

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church 3999
Cambridge, Ontario
November 10th, 2009

DATE AND PLACE:

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 10th, 2009 within St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church, Cambridge Ontario. There were great refreshments served prior to the meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

Ministers: B. Ashfield, L. Ashfield, L. Bell, J. Borthwick, A. Botha, W. Bynum, W. Dawes, P. Garrison, M. Gaskin, M. Gedcke, J. Hamalainen, B. Martin, M. Molengraaf, R. Sinasac, N. St. Louis, A. Sutherland (Moderator), J. Veenstra, D. Whitecross, D. Wright and K. Wübbenhorst

Representative Elders: L. Arbuckle, L. Brimblecombe, G. Cober, J. Crane, J. deGroot, J. DeSchiffart, A. Foster, A. Isaac, S. Gascho, P. Graham, P. Hall, I. Howell, M. Hunter, A. Israel, M. Koeslag, G. MacRobbie, J. McDougall, L. Moir, R. Renton, R. Rowat, G. Scott, G. Schieven, Neil Stewart, E. Suggitt, D. Vickers and W. Welsh

Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll: J. Smith and M. Whitson

Alternate Representative Elders: J. Akerstream, H. Cleghorn, F. Hill, S. King, Glennys Stewart and W. Turner

Students for Ministry of Word and Sacraments: Mike Burns

Retired Missionaries: B. Geddes and J. Geddes

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

W.M.S.: Phyllis Stewart

Clerk: J. MacDowell (Clerk)

Regrets:

Ministers: M. Lewis, J. Olivier, L. Paquette and M. Richardson

Representative Elders: L. Maitland and J. Zaryski

WORSHIP AND CONSTITUTION:

Mike Burns, student at Knox College, led in worship. Ann Green provided the musical leadership. Hymns included Word of God, across the ages and God Bless your church with strength. Scripture text included Hebrews 10:11-14;19-25 and Mark 13:1-13. Message was titled Not one Stone. The Moderator Constituted the Court with prayer.

WELCOME:

The Moderator, The Rev. Angus Sutherland warmly welcomed everyone.

DOCKET:

Andrew Foster/G. Schieven moved that the Docket be approved as printed. *CARRIED.*

MINUTES:

N. St. Louis/L. Brimblecombe moved that the Minutes of August 9th, 2009, September 8th, 2009 and September 13th, 2009 be approved as printed. *CARRIED.*

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BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Clerk, Janet MacDowell, reported for the committee.

**Business Committee Report
September, October, November 2009**

1. Correspondence:

09-095	From John Vissers, Principal, The Presbyterian College, with information on nominations for honorary DD. Deadline: December 15 th , 2009	Business Committee
09-096	From Chris Evans, Clerk of The Presbytery of London, with information on Disciplinary Conditions concerning The Rev. Don McInnis	Clerk
09-097	From Kathleen Bolton, Elders Institute, with information regarding The Pre-Assembly Workshops in June 2010	Education, Issues and Fellowship
09-098	From The Elders Institute with information on courses: Serving Elder, Serving as a Clerk of Session and Facebook Update	Education, Issues and Fellowship
09-099	From Marilyn Johns, Project Manager for The Summer Collegium, Virginia Theological Seminary – noting that applications are now available.	Education, Issues and Fellowship
09-100	From Katharine Masterton, Justice Ministries, with information on Week of Action – October 17 th -24 th , 2009	Mission and Outreach
09-101	From Linda Ashfield (on behalf of Clerk of Session), with certification from Knox Waterloo to Reuben St. Louis to The Ministry of Word and Sacraments	Ministry
09-102	From The Rev. Jim Biggs, Clerk of The Presbytery of East Toronto, with information that Peikang Dai has been deposed as a Minister of Word and Sacraments, no longer a minister in The Presbyterian Church in Canada and his name has been removed from The Appendix to the Roll of this Presbytery	Clerk
09-103	From Elizabeth Bartlett, Assembly Office, with changes to the roll	Clerk
09-104	From The Centre for Clergy Care and Congregational Health noting that the registration deadline for Making the Most of	Ministry

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	Retirement 2009 is October 15 th .	
09-105	From Knox College with information on The Dead Sea Scrolls, Saturday, October 24 th , 2009	Education, Issues and Fellowship
09-106	From Harry Klassen, Project Co-ordinator of the Design Team, with more information on The Emmaus Project	General
09-107	Stephen Allen, Associate Secretary, Justice Ministries, with an update on a bill called the Poverty Reduction Act	Mission and Outreach
09-108	From Knox Calgary, stating that they have instituted the practice of each week remembering in prayer a particular Presbytery, its ministers and its ministries. We were remembered in October.	General
09-109	From The Rev. Dr. Lonnie Atkinson, Spiritual Director, Spirit Centre, with an invitation to share with The Rev. Dr. Stephen Farris on Saturday, November 14 th at St. Paul's in Ingersoll	Education, Issues and Fellowship
09-110	From The Elders' Institute providing more information on The Pres-Assembly Workshops	Education, Issues and Fellowship
09-111	From Chris Evans, Clerk, The Presbytery of London, stating that there are some conditions on The Rev. Don McInnis, he has not complied with the conditions and that he is living within the bounds of Waterloo-Wellington	Clerk
09-112	From The Rev. Mavis Currie, stating that The Presbytery of London's Youth Ministry Team will once again be providing care packages to students connected to The Presbyterian Church who are attending Western University or Fanshawe College in London	Mission and Outreach
09-113	From Assembly Council, requesting assistance with the Korean Translation text of Living Faith	Mission and Outreach
09-114	From John-Peter Smit, Synod Congregational Development Consultant, providing information on a seminary, lead by Christian Schwarz, the founder of NCD	Education, Issues and Fellowship
09-115	From Marilyn Johns, Project Manager, The Summer Collegium, providing more information	Education, Issues and Fellowship

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| 09-116 | From The Rev. Dr. Brice Martin, requesting permission to retire from the Ministry at the end of August 2010. | Congregational Affairs |
| 09-117 | From Heather Chappell, Stewardship and Education for Mission, with Presbytery's allocations | Congregational Affairs |
| 09-118 | From Stephen Kendall, Assembly Office, requesting a Minister to finish off a term on Assembly Council – finish with Assembly 2010 | Business Committee |

2. Matters to Note:

- a) The Business Committee will meet on Thursday, November 5th, 2009 within Westminster-St. Paul's Church, Guelph. Ministry to provide refreshments.
- b) **Commissioners to General Assembly**, June 6th, 2009 in Cape Breton – due date is January 1st, 2010.
Ministers: c) Mark Lewis X, John Borthwick X, Linda Ashfield X (Convenor), Linda Bell X, Robert Sinasac X and Herb Gale X
Sessions: Gordonville (declined), Palmerston (declined), Westminster-St. Paul's (Bob Renton) X, Knox Guelph (Jessie Bush) X, Knox's Galt (Ron Watson) X, Church of the Lord, Kortright (Don Vickers) X Central Cambridge (Peter Goudy) X
Alternates: St. Andrew's Galt, Drayton, St. Giles, Mount Forest
X = acceptance
- c) The Business Committee would appreciate invitations for the meeting of March 9th, 2010 (**Central area of Presbytery**), May 11th, 2010 and June 15th, 2010 (**All areas of Presbytery**).
- d) **Changes:** *Juliet Morton* (new alternate representative from Knox's Galt), 5 Woodland Way, St. George, ON N0E 1N0 519-448-4383 mortonanguse@hotmail.com *Donna Henry* donnahenry47@bell.net *Joyce Battin* (new alternate representative elder from Calvin Kitchener) 5-70 Vicmount Drive, Kitchener N2M 5A1 519-745-3419 joycebattin@hotmail.com *Pauline Hall* (representative elder, St. Andrew's Fergus) 351 Cummings Cres., Fergus N1M 3E3 *Don Darrach* (alternate representative elder, St. Andrew's Fergus) 430 Elgin St., Fergus N1M 2C2 519-843-1834 *Kees Vandermeij* 7806 Wellington Rd 45, R.R. # 2 Wallenstein, ON N0B 2S0 519-698-0300 dreamhaven2@gmail.com
- e) **Synod Reports** are available this eve.

3. Recommendations:

- A. That the actions of The Business Committee in assigning the correspondence as designated, be homologated.
- B. That the budget for the year 2010 for The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington, be approved.

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- C. That the Moderator and Clerk be given power to issue in completing the list of commissioners to attend General Assembly in Cape Breton. Due date is January 1st, 2010.
- D. That Business Committee be given power to issue in finding a replacement Minister to sit on Assembly Council until General Assembly 2010

Andrew Foster/K. Wübbenhorst moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*
Andrew Foster/K. Wübbenhorst moved Recommendation A. *CARRIED.*
Andrew Foster/K. Wübbenhorst moved Recommendation B. To be looked at later.
Andrew Foster/K. Wübbenhorst moved Recommendation C. *CARRIED.*
Andrew Foster/K. Wübbenhorst moved Recommendation D. *CARRIED.*

REPORT FROM SYNOD:

Synod Clerk, Janet MacDowell, reported on Synod. Report previously circulated.

STATED HOUR:

Marty Molengraaf reported on The Emmaus Project. Please see the attachment.
N. St. Louis/J. deGroot moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*
M. Molengraaf/J. Veenstra moved that The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington apply to attend the initial event of The Emmaus Project by November 15th, 2009. *CARRIED.*
M. Molengraaf/J. Veenstra moved that if selected to attend, that the registration fee of \$2500 (two thousand, five hundred) be covered by monies presently in The Development Fund. *CARRIED.*
M. Molengraaf/J. Veenstra moved that if selected to attend that The Business Committee be given power to issue to choose ten representatives to attend the event. *CARRIED.*
M. Molengraaf/J. Veenstra moved that if selected to attend, that a commissioning service for those representatives be held at the March Meeting of The Presbytery. *CARRIED.*
M. Molengraaf/J. Veenstra moved that if selected to attend, that the representatives be charged with the responsibility to work hard, to pray passionately and to come back to The Presbytery offering leadership that is wise, courageous and committed to the best of their ability. *CARRIED.*
M. Molengraaf/J. Veenstra moved the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Outreach Committee:

Nan St. Louis, Convenor, reported for the committee.
N. St. Louis/J. deGroot moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*
N. St. Louis/J. deGroot moved that 5 people be sponsored by our Presbytery to attend training sessions and become Ambassadors of Reconciliation. *CARRIED.*
N. St. Louis/J. deGroot moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

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Congregational Affairs Committee:

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 Rev. Dr. Linda Bell be the new Presbytery representative to Waterloo North Presbyterian Church representing the Presbytery's interest in upcoming and continuing negotiations with the bishops office of the All Saint's, The Anglican partner in the Laurel Church Centre. *CARRIED.*

For information and future co-operation – That The Rev. Mark Gedcke is the new visitation convenor for all Presbytery visitations and that Grant Scott is the new co-ordinator of Presbyterians Sharing for our Presbytery with the assistance of The Rev. Mary Whitson.

We note that there are a number of congregations that have not been visited for a while and that some congregations are dealing with viability issues. A general sharing indicated that the current economic recession had impacted many congregations. This may be endurable in the short term, but long term concerns are affecting many congregations.

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/R. Renton moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

K. Wübbenhorst/R. Renton moved that The Rev. Dr. Arnold Bethune, The Rev. Dr. Shirley Gale, Mr. Andrew Foster and 2 others to be agreed upon, be approved as the membership of the pastoral care committee of Presbytery for the September 2009 to September 2010 term. *CARRIED.*

K. Wübbenhorst/R. Renton moved that The Rev. Mark Gedcke be granted intermission from May 17th to July 25th, 2010 with the good wishes and promised support of the Presbytery. *CARRIED.*

K. Wübbenhorst/R. Renton moved that the plans made for pulpit supply, pastoral cover and moderation of Session meetings by The Rev. Jeff Smith and The Rev. Bob Duncanson be approved, with Presbytery's thanks. *CARRIED.*

K. Wübbenhorst /R. Renton moved that The Rev. Mark Richardson be named as liason between Calvin Kitchener and The Presbytery during the period of Mark's absence. *CARRIED.*

K. Wübbenhorst/R. Renton moved that Mr. Reuben St. Louis be certified to study at Knox College as a candidate for The Ministry of Word and Sacraments. *CARRIED.*

K. Wübbenhorst/R. Renton moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

Education, Issues and Fellowship Committee:

Andrew Foster, convenor, reported for the committee.

Andrew Foster/A. Botha moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

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Andrew Foster/A. Botha moved that the congregation of St. Andrew's Kitchener be granted \$750.00 (seven hundred and fifty) towards the cost of participation in the Stewards by Design conference in May 2010, the amount to be drawn from The Conference Fund.

L. Moir/R. Renton moved an amendment to change to amount to \$500.00 (five hundred).
DEFEATED.

Original Motion: *CARRIED.*

Andrew Foster/A. Botha moved that The Presbytery invite Colin Carmichael to make a presentation to the Presbytery on the work of his department. *CARRIED.*

K. Wübbenhorst/A. Foster moved that Education, Issues and Fellowship Committee be given power to issue with respect to a response to the Korean translation of Living Faith. *CARRIED.*

Andrew Foster/A. Botha moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

IAND Committee

Marty Molengraaf, convenor, reported for the committee.

M. Molengraaf/L. Ashfield moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*
Please see attachment.

L. Ashfield/D. Vickers moved the motions in the attachment.

M. Gedcke/P. Graham moved that the discussion be tabled until the January meeting of the Presbytery. *CARRIED.*

K. Wübbenhorst/R. Renton moved the Education, Issues and Fellowship Committee be instructed to organize a ½ day study in early January. *CARRIED.*

Mark Gedcke thanked the IAND Committee for their devotion, time and enthusiasm.

M. Molengraaf/L. Ashfield moved the adoption of the report as a whole.

Business Committee:

Recommendation B – A. Foster/K. Wübbenhorst moved the adoption of Recommendation B. *CARRIED.*

Andrew Foster/K. Wübbenhorst moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION:

Linda Bell moved adjournment. Pastoral prayers included Mark Richardson who has recently had surgery.

The Moderator adjourned the Court to meet again:

1. In Special Session on Sunday, November 22nd, 2009 within St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Guelph, for the sole purpose of Commissioning Margaret Evans. The Presbytery will meet at 2:30 p.m. with Worship and Commissioning to begin at 3:00 p.m.
2. In Regular Session on Tuesday, January 12th, 2010 within Knox Preston Presbyterian Church, Cambridge. Refreshments will be at 6:30 p.m. with Worship and Meeting beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m.

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