

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church,  
Kitchener, Ontario,  
May 8, 2012

**DATE AND PLACE:**

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in regular session at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kitchener, on Tuesday, May 8, 2012. The Presbytery gathered for refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and the presbytery meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Ministers:** Rev. John Borthwick (Moderator), Rev. Dr. Linda Bell, Rev. Calvin Brown, Rev. William Bynum, Rev. Mark Gaskin, Rev. Mark Gedcke, Rev. Janice Hammalainen, Rev. Mark Lewis, Rev. Dr. Herb Gale, Rev. Scott McAndless, Rev. Kathy Morden, Rev. Linda Paquette, Rev. Robert Sinasac, Rev. Jeff L. Smith, Rev. Andrew Song, Rev. Nan St. Louis, Rev. Angus Sutherland

**Representative Elders:** Jim Akerstream, Lenore Arbuckle, Barb Bonner, Lisa Brimblecome, Gil Cha, Helen Cleghorn, Janet deGroot, Johan DeSchiffart, Jean Godin, Peter Goudy, Hazel Hislop, Isabel Howell, Marion Hunter, Frank Kivell, Gwen MacRobbie, Jennifer McDougall, Gib McIlwrath, Dale McKee, David Ogram, Bert Perriman, Bob Renton, Ross Rowat, Liz Samis, Earl Suggitt, Wilma Welsh, Jim Zaryski

**Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll:** Rev. Dr. Arnold Bethune, Rev. Dr. Wayne Dawes, Rev. Dr. Brice Martin,

**Alternate Representative Elders:** George Forsyth, Donna Tebow

**Students for Ministry:** Reuben St. Louis, Richard Warne

**Certified for Ordination:** Rafael Vallejo

**WMS:** Donna Henry

**Treasurer:** Dr. Mary Ann Koeslag

**Clerk:** Dr. Wilma Welsh

**Visitors:** Elza Furzer, Clare McKee

**REGRETS:**

**Ministers:** Rev. Brooke Ashfield, Rev. Linda Ashfield, Rev. Dr. Aubrey Botha, Rev. David Whitecross, Rev. Mark Richardson, Rev. Ed. Charlton, Rev. Alex MacLeod, Rev. Johan Olivier, Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst

**Representative Elders:** Pauline Hall, Andrew Foster, Maria Liston, Deb Coutts, Grant Scott, Neil Stewart

**Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll:** Rev. Robert Duncanson, Rev. Glen Soderholm

**Women's Missionary Society:** Phyllis Stewart

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**WORSHIP** – Rev. Mark Lewis led the court in worship with music and singing led by the staff of Camp Cairn. The scripture reading was from Exodus 14:15-16 and the Sermon title was “The Smell of Rocks, and Water Washing Over Me.”

**WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND CONSITUTION OF THE COURT:**

The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer and constituted the court.

The Moderator welcomed the staff of Camp Cairn in attendance to share in music and Elza Furzer, a commissioner to the 138<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

**CAMP CAIRN PRESENTATION:** The staff of Camp Cairn, under the leadership of Chantal Jackson shared life at Camp Cairn with pictures. The Moderator thanked the participants for their enthusiasm and very informative presentation.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Moved by Wilma Welsh/Jeff L. Smith that the Proposed Agenda be adopted as printed.  
CARRIED.

**MINUTES:**

Moved by Wilma Welsh/Johan DeSchiffart that the minutes of March 13, 2012 be approved as circulated. (corrected copy was mailed to all presbyters prior to the meeting). CARRIED.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Clerk, Wilma Welsh reported.

Moved Wilma Welsh/Jeff L. Smith that the Report of the Business Committee be received and the recommendations considered. CARRIED

**1. CORRESPONDENCE – March 13 – May 8, 2012**

12-054	Rev. Ian McDonald, re Fund for Ministerial Assistance	sent to all clergy
12-055	Joan Masterton, New Church Development conference, May 14-18, 2012	sent to all cong.
12-056	Terrie-Lee Hamilton – re changes for A&P 2012	Clerk
12-057	Terrie-Lee Hamilton – acknowledging first submission of ballots	for information
12-058	Terrie-Lee Hamilton – acknowledging list of commissioners	for information
12-058	Terrie-Lee Hamilton – acknowledging and accepting invitation from the Presbytery for Assembly 2014	for information
12-059	Jim Biggs, Clerk of Synod – advising that Synod will be held on Oct.23 <sup>rd</sup> (one day) – 2 elder and 2 clergy commissioners required	Clerk

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12-060	Katharine Masterton – re Truth and Reconciliation Commission Taking place May 31-Jun2, 2012	sent to all cong.
12-061	Terrie-Lee Hamilton acknowledging balance of Moderator ballots	for information
12-062	Habitat for Humanity – we have requested more info.	Clerk
12-063	Linda Bell – requesting dedication of new bldg.. Oct. 21, 2012	Business Committee
12-064	Session St. Andrew's Kitchener, inviting hosting the opening Worship to be held in their church for Assembly 2014	Assembly Committee
12-065	Session Knox's Galt Cambridge, inviting hosting the opening Worship to be held in their church for Assembly 2014	Assembly Committee
12-066	H. Chappell, listing Accepted Allocations for Presbyterians Sharing 2012	Grant Scott
12-066	B. Ashfield, re funding for the NCD survey at Knox, Waterloo	Business Committee
12-067	Session of Waterloo North – requesting a) special committee be named b) requesting permission to use funds from Manse Fund	Congregational Affairs
12-068	Linda Bell – requesting date for dedication be Oct. 21/12	Business Committee
12-069	Susan Shafer –Education & Reception GA Report	Ministry Committee
12-070	Don W. McLeod (from St. Giles), enclosing the R Factor	Congregational Affairs
12-071	Westminster-St. Paul's Session – advising that in response to to the visitation report that they do not wish for further intervention by Presbytery at this time.	Congregational Affairs
12-072	PCConnect – Issue138	Sent to all cong.
12-073	Heather Chappell – Presbyterian Sharing Reports	Congregational Affairs
12-074	Jeff Crawford – announcing youth events	Sent to all cong.
12-075	Pension & Benefits Clerk – requesting confirming of starting date of Scott McAndless	Clerk
12-076	Jennifer Bell – re Canada Youth 2012	Sent to all cong.
12-077	St. Andrew's Hespeler – confirming S. McAndless starting date	Clerk
12-078	Susan Shafer – Competent Objections to application to Committee on Education and Reception	Ministry Committee
12-079	Sidney Chang – confirming his move to Vancouver (will await request from Westminster Presbytery to transfer certificate)	Clerk
12-080	Copy of letter to Susan Shaffer from Principal D. Gordon Advising that the Rev. Ji Hoon (Chris) Cho can now be received as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada	Ministry Committee
12-081	John Henderson advising that Reuben St. Louis has completed 25 credits and is making good progress	Ministry Committee

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12-081	John Henderson advising that Gregory Smith has completed 25 credits and is making good progress	Ministry Committee
12-082	John Henderson advising that Richard Warne will be graduating on May 9 <sup>th</sup> from Knox College	Ministry Committee
12-083	Don Muir – notifying that General Assembly Reports are online	Sent to all

Moved by Wilma Welsh/William Bynum that the actions of the Business Committee in assigning the correspondence be homologated. CARRIED

## 2. COMMISSIONERS TO THE 138<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Teaching Elder Commissioners

Rev. Linda Paquette (leader), Rev. John Borthwick, Rev. Johan Olivier, Rev. Robert Sinasac, Rev. Mark Gaskin

### Ruling Elder Commissioners

Johan DeSchiffart, David Ogram, Jennifer McDougall, Elza Furzer, Wilma Welsh

Moved by Wilma Welsh/Mark Gaskin that the above named be the Commissioners to the 138<sup>th</sup> General Assembly from the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington. CARRIED

A Commissioning Service was conducted by Rev. Angus Sutherland at the request of the Moderator.

## 3. GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2014

Moved by Wilma Welsh/Lisa Brimblecome that six volunteers be invited to serve on the Steering Committee for the 2014<sup>th</sup> General Assembly to be held within the bounds of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington. CARRIED

## 4. REPRESENTATIVE ELDERS TO PRESBYTERY

The Clerk advised that the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington has five more representative elders that we should have according to the Book of Forms.

Two point pastoral charges should have one representative elder, alternating each year.

The equalizing elders are to be distributed, according to the Book of Forms, in rotation to all congregations.

Clerks of Session will be requested to have Sessions name their representative elder. Forms will be sent in the next few days.

(The Clerk was advised that the Standing Orders several years ago were revised stating that the equalizing elders were to be distributed to two point charges (when John Henderson was Clerk). On checking the Standing Orders the Clerk noted the major revision in 2003 of the Standing Orders did not indicate this distribution.)

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**5. KNOX ELORA APPLICATION TO EXPERIMENTAL FUND**

Rev. Andrew Song reported that this application should be withdrawn as funding was received from the Creative Ministries Fund of the PCC.

**6. COMMISSIONERS TO SYNOD – Received for information and action.**

The Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda will meet on October 23, 2012 for one day. The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington is to send two elder and two minister commissioner. The following are named. -

Ministers – Rev. Linda Ashfield, Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst

Alternates – Rev. Mark Lewis, Rev. Nan St. Louis, Rev. Calvin Brown

Elders – Calvin, Kitchener; Church of the Lord, Waterloo;

Alternates - Kitchener East, Kitchener; St. Andrew's, Kitchener; St. Andrew's, Mount Forest

**7. ROTATION OF PRESBYTERY COMMITTEES**

The Clerk advised that according to the Standing Orders the committees will rotate in September 2012. The following is the rotation -

Kitchener-Waterloo area – from Congregational Affairs to EIF

Cambridge area – from EIF to Ministry

Guelph area – from Ministry to Mission & Outreach

Northern Kingdom – from Mission & Outreach to Congregational Affairs

Moved Wilma Welsh/Andrew Song that the Report as a Whole of the Business Committee be adopted. CARRIED

**CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (see Appendix "A")**

Moved by Johan DeSchiffart/Helen Cleghorn that the report of the Congregational Affairs Committee be received and the recommendations considered. CARRIED

**Recommendations**

1. That a future committee be formed to look at our ministry in South Cambridge (Galt) involving all the congregations of the area.

Moved by Johan DeSchiffart/Helen Cleghorn that recommendation 1 be approved. CARRIED

2. That the Presbytery postpones the changing of the duties of the Quadrants until Presbytery has a chance to study the effectiveness of the Quadrant system as it currently functions.

Moved by Johan DeSchiffart/Janice Hamalainen that recommendation 2 be approved. CARRIED

It was noted that the committees change-over policy is in the Standing Orders.

Moved by Jeff L. Smith/Angus Sutherland that a committee comprising of the Convener plus one

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representative from each quadrant be formed to study the quadrant system and report back to the Presbytery in June and that the Convener of Congregational Affairs call the first meeting.  
CARRIED

3. That a special committee be named by Presbytery through the Moderator and Clerk to walk alongside Waterloo North by offering advice, encouraging their imagination and supporting them pastorally as they discern their future as a congregation and Presbytery's vision for future ministry in North Waterloo.

Moved by Johan DeSchiffart/Gib McIlwrath that recommendation 3 be approved. CARRIED

Committee named by the Moderator and Clerk – Rev. Dr. Herb Gale (Convener), Rev. Ed Charlton, Liz Samis, Andrew Foster and Rev. Mark Gedcke.

4. That Presbytery grants Waterloo North permission to use funds from investments (manse fund) to a maximum of \$30,000 to cover current expenses over the next 6 months (as they work through this process with Presbytery's assistance).

Moved Johan DeSchiffart/Gib McIlwrath that recommendation 4 be approved. CARRIED

#### **Hungarian Reformed Church**

The Hungarian Reformed congregation presently meeting in St. Andrew's, Kitchener has requested to become part of the Waterloo-Wellington Presbytery.

Received for information – the Convener advised that discussions are continuing.

Moved Johan DeSchiffart/Helen Cleghorn that the Report as a Whole of the Congregational Affairs Committee be adopted. CARRIED

#### **MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE** (see Appendix "B")

Due to the absence of the Convener, Nan St. Louis presented the report.

Moved by Nan St. Louis/Calvin Brown that the report of the Mission and Outreach Committee be received and considered. CARRIED

There being no recommendations, it was moved by Nan St. Louis/Andrew Song that the report as a whole be received. CARRIED

#### **MINISTRY COMMITTEE** (see Appendix "C")

Moved by Jeff L. Smith/Gwen MacRobbie that the report of the Ministry Committee be received and the recommendations considered. CARRIED

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The Convener advised that information is available from him or the Clerk re the Clergy Residence Deduction Form T1223.

**Recommendations**

Motion: That the Presbytery homologate the actions of the Committee on Ministry that the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington fund 50% of the cost of travel for Rafael Vallejo to attend the 2012 Multicultural Conference in Charlotte from the Presbytery's Lay Leadership Fund.

Moved Jeff L. Smith/Gwen MacRobbie that the above recommendation be approved.  
CARRIED

Motion: That the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington send two delegates, Glen Soderholm and Penny Garrison, to the New Church Development Conference in Montreal.  
Moved Jeff L. Smith/Gwen MacRobbie that the above recommendation be approved.  
CARRIED

That the Presbytery will pay the difference for whatever is required to send these two delegates.  
Moved Jeff L. Smith/Gwen MacRobbie that the above recommendation be approved.  
CARRIED

Motion: That Glen Soderholm be the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington's new representative on the Board of the Ecumenical Campus Ministries at the University of Guelph, replacing Johan Olivier.  
Moved Jeff L. Smith/Gwen MacRobbie that the above recommendation be approved.  
CARRIED

Motion: That the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington approve the proposal from the Rev. Penny Garrison for the use of her remaining study leave allowance.  
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Moved Jeff L. Smith/Gwen MacRobbie that the above recommendation be approved.  
CARRIED

**Certification for Ordination**

Moved Jeff L. Smith/Gwen MacRobbie that Richard Warne be certified for Ordination.  
CARRIED

The Moderator invited Richard to stand and offered him the blessings and congratulations of the court on his graduation from Knox College on May 9<sup>th</sup>. We will pray for him as he discerns his future calling.

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Moved Jeff L. Smith/Gwen MacRobbie that the Report as a Whole of the Ministry Committee be adopted. CARRIED

**EDUCATION, ISSUES AND FELLOWSHIP (EIF)**

Moved Bill Bynum/Isabel Howell that the Report of the EIF Committee be received and considered. CARRIED

**Re Canada Youth 2012**

**Recommendation**

That the Presbytery make available on application \$1,000 evenly divided amongst applicants, up to \$100 each, to attend Canada Youth 2012 being held in July. Application to be made through the EIF Committee. Ministers are requested to forward the names of those still needing help to the EIF Committee Convener, Rev. Bill Bynum - [revbill@golden.net](mailto:revbill@golden.net).

Moved Bill Bynum/Isabel Howell that the above recommendation be approved. CARRIED

Moved Bill Bynum/Isabel Howell that the Report as a Whole of the EIF Committee be adopted. CARRIED

**NEXT MEETING**

The Presbytery will meet as scheduled at Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, on Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. for dinner. The Presbytery will meet at 7:00 p.m.

The cost for the dinner will be by donation (\$12.00 recommended). Attendance and regrets will be important so that Knox can plan for dinner. Please indicate to the Clerk if you plan to be there for dinner before June 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are planning not to be at the dinner but at the meeting, there is no need to advise the Clerk. Regrets still need to be sent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no new or further business the court adjourned on motion of Linda Bell. The Moderator closed the meeting with Prayer.

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Moderator

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Clerk

Wilma Welsh, Clerk - [watwell@rogers.com](mailto:watwell@rogers.com)



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Appendix "A"

**Congregational Affairs Committee  
May 8, 2012**

The Congregational Affairs Committee met on April 24, 2012 at St. Andrew's Kitchener.

**A Amalgamation Process St. Giles and St. Andrew's:**

The Rev. Jeffrey Smith gave a very positive report on the amalgamation process for St. Giles and St. Andrew's Cambridge (Galt). The report should be ready for Presbytery at the June meeting. He also reported that the amalgamating congregations are in the process of creating a new name. It is the feeling of the congregations that there still has to be a Presbyterian witness in South-East Galt using the Boyer Report as a possible guideline and in conjunction with the other Galt churches.

Dr. Herb Gale presented a proposal that a committee from Presbytery should be looking at just such a ministry east of the Grand River. He pointed out that there could be monies available from Canada Ministries and that he would be willing to work with such a committee.

After considerable discussion, it was felt that such a study should take place after the amalgamation report has been presented to Presbytery.

**Motions to be approved by Presbytery:**

1. That a future committee be formed to look at our ministry in South Cambridge (Galt) involving all the congregations of the area.
2. That the Presbytery postpones the changing of the duties of the Quadrants until Presbytery has a chance to study the effectiveness of the Quadrant system as it currently functions.
3. That a special committee be named by Presbytery through the Moderator and Clerk to walk alongside Waterloo North by offering advice, encouraging their imagination and supporting them pastorally as they discern their future as a congregation and Presbytery's vision for future ministry in North Waterloo.
4. That Presbytery grants Waterloo North permission to use funds from investments (manse fund) to a maximum of \$30,000 to cover current expenses over the next 6 months (as they work through this process with Presbytery's assistance).

**B Hungarian Reformed Congregation:**

The Hungarian Reformed congregation presently meeting at St. Andrew's Kitchener has requested to become part of the Waterloo-Wellington Presbytery. Discussions are continuing but possible administrative and legal issues will have to be settled first. A Motion will be forthcoming in June.

Respectfully submitted by Johan DeSchiffart, Convener

Wilma Welsh, Clerk - watwell@rogers.com

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Appendix "B"

### **Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting**

The Mission and Outreach Committee held the Renewing the Rural Church, hosted by the people of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Alma, Ontario. Approximately 35 leaders were challenged and encouraged by the message that (the Rev. Dr.) Christine O'Reilly gave to us. We were challenged to wrestle with the current realities of the cultures around us but to be able to see the opportunities that waiting for us.

In the second half of the workshop she led us through part of the book "Discovering Hope". She took us through some of the key points of the book asking us to look at how our churches allow Prayer to be part of ministry and life, the key needs of discipleship in our churches, along with many other key points to lead our discussions and to help us to be a blessing in our communities.

I would like to thank Christine O'Reilly for an excellent presentation and interaction with the people there. I would also like to thank Nan for leading us in worship and to thank the people of St. Andrew's Alma for hosting us and providing a wonderful meal, and thank-you to the whole of the committee for all their work and prayer for this event. I would encourage us to continue to pray for each other that we would continue to seek Jesus' plans for the ministries we have been blessed with and the people that we have the opportunity to share the hope and love that we have in Jesus.

### **Update on the Discussion day for ministry to post-secondary students in our bounds**

I have sent out invitations to the different groups on the campuses in our bounds and have heard back from some of the groups and there is some interest in taking part in the discussion. However, I have not been able to ascertain whether or not there are any groups on any of the Conestoga College campuses and I was told that there are not any official chaplains on these campuses. I am also hoping to have someone to present different ideas and techniques for congregations to work with. There will be time to hear from the different groups willing to be involved, also a time of discussion and questions. I do not have a hard time table set up yet since I do not have an exact number of groups willing to participate. The suggested time was between ten to 20 minutes depending on if their group was on multiple campuses. I also suggested about 30 minutes for ECM since we have a vested interest already in this ministry. Hopefully this will be a time of ideas and networking that will help us as a presbytery and as congregations connect better with these ministry areas.

Ed Charlton, Convener

Wilma Welsh, Clerk - watwell@rogers.com

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Appendix "C"

**Committee on Ministry  
Report to Presbytery - May 8th, 2012**

1. For Information: The Ministry Committee's representatives to the Committee re the Winterbourne property - Wilma Welsh. Herb Gale has agreed to be a member by Correspondence.
2. For Information: Changes to the Clergy Residence Deduction Form T1223 were discussed.
3. **Motion:** That the Presbytery homologate the actions of the Committee on Ministry that the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington fund 50% of the cost of Rafael Vallejo to attend the 2012 Multicultural Conference in Charlotte from the Presbytery's Lay Leadership Fund.
4. **Motion:**
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  2. That the Presbytery will pay the difference for whatever is required to send these two delegates
5. **Motion:** That Glen Soderholm be the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington's new representative on the Board of the ECM at the University of Guelph.
6. **Motion:** That the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington approve the proposal from the Rev. Penny Garrison for the use of her remaining study leave allowance.
7. For Information:
  - To Be Received as a Minister:
    1. Rev. Keesung Chang
    2. Rev. Kwang Lee Chi
    3. Rev. Janine A. Dekker
    4. Rev. Kyoung dae Kim
    5. Rev. Tae-Hee Lee
    6. Rev. James E. Pott
    7. Rev. Andre L. Van Blydenstein
    8. Rev. Gerhardt Venter
    9. Rev. Ying Wang

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To Be Received as a Certified Candidate for Ordination

1. Mr. Jan-Hendrik du Plessis

Be Eligible for Examination for Certification for Ordination

1. Ms. Sharzad Dezhbod (Kandalaft)
2. Mr. Erik W. Kraglund
3. Ms. Hyun-Sook (Noblina) Shin

### **Students Report**

1. **Motion:** That the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington certify Richard Warne for ordination.
2. For Information: Certification Interviews: Knox Church, Guelph - May 28<sup>th</sup> Knox Guelph
3. For Information: Certification Interview: Margaret Evans, sometime in early May. Marty will organize.
4. For Information: Certification for Ordination Interview for Reuben St. Louis has been set for Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 10-12 noon at Knox Guelph.
5. For Information: That Rev. Chris Cho has completed all his studies and can now be received as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

Jeff L. Smith,  
Convener