

Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington  
 Regular Meeting, September 8, 2015  
 Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo

**DATE AND PLACE:**

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in regular session at Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting of Presbytery. Refreshments were served at 6:30 p.m.

Worship with Communion was conducted by the outgoing Moderator, the Rev. Scott McAndless and the incoming Moderator, the Rev. Brooke Ashfield. The scripture readings were Exodus 17: 1-7 and 1 Corinthians 10:1-4. The meditation was given by Rev. Scott McAndless. Elder Deb Schlichter, Clerk of Session of Knox Waterloo welcomed the Presbytery to Knox Waterloo.

**CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT AND WELCOME**

The Rev. Scott McAndless, Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer and constituted the court. He welcomed all visitors in attendance and were introduced. Mark Lewis introduced Gladys Abboud a new arrival in Canada from Lebanon. New elders were introduced.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Ministers:** Rev. Scott McAndless (Moderator), Rev. Brooke Ashfield (Moderator-Elect), Rev. Linda Ashfield, Rev. John Borthwick, Rev. Calvin Brown, Rev. Michael Burns, Rev. William Bynum, Rev. Ed Charlton, Rev. Darrell Clarke, Rev. Mark Gaskin, Rev. Mark Lewis, Rev. Alex MacLeod, Rev. Kathy Morden, Rev. Johan Olivier, Rev. John Paeng, Rev. Mark Richardson, Rev. Scott Sinclair, Rev. Glen Soderholm, Rev. Frank Szatmari, Rev. David Whitecross, Rev. Amanda Wickenheiser, Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst.

**Representative Elders:** Janet deGroot, Andrew Foster, Pauline Hall, Judith Harrison, Isobel Howell, Marion Hunter, Alan Israel, Frank Kivell, Peggy Lennox, Gib McIlwrath, David Ogram, Bob Renton, Robert Seim, Liz Taylor-Samis, Jim Zaryski

**Alternate Representative Elders:** Helen Cleghorn, Peter Devries, Peter Goudy, Erik Kabbes, Reg Samis, David Krueger, Rick Thomas.

**Appendix to the Roll:** Rev. Dr. Linda Bell, Rev. Dr. Arnold Bethune, Rev. Dr. Walter McLean, Rev. Angus Sutherland

**W.M.S:** Jean Godin

**Missionaries:** Flora Geddes

**Treasurer:** Allan Stewart

**Clerk:** Dr. Wilma Welsh

**Visitors:** Gladys Abboud

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**REGRETS:**

**Ministers:** Rev. Dr. Aubrey Botha, Rev. Chris Ji Hoon Cho, Rev. Cathy Kay

**Representative Elders:** Junghee Ahn, Andrew Foster, Alison Cann, Glen Cober, Peter Graham, Linda Palmer, Ross Rowat

**Alternate Representative Elders:** Scott Whetham

**Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll:** Rev. Mary Whitson

**APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA**

Moved by Ed Charlton/Alex MacLeod that the proposed agenda be adopted. CARRIED.

**INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR FOR 2015-2016**

The Rev. Brooke Ashfield was installed as Moderator by the outgoing Moderator, the Rev. Scott McAndless.

The members of the Business Committee – Rev. Johan Olivier, Rev. Ed Charlton, Andrew Foster, Rev. Scott McAndless, Treasurer – Allan Stewart, and Clerk – Wilma Welsh were installed by Moderator Rev. Brooke Ashfield.

**OPENING COMMENTS BY MODERATOR**

The moderator made a brief statement outlining his hope to lead with grace in his moderatorial year. He also indicated a preference for efficient, clear communication, as we together as a Presbytery seek to discern the will of Christ in these days.

**MINUTES**

Moved by Mark Gaskin/John Borthwick that the minutes of the regular presbytery meeting of June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT** – reported by Clerk, Wilma Welsh – see Appendix A

**CORRESPONDENCE – June 8 to August 31, 2015**

15-122	Session, Knox's Galt requesting permission to initiate a discussion re possibility of amalgamation with Westside	Congregational Affairs
15-123	CNOB – Notice of Synod meeting – Nov. 7, Trinity York Mills	all presbyters
15-124	By Peaceful Waters Inc. – thanks for donation	Treasurer
15-125	F. Hogg – requesting reports for A&P	Clerk
15-126	Rev. S. Shaffer – Rev. Nicolae Pavel declared eligible for reception after two semesters of theological studies	Ministry Committee
15-127	F. Hogg –acknowledging all reports for A&P	Clerk
15-128	J. Borthwick – announcement re search for Youth Intern	all presbyters
15-129	Clerk, Pres. of London – requesting transfer of Rev. D. McInnis To WW Appendix	Business Committee

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15-130	B. Nawratil – requesting dissolution date for Knox Drayton	Clerk
15-131	R. Fee – Call for nominations for Assoc. Sec. for Canadian Min	all presbyters
15-132	Knox College – Dinner & Reception Sept. 26, 2015	all presbyters
15-133	APCA Alert – June 30	all presbyters
15-134	ESC News – July 1, 2015	all presbyters
15-135	K. Wübbenhorst advising presbytery that Westminster-St Pau’s has entered into a renewable rental - Third Day Worship Center	all presbyters
15-136	PWS&D – financial campaign	all presbyters
15-137	M. White – re CGIT 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary - Sept. 26, 2015	all presbyters
15-138	J. Loach – advising of his intention to perform a wedding within the bounds of WW Presbytery – Sept. 5	Clerk
15-139	E. Charlton – study leave request	Ministry Committee
15-140	J. Borthwick – Researching impact of churches in Guelph	Mission & Outreach
15-141	T.L. Hamilton – re distribution of CDRoms	Clerk
15-142	F. Hogg – Changes to the Roll (recorded on new CD)	all presbyters
15-143	Revised list of Presbyterians Sharing givings & allocations	all presbyters
15-144	ESC News – August 2015	all presbyters
15-145	Maranatha Church – re available electronic organ	all presbyters
15-146	APCE Alert – August 14, 2015	all presbyters
15-147	J. Henderson – Lay Education Course Knox College	all presbyters
15-148	Camp Cairn Rummage Sale	all presbyters
15-149	Kortright Session – certifying Diane Boyd to Ministry	Student/Ministry committee
15-150	J. Henderson – Caring Churches workshop/Huron-Perth Pres.	all presbyters
15-151	APCE Advocate – Fall 2015	all presbyters
15-152	Calvin, Kitchener – re opening for program coordinator	all presbyters
15-153	J. Henderson – RENEW 2015	all presbyters
15-154	L. Samis – Knox Drayton building purchase interest	Trustee Board
15-155	CCK Storytelling and Video Creation Workshops	all presbyters
15-156	Service Ontario – removal of Rev. J. Hodgson from Ministry Files to perform marriages	Clerk
15-156	B. Ashfield – update re K. Callahan workshop	EIF/Knox Waterloo
15-157	L. Samis – re representative on Hungarian Committee	Congregational Affairs
15-158	Session, Westside Cambridge – purchasing of house/property adjacent to the church	Business Committee
15-159	S. Kendall – Process for dealing with Overtures re Human Sexuality	Business Committee
15-160	S. Kendall – Study and Report document	Business Committee

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15-161	S. Kendall – 2015 Remits – under the Barrier Act	Business Committee
	Remit A - Attestation of records and dissolved synods	Business Committee
	Remit B – Process for dissolving a synod	Business Committee
15-162	S. Kendall – Nominations for Moderator of 142 <sup>nd</sup> Gen. Assembly	Business Committee
15-163	S. Kendall – Overtures, Memorials and Petitions 2016	Business Committee
15-164	S. Kendall – Commissioners to the 142 <sup>nd</sup> General Assembly	Clerk/Business Committee
15-165	S. Kendall – copy to Knox Guelph re approved overture 2014	for information
15-166	S. Kendall – copy of Knox’s Galt overture 25, 2015	for information
15-167	S. Kendall - copy of St. Andrew’s, Kitchener re overture 24, 2015	for information
15-168	S. Kendall – copy of Duff’s Puslinch re overture 35, 2015	for information
15-169	S. Kendall – copy of Kortright Guelph re overture 6, 2015	for information
15-170	S. Kendall – copy Westminster-St. Paul’s, Guelph re overture 8, 2015	for information
15-171	S. Kendall – copy of St. Andrew’s, Arthur re overture 7, 2015	for information

### **Correspondence**

Moved Ed Charlton/Peter Devries that the actions of the Business Committee in assigning the correspondence be homologated. CARRIED

### **Transfer of Membership – Rev. Donald McInnis**

Request received from the Presbytery of London to transfer Rev. D. McInnis from the Appendix to the Roll of the Presbytery of London to the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington.

#### Recommendation

Moved by Ed Charlton/Peter Devries that the Rev. D. McInnis’s membership be transferred from the Appendix to the Roll of London Presbytery to the Appendix to the Roll of Waterloo-Wellington Presbytery as he has moved within the bounds of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington. His contact address is 21 Graystone Avenue, Kitchener, ON N2M 4T2. CARRIED

### **Nominations**

Associate Secretary for Canadian Ministries – no nominations received

### **REMIT A, 2015**

(Special Committee re the Optional Elimination of Synods Rec. No. 2, p. 538, 31)

#### **Re: Book of Forms section 32 – attestation of presbytery minutes**

#### **Remit A, 2015 re Book of Forms 32 – attestation of records and dissolved synods**

That Book of Forms section 32 be amended by deleting the words “By various acts” and “expressly” and by adding the words, “and in the case of a presbytery where its synod has been dissolved, another presbytery is empowered to attest its records according to the dissolution plan approved by General Assembly at the time of dissolution”. (Special Committee re The Optional Elimination of Synods, Rec. No. 2, p. 538, 31):

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You are asked to approve or disapprove this change

**REMIT B, 2015**

(Special Committee re the Optional Elimination of Synods Rec. No. 3, p. 538, 31)

**Remit B, 2015 re Book of Forms section 259.2 – process for dissolving a synod**

That Book of Forms section 259.2 re the process for dissolving a synod, be added to the Book of Forms and remitted to presbyteries under the Barrier Act. (Special Committee re The Optional Elimination of Synods, Rec. No. 3, p. 538, 31):

259.2 The General Assembly may dissolve any synod upon its request provided it is satisfied with the synod's plan to apportion the various responsibilities and assets among the presbyteries within its bounds. The plan for dissolution shall be approved by the General Assembly and included in the Acts and Proceedings. (see Appendix K)

You are asked to approve or disapprove this change

**2015 – Remits (see appendix “A”)**

Recommendation

Moved by Ed Charlton/Peter Devries that Remits A & B (2015) be approved. CARRIED

**Attestation of Minutes** – received for information

Central, Cambridge – attested

St. Andrew's, Fergus – with notes

St. Andrew's Hespeler, Cambridge – attested

Westminster-St. Paul's, Guelph – attested

Knox Preston, Cambridge – attested

Duff's, Puslinch – attested.

**Request from Westside re purchase of property**

Preamble – Property adjacent to the Westside Church Property was listed for sale at the end of July. The Westside Session met to consider the future merits in acquiring the property at 172 Forest Road. A congregational meeting was called and gave permission to the Westside Session

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and Trustees to request the approval of the Presbytery to make a conditional offer on the property.

Recommendation

Moved by Andrew Foster/Johan Olivier that the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington affirm Westside Church to make a conditional offer on the property. CARRIED

**Synod Commissioners**

Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda will meet on November 7<sup>th</sup> at Trinity York Mills Church in East Toronto Presbytery.

Recommendation

Moved by Ed Charlton/Peter DeVries that the follow be the Presbytery Commissioners to the Synod of CNOB on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Ministers - 2015**

Rev. Mark Gaskin

Rev. Johan Olivier

Alternates – Rev. Dr. Aubrey Botha, David Whitecross

**Congregations - 2015**

Knox, Crieff

Central, Cambridge

Alternates - Eden Mills, Knox Preston Cambridge

**Presbytery Meetings (invitations needed for presbytery meetings beginning November 2015)**

November 10, 2015 – Knox-Calvin, Harriston

January 12, 2016

March 8, 2016

May 10, 2016

June 21, 2016

September 13, 2016 (new Moderator's church)

**Business Committee**

will meet at Knox, Waterloo – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Moved by Calvin Brown/Glen Soderholm that the report of the Business Committee be adopted as a whole. CARRIED

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – presented by Allan Stewart, Treasurer (see Appendix "B")

- received for information

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**CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS REPORT** – presented by Calvin Brown – see Appendix “C”  
Moved by Calvin Brown/Earl Suggitt that the report of the Congregational Affairs Committee be received and recommendations considered. CARRIED

**Recommendation 1**

Moved by Calvin Brown/Ed Charlton that Duff’s Puslinch be given permission to form a Search Committee and begin their search. CARRIED

**Recommendation 2**

Moved by Calvin Brown/Ed Charlton that the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington affirm the action of the CA Committee of appointing Scott Sinclair and Ross Rowat to Knox’s Galt and Westside Church’s Joint Amalgamation Planning Committee. CARRIED

**Recommendation 3:**

Moved by Calvin Brown/Ed Charlton that the Report as a whole be approved. CARRIED

**MINISTRY COMMITTEE REPORT** – see Appendix “D”

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

Moved by John Paeng/Andrew Foster that Diane Boyd be certified by the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington and that the notice of certification be sent to both Knox College and to the Committee on Education and Reception. CARRIED

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

**MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE** – no written report

Moved by Alex MacLeod/Frank Szatmari that each quadrant within the Presbytery be encouraged to sponsor a Syrian refugee family. CARRIED

**Notice of Motion** – John Borthwick

That I will move or cause to be moved that in addition to the additional MacLeod motion re Syrian Refugee Sponsorship, I will move or cause to be moved the following:-

That the Presbytery make available \$40,000 from the Development Fund (\$10,000 per quadrant) to congregations, by written request to the Clerk, for the Mission and Outreach Committee, by congregations who seek to sponsor a refugee family from Syria in 2015-2016 to encourage compassionate action by our members.

**EIF COMMITTEE** – No committee report as they have not met.

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**VISIONING COMMITTEE REPORT** – presented by Mark Gaskin – see Appendix “E”  
The report from the Visioning Committee be received for information

**YOUNG ADULT REPRESENTATIVE TO 2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY** – see Appendix  
“F” - Holly Boyne - Received for information

**ADJOURNMENT**

The business being completed, the Presbytery adjourned on motion of John Paeng. AGREED

**NEXT MEETING**

The Presbytery is called to meet again on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Knox Presbyterian Church, Drayton at 6:30 p.m. with two agenda items 1) 6:30 p.m. - If available, consider the Call to Knox Elora and St. Andrew’s, Alma and 2) 7:30 Service of Dissolution for Knox, Drayton Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting of Presbytery will be held at Knox-Calvin Presbyterian Church, Harriston on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. (refreshments at 6:30 p.m.)

The Moderator, the Rev. Brooke Ashfield closed the meeting with prayer and pronounced the Benediction.

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Rev. Brooke Ashfield, Moderator

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Dr. Wilma Welsh, Clerk



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Appendix "A"

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

### Recommendations:

#### 1. Correspondence

##### Recommendation

That the actions of The Business Committee in assigning the correspondence be homologated.

#### 2. Transfer of Membership

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##### Recommendation

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His contact address is 21 Graystone Avenue, Kitchener, ON N2M 4T2

#### 1. Nominations

Associate Secretary for Canadian Ministries

#### 2. 2015 – Remits (see below)

Recommendation – that Remits A & B (2015) be approved

#### 3. Attestation of Minutes

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##### Recommendation

That the minutes as attested be approved.

#### 4. Minutes due for attestation

St. Andrew's, Mount Forest

Knox, Conn

Kortright, Guelph

Joonim, Kitchener-Waterloo

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Westside, Cambridge  
 Knox, Guelph  
 St. Andrew's, Arthur  
 Gordonville  
 Palmerston  
 Drayton (due on date of dissolution)  
 St. Andrew's, Guelph  
 Doon, Kitchener  
 Kitchener East

**5. Request from Westside re purchase of property**

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Recommendation

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March 8, 2016 (when is school break??)  
May 10, 2016  
June 21, 2016  
September 13, 2016 (new Moderator's church)

8. Business Committee – Knox, Waterloo – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

## **REMITTS A & B**

### **REMIT A, 2015**

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### **REMIT B, 2015**

(Special Committee re the Optional Elimination of Synods Rec. No. 3, p. 538, 31)

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## Appendix "B"

**FINANCIAL REPORT TO WATERLOO-WELLINGTON PRESBYTERY AS AT AUGUST 31, 2015**

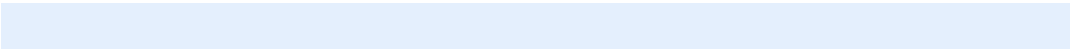
	<u>to August 2015</u>	<u>Budget 2015</u>	<u>Amount remaining</u>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Assessment Income	111,656	148,875	37,219
Income from services	-	1,000	1,000
Other income - interest	2,144	4,211	2,067
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>113,800</b>	<b>154,086</b>	<b>40,286</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Synod Assessment	38,198	50,931	12,733
Special project - Two Rivers Church	25,000	25,000	-
Special project - Post Sec. student grants	15,050	12,500	(2,550)
Special project - Bunun Exchange	-	6,000	6,000
<b>Special projects - total</b>	<b>40,050</b>	<b>43,500</b>	<b>3,450</b>
Clerk's honorarium	8,099	12,149	4,050
Treasurer's honorarium	4,418	6,626	2,209
CPP/EI	329	500	171
Liability Insurance	2,635	3,500	865
General and office supplies	1,202	2,500	1,298
Telecommunications	1,290	1,600	310
Audit and legal fees	400	500	100
Bank interest and service charges	38	280	242
<b>Office expenses - total</b>	<b>18,410</b>	<b>27,655</b>	<b>9,244</b>
Travel and mileage	2,942	7,000	4,058
Meals and hospitality	30	500	470
<b>Travel - total</b>	<b>2,972</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>4,528</b>
Grants - U of G chaplaincy	9,000	9,000	-
Grants - Students for Ministry	2,000	4,000	2,000
Grants - New Life Counselling	1,500	1,500	-
<b>Grants - total</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>14,500</b>	<b>2,000</b>
Commissioner's Expenses (GA 2015)	2,057	2,000	(57)
Conference Funds	7,398	2,500	(4,898)
Student Psych. assessments/counselling	-	2,000	2,000
Pulpit supply for visitation	-	1,000	1,000
Visitors and Gifts	450	1,000	550
Christian education	-	1,000	1,000
Student certification	-	500	500
<b>General expense - Total</b>	<b>9,905</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>95</b>

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<b>Total All Expenses</b>	<u>122,036</u>	<u>154,086</u>	<u>32,050</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(8,235)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,235</b>



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Appendix "C"

## CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2015

### Interim-Moderator Reports

#### **From the Interim Moderator of Knox, Crieff:**

During the month of August, Knox was closed for summer vacation. Rev. Cathy Kay is currently on a Doctor ordered medical leave from all work responsibilities and she will be reassessed in mid-October.

Pulpit supply has been arranged up until then for now.

Shalom,

Mark Richardson

#### **Interim Moderator's Report for Knox, Drayton**

The Presbytery service of Dissolution for Knox Drayton is set for 7:30, Sunday September 27, 2015. The session is working together with Rev. Calvin Brown in planning their last service of worship that morning at 10:30. Worship will be followed by a meal. The pianist has been notified of the ending and will be presented with a gift for her good work among them. Aside from the minister, she is the only paid person among them. The stipend for the remaining three months of stated supply contract, (ending Dec 31, 2015) will be forwarded to Knox Palmerston prior to dissolution.

Over the summer months the members have been diligent in going through files and preparing the records for sending to the Archives and a list of assets has been completed. Staff from Crieff have visited and indicated what items might be helpful for the Retreat Center. Christian Education materials have been sorted and offered to Presbyterian churches in the area. With the permission of the Advisory committee, several items stored in the shed and of little monetary value were shipped in a container to Nicaragua. They are taking the initiative in finding good homes for their things and working to have the affairs of the church in good order for the time of dissolution.

Another church in Drayton has shown some interest in purchasing the building. The conversation continues with guidance from the Advisory Committee and Trustee Board.

With the exception of the long weekends in July, August and September, worship has been continued through the summer. As in previous summer months, attendance has been low, ranging from 5-8 people. Finances are on target as anticipated in the late spring budget. Bills are being paid and money is in order for September. Volunteers continue to keep the grass cut and the property and church in good repair.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Kathy Morden

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**Interim Moderator's Report for Knox, Palmerston**

The congregation of Knox Palmerston continues in weekly worship with Rev. Calvin Brown.

With Presbytery's permission to call a three-quarter time seasoned minister or a full-time new grad, the search committee has completed the congregational survey and continues to work towards completing the church profile and begin the search process.

Respectfully submitted  
Rev. Kathy Morden

**Interim Moderator Report - St. Andrew's, Alma and Knox, Elora Sept 1, 2015**

The life, pastoral care and worship of the congregations continue in good form, with strength and growing excitement. In June, the search committee made a recommendation of a candidate to a joint meeting of the sessions. This report and recommendation were received and accepted. Subsequently, the sessions have invited the candidate to preach for the call on Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, during the regular worship services of both congregations. If the vote is favourable, we anticipate coming to the presbytery with the call in the very near future.

Respectfully submitted by  
Linda J. Bell, interim moderator.

**IM Report –St Andrew's, Kitchener**

Along with the search committee of the congregation, I continue to seek candidates for the vacancy of the position of Minister of Pastoral Care at St. Andrew's Kitchener. It has been slow over the summer, but several applications have been received and reviewed. We expect things to pick up shortly.

Angus Sutherland

**IM Report Duff's Church, Puslinch**

**August Report**

After a month's break from regular worship Duffs Church is once again worshipping together each Sunday. All committees, groups, teams, etc., are organized and prepared for the Fall season of worship and service. There is great excitement within the congregation at the prospect of moving forward to find a new minister. As attendance, givings, ministries, and missions appear stable I would like to close this month's report with the following recommendation.

**Recommendation 1**

That Duff's Puslinch be given permission to form a Search Committee and begin their search.



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### **September Report**

Duffs Church has been vacant for just over two month now. The Session and Board have met to consider the business that came before them. The congregation does not worship together through the month of July and members worship where and when they may. The Session met again in August to begin preparations for the Fall worship season and to begin the journey towards seeking Presbytery's permission to form a Search Committee. Pulpit Supply has been arranged through to the end of December '15.

Submitted with thanks for Presbytery's support,  
Rev. Bill Bynum

### **Knox's Galt and Westside Church, Galt Joint Amalgamation Planning Committee Report.**

One informal meeting has been held to meet one another and share some expectations and Presbytery Reps have been appointed by consensus. The Amalgamation Committee has met informally and will meet at the first official meeting soon.

### **Recommendation 2**

Moved that the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington affirm the action of the CA Committee of appointing Scott Sinclair and Ross Rowat to Knox's Galt and Westside Church's Joint Amalgamation Planning Committee.

Ross is an elder at St. Andrew's Guelph.

### **Hungarian Preaching Point**

Several initiatives are being considered including investigating the possibility of a Regional Hungarian Minister but al considerations are in the earliest stages. The la preacher's father has passed away and he may need to return to the United States to support his mother. This may leave us in the position of assisting them in finding another supply Hungarian Speaking Minister and that may prove difficult.

As the Committees change Liz Samis has given in her resignation. We thank Liz for her support and interest in this work.

### **Visitations**

Lead Ministers assigned visitation schedules continue to have difficulty arranging meeting times but continue to work to that end.

### **Recommendation 3:**

That the Report as a whole be approved.

Respectfully submitted

Calvin Brown and Ed Charlton, Co-Chairs

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**Ministry Committee Report for Sept. 8, 2015**

**Recommendation: Moved by John Paeng and seconded by Andrew Foster**

**Student Report**

**Diane Boyd**, candidate for ministry

Diane has been recommended by the Session of Kortright Presbyterian Church in Guelph. She has an M. Div. from Tyndale specializing in Missions and has sensed a call to pastoral ministry in the Presbyterian Church. Because of the degree she has earned, she is seeking our certification to the Committee on Education and Reception and also to Knox College, where, on the recommendation of Dr. John Vissers, she has begun taking courses in anticipation of the recommendation of E&R.

A certification committee consisting of the Rev. Ed Charlton and the Rev. Angus Sutherland, ministers, and Mr. Andrew Foster, elder, met with Diane at Kortright Church on August 19<sup>th</sup>. We spoke for almost two hours and the committee was impressed by Diane's hospitality – she acted as host, providing us with water on a warm evening – as well as her energy, her knowledge of Greek and of the Book of Forms, and, above all, her strong sense of call.

Diane was raised within the Presbyterian Church, having been a member of St. Andrew's Guelph before moving her membership to Kortright. Between those two congregations, she was involved with another church and we believe this experience has provided a stronger view of ministry.

Given her experience, enthusiasm, and the Missions focus of her degree with Tyndale, one member of the committee wonders if Diane might not be a prime candidate for the new Church Planting program at St. Andrew's Hall.

The committee agrees that we would enjoy the ministry of a candidate like Diane and we heartily endorse her application.

**Recommendation:** That Diane Boyd be certified by the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington and that the notice of certification be sent to both Knox College and to the Committee on Education and Reception.

Respectfully submitted by John Paeng  
Sept. 8, 2015

Wilma Welsh, Clerk ([clerkwatwell@gmail.com](mailto:clerkwatwell@gmail.com))

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**Visioning Team Report to  
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Tuesday, September 8, 2015**

This report is without recommendations.

We offer the following points for information.

1. Mr. Darrell Clark is available to outline the advantages, for a congregation, of ordering a Demographic Analysis of their local neighborhood by Outreach Ministries of Canada at a discounted rate of \$75.
2. We continue to work on the Job description for a hire a full-time Visioning Process Facilitator (two year contract) to help the presbytery further clarify and implement its roadmap for congregational and presbytery renewal.
3. We will consult with the Committee on Education, Issues and Fellowship to determine if they concur with the notices of motion creating a Communications Team. The Communications Team would devise and implement a strategy that provides information and news in all directions: between congregations within the Presbytery; between congregations and presbytery committees; and, communicate the work of the Presbytery to the community.
4. Lastly, we continue to explore ways of involving Young Adults in the Presbytery Visioning Process.

**The Three Paths serving as starting points for the Presbytery's Strategic Plan:**

**PATH ONE: RENEWAL of CONGREGATIONAL LIFE and MISSION**

Help congregations through resource sharing, best practice sharing, cross congregational discussions on opportunities for partnership.

**PATH TWO: ROLE of PRESBYTERY**

Change how we do things. Ruling less, leading more. Part of this will include implementing a Presbytery Strategic Plan which identifies our strengths and communicates who we are.

**PATH THREE: RELEVANCY to EMERGING GENERATIONS**

Enable involvement of those under the age of 35 by establishing a youth led committee to define the best practices of helping them to seek, hear and live out Christ's call in the world as Christ's disciples; and, to be involved in the life of the church leadership.

Mark Gaskin, Convener

Wilma Welsh, Clerk ([clerkwatwell@gmail.com](mailto:clerkwatwell@gmail.com))

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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT FROM YOUNG ADULT  
REPRESENTATIVE – for information**

Hello Wilma,

Throughout the summer I have been trying to find the best way to summarize my experiences at General Assembly. I had difficulty since there was so much going on! I hope this will be enough:

I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to represent the youth of Waterloo-Wellington as a Young Adult Representative to General Assembly.

When I arrived at UBC, I was delighted to see so many people I knew. Many of the ministers, elders and fellow YARs have crossed my path previously, so it was a wonderful reunion. Even though the PCC is a small place, I'm happy that we are so connected. Seeing so many faithful Christians together gives me hope for the future of our church.

During one of the worship services, I helped play guitar and was so excited to hear that I was standing beside a person from Camp Douglas on my left and a person from Camp Geddie on my right. As someone who is so passionate about camping ministry, I was so happy to be surrounded by so many people with similar experiences with me from coast to coast.

At times, I struggled when it felt like the process was more important than what we were discussing. With commissioners debating whether or not we should pray about something or whether we should consider bible study, it felt as if we were forgetting fundamental things we do as Christians. However, I realize that the process is crucial to help us stay focused and maintain order.

I was delighted to be invited to as a youth to observe, participate in discussion, and advise. For future years, I hope YARs can have more opportunities to connect with commissioners, and more opportunities to be involved.

I am incredibly happy and blessed to be a part of the wider Presbyterian Church. Despite varying opinions, I was proud to see that everyone could be respectful and kind to one another. Being a part of this process has helped me understand the functions of our wider church, and will help me be more equipped to serve this church in the future.

Peace,

Holly Boyne

Wilma Welsh, Clerk ([clerkwatwell@gmail.com](mailto:clerkwatwell@gmail.com))