

Westminster-St. Paul's Presbyterian Church  
Guelph, Ontario  
March 11, 2008

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**DATE AND PLACE:**

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 within Westminster-St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Guelph Ontario. Wonderful refreshments were served prior to the meeting.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**Representative Elders:** Blake, M., Cober, G., Crane, J., deGroot, J., DeSchiffart, J., Koeslag, M., Grimwood, S., Howell, I., Israel, A., Lamont, M., MacRobbie, G., Moir, L., Patterson, J., Renton, R., Rowat, R., Samis, L., Scott, G., Stewart, G., Stewart, N., Stinson, T., Suggit, E., Vickers, D., Welsh, W., Zaryski, J.

**Ministers on the Appendix:** Cowper, L., Whitson, M.

**Alternate Representative Elders:** Cleghorn, H., Fairbairn, E., Hunter, M., Ingram, G.

**Candidates for Ordination:** Dimock, K., McAllister, S.

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

**WMS:** Stewart, P.

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

**Guests:** Ron Charie, Deb Schlichter, Tupper Cawsey, Grant Birks, George MacAskill, David Blake, Shirley Carter from Knox Waterloo. Steve Garrison, Janelle Garrison, Don and Jane McLeod, Frank Kivell, Margaret DeBrusk from St. Giles Cambridge. Emily Finney, Margaret Lewis from India Mission trip.

**Regrets:**

**Ministers:** Botha, A., Richardson, M.

**Representative Elders:** Foster, A., Whetham, R.

**Alternate Representative Elders:** Goudy, P.

**WMS:** Godin, J., Johnston, M.

**WORSHIP AND CONSTITUTION:**

The Moderator, The Rev. Mark Gedcke led the worship taking his text from John 20:11-18 (read by Monica Blake) with the message 'Searching for hope at The United States/Mexico Border'. The music was led by John DeSchiffart on the piano singing hymns Holy, Holy, Holy and Jesus Is Risen From The Dead. The Moderator 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 everyone and called for introductions. Mark Lewis introduced the newly inducted Janice Hamalainen – Minister of Pastoral Care at St. Andrew's Kitchener. Penny Garrison introduced the group from St. Giles Cambridge. Monica Blake introduced the group from Knox Waterloo.

**DOCKET:**

Molengraaf/Bell moved that, with the addition of a report from the IAND Committee, the Docket be accepted as printed.

*CARRIED.*

**MISSION TRIP TO INDIA:**

Wilma Welsh provided us with a wonderful presentation of the recent mission trip to India including 6 from The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington along with Sara Travis and her father. We saw pictures of the new Pediatric CCU at the hospital in Jobat in memory of Sam Travis-Miller.

**CALL – ST. GILES CAMBRIDGE**

Linda Ashfield reported.

L. Ashfield/St. Louis moved that report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

L. Ashfield/St. Louis moved that the actions of the Interim Moderator, to this point, be approved. *CARRIED.*

Linda Ashfield presented the Call.

**REASONS FOR TRANSLATION:**

On June 9, 2002, The Rev. Penny Garrison, was Called as the Minister of Word and Sacraments under appointment, to St. Giles Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, Ontario. This was a three year appointment. Then, in June of 2005, she was re-appointed for another three years which expires this June. St. Giles is now financially able to extend a Call.

With this in mind, The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington, appointed The Rev. Cathy Kay as Interim Moderator to work with the Session and Minister to consider the options before them. On November 22, 2007, I (Cathy Kay) interviewed The Rev. Penny Garrison and then on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007 met with the Session. The Session, at that time, considered the options of whether to extend a Call to The Rev. Garrison; or to accept the end of her appointment and seek a new Minister.

Unanimously the Session decided to recommend to the congregation that a Call be extended by the congregation to The Rev. Penny Garrison.

A congregational meeting was held following worship on January 6, 2008 where they voted to insert the name of The Rev. Penny Garrison into the Call.

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### **GUARANTEE OF STIPEND**

We, the congregation of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Cambridge present to The Presbytery of Waterloo- Wellington of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that the estimated annual revenue of the said congregation for the maintenance of religious ordinance among ourselves is one hundred and eighteen thousand, four hundred and one dollars, fifty cents (118,401.50).

We hereby agree to pay out of the said revenue, as it shall be collected, and as first charge thereon, to the Rev. Penny Garrison the annual stipend of thirty-six thousand, eight hundred thirteen dollars (\$36,813). We agree to make payments of the above 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. Penny Garrison may regularly receive the stipend and allowance herein named.

We further agree to provide you with the following:

Housing Allowance of \$18,457.56, annually including the cost of utilities.

To give two weeks study leave annually, and to provide 600 dollars.

The foregoing benefits shall be cumulative up to five years.

To give six weeks holiday annually.

To pay supply during the periods of study leave and holidays.

In case of disability or extended illness, to continue to provide stipend, accommodation and allowances for a period not less than that set by the General Assembly, and to pay the cost of pulpit supply during such period.

To enroll the minister in the Presbytery's Group Insurance Plan.

### **ATTESTATION OF THE CALL BY THE INTERIM MODERATOR**

I hereby certify that in pursuance of appointment of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington, this Call has been moderated in, and that out of a total number of 116 professing members, 92 have themselves subscribed and 14 have requested an Elder to subscribe to same.

Approx. 91.4% of professing members

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Reverend Catherine Kay  
Interim Moderator

Place: St. Giles Presbyterian Church,  
Cambridge  
Date: February 14, 2008

### **ATTESTATION OF CONCURRENCE BY THE INTERIM MODERATOR**

I hereby certify that in pursuance of appointment of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington, this Call has this day been moderated in, and that the adherents of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, to the number of 28 adults and 32 children and teens have themselves signed this concurrence in the Call to the Rev. Penny Garrison is attested by me.

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Reverend Catherine Kay  
Interim Moderator

Place: St. Giles Presbyterian Church,  
Cambridge  
Date: February 14, 2008

L. Ashfield/St. Louis moved that the Call to The Rev. Penny Garrison from the congregation of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Cambridge Ontario be received and considered and that representation from St. Giles be heard.

*CARRIED.*

Mr. Donald McLeod and Frank Kivell, Clerk of Session at St. Giles, spoke very highly of Penny Garrison and couldn't imagine being without her.

L. Ashfield/St. Louis moved that the guarantee of stipend be deemed acceptable.

*CARRIED.*

L. Ashfield/St. Louis moved that the Call be sustained as a Regular Gospel Call.

*CARRIED.*

The Clerk presented Penny with the Call – which Penny accepted immediately.

**Arrangements:** The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington will meet on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 within St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Cambridge Ontario. Presbytery will meet at 2:30 p.m. with worship and induction service beginning at 3:00 p.m.

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

L. Ashfield/St. Louis moved the adoption of the report as a whole.

*CARRIED.*

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**KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WATERLOO:**

A contingent from Knox Church, Waterloo (David Blake, spokesperson) did a wonderful presentation providing the Court with information on their new building venture. This exciting talk included a power point presentation with information, pictures and financial planning. Motions are included in the Congregational Affairs Committee Report.

**MINUTES:**

Bell/Crane moved the adoption of the Minutes of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008. *CARRIED.*

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

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

**Business Committee Report  
January, February, March 2008**

**1. Correspondence:**

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| 08-001 | From Stephen Allen, Associate Secretary, Justice Ministries with information on a forum for racial and ethnic minority persons   | Outreach               |
| 08-002 | From Alexis McKeown, Program & Marketing Coordinator for WMS with information on resources for worship   | Outreach               |
| 08-003 | From Laurel Church Campus Board of Directors requesting assistance in sending representatives from Waterloo North Presbyterian Church  | Congregational Affairs |
| 08-004 | From Peter Bush, Convenor, Regional Staff Search Committee, Synod of Manitoba and North Western Ontario with information on a position available for ordained clergy (no date) | General                |
| 08-005 | From Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Assembly Office with acknowledgement receipt of Remit A  | Clerk                  |
| 08-006 | From Kenneth Kim, PWS&D with information on ways donations are making a difference   | Outreach               |

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| 08-007 | From Barb Summers, PWS&D with emergency appeal – violence in Kenya   | Outreach                         |
| 08-008 | From Reuben St. Louis CY09 and YIM Coordinator, with information on CY09   | Education, Issues and Fellowship |
| 08-009 | From Brad Blaikie, second year student at Knox College, exploring the possibilities of a student appointment throughout his third year   | Students Candidates Coordinator  |
| 08-010 | From Penny Garrison, with information on a Presbytery Wide Youth Worship Event and a reminder of the date for Presbyterians Sharing Allocations  | Education, Issues and Fellowship |
| 08-011 | From Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Assembly Office with notification of receipt of 31 ballots for Moderator of the 134 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly   | Clerk                            |
| 08-012 | From Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Assembly Office with notification of receipt of the list of Commissioners to the 134 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly  | Clerk                            |
| 08-013 | From John Hibbs, APCE enclosing brochures entitled “Fan the Flame”   | Education, Issues and Fellowship |
| 08-014 | From Liane Maki, Pension and Benefits Office, requesting assistance with congregational assessment arrears for 2007 from Church of the Lord  | Treasurer                        |
| 08-015 | From Brendan Sheratt, PYPS, with flyers and a mailing list   | Education, Issues and Fellowship |
| 08-016 | From Elizabeth Bartlett, Assembly Office, with Changes to the Roll   | Clerk                            |
| 08-017 | From The Women in Ministry Committee, with information and flyers on a conference/retreat May 27-30, 2008  | Education, Issues and Fellowship |
| 08-018 | From Nan Cressman, Director, Conciliation Services Canada with information on the 16 <sup>th</sup> annual Summer Training Institute for Church Leaders, to be held at Conrad Grebel June 17-19, 2008 | Outreach                         |
| 08-019 | From Brian Fraser, Executive Director of Growing Churches with information to be distributed to Interim Moderators   | Congregational Affairs           |

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| 08-020 | From Thomas Reardon with information on 'A Cross Across America'  | Outreach               |
| 08-021 | From Mary Ann Koeslag, Clerk of Session Waterloo North requesting permission to sell the manse                                      | Congregational Affairs |
| 08-022 | From Mary Ann Koeslag, Clerk of Session Waterloo North with a financial update  | Congregational Affairs |
| 08-023 | From Brooke Ashfield informing the Presbytery of the intention Knox Waterloo Presbyterian Church to proceed with a building project | Congregational Affairs |

**2. Matters to Note:**

- A) The **Business Committee** will meet on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 within Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo. EIF to provide refreshments.
- B) **Commissioners** to Synod to be held October 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 at Crieff Hills Community.  
**Ministers:** Linda Paquette and Wayne Dawes X  
**Alternates:** Mark Gedcke and Thomas Kay  
**Representative Elders:** St. Andrew's Fergus and Knox Guelph X – Wilma Welsh  
**Alternates:** Kortright Guelph and St. Andrew's Guelph  
X = acceptance
- C) **Ballots** for Moderator of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly due no later than March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
- D) The **Statistical Reports** along with a copy of The Annual Report are due **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2008.**  
Awaiting those from:  
St. Andrew's Gordonville, Livingston Baden, Central Cambridge, Knox's Galt, St. Andrew's Galt, St. Andrew's Hespeler, Knox Elora, Calvin Kitchener, Church of the Lord, Presbyterian, St. Andrew's Mount Forest, Knox Palmerston, Knox Drayton, Duff's Puslinch, Rockwood, Knox Waterloo, Waterloo North and Chalmers Winterbourne
- E) **Representative Elder forms** to be returned to The Clerk by May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008.  
Thank you for your prompt response.
- F) Names for **Moderator of The Presbytery** for the year 2008/2009 to be submitted to The Business Committee.
- G) **Changes:** *Marty Molengraaf* mmolengraaf@sympatico.ca *Duff's Church* duffs-church@sympatico.ca *Mary Whitson* fmwhitson51@yahoo.ca

H) The following congregations have had their **Minutes** attested as neatly and correctly kept:

St. Andrew's Gordonville  
St. Andrew's Arthur  
St. Andrew's Fergus  
St. Andrew's Alma  
Knox Conn  
Knox-Calvin Harriston

The following congregation had their Minutes attested 'with notes'

Knox Elora

Knox Palmerston, Knox Drayton, St. Andrew's Mount Forest, did not provide their Minutes

**3. Recommendations:**

- A) That the actions of The Business Committee in assigning the correspondence as designated, be homologated.
- B) That the Commissioners to The 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Ottawa be:  
Ministers: Jeff Veenstra (Convenor), Marty Molengraaf, Thomas Kay, William Bynum, Wayne Dawes and Cathy Kay  
Sessions: St. Andrew's Fergus – Angela VanGrootheest, Knox Preston – Carol White, Doon Kitchener – George Schieven, Knox Conn – Howard Widdis, Knox-Calvin Harriston – Marguerite Burrows, Knox Guelph – Wilma Welsh

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

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

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

The former Moderator, Nan St. Louis, took the Moderator's Chair.

**Overture to 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly** re: Young Adult Representatives and Student Representatives:

Whereas, Young Adult Representatives and Student Representatives



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.

Gedcke/Borthwick moved that the Overture be sent to the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 'simplicitor'. *CARRIED.*

Gedcke/Borthwick moved that the Overture be referred to The Clerks of Assembly in consultation with The Life and Mission Agency. *CARRIED.*

The Moderator, Mark Gedcke returned to the Moderator's Chair.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Ministry Committee:**

Brice Martin reported for the Committee.

The Former Moderator, Nan St. Louis, took the Moderator's Chair.

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

Martin/Suggit moved that The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington write a letter to The Committee on Education and Reception asking them to delete the words 'non-Korean' from their requirements for Certification for Ordination for Samuel Lee.

*CARRIED.*

Martin/Suggit moved that Karen Dimock be certified for ordination by The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington.

*CARRIED.*

Martin/Suggit moved that Scott McAllister be certified for ordination by The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington.

*CARRIED.*

Martin/Suggit moved that Richard Warne be certified as a Candidate for Ministry in The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

*CARRIED.*

**Report as a Whole:**

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

The Moderator, Mark Gedcke, returned to the Moderator's chair.

**Outreach Committee:**

Brooke Ashfield, Convenor, reported information only.

**Congregational Affairs Committee:**

Ian Dudgeon, Convenor, reported for the committee.

Gwen MacRobbie, Knox Crieff, reported that the congregation was now self supporting!

Moir/Brown moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

Moir/Brown moved that The Presbytery give permission to Knox Church Waterloo to obtain a mortgage in the amount of \$500,000.00 (five hundred thousand) secured by the property at 50 Erb Street West Waterloo, for initial and ongoing development costs of a new Church building.

*CARRIED.*

Moir/Brown moved that the Presbytery give permission to Knox Church Waterloo, to forward the schematic plans of a new church building to the Committee on Church Architecture.

*CARRIED.*

Moir/Brown moved that the Congregational Affairs Committee be given 'power to issue' in the matter of preparing and finalizing the Terms of Reference of a Conflict Resolution Consultant for Waterloo North congregation.

*CARRIED.*

**Report as a Whole:**

Moir/Brown moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

**TIME:**

The time being 2130 hours, a vote was taken to continue the meeting.

*CARRIED.*

**Education, Issues and Fellowship Committee:**

Karla Wübbenhorst, Convenor, reported for the committee.  
Wübbenhorst/Rowat moved that the report be received and considered.  
*CARRIED.*

Wübbenhorst/Rowat moved that the EIF Committee's action in formulating and sending a response to Assembly Council re: the Overture on Biennial Assemblies, be homologated. *CARRIED.*

**Report as a Whole:**

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

**IAND Committee:**

Marty Molengraaf, Convenor, reported for the committee  
Vandermey/L. Ashfield moved that the report be received and considered.  
*CARRIED.*

Vandermey/L. Ashfield moved that The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington passionately seeks to serve all its congregations. To aid the well-being and provide a tool for discovering the God-given unique nature of each Church, congregations are requested to participate in The Natural Church Development assessment program.

*CARRIED.*

Vandermey/L. Ashfield moved that if possible, congregation complete the NCD Church profile by the end of April 2008 and The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington give up to \$400 to congregations who request a grant. Further that The IAND Committee have access to the results of each survey as it seeks to fulfill its mandate.

*CARRIED.*

**Report as a Whole:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Linda Bell spoke of the exciting progress of the dedication of the land for their new Church building with many prayers hoping the completion date of 10/10/10.

**ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION:**

Jim Patterson moved adjournment. *CARRIED.*

The Moderator's pastoral prayers included those for Dennis Wright and Ian Dudgeon.

The Moderator adjourned the Court to meet:

1. In Special Session on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 within St. Giles Presbyterian Church

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Cambridge, Ontario. Presbytery will meet at 2:30 p.m. with worship service and

Induction Service for The Rev. Penny Garrison to begin at 3:00 p.m.  
2. In Regular Session within Duff's Church Puslinch on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Refreshments will be at 7:00 p.m. with worship and meeting beginning promptly at  
7:30 p.m.

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Moderator

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Clerk

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