

Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington,  
Regular Meeting, September 9, 2014  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hespeler, Cambridge,

**DATE AND PLACE:**

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in regular session at St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 6:30 for refreshments and 7:00 p.m. for the meeting of the Presbytery.

**OPENING WORSHIP**

The opening worship was conducted by the Rev. Scott McAndless, minister of the host congregation assisted by the summer mission group to Anishinabe, Winnipeg.

Student Gregory Smith preached the sermon as part of his requirements for certification for ordination.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Ministers:** Rev. Mark Lewis (Moderator), Rev. Brooke Ashfield, Rev. Linda Ashfield, Rev. John Borthwick, Rev. Dr. Aubrey Botha, Rev. Calvin Brown, Rev. Michael Burns, Rev. Ed Charlton, Rev. Darrell Clarke, Rev. Mark Gaskin, Rev. Janice Hamalainen, Rev. Dr. Herb Gale, Rev. Alex MacLeod, Rev. Scott McAndless, Rev. Marty Molengraaf, Rev. Kathy Morden, Rev. Dr. Mark Richardson, Rev. Scott Sinclair, Rev. Frank Szatmari, Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst

**Representative Elders:** Junghee Ahn, Jim Akerstream, Lenore Arbuckle, Allison Cann, Johan DeSchiffart, Andrew Foster, Judith Harrison, Isabel Howell, Marion Hunter, Maria Liston, Gib McIlwrath, David Ogram, Bob Renton, Grant Scott, Robert Seim, Neil Stewart, Gaston St. Louis, Earl Suggitt, Don Vickers, Jim Zaryski.

**Alternate Representative Elders:** Janet deGroot, George Forsyth, Donna Harvey, Aileen Isaac, Darryl Norris

**Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll:** Rev. Dr. Linda Bell, Rev. Dr. Brice Martin, Rev. Angus McGillivray

**Students:** Greg Smith

**W.M.S:** - Jean Godin, Donna Henry, Phyllis Stewart

**Treasurer:** Allan Stewart

**Clerk:** Dr. Wilma Welsh

**REGRETS:**

**Ministers:** Rev. Chris Ji Hoon, Rev. Johan Olivier, Rev. Glen Soderholm, Rev. Dr. Walter McLean

**Representative Elders:** Gaston St. Louis, Pauline Hall, Peter Graham, Ross Rowat, Liz Taylor-Samis, Helen Cleghorn

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**Alternate Representative Elders:** Peter Goudy, Bert Perriman, Reg Samis

**Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll:** Rev. Robert Duncanson, Rev. Dr. Walter McLean, Rev. Mary Whitson

### **CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT:**

The Rev. Mark Lewis, Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer and constituted the court. He immediately went to the first item of business to install the Moderator of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington for 2014-2015.

### **INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR:**

The Rev. Dr. Mark Lewis, asking the prescribed questions, inducted into office the Rev. Scott McAndless as Moderator of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington for the year 2014-2015.

### **WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS**

The Moderator welcomed all in attendance and expressed appreciation to St. Andrew's Hespeler for their warm welcome and kind hospitality. New Presbyters in attendance were introduced and welcomed.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by John Paeng/Ed Charlton that the Proposed Agenda be adopted. CARRIED.

### **MINUTES**

Moved by Grant Scott/ Gib McIlwrath that the following minutes be adopted as circulated Regular meeting, June 17, 2014

Induction of the Rev. Scott Sinclair, Gale Church, Elmira – August 10, 2014

CARRIED

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Moved Mark Gaskin/John Borthwick that the Business Committee report be received and the recommendations considered. CARRIED

### **CORRESPONDENCE – June 16 – September 7, 2014**

14-090	Clerk, Presbytery of Grey Bruce Maitland – advising that the Rev. Nan St. Louis has been added to their appendix	clerk
14-091	R. Benson re Rural Ministry Symposium	to all presbyters
14-092	Marcia Shetler – Stewardship News	to all presbyters
14-093	Scott McAndless – re blogging of Hespeler's Mission Trip	to all presbyters
14-094	Clerk, Presbytery of Huron-Perth – transfer of	

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	Rev. John Hogerwaard to WW Appendix	presbytery agenda
14-095	Pension Board re Employer rate increases	for information
14-096	Principal Clerk – appreciation for hosting General Assembly	presbytery agenda
14-097	S. Allen re Project Ploughshares – re new member for Governing Committee	to all presbyters
14-098	A. Blane re Synod of SWOntario Mission Workshop	to all presbyters
14-099	J. Bellsmith re Presbyterian History Annual Conference	to all presbyters
14-100	TL Hamilton – re orders for 2014 A&P	to all presbyters
14-101	S. Kendall – re Actions of the 2014 General Assembly	to Business Com
14-102	Nominations for Moderator of the 141 <sup>st</sup> General Assembly	to all presbyters
14-103	Overtures, Memorial and Petitions 2015	to the Clerk
14-104	Commissioners to the 141 <sup>st</sup> General Assembly	to the Clerk
14-105	TL Hamilton YAR to 2015 Assembly	to EIF Committee
14-106	Actions of the 104 GA for attention of presbyteries	to Business Com
14-107	S. Kendall – advising that Overture to 2014 GA from WW was approved (Overture 9, 2014 – adopted page 13)	for information
14-108	S. Kendall – copy of letter to Knox Guelph Session Advising that Overture 7 to members relocating approved	for information
14-109	July 2014 – changes to the roll	to all presbyters
14-110	M. Burns – inviting congregations to Mount Forest Music Day	to all presbyters
14-111	E. Bartlett – Inviting WW to send a YAR to 2015 GA	to EIF
14-112	reminder re Rural Ministry Symposium	to all presbyters
14-113	Bullying Canada – request for funding	to Business Com
14-114	CD Roms received one per congregation (available Sept. mtg)	
14-115	Pension and Benefits Bulletin	to all presbyters
14-116	Mark Lewis – Overture re <i>LGBT</i>	see recommendation
14-117`	Sheryl Sutton – re Planned Giving Retreat	to all presbyters
14-118	Stephen Allen – re Workshop on Christian faith and new genetic Technologies	to all presbyters

**Business Committee Recommendations:**

**Correspondence** – Moved by Mark Gaskin/John Borthwick that the actions of The Business Committee in assigning the correspondence be homologated. CARRIED

**General Assembly 2014 hosted by the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington**

14-096 Letter of Appreciation re hosting of General Assembly –report Linda Ashfield also expressed her appreciation to all the volunteers.

Appreciation was also expressed to Linda Ashfield for chairing the Local Arrangements Committee.

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**14-102 Remits and Referrals** will be assigned by the Business Committee at the October meeting.

**14-116 Overture re being inclusive of every person regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity in all aspects of church life**

Mark Lewis's Overture – re 14-116

Recommendation

That the overture be forwarded as a Minister's Overture or a Presbytery Overture with the presbytery deciding if it will go with or without comment

**Mark Lewis Original Overture #14-116**

WHEREAS, it is twenty years since The Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) adopted a statement on Human Sexuality in 1994, and

WHEREAS, it has been ten years since the 2003 reception and adoption of the report of the Special Committee re Sexual Orientation (A&P 2003 pp 526ff), and

WHEREAS, the Special Committee on Sexual Orientation's recommendation that the Life and Mission Agency and the Colleges of the Church continue to study questions of human sexuality was adopted in 2003, and

WHEREAS, knowledge and the study of issues of human sexuality, both scripturally and scientifically, has changed significantly over the last twenty years, and

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered (LGBT)\* people are fully included in our Canadian society and discrimination based on real or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity is prohibited throughout Canada in private and public sector employment, marriage, housing, services provided to the public and publicity, and

WHEREAS, ecumenical partners of The PCC such as The Presbyterian Church: USA, The Anglican Church of Canada, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, The United Church of Canada and The Church of Scotland have developed nuanced and affirming theological positions on matters of human sexuality over this period, and

WHEREAS, more and more congregations of The PCC recognize and celebrate the diversity of their membership with the inclusion of LGBT people in full participation in congregational

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WHEREAS, many LGBT people within The PCC struggle with the ambiguity of their position within the Church and the lack of pastoral affirmation and hospitality they experience in light of the 1994 Report on Human Sexuality and its interpretation, and

WHEREAS, those who are living in, or who may live in a committed same sex relationship, feel called by God to serve as ordained ministers of The PCC, and

WHEREAS, Christian organizations that used to seek to change people's sexual orientation such as Exodus International and New Direction Ministries have recognized and apologized for deep spiritual harm and psychological damage done to LGBT people by not affirming their innate sexuality, sexual orientation and gender identity, and

WHEREAS, in the residential school apology we confessed the "sin of trying to change someone's fundamental nature," and

WHEREAS, the assessment of the scientific and medical communities is that largely sexual orientation and gender identity is not a matter of choice or lifestyle, but a factor in place prior to birth, and

WHEREAS, our Leading with Care policy ensures that congregations, groups and organizations within The PCC will ensure "a safe place for all," and

WHEREAS, the anti-LGBT stance of the Christian church in its many worldwide forms has resulted in approval of, or collaboration in, the persecution of LGBT persons, leading to verbal, psychological and physical assaults and killings, and

WHEREAS, the teachings of Jesus require that acceptance and inclusiveness of oppressed or persecuted minorities is central to the Gospel message,

THEREFORE, the Rev. Dr. J. Mark Lewis humbly overtures the Venerable, the 141<sup>st</sup> General Assembly, to affirm that The Presbyterian Church in Canada is fully inclusive of every person regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity in all aspects of church life, calling and relationship as a matter of justice and hospitality; or to do otherwise as the General Assembly, in its wisdom, deems best.

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**OVERTURE AFFIRMING THAT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA IS FULLY INCLUSIVE OF EVERY PERSON REGARDLESS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY IN ALL ASPECTS OF CHURCH LIFE, CALLING AND RELATIONSHIP AS A MATTER OF JUSTICE AND HOSPITALITY**

Moved by Brooke Ashfield/Linda Ashfield

- 1) that the Presbytery adopt the Overture as our own
- 2) And that we forward it to the General Assembly with approval and request that this be referred to the Justice Ministries Committee

Amendment

Moved Alex MacLeod/Gib McIlwrath that we forward the overture without comment.

DEFEATED

Amendment

Moved by Calvin Brown/Mark Richardson that the following words be added following the words "referred to Justice Ministries" and also to the Church Doctrine Committee in consultation.

CARRIED

**MOTION AS AMENDED**

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CARRIED

The following presbyters requested that their dissent be recorded (reasons for dissent must be received on or before September 19, 2014)

Gib McIlwrath, Rev. John Paeng, Rev. Ed Charlton, Rev. Calvin Brown, Rev. Alex MacLeod, Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst, Rev. Dr. Aubrey Botha.

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### **Reasons for Dissent submitted before September 19, 2014**

Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst

Following the vote wherein the Presbytery of Waterloo Wellington agreed to send the overture concerning "inclusiv[ity] of every person regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity in all aspects of church life, calling and relationship" to the 141st General Assembly, with comment (ie. with the Presbytery's support), I asked that my dissent be recorded. These are my reasons:

I feel that the actions taken by the Assembly in 1994, 1998, 2004, 2006 and 2009 on the matter of human sexuality are theologically thoughtful, Scripturally faithful, pastorally sensitive and logically consistent. The argument advanced by the overture, on the other hand, I feel to be culturally driven, theologically and Scripturally vacuous, and, aggressively divisive by seeking to paint those within the church who are "welcoming but not affirming" as somehow *un*inclusive, *inhospitable*, *un*just and ultimately complicit in "deep spiritual harm"/"persecution"/"oppression"/"...killings." The prayer of the overture references "calling and relationship," so it is explicitly seeking a change to our church's current policy on the ordination of practicing homosexuals and same-sex "marriage." I am opposed to such changes on the grounds of both principle (Scripture, Theology, Church Order) and pragmatism (the epic decline of the United Church since 1988 and the mainline church generally, wherever it has sought the approval of the culture rather than the approval of God). So I find I can in no way support this overture, either in its argument, or in its prayer.

I also remember the pain and ugliness of the mid to late '90s as our church wrestled with this issue before, so I feel it would be better if we had the wisdom not to re-open Pandora's box. However, I recognize that many of my fellow churchmen and women do not share my sense of reluctance, either because they have no memory of those days, or because they do not feel that our current statements serve us as well as I think they do. And perhaps it is simply sloth rather than irenicism on my part, which would shrink from presenting afresh, in every generation, an account for the different way that Christians think to the culture. Maybe it *is* time for our church to have this discussion again. Therefore, had there been a way left open to transmit the overture without the support of the Presbytery (including my support implicitly), I would have voted to do that.

In the amendment moved by MacLeod and McIlwrath, the Presbytery had the opportunity to acknowledge the diversity within -- to extend "inclusion" and "hospitality" to those of us within the court who could not, in good conscience, support the substance of the overture, but who might have supported sending it to Assembly to be debated. However, that door was closed when the MacLeod/McIlwrath amendment was defeated. The force of the motion which passed was to signal to Assembly that the Presbytery of Waterloo Wellington *in toto* was in support of this overture. The only means left to me, by which I could withdraw and dissociate myself from that collective statement of support, was through registering my dissent.

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I would not use the prerogative of dissent for a matter of slight importance. It exists so that individual members of a court can dissociate themselves from a collective decision which they believe to be in grave error, as touching the essentials of the faith. While homosexual practices does not, for me, fall within the same level of importance as the deity of Christ or salvation by grace through faith, yet this has become, in our day, the issue through which a stark choice is being presented to the church: will we, rooted in the authority of Scripture, and moving in the loving truthfulness of Jesus, prophesy to the culture? Or will we allow culture to usurp the role of Scripture in the church as the "rule of faith and life" (LF 5.1)? When it is seen as a matter of who or what informs us when the church speaks, then that *does* seem to me to be a matter of first importance, touching essentials.

As our denomination moves toward reopening this conversation, I feel that our Presbytery will have to work out the rules of debate, and it is my hope that they will be set more graciously and spaciouly than they were set at our September meeting. To leave no room for diversity of opinion and conscience within the statement of our Presbytery to the General Assembly was very wrong. I dissent from the Ashfield/Ashfield motion because it has left me no conscientious alternative, minded as I am about the argument and the prayer of the overture.

Rev. Ed Charlton

My reasons for dissent are as follows:

- 1) This overture does not reflect my belief or that of some of the people in my congregations. I do believe that we are to show the love of Jesus to all people but I struggle with the fact that we are not trusting in the Word of God or putting our love of God first.
- 2) In this overture I do not see the redemptive power of Christ lived out or needed, I see us trying to fall in line with the culture, instead of finding a third way much like Jesus did to bring people back to God.
- 3) while this overture is vague, its scope goes beyond what I believe many people would be comfortable with or see as staying true to Jesus.
- 4) this overture as is, will lead to divisiveness. I believe the discussion needs to happen instead of hiding from it or stopping discussion.
- 5) while yes we as a national church partner with the churches named, on a local level we as the Presbyterian Church in Canada minister in the community with far more denominations than these that would not agree with the overture or the changing stance. With the wording of the overture this would change the ministry at the local level for these people.
- 6) this overture does not leave room for people who do not hold to this belief. The irony is that by being inclusive, we are also being exclusive.
- 7) While this overture is being passed on as the will of the Presbytery, it is not the will of all of the Presbytery.
- 8) On looking back at the process that we took on this, I do not believe that we did due diligence on discerning the will of God on this overture as a presbytery, which I am partially to blame for.



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My hope is that the discussion does take place but this issue is bigger than this overture allows for.

Rev. Calvin Brown

The following are my reasons for dissent.

- 1) There was insufficient notice given Presbytery to ponder the implications of such a radical change to our ethos. After just a few comments and little or no theological discussion we approved an overture most had hardly even had time to read.
- 2) The proposal itself is contrary to the clear declaration of scripture affirming the form of human sexuality God embraces.
- 3) Several reasons put forward as 'facts' are not proven in the scientific community and continue to be contested.
- 4) The main force of the argument seems to be that others are doing it. But in fact the vast majority of Christian Churches in the world do not approve it.
- 5) The final standard must be holy scripture and there is no discussion in the overture of what the scripture teaches on this matter.

Revised Overture

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**Nominations for Moderator of the 2015 General Assembly** – nominations may be sent to the clerk (with profile and the approval of the individual) before October 31<sup>st</sup> for nomination to the November 11<sup>th</sup> presbytery meeting

### **General Assembly Commissioners -2015**

To be held within the bounds of the Presbytery of Westminster, BC from Friday June 5 to Monday June 8, 2015

**Ministers** - Linda Ashfield (leader), Alex MacLeod, John Borthwick, William Bynum, Janice Hamalainen

Alternates - Mark Lewis, Scott McAndless, Kathy Morden, David Whitecross

**Elders** - Knox Conn, Knox Crieff, Eden Mills, St. Andrew's Hespeler Cambridge, Alma

Alternates - Drayton, Knox Guelph, Kortright, Cambridge, Knox Preston

Moved Grant Scott/Frank Szatsmari that these be our Commissioners to the 2015 General Assembly. CARRIED

### **Synod Commissioners – 2014**

Synod will meet on Saturday November 8 at Vaughan Presbyterian Church (Just north of Toronto). Vaughan is part of Han Ca East Presbytery.

**Ministers** (updated from meeting)

Herb Gale, John Borthwick

Elders, Knox Waterloo (David Ogram), Kitchener East (Gib McIlwrath)

Moved Mark Gaskin/Linda Ashfield that these be our Commissioners to the 2014 meeting of the Synod of Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda. CARRIED

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**Appendix to the Roll.**

Certificate of Transfer – (Appendix to the Roll) request from Presbytery of Huron-Perth to receive the Rev. John Hogerwaard at his request.

His address is Box 95, St. Jacobs, On N0B 1N0, 519-644-2392 (no email)

Moved Ed Charlton/Calvin Brown that the Rev. John Hogerwaard be transferred and added to the appendix to the roll of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington. CARRIED

**Presbytery Meeting Dates – 2014-15 (Invitations needed)**

November 11, 2014 – Knox Conn

January 13, 2015 – Joonim, Kitchener/Waterloo

March 10, 2015

May 12, 2015

June 9 (or 16), 2015

September 8, 2015 – (new moderator's church)

**Business Committee Meetings**

October 8, 2014, 12:30 p.m., St. Andrew's, Kitchener

**Agenda item re Waterloo North** was placed later on the agenda.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - see Appendix "A" for statement

Moved by Mark Gaskin/John Borthwick that the Treasurer's Report be approved. CARRIED

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**EIF COMMITTEE** – See Appendix "B", report presented by Rev. Janice Hamalainen

Presbyters were asked to consider nominating a young adult representative to the 2015 General Assembly. Nominations to be sent to the Rev. Janice Hamalainen.

Presbyters were encouraged to register for the Diana Butler Bass Day at Knox Waterloo on October 4<sup>th</sup> – see appendix "B"

Moved by Janice Hamalainen/Grant Scott that the Report of the EIF Committee be received for information. CARRIED

**CONGREGATIONAL AFFAIRS REPORT** – see Appendix "C" – report presented by Rev. Calvin Brown, Convener

Moved by Calvin Brown/Earl Suggitt that the report of the Congregational Affairs Committee be received and considered. CARRIED

Moved by Calvin Brown/Earl Suggitt that in light of the facts as well as the language difficulty we move that when an ordained Presbytery Church minister cannot be in attendance to co-officiate at Holy Communion that the regular preach be given permission to officiate.

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It was agreed to refer this recommendation back to the Congregational Affairs Committee to check further.

Report as a Whole adopted on motion of Calvin Brown/Earl Suggitt.

**MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE** – report presented by Alex MacLeod – see Appendix “D” for supplementary report on the Bunun visits in May and July.

Notice of Motion approved at June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting

Alex MacLeod gave Notice of Motion that the Mission & Outreach Committee, at the next regular meeting of Presbytery, will move, or cause to be moved, that the committee will host a full-day event on Nov. 1st, 2014 for the renewal of the church's local mission. John Bowen of Fresh Expressions Canada will be the speaker and we request \$2500 from the Church Development fund to cover the costs of the event.

Budget – Questions were raised about the line items in the budget which was submitted as follows, i.e. child care,

Proposed budget

Speaker	1,500
Promotion	750
Catered lunch for 40	750
Child care	350
Total expenses	3,350
Registrations –	800
Total cost of event	2,550

Moved by Alex MacLeod/John Borthwick that the motion with budget be approved.  
 CARRIED

**Time extension** – Moved by Linda Ashfield and Grant Scott that the presbytery continue until 10:00 p.m. CARRIED

**MINISTRY COMMITTEE REPORT** –report presented by Andrew Foster.

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

**Certification for Ordination Interview with Greg Smith – 26 August 2014**

On behalf of the Ministry Committee, the following presbyters met to interview Greg Smith to discern his readiness for certification for ordination. Rev. Dr. Aubrey Botha, Rev. Ed Charlton, Rev. Darrell Clarke, Rev. Frank Szatmari, Andrew Foster.

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The meeting opened with prayer, and then posed a number of searching questions that were aimed at exploring Greg's readiness for pastoral ministry. The responses showed a candidate who has gathered considerable pastoral experience, mainly during his TFE placement at Knox Guelph under the supervision of the Rev. Johan Olivier. It is clear that Greg enjoys ministry while being well aware of its challenges, and demonstrated a strong sense of call to it. As far as his spiritual formation is concerned, he gives the impression of being one of God's healthy and motivated 'works in progress. He does not have all the answers and continues to work through the questions that he knows a minister will be asked.

Greg's life has not always been easy, so the group explored the continuing supports that he will need as he moves on. He showed good attention to self-care and awareness of the need to adapt to a new environment when he receives a Call.

We discussed the benefit of maintaining a relationship with a mentor following his graduation, and all agreed that this would be very useful. During a pleasant continuing discussion with the same group outside the formal interview, Greg said that he would like to continue his connection with Rev. Johan Oliver for this purpose.

The evidence of Greg's maturity as a person, his experience and understanding of ministry, his willingness to face the issues that the church must face, and his good academic record, led the interviewers to recommend that subject to satisfactory completion of his academic courses at Knox College, the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington should proceed to certify him for ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments.

### **Recommendations**

1. Moved by Andrew Foster/Marion Hunter that Greg C. Smith be certified for ordination by the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington subject to satisfactory completion of his remaining courses at Knox College. CARRIED
2. That Greg Smith be commended to the care of a mentor in ministry from the time he graduates until he receives his first Call.

It was noted that this recommendation is not needed as he has continuing mentors from his Guidance Conference.

Moved by Andrew Foster/Marion Hunter that the report as a whole of the Ministry Committee be approved. CARRIED

### **Waterloo North Proposal**

The following history of the Waterloo North Proposal for retaining funds was presented to the presbyters.

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### **Waterloo North –Proposal for retaining 70% of funds**

Process for proposal for retaining 70% of Waterloo North funds

The Business Committee did not receive additional recommendations for the use of the funds from Presbyters. A suggestion for the process was received from the Rev. Dr. Herb Gale and considered. The Business Committee discussed the recommendation further and now makes the following recommendation

### **Recommendation to Presbytery with respect to the use of funds from the sale of Waterloo North:**

Moved by Gib McIlwrath/Bob Renton, that funds from the sale of Waterloo North, after the National Church has received its 30% portion and the Presbytery has been repaid the amount owed to it by Waterloo North, be returned to the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington and designated for the building of Christ's Kingdom in the following ways:

That funds from the sale of Waterloo North, after the National Church has received its 30% portion and the Presbytery has been repaid the amount owed to it by Waterloo North, be returned to the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington and designated for the building of Christ's Kingdom in the following ways:

- 1) A gift to Crieff Hills .....100,000.00
- 2) A gift to Camp Cairn..... 10,000.00
- 3) A gift to Presbyterian Sharing.....25,000.00
- 4) A reduction of 25% on all loans owed by congregations to the Presbytery .100,000.00
- 5) Funding for the Bunun partnership..... 20,000.00
- 6) And that the remainder of the proceeds from the sale be invested in the Presbytery's Development fund to be used for, but not limited to, the following ministries and missions:
  - o Congregational Renewal and Development
  - o Presbytery Health and Vitality including, but not limited to,
  - o the consideration of an Executive Presbyter
  - o Youth Ministry and Ministry to Young People
  - o Leadership Development for Key Congregational Leaders, including, but not limited to, the use of mentors and coaches
  - o Other priorities as the Presbytery sees fit in the future
- 7) The Presbytery will invest the funds relevant to item 6 above with the intent that, to the extent possible, only interest from the Development Fund will be used
- 8) Whereas the funds in question are derived from dissolution of a ministry in Waterloo, priority will be given to proposals for future ministry in Waterloo.

### **Motion to Refer Back**

Moved by Glen Soderholm/Herb Gale that the recommendation be referred back to the Business Committee and request that Herb Gale attend the meeting of the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Business Committee meeting. CARRIED



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As directed by the June meeting the Rev. Dr. Herb Gale met with the Business Committee on September 3rd. He presented a proposal that was discussed. He agreed to rework it.

Dr. Gale advised that he would be continuing to work with the Business Committee.

Moved Calvin Brown/Alex MacLeod that the report as a whole of the Business Committee be accepted. CARRIED

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members of the court were invited to share any announcements

### **NEXT MEETING**

The Clerk announced that there will probably be an emergent meeting called for the sole purpose of considering the Call to Rockwood/Eden Mills once the congregations have met.

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington will meet in regular session on Tuesday, November 11th 2014 at Knox Presbyterian Church Conn at 7:00 p.m. – refreshments to be served at 6:30 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The business being completed, the Presbytery adjourned on motion of Calvin Brown. The Moderator, the Rev. Scott McAndless pronounced the Benediction and announced that the Presbytery will meet again on Tuesday, November 11th, 2014 at Knox Church Conn. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 and the Presbytery to be constituted at 7:00 p.m.

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Moderator

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Clerk

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## Appendix "A"

**FINANCIAL REPORT TO WATERLOO-WELLINGTON PRESBYTERY AS AT AUGUST 31, 2014**

	<b>to August 2014</b>	<b>Budget 2014</b>	<b>Amount remaining</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Assessment Income	113,782	151,710	37,928
income from services	589	1,000	411
Other income - interest	<u>2,369</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>(369)</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>116,740</u></b>	<b><u>154,710</u></b>	<b><u>37,970</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Synod Assessment	38,925	51,900	12,975
Special project - Gen. Assem. 2014	20,950	25,000	4,050
Special project - Two Rivers Church	25,000	25,000	-
Special project - Post Sec. student grants	9,500	10,000	500
Special project - Bunun Exchange	5,954	6,000	46
Special project - Canada Youth 2014	2,120	5,000	2,880
Special project - Burst Forth 2014	<u>2,100</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>1,900</u>
<b>Special projects - total</b>	<b>65,624</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>9,376</b>
Clerk's honorarium	7,993	11,990	3,997
Treasurer's honorarium	4,360	6,540	2,180
CPP/EI	325	680	355
Liability Insurance	2,849	3,500	651
General and office supplies	885	2,500	1,615

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Telecommunications	1,196	1,600	404
Audit and legal fees	400	1,000	600
Bank interest and service charges	80	200	120
<b>Office expenses - total</b>	<b>18,089</b>	<b>28,010</b>	<b>9,921</b>
Travel and mileage	4,232	7,000	2,768
Meals and hospitality	577	500	(77)
<b>Travel - total</b>	<b>4,809</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>2,691</b>
Grants - U of G chaplaincy	9,000	6,000	(3,000)
Grants - Students for Ministry	500	5,000	4,500
Grants - New Life Counselling	1,500	1,500	-
Grants - donations	-	500	500
<b>Grants - total</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>13,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>
Commissioner's Expenses	1,475	2,500	1,025
Conference Funds	1,000	2,500	1,500
Student Psych. assessments/counselling	1,975	2,400	425
Pulpit supply for visitation	-	1,500	1,500
Visitors and Gifts	204	1,300	1,096
Christian education	-	1,000	1,000
Clerk's consultation April 2014	550	600	50
Student certification	-	500	500
<b>General expense - Total</b>	<b>5,203</b>	<b>12,300</b>	<b>7,097</b>
<b>Total All Expenses</b>			

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	<u>143,650</u>	<u>187,710</u>	<u>44,060</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(26,910)</b>	<b>(33,000)</b>	<b>(6,090)</b>

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**EIF REPORT TO PRESBYTERY  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**

In 2015 the General Assembly will meet in the Presbytery of Westminster, British Columbia. General Assembly will be held from Friday June 5 to Monday June 8, 2015. Our presbytery has been invited to send a Young Adult Representative to this Assembly. This is a wonderful opportunity for a young adult to learn about the work accomplished by the highest court of our church and the impact it has on all our congregations. It is also a wonderful opportunity to meet other young adults from across the country who are active members in their home congregations.

The EIF Committee asks that each congregation prayerfully consider this request and put forward names of young adults who would be willing to serve the wider church in the capacity of Young Adult Representative.

Young Adult Representatives must be members of a congregation who are between 16 and 25 years of age. The expectation is that Young Adult Representatives will travel on Wednesday June 3 and be available for orientation beginning Thursday June 4. They are expected to stay until the end of General Assembly on Monday June 8.

Travel, meals and accommodation will be covered by the General Assembly office and the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington.

Please forward the name(s) from your congregation to the Rev. Janice Hamalainen, [j.hamalainen@standrewskw.com](mailto:j.hamalainen@standrewskw.com). Please include the name address, telephone number and email address of your prospective candidate, the name, address and telephone of your congregation and a letter of support from the Session of your congregation. In this letter an outline of your candidates involvement in your congregation or the broader church would be most helpful. The deadline for this information is Sunday November 30. The EIF Committee will prayerfully choose the candidate at our regular quadrant meeting in December and report our decision at the January meeting of Presbytery.

I have included a copy of the information requested by the General Assembly office to assist you. The name and information re: the chosen candidate will be forwarded to the Clerk of Presbytery who will fill out this form and forward the information to Assembly Office.

Respectfully submitted  
The Rev. Janice Hamalainen  
Convenor – Education, Issues and Fellowship Committee

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

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**APPOINTEE – APPLICATION FORM**

**YOUNG ADULT REPRESENTATIVE  
 TO THE  
 141ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The Presbytery of \_\_\_\_\_ has appointed the following person as a Young Adult Representative (APPOINTEE) to the 141st General Assembly being held in Vancouver, British Columbia, from June 4, 2015 to June 8, 2015. The Young Adult Representatives are expected to arrive on Wednesday, June 3 for orientation beginning Thursday morning.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M F  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In case of Emergency, please contact:  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION**

High School - grade 10 11 12; University - year 1 2 3 4; Other \_\_\_\_\_

**INVOLVEMENT IN CONGREGATION**

(e.g. Youth Group, Choir, Committees, etc.)

**INVOLVEMENT IN OTHER YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**

(e.g. ISCF, IVCF, YFC, PYPS, Scouts, Guides, etc.)

**SPECIAL INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Signatures**

Young Adult Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent (if YAR is under 18 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clerk of Presbytery or other official \_\_\_\_\_

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**A DAY WITH DIANA BUTLER BASS**

WHEN – OCTOBER 4, 2014 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WHERE – KNOX PRESBYTERIAN, 20 ERB ST. WATERLOO

COST - \$20.00 which includes lunch

PARKING – AMPLE FREE PARKING IN PUBLIC LOTS CLOSE TO THE CHURCH

Diana Butler Bass is a teacher, an historian and a person passionate about the church. Her recent books include 'Christianity for the Rest of Us', 'A People's History of Christianity' and 'Christianity After Religion'.

Diana thoughtfully looks at where the church has come from, where it is now and where the trajectory may take us in the future. She speaks and reflects from a deep personal faith. She presents clearly and understandably with hope and inspiration.

This is an opportunity for all of us to gain new insights and be inspired. **Don't miss it.**

CONTACT KNOX WATERLOO AT [www.knoxwaterloo.ca](http://www.knoxwaterloo.ca) to register.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS SEPTEMBER 26!

YOU WILL BE RECEIVING A ½ PAGE INSERT TO PUT IN YOUR BULLETINS.  
PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS AND ENCOURAGE THOSE IN YOUR CHURCH TO  
ATTEND WITH YOU.



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## **Congregational Affairs Report – September 9, 2014**

The Committee met at St Andrew's, Arthur on Tuesday August 26. There were some inquiries concerning Stipends from congregations but no one reported stipends were in arrears or less than the minimum allowed.

We discussed possible areas of action to renew the congregations and encourage Congregations to submit ideas for local or regional initiatives for the Committee's consideration.

We also discussed what could be done to assist the Hungarian Congregation in their worship and witness. Their regular preacher who has a theological degree was asked to lead in a Hungarian language Communion. I was asked to participate as a co-celebrant but their final service before the summer break was the weekend of Assembly and as a Commissioner I could not attend. After consultation with the Moderator of Presbytery (who is also on the Hungarian advisory sub-Committee) and in light of the fact the preacher had taken the course on communion by elders offered by the Elder's Institute we felt permission could be given for the one occasion.

### **Recommendation 1:**

In light of the above facts as well as the language difficulty we move that when an ordained PC Minister cannot be in attendance to co-officiate at Holy Communion that the regular preacher be given permission to officiate.

We are also examining the revised Visitation Schedule and hope to have it set up by the fall.

## **INTERIM MODERATORS' REPORTS**

### **Baden**

Livingston Baden

I had a very good visit with the Rev. John Deyarmond in regards to Livingston Presbyterian Church in Baden. They continue to enjoy a steady group at worship (around 25 people), having lively singing and enjoying the celebration of the Lord's Supper four times a year. Recently the church was open to the community when the town of Baden put on their Annual Corn Roast Event (which closed down the road right in front of the church). People were welcome to come in and see the church as well as a display of historical artifacts of interest. The apple dumpling event in the fall continues to be a great time of fellowship that also brings in community members. Recently there have been a few new people attending worship at Livingston. They have come from church backgrounds and can bring some fresh ideas to the congregation. For example, there is interest in a weekly bible study. John continues to look after weekly worship and he and his wife Ruth participate in the life of the congregation.

Rev. Linda Ashfield Interim Moderator at Livingston Presbyterian Church, Baden.

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**Elora and Alma**

IM's term officially began September 1.

The advisory committee and IM have met with Andrew for the exit interview, and a meeting with the joint sessions is scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup>. The same day I will be preaching the pulpit vacant.

Blessings, Linda Bell

**Knox, Crieff**

Since being appointed as IM of Knox, Crieff in June, I have led the exit interview with Rev. Jeff L. Smith.

I have now completed a Sunday preaching schedule from September 2014 to August 2015.

I will be leading the worship service at Knox on Sunday 07 September, and will read the Presbytery citation re their vacancy.

Shalom,

Mark Richardson

**Rockwood and Eden Mills**

Alex MacLeod – Rockwood & Eden Mills.

Here is a brief report from Rockwood & Eden Mills:

Since our last report in mid-June, the search committee has met five times, conducted two rounds of interviews with applicants, selected three finalists, checked references, and chosen an individual to recommend to the Sessions of Rockwood & Eden Mills. That recommendation was affirmed by the Sessions, with consultation by the Boards of Managers, and the candidate has accepted the invitation. They will preach for the call on Sunday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014. As you can see, we had a busy summer. Please join us in praying for a successful conclusion to the search process.

**Palmerston and Drayton**

Each congregation has approved a future plan and continue to work on the details of the Missions and Outreach portions. The Drayton Session has requested a meeting with the IM Kathy Morton to discuss their viability. The congregations will soon hold a meeting to consider the re-appointment of the current stated supply for another year.

CBBrown, Convener

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### **MISSION AND OUTREACH**

#### **Bunun Partnership:**

As part of our partnership with the Bunun Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington invited Bunun representatives to participate in two national/international events hosted by the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

We are delighted to report that the Rev. Ibu Kanbudan was able to attend the Presbyterian Women's Gathering "Burst Forth" from May 16-19th. Over 600 women of the PCC were in attendance. Unfortunately the full international delegation was unable to attend the event due to our government's refusal to issue visas to our sisters from various African nations. And, so to have women like Ibu participate as an International Delegate was important.

Two Bunun young people were able to attend Canada Youth 2014 from July 7-12th. Jason Lin who has recently graduated from Yuanpei University and now lives in Hualian City was able to be a part of the Youth in Mission International Team (which included young people from Taiwan, the Ukraine and Malawi). They travelled in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Ontario before coming to CY2014 at Brock. Thanks to Matt Foxall and the YIM Team (supported by Presbyterian's Sharing) for including Jason in this tour.

Grace I-bu (Yu En-Hui) was only able to attend the CY event (due to her job in Taiwan). However, she had a wonderful time at CY and we are very grateful to the Song family (Apack, Ruth and Elizabeth) for hosting Grace while she was in the Presbytery and taking her to CY and various tourist spots afterwards. Our Clerk was able to connect with Grace while she was here which was very nice as well. I have been in touch with both young people recently, and their experience of Canada and the Canada Youth Event was a huge highlight and they are most grateful for our invitation to participate.

Perhaps our next step in this partnership is to think about how we can connect congregations to congregations and perhaps children and youth as well.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Ashfield

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