

Knox-Calvin Presbyterian Church 3891
Harrison, Ontario
June 17th, 2008

DATE AND PLACE:

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in Regular Session within Knox-Calvin Presbyterian Church, Harriston on Tuesday June 17th, 2008. A wonderful dinner of turkey and beef, scalloped potatoes, etc was served prior to some homemade pies! Brooke Ashfield thanked the cooks, servers and home congregation for their hospitality and great food.

ATTENDANCE:

Ministers: B. Ashfield, L. Bell, J. Borthwick, A. Botha, D. Carrothers, P. Garrison, M. Gedcke (Moderator), C. Kay, T. Kay, J. Hamalainen, B. Martin., M. Molengraaf, M. Richardson, R. Sinasac, J. Smit, R. Spencer, N. St. Louis, A. Sutherland, K. Vandermey, J. Veenstra, D. Wright, K. Wübbenhorst

Representative Elders: L. Arbuckle, M. Blake, G. Cober, J. Crane, J. DeSchiffart, M. Koeslag, G. MacRobbie, L. Moir, J. Patterson, R. Renton, R. Rowat, L. Samis, Glennys Stewart, Neil Stewart, E. Suggit, D. Vickers, W. Welsh,

Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll: A. Bethune, L. Cowper, M. Whitson

Alternate Representative Elders: G. Forsyth, J. Geddes, M. Hunter, A. Isaac, J. Kerr, I. Richardson, G. Schieven.

Students for the Ministry: J. Foxall

Observers and Committee Members: L. van Mossel

W.M.S.: J. Godin, M. Johnston, Phyllis Stewart

Retired Missionaries: B. Geddes, J. Geddes

Clerk: J. MacDowell (Clerk)

Guests: Larissa Budd (Community Justice Initiatives) Cal MacLeod

REGRETS:

Ministers: L. Ashfield, M. Lewis, L. Paquette, T. Smit,

Representative Elders: A. Foster, S. Grimwood, M. Lamont, J. Zaryski

Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll: W. McLean

Alternate Representative Elders: E. Fairbairn, E. MacEachern

Candidates for Ordination: S. McAllister

WORSHIP AND CONSTITUTION:

The Rev. Mark Gedcke led the worship. The message title was 'Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread' focusing on the need for forgiveness and reconciliation, and highlighted the apology of the Prime Minister and the gracious response of Native leaders like Mary Simon and Phil Fontaine. The scripture for this message was taken from Matthew 6:9-15. Hymns, under the wonderful direction John DeSchiffart, were 'Let All The World In Every Corner Sing' and 'Lord Of All Power'. The Moderator, The Rev. Mark Gedcke, did then constitute the Court in the name of Jesus Christ, the King and only Head of the Church.

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The Moderator warmly welcomed all in attendance and then called for introductions. Dennis Wright introduced those from the host congregation including 2 elders and The Clerk of Session, Iris Richardson. Mark Gedcke rewelcomed Aileen Isaac and Janet MacDowell introduced Larissa Budd who would be speaking later. Bob Renton introduced George Forsyth, alternate elder from Westminster-St. Paul's in Guelph.

DOCKET:

N. St. Louis/J. Patterson moved the adoption of the Docket as printed. *CARRIED.*

MINUTES:

N. St. Louis/J. Patterson moved the adoption of the Minutes of May 4th, 2008 and May 13th, 2008. *CARRIED.*

STATED HOUR:

Larissa Budd from Community Justice Initiatives, spoke providing information, pictures and many opportunities that are available. Grand Valley Institution is located in Kitchener and has a program on Tuesday evening working with medium and minimum security women.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

**Business Committee Report
May and June 2008**

1. Correspondence:

08-049	From Terrie-Lee Hamilton with acknowledgement receipt of one replacement commissioner	Clerk
08-050	From John Vissers, Principal of Presbyterian College, with an update on Dara Thompson Goulet	Ministry
08-051	From Brooke Ashfield, with a copy of the letter from The Committee on Church Architecture stating that the plans are approved for Knox Waterloo	Congregational Affairs
08-052	From Stephen Allen, Justice Ministries, with information on Healing and Reconciliation Resources	Outreach

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08-053	From Terrie-Lee Hamilton with acknowledgement receipt of another replacement commissioner	Clerk
08-054	From Margaret Henderson, Ministry & Church Vocations, stating that Michael Burns has attended a Guidance Conference	Ministry
08-055	From Sidney Chang, requesting permission to remain on the Appendix of The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington while he spends one year in Taiwan working as a Volunteer Missionary	Clerk
08-056	From Lynda Pinnington, Clerk of Session, Central Church Cambridge with a request for assistance in funding for a bullying workshop – open to the Presbytery	Education, Issues and Fellowship
08-057	From Barb Summers, PWS&D, with prayers for Maynmar	Outreach
08-058	From Dale Woods, Director of Pastoral Studies, with an update on Peggy Kipfer including all the recent awards that she has won	Ministry
08-059	From Gary Flaxbard, with all the information and registration for Superstars	Education, Issues and Fellowship
08-060	From Brooke Ashfield, with information on The Cooke's Fund	Outreach
08-061	From Barb Summers, PWS&D with a bulletin insert on Myanmar Emergency Relief	Outreach
08-062	From Scott McAllister with a thank you for the grant from Presbytery and all the emotional and spiritual support he has received	Clerk
08-063	From Gary Flaxbard, with a reminder about Superstars	Education, Issues and Fellowship
08-064	From Barb Summers, PWS&D with information that the Canadian Government will match donations made to PWS&D	Outreach
08-065	From Gary Flaxbard with notification that Superstars has been cancelled for 2008	Education, Issues and Fellowship

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| 08-066 | From Stephen Farris, Vancouver School of Theology, with information to appoint a professor of Reformed Theology or of Reformation History | Business Committee |
| 08-067 | From Susan Shaffer, Education and Reception stating that Richard Warne complete 2 semesters in Arts and 6 semesters of theological study | Ministry |
| 08-068 | From Susan Shaffer, Education and Reception stating permission has been granted to The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington to examine Sam Lee for certification for ordination, subject to satisfactory completion of 3 semesters of theological study | Ministry |

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2. Matters to Note:

- a) The **Business Committee** will meet on Thursday, September 4th, 2008 at 1000 hours within Knox Waterloo Presbyterian Church. Ministry to provide refreshments.
- b) **Overdue Statistical Reports:** Chalmers Winterbourne and Knox Palmerston
- c) **Representative Elder forms** were due May 13th, Still awaiting Knox's Galt, St. Andrew's Alma, St. Andrew's Fergus, Knox Palmerston and Knox Waterloo
- d) **Assessments not paid** – first and second quarter for Church of the Lord and Conn. ADD and Trust Fund not paid by Calvin Kitchener.
- e) **Changes:** *Scott McAllister* 171 Sherwood Cres., Dorchester N0L 1G3 (519) 268-3174
- f) The following congregation has had their **Session Minutes** attested cum nota 'with notes'

Chalmers Winterbourne

3. Recommendations:

- A) That the actions of The Business Committee in assigning the correspondence as designated, be homologated.
- B) That the certificate for The Rev. Sidney Chang remain on The Appendix to the Roll of The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington.
- C) That The Rev. Dr. Brice Martin be elected as Moderator of The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington for the year 2008/2009.
- D) That the Commissioners to The 134th Meeting of The Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda to be held at Crieff Hills on October 20/21st, 2008 be
Ministers: Mark Gedcke and Wayne Dawes
Representative Elders: Wilma Welsh and Grant Scott
- E) That The Memorial for The Rev. Bert Young be spread in the Minutes and sent to The Presbyterian Record.

Rev. Wilbert Lawrence Young, B.A., B.D.

"Bert" Young was born in Elderslie Township, Bruce County, on July 14, 1923. He graduated from Chesley High School, University of Toronto and Knox College. He was ordained in 1949 in the Salem Church, Elderslie, his home congregation..

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He served pastorates at Fallingbrook church, Toronto: First Church, Pictou, N.S.: First Church, Collingwood; and St. Andrew's, Hamilton. Bert was called to be the first General Secretary of the newly formed Board of Congregational Life, serving in that capacity for 10 years - 1973-83. He returned to the pastorate at Caledonia, Ontario, until retirement in 1989.

Bert was a distinguished minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He served on many committees and boards of his denomination. In 1968, he represented the Board of Evangelism and Social Action at the first World Congress on Evangelism held in Berlin.

Bert and Velma remained active in retirement, giving pastoral support, wise counsel, and teaching lay development. Upon returning to Hamilton in 2000, they became members of Chedoke Church, where Bert was honoured and named Minister Emeritus. For the past three years they attended Knox church, Crieff.

During his ministry at Collingwood, Bert bought his grandfather's farm overlooking the Sugeen River in Bruce County. The farm became the gathering point for the Young family and a host of friends over the years. Bert went to be with his Lord on April 30, 2008, after a lengthy illness. It was fitting that his funeral should take place in the familiar surroundings that he loved so much. A service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance was held at Tolmie Memorial Church, Port Elgin, on May 5, 2008, conducted by the Rev. Chuck Moon and the Rev. Dr. Alex McCombie, a long-time friend. The burial took place at Sanctuary Park, Port Elgin.

Bert is survived by Velma, his wife of almost 60 years, daughters Jane, Mary, Nancy, Peggy, son Stephen, a sister Edith, eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother Hardy

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

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

N. St. Louis/B. Martin moved Recommendation B. M. Molengraaf/M. Richardson amended to add the words informally recognize and correspond on a regular basis. The Moderator ruled this out of order.

N. St. Louis/B. Martin moved Recommendation B. *CARRIED.*

N. St. Louis/L. Bell moved Recommendation C. *CARRIED.*

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

N. St. Louis/B. Martin moved Recommendation E. *CARRIED.*

Report as a Whole:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The 134th General Assembly Report:

Jeff Veenstra, Convenor, reported for the group.

Jeff Veenstra reported that in some areas the Assembly was somewhat the 'norm' but spoke of aspects of the 6 days that affected all the most – such as reconciliation.

WMS Annual Presbyterial Report:

Wilma Welsh reported for the WMS as Kathleen McGillivray was unable to attend.

The report is appended to these Minutes.

Outreach Committee:

Brooke Ashfield, Convenor, reported for the committee.

B. Ashfield/J. Patterson moved that the report be received and considered.
CARRIED.

Notice of Motion given at the May meeting.

B. Ashfield/J. Patterson moved that \$3000 from the Development fund be given to support the Mission Project at Knox Presbyterian Church, Guelph. *CARRIED.*

Report as a Whole:

B. Ashfield/J. Patterson moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

Congregation Affairs Committee:

Jeff Veenstra, Convenor pro tem, reported that there was no report.

Ministry Committee:

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

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

Leading With Care Report – submitted by Linda Paquette

The Presbytery Leading With Care Committee has been given the task of keeping in touch with congregations within its bounds concerning the implementation and review of this program. Many congregations have implemented LWC, some are still in the process of doing this, some individuals are reluctant, perhaps unable to understand the need for such a program. As a committee, we are to address questions and concerns. In order to do this, a workshop was held at St. Andrew's Hespeler, Cambridge on the morning of May 10th. Twenty-six people gathered representing 8 Churches. There were people

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from all 4 quadrants. Groups and individuals within the Presbytery are also welcome to contact people on this committee.

After devotions with Arnold Bethune, The Rev. Lynda Reid, Synod Educational Consultant, began the morning bringing her expertise having worked with many Churches in this Synod. Then the group was divided into 2, orientation led by Joni Smith and evaluation led by Gary Flaxbard and Arnold Bethune. There were many good questions and comments. It was a climate in which we all learned from each other.

We do thank St. Andrew's Hespeler, Cambridge for their wonderful hospitality. We strongly encourage Ministers and Diaconal Ministers to give a copy of their Police Records Check to The Clerk of Presbytery.

Study Leave:

Don McCallum: Study leave the week of next Presbytery. Am taking the 'Holy Conversations: Strategic Planning as a Spiritual Practice for Congregations' course at Conrad Grebel that week.

Linda Paquette: I am going on one week of study leave starting May 27 at Presbyterian College for the 'Heart, Mind and Soul Conference

Mark Gedcke: study leave at Hartford Seminary in Connecticut. The course itself is from Sunday, June 22 to Friday, June 27. It is entitled 'Building Abrahamic Partnerships II'. People from Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths will share in this course together.

Recertification of Students:

N. Stewart/E. Suggit moved that Michael Burns be recertified as a candidate for Minister of Word and Sacraments. *CARRIED.*

B. Martin/L. Arbuckle moved that Jacqui Foxall be recertified as a candidate for Minister of Word and Sacraments. *CARRIED.*

N. Stewart/B. Martin moved that Samuel Lee be recertified as a candidate for Minister of Word and Sacraments. *CARRIED.*

Dara Thompson Goulet – the committee anticipate a meeting with her to discuss her future goals re: her studies and have no recommendation at this time.

Candidates coming before the Education and Reception Committee: anyone wishing to examine the list, please speak with the Convenor. Otherwise, we know of no objections regarding any of the candidates.

Report as a Whole:

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

IAND Committee:

Marty Molengraaf, Convenor, reported for the committee.

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Marty reported that as of today, there have been 5 Churches apply through the Presbytery for a \$400 grant to be used towards Natural Church Development. Those participating are reporting positive experiences. We encourage all Churches within the Presbytery to take the survey. It is available through John Peter Smit.

Education, Issues and Fellowship:

Karla Wübbenhorst, Convenor, reported for the committee.

K. Wübbenhorst/T. Kay moved that the report be received and considered.

CARRIED.

K. Wübbenhorst/T. Kay moved that the Court move into Committee of a Whole with Mark Gedcke as Convenor and Janet MacDowell as Clerk. *CARRIED.* This is in order to allow greater freedom in discussion.

Thomas Kay provided some background information on why the EIF Committee had been looking to a modified model within the Court of Presbytery. The changes had been mailed to all the Presbytery twice prior to this meeting. There were 13 different speakers (some spoke more than once) with pros and cons of the process.

There were concerns around different timing issues but the main topic seemed to be 'how can we build friendships within the Presbytery, have this work and work well together as a Presbytery'.

T. Kay/J. Borthwick moved that this report, in light of the comments made, be sent back to The Education, Issues and Fellowship Committee for further consideration. *CARRIED.*

M. Molengraaf/A. Sutherland moved that the report of The Committee of a Whole, be the motion before the court now. *CARRIED.*

Return to Presbytery from Committee of a Whole.

Report as a Whole:

K. Wübbenhorst/T. Kay moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

New Business:

The Moderator asked retiring Elders to stand. There were none present – the Moderator thanked all the Ministers and Elders for the time, talent and devotion as well as hard work.

Marty Molengraaf spoke of 2 Mission trips that will be occurring in July and provided information on how all may assist.

ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION:

Jim Patterson moved adjournment. Benediction prayer included pastoral concerns for Margaret Dudgeon, Eleanor Fairbairn and the family of J.J. Harrold Morris

The Court was adjourned to meet in Regular Session within St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Arthur on Tuesday, September 9th, 2008. Supper will be at

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6:00 p.m. with worship, communion service and meeting beginning promptly at
7:00 p.m.

Moderator

Clerk

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