

Minutes – The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough Tuesday, November 20, 2018 - Regular Meeting – Beacan Presbyterian Church – Beaverton, Ontario

The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough met in regular session within Beacan Presbyterian Church, Beaverton, on Tuesday November 20 in the year of our Lord, 2018.

Attendance:

Ministers on the constituent roll: Blane, Ann; Cunningham, Tom;; Ellis, Neil; Horne, Cheryl; Huberts, Henry; Kim, Caleb;

Elders voting: Burnett, Tom; Carpenter, Dennis; Collins, Evelyn; de Jong, Rick; Higgs, Carol; Hodge, Lamoine; Hoyle, Bill; MacMaster, Jim; Marnoch, Garry; MacEachern, Robert; Mitchell, Roberta; Rowley, Emily; Smith, Deb; Smith, Jim; Williams, Tom;

Ministers on the appendix to the roll: n/a

Others present for all or part on the day included: Halstead, Janet; MacEachern, Ralph

Women’s Missionary: n/a

Regrets: Abernathy, Harold; Baird, Jonathan; Brown, Doug; Clifton, Lloyd; Flindall, Robert; Gordon, Dorcas; Firth, Kathy; Grace, Barney; Grace, Bill; Hartai, Helen; Ingram, Sabrina; Ingram, Terry; Knox, John; McEnenly, Pat; Park, Linda; Quick, Bob; Randall, Joy; Robertson, Ross; Sipos, Anita; Smith, Sheryl; Wallace, Ron; Wallace, Susan;

9:30 am – Worship - Rev Henry Huberts lead us in worship.

Constitute the Court - Moderator Caleb Kim

Executive Committee Report

- 1. Recommendation:** that the amended Docket, which includes all reports listed in the final Working Papers, for November 20, 2018, be received. Amended Docket included report from HOPE Fund, to address the Notice of Motion from October Meeting, also Rep Elder Form for Old St Andrew’s Colborne. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Dennis Carpenter. Carried.
- 2. Recommendation:** that the amended minutes of the October 16, 2018 Regular Presbytery Meeting be accepted. Amendment includes Notice of Motion from Neil Ellis from October Meeting. “ That the Standing Order of Lindsay Presbytery be changed to reflect that regular meetings of Presbytery may be cancelled at the discretion of the Moderator in consultation with the Executive”. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Dennis Carpenter. Carried.
- 3. Recommendation:** that Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery appoint a Special

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Committee “Breadalbane Cemetery Investigation” to determine the liability issues of the property and bring back a recommendation for resolution to Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery by November, 2019. Members of the committee will be: Bill Hoyle, Kathy Firth, Sheryl Smith and Janet Halstead. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Dennis Carpenter. Carried.

4. **Recommendation:** that the budget for 2019 for Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery be approved. Moved by Bill Hoyle. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.
5. **Recommendation:** that the levy rate for Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery for 2019 will be \$18.00. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Dennis Carpenter. Carried.
6. **Recommendation:** The Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery appoint Tom Williams as financial reviewer for 2019. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Dennis Carpenter. Motion withdrawn, as Tom has chosen to take on the role of chair of Ministry & Outreach Committee
7. **Recommendation:** That Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery give the Executive “Power to Issue” to name a Financial Reviewer for 2019. Moved by Tom Cunningham. Seconded by Cheryl Horne. Carried.
8. **Recommendation:** That Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery appoint the following ministers and [their Rep Elders](#) to attend General Assembly in June, 2019: Rev Linda Park (St Andrew’s Lindsay), Rev Kathy Firth (St John’s Port Perry) and Rev Dr Doug Brown (St Paul’s Port Hope). Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Dennis Carpenter. Amended motion to delete Elders from the motion: Amended motion moved by Dennis Carpenter. Seconded by Jim Smith. Carried. **Amended motion,** That Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery appoint the following ministers to attend General Assembly in June 2019 : Rev Linda Park (St Andrew’s Lindsay), Rev Kathy Firth (St John’s Port Perry) and Rev Dr Doug Brown (St Paul’s Port Hope) . Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Dennis Carpenter. Carried.
9. Process to name Representative Elders: **Recommendation:** That Representative Elders also be on an Established Rotation List to be named by Lindsay Peterborough (Clerk) to attend General Assembly. Moved by Tom Cunningham. Seconded by Henry Huberts. Motion to refer to Executive. Moved by Dennis Carpenter. Seconded by Jim Smith. Carried.
10. **Correspondence for Information:**
 - a. that the following correspondence be received for Information:
 - a. Email request from Rev Fred Stewart to transfer him to West Toronto Presbytery

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for November 1, as he has started a new part time contract there. Clerk sent the documentation.

Correspondence Referred:

11. that the following correspondence be referred - moved by Ann Blane, seconded by Dennis Carpenter. Carried.
 - a. Letter from the congregations of St Andrew's Lakefield and St Andrew's Lakehurst requesting the Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery appoint Rev Dr Terry Ingram to be stated supply for 2019. Referred to Ministry & Personnel.
12. **Recommendation:** that the next regular meeting of the Presbytery be held Tuesday February 19, 2019 at 9:30 am at St Giles' Presbyterian Church, Peterborough, Ontario.

Congregational Life Committee

No report

Ministry and Personnel

1. **Recommendation** - That the Rev. Dr. Doug Brown be granted study leave from November 26, 2018 to December 3, 2018 to study "Jung's Red Book For Our Time: Searching for Soul under Postmodern Conditions – Vol. 1". Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Cheryl Horne. Carried.
2. **Remit A – Equalizing Ministers – Recommendation** - That the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough approve the change to section 176.1.10 of the Book of Forms regarding equalizing ministers. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Cheryl Horne. Carried.
3. **Remit B – Deposition of Ministers – Recommendation** - That the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough approve the change to section 252 of the Book of Forms regarding deposition of ministers. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Cheryl Horne. Carried.
4. **Remit C – Censure – Recommendation** That the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough approve the change to sections 365-375 of the Book of Forms regarding censure. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Cheryl Horne. Carried.

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5. **Student Interview - Recommendation:** That Rani Ibrahim be recertified as a candidate for ministry in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Cheryl Horne. Carried.

6. **Recommendation:** That Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery endorse the request from St Andrew’s Lakefield and St Andrew’s Lakehurst to reappoint Rev Dr Terry Ingram as stated supply for 2019. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Cheryl Horne. Carried.

Mission and Outreach

No report

Interim Moderator Reports

Written reports were received from
 Rev. Henry Huberts - St John’s Cresswell.
 Rev. Caleb Kim - Woodville and Bolsover.
 Rev Kathy Firth - Burnbrae

Verbal report from Rev. Ann Blane, IM of Campbellford, Norwood and Warkworth. The written report is attached at the end of the minutes for the information of Presbyters.

1. Recommendation: that the Rev. Neil Ellis and the Rev Ann Blane be named as co-Interim Moderators for the three point pastoral charge, of Norwood, Warkworth and Campbellford. Moved by Jim Smith, seconded by Tom Cunningham.

2. Recommendation: that the Presbytery “Sit Alone”. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Cheryl Horne. Carried.

When the Presbytery resumed original motion was passed.

<u>Expense Class</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>2018 Expenses to October 31, 2018</u>	<u>2018 Expenses Pro-forma as at Dec 31,2018</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
Honoraria	5,060.00	2,530.00	5,060.00	5,060.00
Postage	250.00	50.76	100.00	200.00

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Stationery & Office	750.00	270.59	350.00	350.00
Bank Charges	0.00	182.40	182.40	0.00
Travel	4,000.00	1,467.68	3,750.00	4,000.00
Meals - General Assembly	1,300.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,300.00
Insurance	1,500.00	1,378.70	1,378.70	1,500.00
Student Tuition	2,000.00	289.80	289.80	2,000.00
Student Assessment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth Budget\Projects	1,000.00	175.00	175.00	1,000.00
Clerk's Conference	550.00	550.00	550.00	0.00
Audit	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
M&O Conference	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Mission Donation (Web Site)	<u>25.00</u>	22.59	<u>22.59</u>	<u>25.00</u>
<i>Total Presbytery</i>	17,585.00	5,083.77	13,058.49	16,585.00
Synod	19,588.00	19,588.00	19,588.00	18,783.00
<i>Total</i>	37,173.00	24,671.77	32,646.49	35,368.00
<i>Trent Chaplaincy Levy</i>	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>37,173.00</u>	<u>24,671.77</u>	<u>32,646.49</u>	<u>35,368.00</u>
<i>Less Specific Reserve Funds</i>				
Youth Budget\Projects				
Elder Education				
Conference	1,000.00			1,000.00
Trent Chaplaincy Reserve				
<i>Budgetary Requirement</i>	<u>36,173.00</u>			<u>34,368.00</u>
<i>Units available</i>	1,962.50			1,878.5
<i>Levy/Unit Approved</i>	18.00			
	9.98	Synod Levy /Unit		9.99
		Break even/unit		18.30
				+Shortfall
Levy/unit at		\$18.00	33,813.00	555.00

Hope Fund

Recommendation: That an initial grant of \$10,000.00 be given to Christians for Trent and that the subsequent grants in years two and three be approved only after presbytery has received

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satisfactory financial and written reports from the Christians for Trent ministry. Moved by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Henry Hubert. Carried.

New Business

- 1. Alternate Rep Elder – Recommendation:** that Emily Rowley be added as the 2nd Alternate Rep for 2018 – 2019. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Dennis Carpenter. Carried.

The court recessed for lunch and reconstituted following the meal.

New Business con't

- 2. Notice of Motion (October):** It was moved “That regular meetings of Presbytery may be cancelled at the discretion of the Moderator in Consultation with the Executive”, and that the Standing Orders be updated. Motion moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Henry Huberts. Carried.
- 3. Notice of Motion (October):** from Tom Cunningham – “that October Presbytery meetings be cancelled” asked that his notice of motion be withdrawn.

1:30 - motion to adjourn. Ann Blane moved, seconded by Dennis Carpenter.

Moderator, Caleb Kim, closed the meeting with silent prayer.

Moderator, Caleb Kim

Clerk, Janet Halstead

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**THREE POINT PASTORAL CHARGE OF
ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-CAMPBELLFORD
ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-NORWOOD
ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- WARKWORTH**

NOVEMBER 20, 2018

REV. ANN BLANE –INTERIM MODERATOR

In the spring of 2016, six congregations located in the central eastern part of the presbytery gathered to explore their future. Each pastoral charge were aware of the challenges that they were faced with... large buildings...financial struggles and declining membership. Following a number of meetings... exploring several different possibilities of how this ministry might take shape, in the spring of 2017, it was decided that a three point pastoral charge be formed. The St. Andrew's, Hastings congregation amalgamated with St. Andrew's Warkworth and their building was deconsecrated and sold. Campbellford and Burnbrae, pastoral charge had been without a minister for two years, chose to go their separate ways, as did Havelock and Norwood whose minister retired in the fall of 2017. Subsequently, Campbellford, Norwood and Warkworth congregations agreed to become a three-point pastoral charge. The Rev Bob Quick and I were asked to co-interim moderate. However, in July 2017, Rev. Quick asked to be relieved of this responsibility and I continued to work with this new pastoral charge. I was able to establish a list of lay people and ministers...and each week two people filled the pulpits. One person preached in two of the churches and the other person preached in the single charge. The clergy mainly filled the pulpits when the Sacraments of Communion and Baptism were celebrated. Preparing the pulpit supply schedule became a juggling act. A huge heartfelt thanks to everyone who brought the Word of God to the people of these three congregations. Several times, the congregations led their own services and on two occasions, they had joint services with a pot-luck luncheon. I continued to meet with the sessions; both separately and on a couple of occasions jointly...conducted a couple of funeral services and weddings and did some pastoral care...mainly over the phone...and through email. In the fall of 2017, a joint search team was formed...made up of 9 women...though we did try to get some men to be on the team. We met on a regular bases...spending time getting to know one another and getting to know the process of searching for a minister. Each church developed their own profile. In February 2018, permission was sought from and granted by the Presbytery for the search team to begin the process to look for a minister. The profile was sent to Church Offices with an end date of April 31. Several candidates submitted in their resumes and videos. After much discussion, two candidates stood out. In July, both candidates were invited to come for interviews of which one person stood out. A week before the interviews, one of the members of the search team wanted to interview a third person. This person had not applied nor submitted an application. I explained to the

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search team there was a process we had to go through and it would not be fair to the other two candidates...if they discovered... that an interview took place without due process.

In August, the three sessions and search team met to discuss the financial obligations- whether a housing allowance or the manse.

On the weekend of September 14th, the candidate was invited to come and meet with the session clerks (unfortunately due to traffic the candidate was unable to come on the Friday), each session and board of managers, and met the people from the three congregations at the potluck supper. The Candidate preached for the Call Sunday morning at St. Andrew's, Norwood. Following the service, I conducted the congregational meeting. A ballot vote was taken...with each church colour coded. 98% of the membership present voted in the affirmative. I contacted the candidate and we agreed to move forward.

The elders were instructed to get signatures from members, adherents... including children. As this was to be done while I was on holidays, the Rev. Terry Ingram offered to gather the paper work and made sure everything was in order. Upon returning from my holidays, I spoke with the candidate. We had looked at the possibility of this individual coming for December 1. Unfortunately, that became a stress point for this person and so the suggested date was pushed out to January 1. It was decided the call would come to this Presbytery meeting (November 20, 2018) and then be translated to the individual's Presbytery in December.

A week ago Monday, I spoke with the candidate, at which point the individual decided not to proceed any further for personal reasons. And so, we come to this junction in the entire process in which we need to go back to the drawing board. While there was a high percentage of support for the call...my sense is that were some...including some members of the search team and elders who signed the call...but did not support it. There have been matters being taken in hand by some individuals ...of which at the time I had no knowledge. I believe that until things are corrected and individuals understand the process...proceeding forward with a new search team and toward a call will be difficult.

As the IM, I have spent a year and a half journeying with this three-point charge. I have enjoyed and learnt a lot. However, a lot more work has to be done...including do they really truly believe they can be a three point charge... are they committed to this ministry and be willing to provide the kind of support needed to make this ministry a success.

I am prepared to stay on as IM if the Presbytery and the pastoral charge are willing, on one condition, that there be Co- Interim Moderators.

In Christ's Service

Ann Blane (Interim Moderator)

Ann read her Interim Moderator report to those in attendance.

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Janet Halstead read the letter which had been sent to the 3 congregations from Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery, which had been read at Sunday services on Sunday November 18. Please see the letter below:

Barb Geen, Session Clerk, St Andrew's, Campbellford
Carol McGaffin, Session Clerk, St Andrew's, Norwood
Marie Glover, Session Clerk, St Andrew's, Warkworth

Re: Call to 3-Point Charge

The following letter is to be read to the three congregations listed above during Sunday services this week.

Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery Executive met on Tuesday, November 13, following the withdrawal by the minister who had been called. The Executive are concerned for all three congregations, as you have all been without a permanent minister for some time now. Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery is responsible for supporting the congregations to a successful conclusion of finding a new minister, and our focus is on that goal. We are also responsible, based on the Book of Forms, for leading the process to a successful conclusion.

Rev Ann Blane was appointed by Lindsay Peterborough to be Interim Moderator to all three congregations through the search process. She has been a part of your Search from the beginning, and a relationship of trust has been built among all of you. We ask that you hold that trust in your relationship with Ann, and with Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery, until it is determined that it needs to change.

Today, the situation is that your search will begin again, as the chosen candidate has withdrawn. The Book of Forms is very clear in the steps to calling a new minister. There are no shortcuts. Obviously, God does not want this position filled at this time. As God is the leader of all of our worship, we all need to listen. According to the Book of Forms, it is the duty of the Interim Moderator, appointed by Presbytery, to lead the congregations through the process to calling a new minister.

I am sure many of you are disappointed and impatient. Please spend time in prayer over the recent happenings. Be confident that Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery will do everything in our power to support you all to a successful conclusion.

Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery will meet on Tuesday, November 20. This situation will come under review and more information will be coming in the near future.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact myself or Rev Caleb Kim, Moderator.

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A handwritten signature in black ink on a light yellow background. The signature reads "Janet Halstead" in a cursive script.

Copy: Rev Caleb Kim, Moderator
 Rev Ann Blane, Interim Moderator
 Rev Neil Ellis, Chair of Ministry & Personnel