

Knox Presbyterian Church  
Conn, Ontario  
June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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**DATE AND PLACE:**

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 within Knox Presbyterian Church, Conn Ontario. The evening began with a wonderful dinner of ham, scalloped potatoes with all the fixins' and topped off with homemade pies.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Ministers:** B. Ashfield, L. Ashfield, J. Borthwick, C. Brown, W. Dawes, H. Gale, P. Garrison, M. Gedcke, M. Lewis, B. Martin (Moderator), D. McCallum, L. Paquette, R. Sinasac, J. Smit, T. Smit, N. St. Louis, A. Sutherland, K. Vandermeij, J. Veenstra, D. Wright, K. Wübbenhorst.

**Representative and Equalizing Elders:** L. Arbuckle, M. Blake, G. Cober, J. Crane, J. deGroot, J. DeSchiffart, G. Forsyth, A. Foster, A. Israel, M. Koeslag, G. MacRobbie, J. McDougall, L. Moir, R. Renton, R. Rowat, L. Samis, G. Scott, G. Schieven, L. Glennys Stewart, Neil Stewart, E. Suggit, D. Vickers, W. Welsh, J. Zaryski

**Ministers on the Appendix:** J. Smith

**Alternate Representative Elders:** J. Akerstream, H. Cleghorn, E. Fairbairn, M. Hunter, J. MacDowell (Clerk), W. Turner

**Students for Ministry of Word and Sacraments:** M. Burns

**W.M.S.:** Phyllis Stewart

**Guests:** From Knox Listowel – Blair Burns, Charlie Corry, Ethel Corry, Shirley Cossitt, Deanne Cressman, Hartley Fischer, Brenda Mayes, Earle Mayes, Mary McCue, Chris Nauta, Rudy Nauts, Alice Sjaarda, George Sjaarda and Mac Thompson

**REGRETS:**

**Ministers:** L. Bell, A. Botha, J. Hamalainen, M. Gaskin, M. Richardson

**Representative and Equalizing Elders:** S. Grimwood

**Ministers on the Appendix:** M. Whitson, A. McGillivray

**W.M.S.:** K. McGillivray

**WORSHIP AND CONSTITUTION:**

The Moderator, The Rev. Dr. Brice Martin provided the worship. Hymns included (from the 1972 book), #278 Glory be to God The Father and # 173 And Can It Be? Scripture reading were taken from Colossians 1:3-8 and the Message was titled "The Gospel".

He then did then Constitute the Court with prayer.

**DOCKET:**

Neil Stewart/N. St. Louis moved the acceptance of the Docket as printed. *CARRIED.*

**MINUTES:**

R. Rowat/G. Scott moved the adoption of the Minutes of April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 as printed. *CARRIED.*

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**CALL TO THE REV, DONALD MCCALLUM FROM KNOX LISTOWEL:**

K. Vandermey/L. Ashfield moved that the representatives from The Presbytery of Huron-Perth be invited to sit and correspond. *CARRIED.*

**TERMS OF THE CALL:**

Knox Listowel has been vacant for three years since the departure of the Reverend M. Davidson. A 15 member Search Committee was formed and then the Reverend I. Johnston was installed as an Interim Minister for a period of nearly two years. There had been an expression of interest in the vacancy by Reverend McCallum early in the search but it was only after a diligent search that the Search Committee decided to proceed with an invitation to Reverend McCallum to preach for the call. As the call document indicates the numbers supporting the call is very strong.

**Reasons for Translation**

The congregation of the Pastoral Charge of Knox Presbyterian Church, Listowel believe that God is calling the Reverend Donald P. J. McCollum to be the Minister of Word and Sacraments among them for the following reasons. Rev. McCallum possesses:

1. The desired gifts for preaching and teaching
2. A deep desire to preserve the congregation's worship traditions while guiding the charge required to welcome younger generations.
3. The abilities to care for and relate to the concerns of daily life to the congregation
4. The desire to reach out into the community in the Name of Jesus, the Christ;
5. A Strong desire to discern God's will for the congregation's future in cooperation with the Session;
6. The ability to assist and guide existing groups within the church to help them realize their God-given potential;
7. A keen interest in the continued development of his personal faith and study of theology;
8. And, a history of successful ministry that will enable him to deal with the physical and spiritual needs of a multifaceted congregation.

**Guarantee to Presbytery for Minister's Stipend**

We the congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church, Listowel, hereby present to the Presbytery of Huron-Perth, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that the estimated annual revenue of the said congregation of Knox for the maintenance of religious ordinance among ourselves is **three hundred and seventy nine thousand, six hundred and thirty five dollars** (\$379,635.00).

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We hereby agree to pay out of the said revenue, as it shall be collected, and as first charge thereon, to the Rev. Donald P. J. McCallum the annual stipend of **fifty two thousand dollars** (\$52,000.00) which amount is inclusive of annual car or travel allowance, and to provide **thirteen thousand dollars**, (\$13,000.00) annually for housing allowance, plus the cost of utilities. We agree to make payments of the above amounts half-monthly, and we undertake to review the stipend and allowances annually in consideration of any changes in the cost of living or in the needs of our minister. We further engage to use our utmost diligence to the end that The Rev. Donald P. J. McCallum may regularly receive the stipend and allowance herein named.

We agree further:

- 1) to give two weeks study leave annually, and to provide \$1,000.00 allowance, as set by the Presbytery of Huron Perth.
- 2) that the benefits of number 1 above shall be cumulative up to five years.
- 3) to give five weeks paid holidays annually.
- 4) to pay pulpit supply during the periods of study leave and holidays.
- 5) in case of disability or extended illness, to continue to provide stipend, housing allowance, utilities, and other allowances, for a period not less than that set by the General Assembly, and to pay the cost of pulpit supply.

In addition, we will pay the necessary moving expenses to settle the Rev. Donald P. J. McCallum as minister in this congregation. We further agree to provide up to \$1,000.00 for the Pastor's expense fund for receipted expenses such as, books, cell phone, internet service, parking, and such expenses as the Session of Knox Church Listowel, may approve.

It was also indicated that of 770 professing members 631 had subscribed to the call and 69 requested an elder to subscribe to same.

J. Zaryski/K. Vandermey moved that the Call to The Rev. Doanld McCallum be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

M. Gedcke/K. Vandermey moved that the representatives of Knox Presbyterian Church Listowel and Kortright Presbyterian Church Guelph be heard. *CARRIED.*

Don Vickers from Kortright Church Guelph spoke first commenting on how Pastor Don will be missed. He had brought a good fellowship and new groups to the congregation.

The speakers from Knox Listowel were Earl Mayes, Chair of the Search Committee, stating some of the process but also how excited they were to have Pastor Don in their midst and the Interim Moderator, The Rev. Jim Stewart. He was very pleased with the decision.

B. Ashfield/A. Sutherland moved that the Call be sustained as a Regular Gospel Call and placed in the hands of The Rev. Donald McCallum. *CARRIED.*

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The Clerk, Janet MacDowell, placed the Call in the hands of The Rev. McCallum and The Moderator also congratulated him. Pastor Don was advised that he has 7 days to accept but did accept willingly.

The Interim Moderator for Kortright Presbyterian Church Guelph will be The Rev. Wayne Dawes.

**MISSION TRIP UPDATE:**

The Rev. Linda Ashfield introduced Margaret Evans (home congregation St. Andrew's Guelph) and Laura Ashfield (home congregation Knox Waterloo) who have returned from an amazing mission trip. Some of the topics that the girls (ladies) covered were the education for girls in Afghanistan, in Afghanistan 82% of the women are not literate, only 8% of the girls are enrolled in secondary school and some of the ways that we and our congregations may assist. The girls spoke very well with a great deal of information and offered to come to other groups and congregations within the Presbytery to provide more in depth information. Their email addresses are margaret.m.evans@gmail.com and lauraashfield@gmail.com

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The Clerk, Janet MacDowell, reported for The Business Committee.

**Business Committee Report  
May and June 2009**

**1. Correspondence:**

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| 09-061 | From Liane Maki, Pension & Benefits Clerk, requesting assistance with congregational assessments and member pension and group insurance remittances from St. Andrew's Gordonville, Knox's Galt and Knox Conn  | Clerk   |
| 09-062 | From Elizabeth Bartlett, Assembly Office, with Changes to the Roll  | Clerk   |
| 09-063 | From Dorothy Henderson, The Vine and Gordon Haynes, Canada Ministries with 1. a set of 3 workshops and an accompanying dvd of video clips (planned giving, fundraising, governance, vision/strategic planning), 2. a booklet entitled Congregations in Transition and 3. a book entitled Ending with Hope | General |
| 09-064 | From Harry Klassen, Project Coordinator, The Emmaus Project – with applications – please ask  | General |
| 09-065 | From Susan Shaffer, Associate Secretary with information on 'Making The Most of Retirement' November 4-6, 2009 at Crieff  | General |
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| 09-066 | From Anne Miller, Administrative Assistant,<br>The Centre for Clergy Care with information on<br>'Starting Well' – June 15 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2009   | Education, Issues and<br>Fellowship |
| 09-067 | From The Elders' Institute with the e-News  | General                             |
| 09-068 | From Katherine Masterton, Justice Ministries,<br>with information on the appointment (of our<br>own) Laura Ashfield to an internship with<br>Project Ploughshares   | Mission and Outreach                |
| 09-069 | From Marty Molengraaf saying that Duff's<br>Church moved a motion to support Barb<br>Molengraaf in her studies towards becoming a<br>Minister of Word and Sacraments within The<br>Presbyterian Church in Canada        | Ministry                            |
| 09-070 | From Rick Fee, Life and Mission Agency<br>requesting The Presbytery release Tori Smit<br>from her responsibilities in order to accept the<br>position of Associate Secretary, The Vine                                  | Congregational Affairs              |
| 09-071 | From Stephen Allen, Justice Ministries with<br>information on a national gathering at<br>University of Waterloo by KAIRS/Canadian<br>Ecumenical Justice Initiatives June 18 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2009 | Mission and Outreach                |
| 09-72  | from L. Glennys Stewart, Clerk of Session,<br>Duff's Church, with Session support for<br>Barbara Molengraaf and her studies at Knox<br>College.   | Ministry                            |

**1. Matters to Note:**

- a) The Business Committee will meet on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at 1000 hours within Westminster-St. Paul's Guelph. Outreach to provide refreshments.
- b) **Very overdue Statistical Reports** due from: Church of the Lord, Presbyterian Waterloo
- c) **Overdue Representative, Alternate and Equalizing Elder Forms** due from: Livingston Baden, Knox's Galt (1/2), Knox Elora, St. Andrew's Alma, St. Andrew's Fergus, Doon Kitchener, Church of the Lord, Presbyterian, St. Andrew's Mount Forest, Knox Drayton (1/2), Knox Waterloo (1/2), Waterloo North and Chalmers Winterbourne
- d) **Changes:** *Brian Banks* 79 Donnenworth Drive Kitchener N2G 2W6 519-954-2798

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**2. Recommendations:**

- A. That the actions of The Business Committee in assigning the correspondence as designated, be homologated.
- B. That The Rev. Angus Sutherland be elected as Moderator of The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington for the year 2009/2010.
- C. That the Commissioners to The 135<sup>th</sup> Meeting of The Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda be:  
**Ministers:** The Rev. Dr. Brice Martin and The Rev. Nan St. Louis  
**Representative Elders:** Ross Rowat (St. Andrew's Guelph) and Wilma Welsh (Knox Guelph and Moderator Designate)
- D. That The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington release Mrs. Tori Smit from her responsibilities within Knox Guelph and The Presbytery. Effective end date at Knox Guelph will be September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and effective start date in new position is October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and

B. Ashfield/A. Foster moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

B. Ashfield/A. Foster moved Recommendation A. *CARRIED.*

B. Ashfield/A. Foster moved Recommendation B. *CARRIED.*

B. Ashfield/A. Foster moved Recommendation C. *CARRIED.*

B. Ashfield/A. Foster moved Recommendation D.

Folks from Knox Presbyterian Church Guelph were given permission to speak if they wished. Jessie Bush, Clerk of Session, was to speak but was on the way to the hospital with another Presbyter so Judy Steer spoke saying the wonderful work that Tori had provided for the congregation – including Logos and how much she would be missed once she headed off to 50 Wynford.

Motion *CARRIED.*

**Report as a Whole:**

B. Ashfield/A. Foster moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**General Assembly:**

The Rev. Donald McCallum, Convenor spoke about the week away at Assembly and the 'family' feel to it. If anyone would like copies of these reports, please email or speak to the Clerk.

**W.M.S. Annual Report:**

Please see the report at the end of the Minutes.

**Congregational Affairs Committee:**

No report.

**Ministry Committee:**

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

N. St. Louis/J. McDougall moved that the report be received and considered.

*CARRIED.*

N. St. Louis/J. McDougall moved that Mike Burns, Raphael Vallejo, Richard Warne and Dara Thompson Goulet be re-certified to continue their studies towards Ministry of Word and Sacraments.

K. Wübbenhorst and Robert Renton asked that the motion be split.

N. S. Louis/J. McDougall moved that Mike Burns, Raphael Vallejo and Richard Warne be re-certified to continue their studies towards Ministry of Word and Sacraments. *CARRIED.*

J-P Smit/A. Sutherland moved that Dara Thompson Goulet be re-certified to continue her studies towards Ministry of Word and Sacraments and that the Presbytery encourage her to transfer her certificate to the Presbytery in which she resides. *DEFEATED.*

Amended Motion: N. St. Louis/J. McDougall moved that Dara Thompson Goulet be re-certified to continue her studies towards Ministry of Word and Sacraments.

*CARRIED.*

After much discussion regarding a workshop on spirituality, it was agreed to leave the matter for the new committee, since there are a number of projects already on the go for the fall.

The list from the committee on education and reception was reviewed and is available for anyone who wishes to peruse it.

There are possibly two future interviews for certification to take place in the next month or two but these have not been scheduled yet. That is all from the ministry committee.

**Report as a Whole:**

N. St. Louis/J. McDougall moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

**Education, Issues and Fellowship Committee:**

No report.

**Mission and Outreach Committee:**

Brooke Ashfield, convenor, asked Jeff Veenstra to speak about an upcoming fundraiser.

Jeff Veenstra spoke about a Presbytery-wide PWS&D walk/run/bikeathon that will be taking place on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. There was a wonderful brochure available for each congregation provided and Jeff Veenstra will be speaking more about this at the September Presbytery meeting.

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**IAND Committee:**

No report.

**Good News Report from Waterloo North:**

Robert Sinasac and Mary Ann Koeslag provided a wonderful, positive and enlightening good news report from Waterloo North – please check out the appendices.

**ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION:**

K. Vandermey moved adjournment.

Benediction prayers included those for Eleanor Fairbairn, Angus McGillivray and those retiring Elders.

The Court was adjourned to meet in Emergent Session on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Guelph. The Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the purpose to Process a Call from Knox Presbyterian Church Oakville. There may also be a second Call to Process that eve.

Also to meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Doon Presbyterian Church Kitchener. Supper (I am led to believe it will be roast beef?) will be at 6:00 p.m. with Worship, Communion and Business Meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m.

There may also be 2 other Special Meetings over the summer – one for Ordination of Jacqui Foxall (date to be confirmed – may be different than previously mentioned) and possibly another for an Induction – stay tuned.

Have a great summer!!!

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Moderator

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Clerk

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