

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Arthur, Ontario
September 9th, 2008

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DATE AND PLACE:

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 9th, 2008 within St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Arthur Ontario. A wonderful roast beef dinner with homemade pies was served prior to the meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

Ministers: L. Bell, C. Brown, W. Bynum, D. Carrothers, W. Dawes, P. Garrison, M. Gedcke, J. Hamalainen, M. Lewis, B. Martin (Moderator), D. McCallum, M. Molengraaf, M. Richardson, R. Sinasac, J. Smit, T. Smit, N. St. Louis, K. Vanermey, D. Whitecross, D. Wright, K. Wübbenhorst

Representative Elders: L. Arbuckle, B. Bonner, G. Cober, J. deGroot, J. Deschiffart, A. Foster, D. Henry, I. Howell, A. Israel, M. Koeslag, G. MacRobbie, L. Moir, R. Renton, R. Rowat, L. Samis, G. Scott, G. Schievan, Glennys Stewart, Neil Stewart, E. Suggit, W. Welsh, R. Whetham, J. Zaryski

Ministers on the Appendix: A. Bethune, L. Cowper, J. Smith, R. Spencer

Alternate Representative Elders: K. Armstrong, H. Cleghorn, E. Fairbairn, A. Gray, M. Hunter, S. King, A. McNabb, M. Rife

Candidates for Ordination: K. Dimock, P. Kipfer

Observers and Committee Members: L. Pentelow, M. Pentelow, L. vanMossel

W.M.S.: Phyllis Stewart

Clerk: J. MacDowell (Clerk)

Guests: R. Smith, D. Wright

REGRETS:

Ministers; B. Ashfield, L. Ashfield, J. Borthwick, A. Botha, C. Kay, T. Kay, A. Sutherland

Representative Elders: M. Blake, J. Crane, G. Forsyth, L. Maitland, J. McDougall, S. Neufeld, J. Patterson, D. Rickers

Ministers on the Appendix: R. Duncanson, W. McLean, M. Whitson

Retired Missionaries: B. Geddes, J. Geddes

W. M. S.: K. McGillivray

WORSHIP AND CONSTITUTION:

The Moderator, The Rev. Mark Gedcke, led in worship taking his text from Matthew 6:24-34. The hymns included 'For The Beauty of the Earth', 'Let All The World in Every Corner Sing' and 'My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less'. The incoming Moderator, The Rev. Dr. Brice Martin did then administer the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Pastoral prayers included those for Erma Martin and Walter and Helen Ruth Allum. A brief recess was taken as the elements were cleared. The Rev. Mark Gedcke constituted the Court with prayer.

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INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR:

The Clerk presented The Rev. Dr. Brice Martin and, with the appointed questions, The Rev. Mark Gedcke installed him as Moderator of The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington for the year 2008-2009.

INSTALLATION OF CONVENORS AND OFFICERS:

The Clerk called forward the Convenors and Officers of The Presbytery and, with the appointed questions, recognized their respective positions: Andrew Foster – Convenor of The Congregational Affairs Committee, Karla Wübbenhorst – Convenor of The Education, Issues and Fellowship Committee, Brooke Ashfield – Convenor of The Outreach Committee, Nan St. Louis – Convenor of The Ministry Committee, Mark Gedcke – former Moderator, Eleanor Fairbairn – Treasurer and Janet MacDowell – Clerk.

COMMISSIONING OF SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES:

The Clerk called the Synod Commissioners forward: Mark Gedcke – Calvin Kitchener, Wayne Dawes – Knox's Galt Cambridge, Wilma Welsh – Knox Guelph, Grant Scott – Calvin Kitchener, John-Peter Smit – Congregational Development Consultant, Jeff Smith – Synod Clerk pro tem and Janet MacDowell – Presbytery's Representative to Synod Executive and Synod Clerk in waiting. The newly installed Moderator did then commission them to the 134th Meeting of The Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The Moderator warmly welcomed everyone to the first Presbytery meeting of the fall and called for introductions. Penny Garrison introduced Scott King, Alternate Representative Elder from St. Giles Cambridge. David Whitecross introduced Karen Armstrong, Alternate Representative Elder for St. Andrew' Fergus. Ross Rowat introduced Mary Rife, Alternate Representative Elder for St. Andrew' Guelph. Janet MacDowell introduced Jeff and Ruth Anne Smith, retired Minister on the Appendix from The Presbytery of Barrie.

DOCKET:

R. Renton/N. St. Louis moved the adoption of the Docket as printed. *CARRIED.*

MINUTES:

N. St. Louis/K. Vandermey moved the adoption of the Minutes of June 17th, 2008. *CARRIED.*

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Clerk, Janet MacDowell, thanked the Business Committee for all their hard work and called forward Mark Gedcke and thanked him for his wonderful support over the past year.

The Clerk presented the Business Committee Report.

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**Business Committee Report
June, July, August and September 2008**

1. Correspondence:

08-069	From Stephen Farris, St. Andrew's Hall, with information on a Professor of Reformed Theology (deadline October 15 th , 2008)	Business Committee
08-070	From Elizabeth Bartlett, Assembly Office with Changes to the Roll	Clerk
08-071	From Beth McCutcheon, Director of Academic Studies, Knox College with an update on Michael Burns	Ministry
08-072	From Beth McCutcheon, Director of Academic Studies, Knox College with an update on Jacqui Foxall	Ministry
08-073	From Reuben St. Louis with information on Canada Youth 2009	Education, Information and Fellowship
08-074	From Harry Hildebrandt, Director/Pastor Kenora Fellowship Centre with information on an upcoming concert tour	Outreach
08-075	From Jacqui Foxall, student Knox College with her intention to proceed with the candidacy process towards Certification for Ordination	Ministry
08-076	From Don McCallum stating that he has finished The Intentional Interim Ministers Course at Five Oaks	Ministry
08-077	From Sam Lee, stating that he will request his certificate be transferred to The Presbytery of Western Han-Ca shortly	Ministry
08-078	From Jim Sitler, Clerk of The Presbytery of Barrie with Transfer of Certificate for The Rev. Jeffrey Smith	Clerk
08-079	From Paula Hamilton, Clerk of The Presbytery of Prince Edward Island with a Letter of Standing for Gael Matheson, and that she ceases to be a Minister of The Presbyterian Church in Canada	Clerk
08-080	From Heather Schmidt, Christian Education Co-ordinator at New St. James Church in London with information on their College and Career group	Outreach

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08-081	From June Stevenson with information on a fundraiser including The Alexander Brothers	Outreach
08-082	From Dennis Carrothers, requesting sick leave beginning October 13 th , 2008	
08-083	From John-Peter Smit, Congregational Development Consultant for Synod with information on the Alex Sim Rural Symposium	Outreach
08-084	From Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk, General Assembly, stating that Overture 7 be not granted – regarding that Assembly establish a special committee of past Moderators of G.A. to reflect theologically on the spirit and work of the Assembly and, out of their unique perspective and experience to report directly to each Assembly their observation on the state of the Church and its governance	Clerk
08-085	From Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk, General Assembly with Actions of the 2008 General Assembly for attention of Presbyteries	General

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08-086	From Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk, General Assembly with Remit A	General
08-087	From Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk, General Assembly requesting nominations for Moderator of the 135 th General Assembly – November 30 th deadline	Business Committee
08-088	From Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk, General Assembly, with a request for names of Commissioners for The 135 th General Assembly	Clerk
08-089	From Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk, General Assembly, with dates for submissions of Memorials, Petitions (March 31 st , 2009), Referred Overtures (February 1, 2009) and Unreferred Overtures (April 1, 2009)	Clerk
08-090	From Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk, General Assembly, with Studies and Reports for attention of Sessions A Report from Assessor Elders at Waterloo North Presbyterian Church	Clerk
08-091	From Katherine Allen, Administrative Assistant for Women's Missionary Society with a copy of the 93 rd Annual Report	Congregational Affairs Outreach
08-092	From Wilma Welsh with an update on the Bhil Field and Missionary in Residence	Outreach
08-093	From Robert Sinasac with an update on Waterloo North	Congregational Affairs
08-094	From Horst Gutsche Barrhead, Alberta requesting information on German speaking Clergy	Clerk
08-095	From Reuben St. Louis, with a complete package on Canada Youth 2009	Education, Issues and Fellowship
08-096	From Scott McAllister, with a big thank you for the financial support, guidance and encouragement during his studies at Knox	General
08-097	From Rev. Issa Saliba, St. Andrew's Whitby, with information on A Forum on the Future of our Church – October 11 th , 2008	Outreach

2 Matters to Note:

- a) The **Business Committee** will meet on Thursday, October 2nd, 2008 at 1000 a.m. within Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo. EIF to provide refreshments.
- b) **Acts and Proceedings** of the 134th General Assembly in Ottawa are available.
- c) **Commissioners** to the 135th General Assembly to be held within The Presbytery of Hamilton. Opening worship is June 2nd, 2008.

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Ministers: Penny Garrison, Brooke Ashfield, Don McCallum X (Convenor), Mark Gedcke, Karla Wübbenhorst, S. Ma.

Alternates: J. Mark Lewis, John-Peter Smit, John Borthwick, Linda Ashfield, Thomas Kay, Nan. St. Louis

Sessions: St. Andrew's Arthur, Livingston Baden, Chalmers Winterbourne, Knox Crieff, Waterloo North, Eden Mills

Alternates: St. Andrew's Gordonville, St. Andrew's Hespeler, Calvin Kitchener, Knox Palmerston, Westminster-St. Paul's Guelph, Knox Guelph

X = Acceptance

- d) The Business Committee would appreciate invitations for the meeting on January 13th, 2009 and March 10th, 2009 **within the Central Area**. May 12th, and June 16th, 2009 in **all areas of The Presbytery**.
- e) The following Session has had their Session Minutes attested '**cum nota**' (with notes) – Church of The Lord, Presbyterian.
- f) **Changes:** All the changes are included in the new mailing list which will be included in your September mailing.
- g) **Nominations** for the new position at St. Andrew's Hall (correspondence (08-069) are due October 15th, 2008

- h) **Nominations** for Moderator of the 135th General Assembly to The Business Committee **before** November 6th, 2008

3. Recommendations:

- A) That the actions of The Business Committee in assigning the correspondence as designated, be homologated.
- B) That The Rev. Jeffrey Smith be added to The Appendix to the Roll of The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington

K. Wübbenhorst/N. St. Louis moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED*.

K. Wübbenhorst/N. St. Louis moved Recommendation A. *CARRIED*.

K. Wübbenhorst/N. St. Louis moved Recommendation B. *CARRIED*.

Report as a Whole:

K. Wübbenhorst/N. St. Louis moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED*.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Congregational Affairs Committee:

Andrew Foster, Convenor, reported for the committee.

Foster/P. Garrison moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED*.

- The Committee has not met over the summer, but has begun e-mail discussions concerning current matters.

- The sub committee working with Westminster St Paul's reports due diligence and hopes to complete their work and report by the November meeting of Presbytery.
- Communications have been received from Waterloo North regarding their progress and plans. The Committee hopes to be able to report with recommendations at the November meeting.
- Palmerston and Drayton:

Recommendation: That Rev Dennis Wright of Knox Calvin, Harriston, be appointed Interim Moderator at Knox Palmerston and Knox Drayton with effect from 13th October 2008, to cover the disability leave of Rev Dennis Carrothers.

CARRIED.

Penny Garrison, reported on Presbyterians Sharing. Please see the attached for an up to date report.

Report as a Whole:

Foster/P. Garrison moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

MINISTRY COMMITTEE:

No report.

IANC COMMITTEE:

Marty Molengraaf, Convenor, reported for the committee.

He provided an update on some of the congregations that had gone forward with NCD.

EDUCATION, ISSUES AND FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE;

No report.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wilma Welsh spoke on Emmanuel Ariel arrival – Missionary in Residence. He will be available to speak to groups and congregations but his time is filling up quickly.

Marty Molengraaf spoke about an outreach program and who and how may assist.

John-Peter Smit spoke about an upcoming workshop – mostly for rural congregations.

Arnold Bethune spoke about an upcoming workshop on Stephen Ministry.

ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION:

Nan St. Louis moved adjournment.

The Moderator adjourned the Court to meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 11th, 2008 within Knox's Galt Cambridge. Refreshments will be at 7:00 p.m. with worship and meeting beginning promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Moderator

Clerk

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