

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Guelph, Ontario
November 9th, 2010

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DATE AND PLACE:

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 9th, 2010 within St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Guelph Ontario. Wonderful refreshments were served prior to the meeting by the folks of St. Andrew's Guelph.

ATTENDANCE:

Ministers: B. Ashfield, L. Ashfield, L. Bell, J. Borthwick, C. Brown, W. Dawes, H. Gale, P. Garrison, M. Gaskin, M. Gedcke, J. Hamalainen, M. Lewis, A. MacLeod, M. Molengraaf, L. Paquette, M. Richardson, R. Sinasac, Jeff L. Smith, A. Song, K. Wübbenhorst (Moderator)

Representative Elders: J. Akerstream, G. Cha, H. Cleghorn, G. Cober, D. Coutts, J. Crane, J. deGroot, J. DeSchiffart, A. Foster, J. Godin, P. Graham, P. Hall, H. Hislop, I. Howell, M. Hunter, A. Israel, F. Kivell, M. Koeslag, G. MacRobbie, J. McDougall, G. McIlwrath, R. Renton, R. Rowat, L. Samis, G. Scott, Neil Stewart, E. Suggitt, J. Zaryski

Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll: S. Gale, M. Godin, B. Martin, M. Whitson

Alternate Representative Elders: S. Carter, A. Isaac, R. Thomas, W. Turner

Candidates for Ordination: B. Molengraaf

Observers and Committee Members: L. Pentelow

WMS: J. Godin, Phyllis Stewart, H. Cleghorn

Clerk: J. MacDowell (Clerk)

REGRETS:

Ministers: W. Bynum, J. Olivier, N. St. Louis, A. Sutherland, D. Whitecross

Representative Elders: B. Perriman, W. Welsh

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

Alternate Representative Elders: Glennys Stewart

WORSHIP AND CONSTITUTION:

The Moderator, The Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst, led Worship – her theme for worship this year is Grace. She then Constituted the Court with prayer.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The Moderator warmly welcomed all and called for introduction. Jean Godin reintroduced her son, The Rev. Mark Godin. Mark in on The Appendix to the Roll and currently studying in Jerusalem. Janice Hamalainen introduced the Christian Education Director at St. Andrew's Kitchener, Martha Fergusson. Newly inducted into Kortright Guelph, The Rev. Alex MacLeod was introduced to all.

DOCKET:

G. Scott/A. Foster moved that the Docket be approved as printed. *CARRIED.*

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MINUTES:

Jeff L. Smith/Neil Stewart moved that the Minutes of September 14th, 2010 and October 12th, 2010 be approved as printed. *CARRIED.*

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Clerk, Janet MacDowell, reported for the committee.

**Business Committee Report
September, October, November 2010**

1. Correspondence:

10-099	From Liz Brewer, Ministry and Church Vocations, with information that Reuben St. Louis has attended a Guidance Conference	Ministry Committee
10-100	From Brooke Ashfield, Knox Waterloo, requesting a short term loan of \$200,000 from the Presbytery Development Fund	Congregation Affairs Committee
10-101	From Barb Summers, PWS&D, offering a guest speaker for an upcoming meeting	Mission and Outreach Committee
10-102	From Church Offices with a copy of The Policy of The PCC for dealing with SA and SAH	Ministry Committee
10-103	From Wayne Dawes, Knox's Galt, with a request to release the sum of \$100,000 from Knox's Galt Manse Fund to be used for major repair projects	Congregational Affairs Committee
10-104	From Ann Wilson and Jessie Bush, Knox Guelph, stating that the Session of Knox Guelph, are suspending the search for an assistant minister and to revisit Calling an assistant minister in a year.	Congregational Affairs Committee
10-105	From the Elders' Institute with information on Serving as a Ruling Elder and PAW 2011	Education, Issues and Fellowship Committee
10-106	From The Centre for Clergy Care with information on an event 'Making the Most of Retirement'	Education, Issues and Fellowship Committee
10-107	From The Centre for Clergy Care on an event "Mental Health and Ministry"	Education, Issues and Fellowship Committee
10-108	From Elizabeth Bartlett, Assembly Office, with Changes to the Roll	Clerk
10-109	From Mavis Currie, Presbytery of London, offering care packages to students connected to The PCC studying at Western University and	Mission and Outreach Committee

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10-110	Fanshawe College From John Vissers, Principal, The Presbyterian College, requesting nominations for the honorary degree of DD	General/Business Committee
10-111	From Matt Foxall, St. Andrew's Guelph, with a thank you for the support of The SHIFT Youth Ministry Leadership Conference	General
10-112	From The Elders' Institute with information on workshops	Education, Issues and Fellowship
10-113	From Elizabeth Bartlett, Assembly Office, with Changes to the Roll	Clerk
10-114	From Frank Kivell, Clerk of Session, St. Giles, with an update on their present circumstances	Congregational Affairs

2. **Matters to Note:**

- a) The Business Committee will meet on Thursday, November 4th, 2010 at 1000 hours within Westminster-St. Paul's Church Guelph. Outreach to provide refreshments.
- b) Commissioners to the 137th General Assembly to be held in London Ontario – Opening Worship is June 5th, 2011.
Ministers: Herb Gale X, Calvin Brown X, Angus Sutherland X, Linda Paquette X, Janice Hamalainen X David Whitecross
Alternates: Marty Molengraaf, Aubrey Botha, Bill Bynum, Wayne Dawes, Mark Gaskin
Sessions: St. Andrew's Galt Cambridge (declined), Knox Drayton, St. Giles Cambridge (declined), Mount Forest, Central Cambridge (Andrew Foster) X, Kitchener East, St. Andrew's Guelph
Alternates: St. Andrew's Kitchener, Knox Waterloo, Gale Elmira, St. Andrew's Fergus, Knox Preston
X = acceptance
- c) Business Committee would appreciate invitations for the meetings in March, May and June 2011. Thank you.
- d) Changes: *Lydia Maitland* lydiamaitland@rogers.com Peter Devries 74 Walnut Dr. Guelph N1E 4B5 *Hazel Hislop* hazjoe@rogers.com *Rev. Linda Paquette* revlpaquette@gmail.com *Gil Cha* gilcha@hotmail.com Joonim Church joonimchurch@hotmail.com *Barb and Marty Molengraaf* 74 Carrington Pl., Guelph N1G 5C1 *Andrew Song* Knox-Elora Box 2869 51 Church Street E. Elora N0B 1S0 519-846-0680 **home:** Box 2846 55 Church Street E, N0B 1S0 519-846-8028 andrewapack@gmail.com *Walter MacNeil* 1731 10th Concession W., RR # 6, Cambridge N1R 5S7
- e) Nominations for Moderator are due this eve.

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- f) Nominations for Honorary DD Presbyterian College due by December 15th, 2010
- g) Auditor names may still be submitted.
- h) The Synod Reports (hot off the press in the hour prior to the meeting) were available.

3. **Recommendations:**

- A. That the actions of The Business Committee in assigning the correspondence as designated, be homologated.
- B. That Remit C be approved.
- C. That Remit D be approved.
- D. That the Budget be approved as printed and previously circulated.
- E. Nominations for Moderator of the 137th General Assembly.
- F. Nominations for Honorary DD Presbyterian College.
- G. That the motion passed at the January 2010 meeting of Presbytery for the IAND Committee, as reconstituted to pursue the idea of an Executive Presbyter be Tabled and that the IAND Committee members be released to their respective quadrants.

J. DeSchiffart/Jeff L. Smith moved that the report be received and considered. **CARRIED.**

J. DeSchiffart/Jeff L. Smith moved Recommendation A. **CARRIED.**

J. DeSchiffart/Jeff L. Smith moved Recommendation B. **TABLED**

J. DeSchiffart/Jeff L. Smith moved Recommendation C. **TABLED.**

J. DeSchiffart/Jeff L. Smith moved Recommendation D.

Amendment: M. Molengraaf/J. Borthwick moved that the unit dollar value remain at \$16.61 recognizing this will result in a deficit budget. **CARRIED.**

Amended motion: **CARRIED.**

M. Molengraaf/J. Borthwick asked that The Business Committee, or sub committee, look at terms of the words staffing and references to honorarium. **CARRIED.**

J. Borthwick/Jeff L. Smith moved that Thomas Kay be nominated by The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington as Moderator of The 137th General Assembly. **CARRIED.**

Mark Gaskin/Mark Gedcke moved that Rick Horst be nominated as Moderator of 137th General Assembly. **CARRIED.**

C. Brown/W. Dawes moved that Don MacLeod be nominated for an Honorary DD from Presbyterian College. **CARRIED.**

J. DeSchiffart/Jeff L. Smith moved Recommendation G. Brice Martin, previous Moderator of Presbytery, took the Moderator's Chair while the present Moderator Karla Wübbenhorst, spoke about the process from 2005 to the present regarding this motion.

CARRIED.

J. DeSchiffart/Jeff L. Smith moved the report as a whole, be adopted. **CARRIED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commission – Waterloo North:

The Convenor, The Rev. Mark Lewis, with laryngitis, provided a brief, due diligence update. Please see attached report.

Synod Report:

The Rev. Janice Hamalainen, one of the commissioners, provided a report. Please see attached report.

Ministry Committee:

The Rev. Jeff L. Smith, Convenor, reported for the committee.

Jeff L. Smith/J. Borthwick moved that the report be received and considered.

CARRIED.

Jeff L. Smith/J. Borthwick moved that the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington approve Remit A. *CARRIED.*

Jeff L. Smith/J. Borthwick moved that the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington approve Remit B. *CARRIED.*

Jeff L. Smith/J. Borthwick that the Presbytery's Sub Committee on Sexual Abuse and/or Harassment be Mark Gedcke, Jeff E. Smith, Linda Ashfield and Janice Hamalainen.. *CARRIED.*

Jeff L. Smith/J. Borthwick moved that this committee seek out elders with gifts and skills in this area and that those names be brought to a future meeting of Presbytery for approval. *CARRIED.*

Jeff L. Smith/J. Borthwick moved that the Presbyter's Sub Committee on Pastoral Care be Shirley Gale, Andrew Foster, Arnold Bethune, Joyce Crane and Mark Richardson. *CARRIED.*

Jeff L. Smith/J. Borthwick moved that the Study Leave for The Rev. Johan Olivier on October 18/19 (Conrad Grebel: Understanding Conflict 2: Key to Change) and on November 9/10 (Conrad Grebel: Theological Perspectives on Conflict Resolution) be approved. *CARRIED.*

Jeff L. Smith/J. Borthwick moved that the request of Mark Godin (Minister on the Appendix to the Roll) be permitted to submit comments to the Presbytery concerning the study paper and proposed statements on Jewish-Christian relations which have been sent down to Presbyteries, be approved. *CARRIED.*

Jeff L. Smith/J. Borthwick moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

Education, Issues and Fellowship Committee:

Andrew Foster, Convenor, provided a report for information. Please see attached report.

Outreach Committee

Jennifer McDougall, reported for the committee.

J. McDougall/J. de Groot moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

J. McDougall/J. de Groot moved that a grant in the amount of \$20,000 (twenty thousand) be given to Crieff Hills for phase one of their expansion project.

Amendment: M. Molengraaf/J. Borthwick moved that \$100,000 (one hundred thousand) be given to Crieff over 5 (five) years at \$20,000 (twenty thousand) per year. *DEFEATED.*

Original motion: *CARRIED.*

The remainder of the report, previously circulated, was received for information.

J. McDougall/J. de Groot moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

Congregational Affairs:

Johan DeSchiffart, Convenor, reported for the committee.

J. DeSchiffart/H. Cleghorn moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

J. DeSchiffart/H. Cleghorn moved that Presbytery approve the suspension of the search for a second Minister of Word and Sacraments at Knox Church, Guelph. *CARRIED.*

J. DeSchiffart/H. Cleghorn moved that The Rev. John Borthwick be dismissed as Interim Moderator of Knox Church, Guelph with the thanks of the Court. *CARRIED.*

J. DeSchiffart/H. Cleghorn moved that a short term interest free loan be given to Knox Church Waterloo to cover the cash shortfall caused by the implementation of the HST, to be repaid when the government rebate is received. *CARRIED.*

J. DeSchiffart/H. Cleghorn moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

TIME:

The time being close to 2130 hours, and not wanting to interrupt the presentation of The Emmaus Project, a vote was taken to continue past 2130 hours. *CARRIED.*

The Emmaus Project:

Liz Samis and Jennifer McDougall, both commissioners to The Emmaus Project provided a great time of showing exactly how little we know each other within the Presbytery and ways to connect.

NEW BUSINESS:

In the absence of Wilma Welsh, Janice Hamalainen provided some information on the Look In-Shout Out Women's Retreat.

Martha Fergusson provided information on a TLC to be given at St. Andrew's

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Kitchener. Bags with information were provided for each congregation.

ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION.

Pastoral prayers included those for Glennys Stewart on the diagnosis of Leukemia with her son Stirling and with Wilma Welsh and family with her brother Sterling being in critical condition in the hospital in Guelph. Our thoughts and prayers are with both families.

Linda Bell moved adjournment.

To meet again

In Regular Session on Tuesday, January 11th, 2011 within Kitchener East Presbyterian Church, Kitchener, 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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