

Duff's Presbyterian Church
Puslinch, Ontario
May 13th, 2008

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DATE AND PLACE:

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 13th, 2008 within Duff's Presbyterian Church, Puslinch Ontario. Wonderful refreshments were served in Nanson Hall prior to the meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

Ministers: B. Ashfield, L. Ashfield, L. Bell, C. Brown, W. Bynum, D. Carrothers, W. Dawes, P. Garrison, M. Gedcke (Moderator), T. Kay, M. Lewis, B. Martin, D. McCallum, M. Molengraaf, L. Paquette, R. Sinasac, J. Smit, T. Smit, N. St. Louis, A. Sutherland, K. Vandermey, J. Veenstra, D. Whitecross, D. Wright, K. Wübbenhorst.

Representative Elders: L. Arbuckle, C. Alexander, M. Blake, B. Bonner, G. Cober, J. Crane, J. deGroot, J. DeSchiffart, M. Koeslag, D. Henry, I. Howell, A. Israel, D. Kim, M. Lamont, G. MacRobbie, L. Moir, J. Patterson, R. Renton, L. Samis, G. Scott, Gary Stewart, Glynnis Stewart, Neil Stewart, E. Suggit, D. Vickers, R. Whetham, J. Zaryski

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

Alternate Elders: H. Cleghorn, E. Fairbairn, J. Geddes, P. Goudy, M. Hunter, A. McNabb

Students for the Ministry: P. Kipfer

Retired Missionaries: B. Geddes, J. Geddes

Observers and Committee Members: M. Pentelow

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

Clerk: J. MacDowell (Clerk)

Guests: Adam Parson – Project Ploughshares, Beth Aliison – Cairn Camp

REGRETS:

Ministers: J. Borthwick, A. Botha, J. Hamalainen, C. Kay, S. Ma,

Representative Elders: A. Foster, S. Grimwood, R. Rowat, A. VanGrootheest, W. Welsh

Ministers on the Appendix: W. McLean

Candidates for Ordination: S. McAllister

Observers and Committee Members: L. Pentelow, L. vanMossel

WORSHIP AND CONSTITUTION:

The service was led by Mrs. Peggy Kipfer, a student in her final year at Presbyterian College. Scripture was taken from John 16:5-15 and Acts 3:1-10. The hymns We Praise You, God and Spirit of the Living God were led on the piano by Donna Molengraaf. The Moderator constituted the Court in the name of Jesus Christ, the King and only Head of the Church.

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COMMISSIONING SERVICE:

Commissioners to The 134th General Assembly were called forward by the Clerk.
Ministers: Jeff Veenstra (Convenor), Bill Bynum, Wayne Dawes, Cathy Kay, Thomas Kay and Marty Molengraaf
Elders: Jack Geddes, Margueritte Burrows, George Schieven, Wilma Welsh and Howard Widdis.
Angus Sutherland also was commissioned as Convenor of The Committee on History.
The Moderator did then commission those attending The 134th General Assembly in Ottawa.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The Moderator warmly welcomed everyone and called for introductions. Mark Gedcke introduced Adam Parsons from Project Ploughshares. Dennis Wright introduced Margueritte Burrows who will be attending General Assembly, Janet MacDowell introduced Beth Allison, Director of Camp Cairn and Marty Molengraaf introduced those from the home congregation of Duffs Puslinch.

STATED HOUR:

Adam Parsons spoke about his wonderful internship with Project Ploughshares and how it has changed his life.

DOCKET:

St. Louis/Brown moved the adoption of the Docket as printed. *CARRIED*

STATED HOUR:

Beth Allison Director of Camp Cairn spoke about how Christian Camping changes lives and how we can help.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

**Business Committee Report
March, April, and May 2008**

1. Correspondence:

08-024	From Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Assembly Office, with requests for Memorial Records	Clerk
08-025	>From Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Assembly Office with a request for changes to degrees and colleges attended	Clerk

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08-026	From Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Assembly Office, with a request for a list of Clerks and Convenors	Clerk
08-027	>From Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Assembly Office with a request to report Changes affecting Professional Church Workers to the Synod Clerk	Clerk
08-028	From Elizabeth Bartlett, Assembly Office with Changes to the Roll	Clerk
08-029	>From Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Assembly Office with acknowledgement of receipt of 3 Moderator's Ballots	Clerk
08-030	>From Office of The Registrar General, with a copy of a certificate of registration for marriage	Clerk
08-031	>From Gordon Haynes, Fund for Ministerial Assistance, with application forms for Ministerial Assistance	Clerk
08-032	>From Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Assembly Office with acknowledgement of receipt of 6 Moderator's Ballots	Clerk
08-033	>From Jackie Nelson, Ministry and Church Vocations, requesting an update on students	Clerk
08-034	>From Thomas Kay, requesting a grant in the amount of \$3,000 to cover travel etc for a visiting missionary to our Presbytery	Business Committee and Outreach
08-035	>From Lynda Reid, Synod Education Consultant, with information on a workshop for church school teachers to be held at Duff's Puslinch on May 3rd	Education, Issues and Fellowship
08-036	From Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Assembly Office with acknowledgement of Memorials for Charles MacDonald and Wilfred McLeod	Clerk

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08-037	From Fred Rennie, Secretary, The Experimental Fund, with information	Outreach
08-038	>From Lynda Pinnington, Clerk of Session, Central Cambridge with notice that the Session has given approval to The Rev. Dr. Aubrey Botha, to teach one course at Waterloo Lutheran from September 2008 to April 2009	Congregational Affairs
08-039	From Joni Smith, Leading With Care about a workshop on May 10 th , 2008	Education, Issues and Fellowship
08-040	From John-Peter Smit requesting a Letter for his DMin at Columbia Seminary	Clerk
08-041	From Jackie Nelson, Ministry and Church Vocations, with the names of candidates who will be coming before Education and Reception	Ministry
08-042	From John-Peter Smit, Synod of CNOB, with information on an Evangelism Workshop – "Tell Me the Stores of Jesus"	Education, Issues and Fellowship
08-043	From Peggy Kipfer, requesting Certification for Ordination	Ministry
08-044	From Liane Maki, Pension and Benefits Clerk requesting assistance with congregational assessment arrears from Church of the Lord	Treasurer
08-045	From Elizabeth Bartlett, Assembly Office, with Changes to the Roll	Clerk
08-046	From Elizabeth Bartlett, Assembly Office with a request for changes in congregational information	Clerk
08-047	From Susan Shaffer, Committee on Education and Reception with information that 'non-Korean' will be removed from Samuel Lee's recommendations to General Assembly	Ministry
08-048	From Susan Shaffer, Committee on Education and Reception with notification that Richard Warne complete 2 semesters in Arts and 6 semesters of theological studies	Ministry

2. Matters to Note:

(a) The Business Committee will meet on Thursday, June 4th 2008 within Knox Church, Waterloo. Time: 1000 hours. Outreach to provide refreshments.

(b) Statistical Reports are very, very past due from St. Andrew's

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Hespeler Cambridge, Church of the Lord Kitchener, Knox Palmerston
and Chalmers
Winterbourne

- c) **Representative Elder forms are due** by May 13th from Livingston
Baden,
Knox's Galt Cambridge, St. Andrew's Alma, St. Andrew's Fergus,
Kortright Guelph, St. Andrew's Guelph, Doon Kitchener, St. Andrew's
Kitchener, Church of the Lord Kitchener, Knox Palmerston, Knox
Drayton, Eden Mills, Knox Waterloo, Waterloo North and Chalmers
Winterbourne.
- d) **Assessments** for the first and second quarter from Conn and Church
of the Lord. For second quarter from Knox-Calvin Harriston
Trust Fund and Minister's Insurance not paid by Kortright, Calvin
Kitchener and Church of th
- e) **Changes:** *Church of the Lord, Presbyterian, c/o Emmanuel United
Church,*
22 Bridgeport Rd. W., Waterloo, ON N2L 2Y3 519-886-1471
- f) The following **Sessions** have had their **Minutes** attested neatly and
correctly
kept

Calvin Kitchener
Waterloo North
Kitchener East
Doon Kitchener
Gale Elmira
Knox Waterloo
Livingston Baden
St. Andrew's Mount Forest

The following **Sessions** have had their Minutes attested '**with notes**'

Knox Palmerston
Knox Drayton
St. Andrew's Kitchener

Still awaiting Church of the Lord and Chalmers Winterbourne

- g) **Commissioners** to Synod to be held October 20th/21st at Crieff Hills
Community:
Ministers: Linda Paquette (declined), Wayne Dawes X, Mark Gedcke
X (Convenor)
Representative Elders: St. Andrew's Fergus and Knox Guelph –

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Wilma Welsh X
Alternates: Kortright Guelph and St. Andrew's Guelph

X = acceptance

- (h) Jack Geddes, Knox Waterloo will be a **commissioner** at The 134th General Assembly as Carol White (Knox Preston) is not able to attend

3. Recommendations:

- (A) That the actions of The Business Committee in assigning the correspondence as designated, be homologated.
(B) That The Rev. Dr. Brice Martin be nominated as Moderator of The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington for 2008/2009
(C) That The Moderator and Clerk be given Power to Issue in finding a Representative Elder Commissioner to Synod by the end of May

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

St. Louis/B. Ashfield moved Recommendation A. *CARRIED.*

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

St. Louis/B. Ashfield moved Recommendation C. *CARRIED.*

Report as a Whole:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Outreach Committee:

Brooke Ashfield, Convenor, reported for the committee.

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

B. Ashfield/Blake moved that The Presbytery request funding for the Ecumenical Chaplaincy at The University of Guelph from Canada Ministries in the amount of \$3000

for the year 2009. *CARRIED.*

The Committee would like to encourage congregation to consider refugee sponsorship

through our denomination's umbrella agreement with the Canadian Government.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

I will move or cause to be moved at a future sederunt, that \$3000 from the Development

Fund be given to support the Mission Project at Knox Presbyterian Church, Guelph.

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Report as a Whole:

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

Congregational Affairs Committee:

Jeff Veenstra, Convenor pro tem, reported for the committee.

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

Veenstra/Brown moved that Waterloo North Presbyterian Church be given permission

from Presbytery to sell the manse located at 281 Toll Gate Blvd. Waterloo Ontario and

that \$15,000 (fifteen thousand) from the proceeds be used for the congregation's current expenses and that the balance be invested and the interest accumulated be applied towards paying the Clergy housing allowance.

CARRIED.

Veenstra/Brown moved that the sub-committee established to provide support and Guidance to Westminster-St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Guelph Ontario submit a final report with any necessary recommendations to Presbytery by no later than the

November 2008 Presbytery meeting.

CARRIED.

Penny Garrison spoke about Presbyterians Sharing – some congregations have yet to submit their commitments.

Report as a Whole:

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

Education, Issues and Fellowship Committee:

Karla Wübbenhorst, Convenor, reported for the committee.

Wübbenhort/Renton moved that the report be received and considered.

CARRIED.

A reminder that Superstars is to be held on June 14th, 2008.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

That I will move or cause to be moved a change to Standing Orders that replaces our current Presbytery meeting & Committee Format and Structure to the one suggested above.

Proposed Motion re. "An Alternate Model for the Meetings of Presbytery and its Committees"

Frustration has been expressed with some elements of the current meeting structure. Notably, there is concern about the delay in business caused by bi-monthly meetings, the isolation of committees meeting by quadrant, and the lack of continuity when committee responsibilities rotate by quadrant.

The EIF Committee wishes to offer an alternate model for discussion, consideration, approval and implementation for September 2008.

Specifically, that:

- Presbytery meet on a monthly basis from September through June;
- each month, Presbytery meet first as a court and, following adjournment, in committees;
- the format of Presbytery evenings be the following:
 - 6:50 – 7:10pm ~ Refreshments
 - 7:10 – 7:30pm ~ Worship
 - 7:30 – 9:00pm ~ Court of Presbytery
 - 9:00 – 10:00pm ~ Committees

Committees meet until 10:00pm or the conclusion of business, whichever comes first. If necessary, another meeting of the committee can be called by the chair in order to complete the work of the committee prior to the next Presbytery meeting. It is also encouraged that committees use sub-committees and technology to streamline their business.

Related matters/considerations

- The Business Committee would continue to meet prior to each Presbytery Meeting. Chairs of Committees would continue to serve on the Business Committee.
- Churches hosting Presbytery would need to be able to accommodate Committee meetings. There are churches in all four quadrants which could do so.
- Finally, in order to facilitate continuity around worship, Presbytery consider adding a new 'committee' called 'the Worship Committee' for its meetings made up of no more than five Presbyters (clergy and lay) who would be relieved of their committee duties to serve in this capacity for the period of one year. The Presbytery through its committees would pass along prayer requests to be incorporated into Presbytery worship by the Worship Committee. Style and form of worship would be at the discretion of the Committee.

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Wübbenhorst/Renton 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 report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

St. Louis/Martin moved that Rafael Vallejo be certified as a student of Ministry.
CARRIED.

St. Louis/Martin moved that Peggy Kipfer be certified for ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacraments. *CARRIED.*

Report as a Whole:

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

IAND Committee:

Marty Molengraaf, Convenor, reported for the committee.

Molengraaf/Alexander moved that the report be received and considered.
CARRIED.

Molengraaf/Alexander moved that the committee will be working until least September 2009 and will have a report at that time. *CARRIED.*

ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION:

Nan St. Louis/Linda Bell moved adjournment.

The Moderator adjourned the Court to meet again in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 17th, 2008 within Knox-Calvin Presbyterian Church, Harriston Ontario. Supper will be at 6:00 p.m. with worship and meeting beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Pastoral prayers included those for the family of the Rev. Bert Young and for the family of Ian Dudgeon.

Moderator

Clerk

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