participate in General Assembly, and

Whereas, full participation from the young adults and theological students would make General Assembly more representative of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and

Whereas, the goal of fuller participation in our polity needs to be explored to consider issues like accountability,

Therefore, the Session of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Kitchener, humbly overtures the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly to examine the role of Young Adult Representatives and Student Representatives in General Assembly, and how they may more fully participate in the Court, including the possibility of being full commissioners, or to do otherwise as The General Assembly, in its wisdom deems best.

The Moderator, Mark Gedcke returned to the chair.

**Report as a Whole:**

St. Louis/Martin moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

Janet MacDowell, Clerk

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Education, Issues and Fellowship Committee:**

The Convenor, Karla Wübbenhorst, reported for the committee.

Wübbenhorst/Rowat moved that the report be received and considered.

*CARRIED.*

The Rev. Wübbenhorst noted that the Presbytery website is up and running under the webmaster of Mary Visser Kerr.

Wübbenhorst/Rowat moved that Knox Waterloo be commended for seeking to initiate a PYPS-like fellowship within The Presbytery and that all congregations of The Presbytery be encouraged to support this endeavour. *CARRIED.*

#### **Report as a Whole:**

Wübbenhorst/Rowat moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

#### **Ministry Committee:**

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

St. Louis/Martin moved that the Standing Orders be changed to read:

**5.2.4 The Clerk shall be responsible to receive and document current police records checks for all ministers and members of the order of diaconal ministers within the bounds of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington. The Clerk shall note the following information: 1. Certifying police agency 2. Date of Certificate 3. Date received by the Clerk 4. Expiry date (5 years) 5. Results 6. Comments. This information to be kept by the Clerk in a locked cabinet. The Clerk will also notify members when their PRC needs to be renewed.**

*CARRIED*

Report as a Whole:

St. Louis Martin moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

#### **Outreach Committee:**

No Report.

#### **Congregational Affairs:**

The Convenor, Ian Dudgeon, reported for the committee.

Botha/Whetham moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

#### **St. Andrew's Galt, Cambridge**

Following reports from the Interim Moderator and Interim Minister, examination of the 2008 Budget and discussions on finances, the committee feels that it is time for the congregation to move to the next stage of its vacancy.

#### **Recommendation:**



Botha/Whetham moved that St. Andrew's Galt, Cambridge, be given permission to establish a Search Committee to proceed to bringing a Call to the Presbytery.  
**CARRIED**

**Livingston, Baden – Correspondence 07-144**

The congregation owns and rents to tenants a house adjacent to the church. The rental income generates a small surplus; the congregation, like many others, does not. The request from the congregation is that they be allowed to use the "House Account" surplus from time to time to offset the shortfall in church income.

**Recommendation:**

Botha/Whetham moved that Livingston, Baden, be allowed to use rental income to offset shortfalls in congregational givings, maintaining a minimum balance in the "House Account" of \$4,000.00. *CARRIED*

**Westminster-St. Paul's, Guelph**

An interim report is appended to the Minutes.

**Recommendation:**

Botha/Whetham moved that the Interim Report re Westminster-St. Paul's be received for information and the sub-committee continue its work with the minister and Ruling Elders. *CARRIED*.

**Waterloo North, Waterloo**

Referring to the Summary of Motions – December 11, 2007, page 3854 of the minutes:

1a) cannot happen until 1b) is in place. The Presbytery, at its meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>, set a timetable for 1b), that did not take into account that the ensuing three weeks entailed Advent/Christmas/New Year's activities in churches and families. As regards to 1b):

**Recommendation:**

Botha/Whetham moved that the Congregational Affairs Committee be given power to issue in developing a covenant for the Session of Waterloo North and a copy be provided to the Presbytery with the mailing at the end of February. *CARRIED* Note: This is to be run past The Clerk of Assembly first. This has been noted and taken under advisement.

As regards to motion No. 3, the Committee will develop Terms of Reference and report to the March meeting of Presbytery.

As regards to motion No. 6, the Committee has not received a report from the financial reviewers. Therefore, the Committee makes no report on that issue.

As regards to motion No. 9, Andrew Foster was to do this on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Weather conditions prevented that happening. Calvin Brown and the Convenor attended on January 6<sup>th</sup> and advised the congregation of Presbytery's actions.

Correspondence 07-147. The Bishop of the Diocese of Huron of the Anglican Church in Canada has instructed the Rector and Wardens of All Saints Anglican Church to meet with the leadership and representatives of Presbytery. The intent is to ensure that the Anglicans are aware, officially, of any potential changes, challenges or adjustments in our partnership at Laurel Church Centre. Bill Bynum and Calvin Brown will be the representatives from the Congregational Affairs

**Assessor Elders:**

The Moderator named three elder that have agreed to be Assessor Elders. They are Gibson McIlwrath, Elder at Kitchener East Presbyterian Church, Betty Jane Rose, Elder at Calvin Presbyterian Church and The Rev. Robert Duncanson, Elder at Calvin Presbyterian Church and Minister on the Appendix to the Roll.

**Report as a Whole:**

Botha/Whetham moved the adoption of the report as a whole.

**ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION:**

Jim Patterson moved adjournment.

The Moderator adjourned the Court to meet again in

- a. In Special Session within St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kitchener Ontario on Sunday, February 10, 2008. Presbytery will meet at 2:30 p.m. with the worship and induction service beginning at 3:00 p.m.
- b. In Regular Session within Westminster-St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Guelph Ontario on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Refreshments are at 7:00 p.m. with worship and meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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Moderator

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Clerk

Janet MacDowell, Clerk