

Calvin Presbyterian Church
Kitchener, Ontario
March 9th, 2010

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DATE AND PLACE:

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 9th, 2010 within Calvin Presbyterian Church, Kitchener, Ontario. The congregation provided Presbyters with varying types of pizza and sweets prior to the meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

Ministers: B. Ashfield, L. Bell, J. Borthwick, C. Brown, W. Dawes, H. Gale, P. Garrison, M. Gaskin, M. Gedcke, B. Martin, M. Molengraaf, L. Paquette, R. Sinasac, J. Smith, N. St. Louis, A. Sutherland (Moderator), D. Whitecross, D. Wright and K. Wübbenhorst

Representative Elders: L. Arbuckle, B. Bonner, L. Brimblecombe, G. Cober, J. DeSchiffart, A. Foster, S. Gascho, J. Godin, P. Graham, P. Hall, I. Howell, M. Hunter, A. Isaac, A. Israel, D. Kim, M. Koeslag, G. MacRobbie, J. McDougall, L. Moir, R. Renton, R. Rowat, L. Samis, G. Scott, E. Suggitt and J. Zaryski

Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll: J. Smith

Alternate Representative Elders: B. Banks, S. Carter, H. Cleghorn, A. McNabb, M. Rife, R. Samis, Glennys Stewart and T. Stinson

Students for Ministry of Word and Sacraments: R. Vallejo

Committee Members: E. Fairbairn, L. Pentelow, M. Pentelow and L. vanMossel

Clerk: J. MacDowell (Clerk)

REGRETS:

Ministers: L. Ashfield, A. Botha, J. Hamalainen, M. Lewis, S. Ma, J. Veenstra

Representative Elders: J. Crane, S. Grimwood, D. Henry, Neil Stewart and W. Welsh

Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll: R. Duncanson and W. McLean

Alternate Representative Elders: S. King

W.M.S.: Phyllis Stewart

WORSHIP AND CONSTITUTION:

The Moderator, The Rev. Angus Sutherland led the Court through Worship – with the message and hymns (Mark Gedcke and Angus Sutherland leading the hymns on their guitars) relating to hands. The Moderator then constituted the Court with prayer.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The Moderator warmly welcomed all and called for introductions. Gwen MacRobbie introduced the newly inducted (to Knox Crieff) The Rev. Jeff L. Smith.

DOCKET:

N. St. Louis/C. Brown moved that the docket be accepted as printed. *CARRIED.*

MINUTES:

G. Scott/N. St. Louis moved the adoption of the Minutes of January 12th, 2010. *CARRIED.*

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BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Clerk, Janet MacDowell, reported for the committee.

**Business Committee Report
January, February and March 2010**

1. Correspondence:

10-001	from Michael Munnik, Convenor of The Board of Directors Nominations, The Presbyterian Record, requesting nominations for its board of directors.	Business Committee
10-002	From Alexis McKeown, Program & Marketing Coordinator W.M.S. with Resources for Mission Awareness Sunday, April 25 th , 2010	Mission and Outreach
10-003	From Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Assembly Office, requesting Presbytery Statistical Information	Clerk
10-004	From Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Assembly Office, with an invitation to make nominations for the agencies and committees of the General Assembly (April 15 th , 2010)	Business Committee
10-005	From Erin Miles, with information on leadership opportunities	Education, Issues and Fellowship
10-006	From Mark Gedcke with information on a Kairos Forum	Mission and Outreach
10-007	From Anne Miller, The Centre for Clergy Care and Congregational Health with information on Take Care: Mid-Career Stretch and Starting Well. Also Making the Most of Retirement (in November)	Ministry
10-008	From Katharine Masterton, Justice Ministries with an update and requests from Justice Ministries and Kairos	Mission and Outreach
10-009	From Glenn Chesnutt, Scotland, wanting to do a pulpit exchange for the summer	Ministry
10-010	From Elders' Institute with information on courses – Serving as a Clerk of Session, Putting a Face to Ruling Eldership and supporting Elders' Institute online	Education, Issues and Fellowship
10-011	From Linda Paquette with application for funding for the addition for Rockwood	Congregational Affairs

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10-012	From Gordon Haynes, Life and Mission Agency, Canada Ministries, with information on the possible funding that might be available to help in having a student for summer – rural and remote congregations	Ministry
10-013	From Barbara Hepburn, Campaign Manager, on the capital campaign for Crieff Hills	Mission and Outreach
10-014	From Stephen Kendall (via Don Muir), Assembly Office with information on Lay Missionaries and The Lord's Supper	Ministry
10-015	From Linda Paquette requesting Presbytery's permission to apply for Cooke's Fund funding	Congregational Affairs
10-016	From Rev. Carolyn McAvoy stating that she has just completed her fifth interim ministry and is available as of March 1 st 2010	Ministry
10-017	From Rev. Ray Hodgson, is now available for Clergy Coaching and Consultations	Ministry
10-018	From Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Assembly Office, with acknowledged receipt of remits.	Clerk
10-019	From Elizabeth Bartlett, Assembly Office with Changes to the Roll	Clerk
10-020	From Rev. Theresa McDonald-Lee, Camp Kintail Director, with a supportive thank you for staff from The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington – Reuben and Katherine St. Louis (Co-Assistant Directors), Brenden Sherratt (LIT Resource Counsellors), Ruth Wright-Gedcke (Camp Crafts Director, Sarah Boyne and Greg Morsink (returning counselors) and Ethan Brown will be a Specialty Director.	General
10-021	From Eleanor Fairbairn, stating plans to retire as Treasurer of Presbytery – effective August 31 st , 2010	Business Committee
10-022	From Elders' Institute with information on Practical Presbyterian Polity, Pre-Assembly Workshops and Pilgrimage, From Noyon to Iona	Education, Issues and Fellowship
10-023	From Mark Gedcke, Calvin Kitchener, with copies of the Minister in Association contract between Calvin and Robert Duncanson, Calvin and Jeff E. Smith	Business Committee

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10-024 From Jessie Bush, Clerk of Session Knox Congregational Affairs
Guelph, requesting that The Presbytery appoint
an Interim Moderator to assist them in hiring a
second ordained staff person

2 Matters to Note:

- A) The Business Committee will meet on Thursday, March 4th, 2010 within Westminster-St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Guelph. Time: 1000 hours. Ministry to provide refreshments.
- B) **Commissioners to Synod** to be held October 18th/19th 2010 within Crieff Hills Community:
Ministers: Jeff Veenstra and Marty Molengraaf
Alternates: David Whitecross and Aubrey Botha
Representative Elders: Westminster-St. Paul's Guelph – Bob Renton X and Knox-Calvin Harriston – Jim Zaryski (declined) Wilma Welsh – Moderator X
- C) **Changes:** *Calvin Brown* cbbrown@bell.net
- D) **Ballots for Moderator** of The 136th General Assembly are due no later than March 15th, 2010.
- E) Statistical Reports are due from **ALL CONGREGATIONS** by the end of February. This is to include a copy of your annual report. Thank you to Gale Elmira for being first this year with the Report and to Knox Palmerston for being first with both the Statistical Report and Annual Report.
Still anxiously awaiting..... St. Andrew's Hespeler Cambridge, Knox-Elora, St. Andrew's Guelph, Westminster-St. Paul's Guelph, Knox-Calvin Harriston, Calvin Kitchener, Church of the Lord Waterloo, Knox Waterloo and Waterloo North. (some were handed in that eve).
- F) **Representative Elder forms** are due to The Clerk by May 11th, 2010.
- G) The following congregations have had their Minutes attested as **neatly and correctly kept:** Knox Palmerston, St. Andrew's Arthur, St. Andrew's Fergus, St. Andrew's Alma, Knox Conn, Knox Drayton, Knox-Calvin Harriston and St. Andrew's Gordonville.
The following congregations have had their Minutes attested **cum nota (with notes):**
Knox Elora and St. Andrew's Mount Forest

2. Recommendations:

- a) That the actions of The Business Committee in assigning correspondence, be homogated.
- b) That The Rev. Dr. Aubrey Botha be nominated by The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington to The Doctrine Committee.

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- c) That The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington, accept the resignation/retirement of Eleanor Fairbairn as treasurer, with regrets.
- d) That the Committee to search for a new treasurer be Andrew Foster (Convenor), Janet MacDowell and Eleanor Fairbairn.
- e) That Andrew Foster be nominated by The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington to The Committee on Ecumenical Relations.
- f) That the agreement between The Rev. Robert Duncanson and Calvin Presbyterian Church as Minister in Association be approved.
- g) That the agreement between The Rev. Jeff E. Smith and Calvin Presbyterian Church as Minister in Association be approved.
- h) That the response to Biennial Assemblies from The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington be forwarded to Church Offices.

N. St. Louis/A. Foster moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

N. St. Louis/A. Foster moved Recommendation A. *CARRIED.*

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

N. St. Louis/A. Foster moved Recommendation C. *CARRIED.*

N. St. Louis/K. Wübbenhorst moved Recommendation D. *CARRIED.*

N. St. Louis/A. Foster moved Recommendation E. *CARRIED.*

N. St. Louis/A. Foster moved Recommendation F.

Amendment – M. Molengraaf/J. Borthwick moved Recommendation F be sent back to The Congregational Affairs Committee. *WITHDRAWN.*

N. St. Louis/A. Foster moved Recommendation F. *CARRIED.*

N. St. Louis/A. Foster moved Recommendation G. *CARRIED.*

N. St. Louis/A. Foster moved Recommendation H. Agreed that this would be dealt with in The Education, Issues and Fellowship Committee.

N. St. Louis/A. Foster moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Outreach Committee:

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

N. St. Louis/P. Hall moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

The report was received for information – please see appendices.

N. St. Louis/P. Hall moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

Congregational Affairs Committee:

The Rev. Brooke Ashfield, Convenor, reported for the committee.

B. Ashfield/M. Gedcke moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

B. Ashfield/M. Gedcke moved that The Presbytery approved the changes to Standing Orders Appendix I which a notice of motion had previously been provided.

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B. Ashfield/M. Gedcke moved that The Presbytery approve the application for \$20,000 (twenty thousand) from the Cooke's Fund by Rockwood Presbyterian Church for their new addition. *CARRIED.*

B. Ashfield/M. Gedcke moved that The Presbytery approve The Pockwood Presbyterian Church's application seeking \$30,000 (thirty thousand) of the Waterloo-Wellington's Presbytery Development Fund, with \$20,000 (twenty thousand) as a grant and \$10,000 (ten thousand) as an interest free loan in support of their new addition, such funds to be made available once approval is received from The Committee of Church Architecture of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

H. Gale/J. Borthwick moved that this recommendation be referred back to Congregational Affairs Committee. *CARRIED.*

B. Ashfield/M. Gedcke moved that The Presbytery approve The Rockwood Presbyterian Church application seeking \$20,000 (twenty thousand) from The Canada Ministry Small Community Fund. *CARRIED.*

M. Gedcke/J. DeSchiffart moved that The Presbytery approve The Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo application seeking \$20,000 (twenty thousand) from The Cooke's Fund in support of their new building. *CARRIED.*

Lisa Brimblecomebe, the representative elder from Doon Presbyterian Church, Kitchener be placed on the IAND Committee of Presbytery from The Kitchener quadrant.

Grant Scott spoke encouraging ALL congregations be requested to communicate with Elder Grant Scott with their 2010 accepted allocations for Presbyterians Sharing.

B. Ashfield/M. Gedcke moved that The Presbytery appoint The Rev. John Borthwick as Interim Moderator to Knox Church Guelph as they seek a second Ordained Minister to serve with The Rev. Johan Olivier. The usual Presbytery Standing Orders apply. *CARRIED.*

K. Wübbenhorst/J. Borthwich moved that the Congregational Affairs committee be encouraged to have a conversation at its next meeting as to whether any further action is required vis-à-vis the relationship between Knox's Galt and perceptions around the handling of The Boyer Report. *CARRIED.*

B. Ashfield/M. Gedcke moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

Ministry Committee:

Karla Wübbenhorst, Convenor, reported for the committee.

K. Wübbenhorst/H. Gale moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*
The report had previously been circulated – no recommendations.

K. Wübbenhorst/H. Gale moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

Education, Issues and Fellowship Committee:

Andrew Foster, Convenor, reported for the Committee.

A. Foster/ C. Brown moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

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The Presbytery's response to biennial assemblies had been previously circulated. N. St. Louis/C. Brown moved that the Presbytery's response to Biennial Assemblies be no. There was much discussion.

Previous Moderator, The Rev. Dr. Brice Martin, took the chair while the moderator spoke.

The motion carried and becomes the statement of The Presbytery.

Andrew Foster/C. Brown moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

IANC Committee:

New Convenor, John Borthwick had no report.

ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION:

N. St. Louis moved adjournment. The Moderator closed the Court with prayer to meet again:

In Regular Session on Tuesday, May 11th, 2010 within Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Winterbourne. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. with Worship and Meeting beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Moderator

Clerk

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