

Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington,
 Regular Meeting, September 10, 2013
 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kitchener, Ontario,

DATE AND PLACE:

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in regular session at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kitchener on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 6:30 for refreshments. The Presbytery convened its meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Rev. Mark Lewis and the Rev. Janice Hamalainen leading in worship. A service of Holy Communion was also held, served by the elders of St. Andrew's, Kitchener.

ATTENDANCE:

Ministers: Rev. Linda Ashfield (Moderator), Rev. Brooke Ashfield, Rev. John Borthwick, Rev. Dr. Aubrey Botha, Rev. Calvin Brown, Rev. Michael Burns, Rev. William Bynum, Rev. Edward Charlton, Rev. Mark Gaskin, Rev. Mark Lewis, Rev. Dr. Herb Gale, Rev. Alex MacLeod, Rev. Marty Molengraaf, Rev. Kathy Morden, Rev. Johan Olivier, Rev. John Paeng, Rev. Jeff L. Smith, Rev. David Whitecross

Representative Elders: Lenore Arbuckle, Johan DeSchiffart, Jean Godin, Pauline Hall, Judith Harrison, Isabel Howell, Marion Hunter, Gib McIlwrath, David Ogram, Frank Kivell, Bob Renton, Liz Samis, Robert Seim, Neil Stewart, Earl Suggitt, Don Vickers, Jim Zaryski,

Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll: Rev. Dr. Arnold Bethune, Rev. Dr. Linda Bell, Rev. Dr. Wayne Dawes, Rev. Dr. Brice Martin, Rev. Linda Paquette, Rev. Jeffrey E. Smith, Rev. Angus Sutherland.

Alternate Representative Elders: Bert Perriman, Barb Bonner, Helen Cleghorn, Janet deGroot, Doug Gilmour, Peter Goudy, Aileen Isaac

Women's Missionary Society Presbyterial: Jean Godin, Phyllis Stewart, Donna Henry

Treasurer: Allan Stewart

Clerk: Dr. Wilma Welsh

REGRETS:

Ministers: Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst, Rev. Mark Richardson.

Representative Elders – no regrets received

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

Others: Rev. Frank Szatmari

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND CONSITUTION OF THE COURT:

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The Rev. Linda Ashfield, Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer and constituted the court. She welcomed all in attendance and expressed appreciation to St. Andrew's, Kitchener for their kind hospitality and preparing communion for the Presbytery.

Appreciation was also expressed to Douglas Haas and the Sanctuary Choir for leading the music at the worship service and to the elders of St. Andrew's for assisting in the serving of the Communion elements, and to the members of St. Andrew's who provide refreshments prior to the meeting.

INDUCTION OF THE MODERATOR –

The Rev. Linda Ashfield, asking the prescribed questions, inducted into office the Rev. Mark Lewis as Moderator of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington for the year 2013-2014.

WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Lewis, Moderator welcomed new representative elders as well as newly inducted minister of Calvin Church, Kitchener, the Rev. Frank Szatmari.

The new treasurer Allan Stewart was also introduced and welcomed.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Moved by Alex MacLeod/Aubrey Botha that the Proposed Agenda be adopted. CARRIED.

MINUTES

Regular Meeting – June 18, 2013

Commission – July 8, 2013 – Call o Darrell Clarke

Minutes Approved on motion of John Borthwick/Mark Gaskin

It was noted that due to the move of the Clerk that the minutes of July 18th would be received for approval at the November 12th, 2013 Presbytery meeting.

WMS REPORT – presented by Donna Henry – see Appendix “A”

Apologies were given for the report not being received in June as scheduled.

The Moderator expressed appreciation to the WMS for their diligent work within the Presbyterial. He also thanked Donna for presenting the report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT: Clerk, Wilma Welsh reported.

Moved John Paeng/Ed Charlton that the Report of the Business Committee be received and the recommendations considered. CARRIED

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BUSINESS COMMITTEE
CORRESPONDENCE – June 19th – September 5, 2013

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| 13-086 | Marylou Pentelow – re possible workshop with Pension Board | announced at previous Presbytery meeting |
| 13-087 | Ross Rowat – reflections re narration of steps and - motions containing the words “in principle” | to Business Committee |
| 13-088 | Ross Rowat – re Standing Order 8.9 | to Business Committee |
| 13-089 | Debra Burns – Roots of Empathy | sent to all Presbyters |
| 13-090* | B. Nawratil – Commission on Assets approved the mission plan submitted for dissolved congregation Chalmer's Winterbourne | to Business Committee |
| 13-091 | Glenn Ball – research held for D.Min degree | sent to all Ministers |
| 13-092 | Jeffrey Crawford – email response advising that he is no longer Serving as the Synod's Youth Ministry Consultant – called to Oro | sent to all Presbyters |
| 13-093 | Marion Hunter – advising of Marty Molengraaf's injury | Moderator in touch |
| 13-094* | Deborah Motton (PCBC) – calling for Nominations – due Dec 2 Presbytery nominations due November 1, 2013 | Sent to all Presbyters |
| 13-095 | PWS&D Team – re Scotiabank run | Sent to all Presbyters |
| 13-096 | Linda Shaw – brochure Children's Ministry Training in Hamilton | Sent to all Presbyters |
| 13-097 | Clerk, Presbytery of Pickering – report Call sustained to D Clarke | Clerk |
| 13-098 | Ian McDonald – Re Canada Youth Worker Convention Nov. 8-11, Vancouver - flyers available at Presbytery meeting | |
| 13-099 | Knox Palmerton – re 150 th anniversary – Sept. 29, 2013 Guest Speaker – Rev. Bill Lamont | Sent to all Presbyters |
| 13-100 | Elders Institute – e-News August 2013 | to all presbyters |
| 13-101* | S. Kendall – re Overtures, Memorials & Petitions 2014 | Clerk/BC |
| 13-102 | Unreferred Overtures due April 1, 2014 Referred Overtures due Feb. 1, 2014 Memorials and Petitions – due April 1, 2014 | |
| 13-103* | S. Kendall – Nominations for Moderator of 140 th General Assembly - nominations due to Clerk on November 1, 2013 with bio sketch | |
| 13-104 | S. Kendall – Actions from 2013 GA referred to Presbyteries | Bus. Committee |
| 13-105 | S. Kendall – Actions from 2013 GA for attention. of Sessions | To all Sessions |
| 13-106 | S. Kendall – Remits under the Barrier Act Remit A - referred to Business Committee Remit B - referred to Business Committee Remit C - referred to Congregational Affairs Committee Remit D - referred to Congregational Affairs Committee Remit E - referred to Business Committee Remit F - referred to Ministry Committee (Pastoral Care) Remit G - referred to Ministry Committee | |

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| 13-107 | R. Sinasac – change of address and request to transfer him to the Appendix to the Roll of Paris Presbytery | Clerk/Presbytery |
| 13-108 | Elders Institute – e-News September 2013 | to all presbyters |

Business Committee Recommendations:

1. Correspondence

Moved Ed Charlton/Marty Molengraaf that the actions of The Business Committee in assigning the correspondence be homologated. CARRIED

2. Commissioners to 2013 Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda

Moved, Marty Molengraaf/John Paeng that the following be the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington Commissioners to the Oct. 22nd, 2013 meeting of the Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda -

Ministers – Rev. Brooke Ashfield, Rev. Mark Lewis

Elders – St. Andrew's, Kitchener (Johan DeSchiffart), Duff's Puslinch (Doug Gilmour)

CARRIED

3. Relocation of the Rev. Robert Sinasac

Moved by Gib McIlwrath/Grant Scott that the Rev. Robert Sinasac be transferred from the Appendix to the Roll of Waterloo-Wellington Presbytery to the Presbytery of Paris effective immediately. CARRIED

The Moderator wished Robert and Mary Ann the best wishes of the court in their new home.

4. Revision of Standing Orders

Recommendation – re the revision of the Standing Orders

The Standing Orders have not been revised for almost ten years so it is recommended

That a task force of Past Moderator, Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer be set up to revise the standing orders, in consultation with the conveners of the committees.

Moved by Edward Charlton/Andrew Song that the above recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

5. Waterloo North Update - Linda Ashfield gave a brief report on the Waterloo North

situation. It was indicated to her that the Clerk would hear from them by early September but as of this date no communication received.

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6. Call to Doon Kitchener – Darrell Clarke's induction will be held on September 29, 2013 at 3:00 (Presbytery will meet at 2:30)
7. Permission Granted by the Business Committee that Gale, Elmira be given permission to begin their search for a new minister – for information.
 Action homologated
8. Presbytery Meeting Dates – 2013-14 (invitations invited)
 November 12, 2013 – Knox's Galt Cambridge
 January 14, 2014 - St. Andrew's, Fergus
 March 11, 2014
 May 13, 2014 - St. Andrew's, Arthur - tentative
 June 17, 2014
 September 9, 2014

Business Committee Meetings 9:30 at St. Andrew's, Kitchener

Wednesday, October 2, 2013

November 6, 2013

December 4, 2013

January 8, 2014

February 5, 2014

March 5, 2014

April 2, 2014

May 7, 2014

June 11, 2014

September 3, 2014

Report as a Whole

Moved by John Borthwick/Mark Gaskin that the report as a whole of the Business Committee be approved. CARRIED

TREASURERS REPORT – See Appendix “B”

Moved by Marty Molengraaf/Aubrey Botha that the Report of the Treasurer as at August 31, 2013 be received and adopted. CARRIED

MINISTRY COMMITTEE – see Appendix “C”

Moved by John Paeng/Mark Gaskin that the report of the Ministry Committee be received and considered. CARRIED

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Recommendations:

1. That student Lisa Brimblecombe be recertified as a student for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament at Knox College.

Moved by John Paeng/Liz Samis that the above recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

2. That Margaret Evans be recertified as a student for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament at Vancouver School of Theology.

Moved by John Paeng/Marion Hunter that the above recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

3. That Gregory Smith be recertified as a student for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament at Knox College.

Moved by John Paeng/Bob Renton that the above recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

Moved by John Paeng/John Borthwick that the report as a whole of the Ministry Committee be adopted. CARRIED

EDUCATION, ISSUES AND FELLOWSHIP (EIF) – see Appendix “D”

Moved by Janice Hamalainen/John Borthwick that the report of the Ministry Committee be received for information. CARRIED

CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS – See Appendix “E” -

Report presented by Calvin Brown

Moved by Calvin Brown/Andrew Song that the Report of the Congregational Affairs Committee be received and considered. CARRIED

Recommendations

1. Following congregational meetings earlier this year and on the recommendation of the Session I would request that the Presbytery support the following recommendation – That the congregations of the Palmerston/Drayton pastoral charge request that the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington extend the appointment of the Rev. Calvin Brown as Stated Supply from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. The terms of the appointment be the same as in the past, plus cost of living and increasing the weeks of holidays from five to seven.

Moved by David Whitecross/Janet DeGroot that the above recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

2. That the Presbytery accept the resignation of the Rev. Kees Vandermeij as Interim Moderator of Palmerston/Drayton and that the thanks of the court be extended to him for

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past services.

Moved by David Whitecross/Calvin Brown that the above recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

3. That the Congregational Affairs Committee be asked to present to Presbytery the name of an Interim Moderator for Palmerston/Drayton with the same terms as reference as the previous Interim Moderator – namely to be available when called upon by the Session to assist the congregation as requested – IM Remuneration will be \$100 per meeting.

Moved by David Ogram/Janet DeGroot that the above recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

Moved by David Whitecross/Calvin Brown that the new Interim Moderator for Palmerston/Drayton be the Rev. Kathy Morden. CARRIED

4. In response to the recommendation of Rev. Andrew Song that the Mt Forest and Conn charge be given permission to seek to call a minister.

Moved by David Whitecross/Janet DeGroot that the above recommendation be approved.

CARRIED

Moved by David Whitecross/Calvin Brown that the Report as a whole of the Congregational Affairs Committee be adopted. CARRIED

MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE – verbal report”

Moved by Alex MacLeod/Glen Soderholm that the Report of the Mission and Outreach Committee be received for information. CARRIED

The Presbytery was advised of the upcoming visit of three representatives from the Taiwan Bunun Presbytery. A schedule is being prepared and the presbytery will be advised of their comings and goings once the schedule is confirmed.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2014

Linda Ashfield reported that the 2014 General Assembly will be held at Laurier University from May 30th to June 2nd.

NEXT MEETING

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington will meet in regular session on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at Knox's Galt Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m., refreshments at 6:30.

UPCOMING PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

Induction of the Rev. Darrell Clarke, Doon Presbyterian Church, Kitchener, on Sunday, September 29th, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. Presbytery will convene at 2:30.

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ADJOURNMENT

The business being completed, the Presbytery adjourned on motion of John Paeng. The Moderator, the Rev. Mark Lewis pronounced the Benediction and announced that the Presbytery will meet again on Tuesday, November 12th, 2013 at Knox's Galt Presbyterian Church, Cambridge.

Moderator

Clerk

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Appendix "A"

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WATERLOO-WELLINGTON PRESBYTERIAL TO THE
 PRESBYTERY OF WATERLOO – WELLINGTON - June 18, 2013**

Purpose

*The Women's Missionary Society is a community
 Of Christians whose purpose,
 In response to the love of God in Jesus Christ,
 Is to encourage one another and all the people of the church
 to be involved in local and world mission
 through prayer, study, service and fellowship.*

It is my privilege, as President of the Waterloo-Wellington Presbyterial to report to Presbytery on the activities of the Presbyterial during this past year.

We have 3 Executive meetings a year and are hosted by different groups in the Presbyterials . We have two Rallies a year. Spring and Fall. The Fall Rally last year was held in Arthur with Rev. Andrew Song from Elora and Alma as our guest speaker. His theme was "Mission in Taiwan". This Spring our Rally was held in Alma and we were very fortunate to have Tori Smit our new Christian Education Consultant for C.N.O.B. as our speaker. Her theme was "Sharing our Passion for the Good News" She was Awesome!! Tori is very helpful, enthusiastic and full of ideas and a great asset to our Presbyterial. It's always a pleasure to have her at our meetings. Our Waterloo-Wellington Presbyterial Annual meeting was held on February 4 at St. Andrew's Presbyterial Church in Guelph. Our guest speaker was Rev. Gordon Timbers. His theme was "China Today" He spoke about the mission project in China. The main focus of the trip was teaching English to Chinese teachers. The afternoon session began with a hymn sing and Rev. Bob Spencer delighted us by singing two gospel songs.

This April we were very pleased to host The W.M.S. 66th Annual Synodical meeting of the C.N.O.B. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hespeler. The theme of the meeting was "Where The Road Leads". It was a two day event starting Friday afternoon then dinner and entertainment that evening. On Saturday we had as our guest speaker Nandy Heule, from Oikocredit Canada Central. This is an international financial cooperative with members across Canada. Founded in 1975, this non-profit organization is rooted in the World Council of Churches. Over 80% of the clients are women. Nandy was very interesting and informative and involved some of the ladies in her presentation. We had many question for her. A delicious lunch was served followed by our Bible study . Thanks to everyone for all their help to make this meeting a success.

The women and men of the Presbyterial continued to pack and ship pneumonia-prevention vests and hats to India. We continue to do two packings a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Our next one is Oct. 30. This is a very worthwhile project and much needed.

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Our membership is down slightly from last year but we still manage to send \$23,400.00 to Toronto. Next year will be the 100th Anniversary of the W.M.S. So we are looking forward to that special occasion. Also next year there will be another Women's Gathering to be held in Toronto. The theme will be "Burst Forth". Isaiah 35: 1-10.

We are very happy and pleased that the Youth Hostel in Jobat, India is completed and the official opening will be this fall. Now the children will have a clean and safe place to sleep. This is good news for everyone.

Again, I want to thank everyone who supports the W.M.S. in anyway. We are committed to keeping mission alive in our congregations.

Respectfully submitted.
Donna Henry
President

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Appendix "C"

**Ministry Committee Report
The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington
September 9, 2013**

Recommendation 1:

That students Lisa Brimblecombe and Margaret Evans be recommended to Presbytery for re-certification to their theological colleges.

For Information:

Guidance Conference reports for theological students are due to arrive shortly. The Ministry Committee will be setting up a small interview team to review the reports upon its arrival.

John Paeng,
Convener

Student Re-certification Interviews

On the morning of Saturday, August 23, 2013 a Ministry Committee interview team met at Knox Preston Church to interview Lisa Brimblecombe and Margaret Evans for re-certification to Knox College for a second year of studies, and V.S.T. for a third and final year of studies respectively. The interview committee consisted of Elders Mr. Peter Goudy and Mr. Rick Thomas, as well as the Reverends Gaskin, Botha and Bynum.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, September 3, a Ministry Committee interview team met at Knox Preston Church to interview Mr. Greg Smith for re-certification to Knox College. The interview team consisted of Elder Carol White, Dr. Wilma Welsh, and Reverends Gaskin and Bynum

Using the questions provided in the Book of Forms for re-certification interviews, all three candidates were interviewed separately over a one hour period. Discussed with all candidates was their church family background, their sense of Call, their continuing faith journey, previous congregational participation and experience, summer study and/or church work, academic achievement and experience, spiritual growth, family support, financial support, plans and hopes for the future, and other topics that naturally arose out of conversation.

All candidates were enthusiastic, willing, open and honest during our discussions, demonstrating continuing spiritual and personal growth, growing self awareness, personal strengths and weaknesses, a willingness to struggle with theological teaching and issues, on-going reflections on ministry, participation in denominational issues, a genuine love for the Church, and their many gifts for ministry.

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All candidates were informed of available Presbytery resources should the need arise.

At the conclusion of the interviews, it was the interview committee's unanimous decision to recommend to The Ministry Committee of Presbytery, that Lisa Brimblecombe, Margaret Evans, and Greg Smith be recommended to Presbytery for re-certification to their theological colleges..

On behalf of the interview team,

Rev. Bill Bynum

Recommendations:

1. That student Lisa Brimblecombe be recertified as a student for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament at Knox College.
2. That Margaret Evans be recertified as a student for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament at Vancouver School of Theology.
3. That Gregory Smith be recertified as a student for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament at Knox College.

It was also noted that Lisa Brimblecome has attended the Guidance Conference and her report has been received by the Student committee.

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**EIF REPORT TO PRESBYTERY
 SEPTEMBER 10, 2013
 OCTOBER 20, 2013 - STUDENTS AND COLLEGES SUNDAY**

Sunday October 20 has been designated Students and Colleges Sunday by the General Assembly. Our colleges have the primary responsibility for training leaders within our congregations, whether the training is for Teaching or Ruling Elders. Each one of our colleges needs feedback and support from our congregations to continue to serve the wider church effectively. This Sunday is an excellent opportunity to inform our congregations about the significant work of our colleges and offer our financial support. Their reports to General Assembly are published in the Acts and Proceedings and can be found on-line on the National Church website. Each college has a website that you can access. You can also contact your college directly. The contact names and telephone numbers are listed below.

Knox College – has suggestions for worship and information about new directions Knox is taking. These include

- Suggestions for readings and prayers for the worship
- Knox video 1: Why Knox? (3 minutes) this video is posted on Knox website <http://www.knox.utoronto.ca>.
- Knox fact sheet and poster (being developed)
- Knox materials:
 - Con-ed brochure (November 2013) <http://www.knox.utoronto.ca/renew/>
 - Samples of publications: these will be ConneXions, annual report, some postcards on different degree programs.
 - Collection envelopes

Some students will be available to preach the sermon and speak about their experience at Knox firsthand. Please contact Seta Gougassian at 415-987-6228 to receive information. Seta will personalize the information to suit the needs of your congregation.

Presbyterian College – has information to send you. Please contact Jeannette Vink at 514-288-5256 ext. 200 for information and suggestions on ways to promote the college.

St. Andrew's Hall – will send out packages with information and an Annual Report to each congregation. Please contact Rev. Glen Davis, Director of Denominational Formation at gjdavis@telus.net or the Rev. Dr. Stephen Farris, Dean of St. Andrew's Hall at 604-922-9721 for further information.

Respectfully submitted
 Rev. Janice Hamalainen

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Convener – EIF Committee

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CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2013

In response to some concern about the Visitation Schedule members of Presbytery were asked to contact David Whitecross with any concerns. To date David has only received one concern. We want to give Presbytery another opportunity to express concerns so the schedule may be changed. Please review the schedule and get back to David so he can present a new schedule at the next meeting of Presbytery.

Report of Interim-Moderators

Palmerston/Drayton

Life in this dual congregation is full of blessings and full of challenges. In Palmerston we have had a year of preparation and celebration of our 150 year Anniversary with monthly special events to increase both our outreach into the community and a deepening of our fellowship. The celebrations end with a big weekend celebration on September 28-29. There will be a dinner and hymn sing Saturday evening and on Sunday special music including the Schneider Male Quartet and a reunion choir, opening of the time capsule and special Anniversary speaker, former minister, the Rev. Bill Lamont from Virginia. A large attendance is expected and the Presbytery is invited to attend all or some of the events including the luncheon following the service.

The Sessions continue to work at developing a Future's Plan. While we have received a few new members the attendance overall is declining due to over 6 deaths in the congregation, several members entering nursing homes, and several leaving the area. These are circumstances beyond Session's control but while anyone from a small congregation can understand they are challenges that leaders do not take lightly. They are circumstances that do bring fear to some of the members who want someone to 'fix it' and bring in new people. Most however, understand the challenge and celebrate the successes. There were many blessings in terms of the wonderful improvements to the church facilities, the expansion of people using their spiritual gifts, and a deepening of our prayer life. The challenges are great but the people are being given pastoral care, they are hearing the gospel preached each week, and they are struggling to know where God wants them to go. We ask the prayers and support of Presbytery as we continue to seek ways to represent the Kingdom of God in this place.

Rev. Calvin Brown (Stated Supply)

Recommendations

5. Following congregational meetings earlier this year and on the recommendation of the Session I would request that the Presbytery support the following motion –
 That the congregations of the Palmerston/Drayton pastoral charge request that the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington extend the appointment of the Rev. Calvin Brown as

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Stated Supply from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. The terms of the appointment be the same as in the past, plus cost of living and increasing the weeks of holidays from five to seven.

I would at this time also request that the Presbytery accept my resignation as interim-moderator of the Palmerston/Drayton pastoral charge. Again I thank the Presbytery for the privilege of having served in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kees Vandermeij, Interim Moderator.

Recommendations

6. That the Presbytery accept the resignation of the Rev. Kees Vandermeij as Interim Moderator of Palmerston/Drayton and that the thanks of the court be extended to him for past services.

7. That the Congregational Affairs Committee be asked to present to Presbytery the name of an Interim Moderator for Palmerston/Drayton with the same terms as reference as the previous Interim Moderator – namely to be available when called upon by the Session to assist the congregation as requested – Remuneration would be \$100 per meeting.

Mount Forest and Conn

Report of the Interim Moderator

I have received 34 applications 16 among them were sent by the individual directly and 18 were sent in a package by the Committee of Education and Reception from 50 Wynford Dr. At the meeting on April 18, 201, the Search Committee had narrowed down the lists to five potential candidates and closed the deadline of application. On the June 25, the Committee met again to watch and listen each candidate's sermon on DVD / You Tube, but the committee wasn't quite convinced to reach the final decision to call, thus we decided to wait further and re-open the deadline to receive application. Since then we have received seven candidates' profiles and recorded sermons on You Tube which will be watched at our next meeting on September 17th.

Rev. Andrew Song, Interim Moderator,
 Mount Forest and Conn

Recommendation 4

In response to the recommendation of Rev. Andrew Song that the Mt Forest and Conn charge be given permission to seek to call a minister.

Gale Presbyterian Church, Interim Moderator's Report, September 2013

On July 10th, after being granted permission by the Presbytery Commission, the vacancy at Gale church was advertised on the PCC website and the congregational profile was placed on file with

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the Ministry and Church Vocations office. The vacancy will also be advertised in the September issue of the Presbyterian Record. To date, 31 applications have been received (15 through the MCV matching scheme), the search committee has met three times to review them, and gone twice to hear applicants in whom it was interested, conduct worship. The session and congregation are being kept apprised of the search committee's state-of-play. It feels like a lot has happened in the 4 months since the pulpit was preached vacant!

The session has continued to meet monthly during the summer, and a big item on its agenda has been the review of the congregational roll. Letters will be sent to inactive members, whom the session has identified, as per BoF 125.4-5, during the month of September. Pastoral care needs are brought to the attention of the interim moderator and minister in association (the Rev. Kees Vandermeij), usually by the elders, who are, in most cases, already on the job, and who are invaluable during this vacancy period in keeping a finger on the pulse of the congregation.

A variety of guest ministers have been supplying the pulpit, to the glory of God and the general satisfaction of the congregation. The music ministry is being ably led by the interim organist Donna Lenz (on contract till April 2014, owing to the retirement of music director, Martin Bauer at the same time as his spouse, the Rev. Dr. Linda Bell) and by the praise team. Sunday worship attendance and givings continue at levels not dissimilar to the same time a year before. The board of managers is making arrangements for the paving of the parking lot, and the configuration of the chancel continues as a discussion item for the session, worship committee and board, as Gale continues to adjust to life in its new skin.

A well-attended VBS was held during the week of August 19-24, and the Fall programme is shaping up to include an elder retreat, a fall study group in five sessions, a half-day conference on computer technology and the church, and three sessions of elder training to coincide with the biennial election of elders, in addition to the regular programme-life of the church.

In general I feel this congregation is weathering the vacancy well and is applying itself with diligence and zeal to the tasks that attend a vacancy. I am grateful for the support of the session, the minister in association and the paid staff at Gale.

Yours faithfully,
Karla Wübbenhorst
Interim Moderator

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