

The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough met in regular session within St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Port Hope on Tuesday September 17 in the year of our Lord, 2019.

Attendance:

Ministers on the constituent roll: Baird, Jonathan; Blane, Ann; Brown, Doug; Cunningham, Tom; Ellis, Neil; Firth, Kathy; Horne, Cheryl; Huberts, Henry; Kim, Caleb; Park, Linda; Quick, Bob;

Elders voting: Abernethy, Harold; Hodge, Lamoine; Hoyle, Bill; MacEachern, Robert; Marnoch, Garry; McAdam, Brenda; McQuillin, Barry; Smith, Sheryl; Smith, Jim; Snelgrove, Bob; Wallace, Susan; Williams, Tom;

Ministers on the appendix to the roll: Millar, Roger; Wallace, Ron

Others present for all or part on the day included: Gradante, Cathy; Halstead, Janet; Pettipas, Arlene

Women's Missionary: Randall, Joy; Smith, Joan;

Regrets: Beaton, Sandy; Burnett, Tom; Carpenter, Dennis; Clifton, Lloyd; de Jong, Rick; Dycke, Dianne; Flindall, Robert; Gordon, Dorcas; Grace, Barney; Hartai, Helen; Ingram, Sabrina; Ingram, Terry; MacMaster, Jim; McNenly, Pat; Mitchell, Roberta; Payton, George; Robertson, Ross; Sipos, Anita;

9:30 am – Worship – Rev Dr Doug Brown led us in worship.

10:20 – Constitute the Court: Moderator, Rev Caleb Kim, opened with prayer and performed the installation of new Moderator, Jim Smith.

Executive Committee Report

- 1. Recommendation:** that the Docket, which includes all reports listed in the final Working Papers, for September 17, 2019, be received. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Carried.
- 2. Recommendation:** that the minutes of June 18, 2019 Regular Presbytery Meeting be accepted. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Carried.
- 3. Recommendation:** that the following >recommendations be part of a consent agenda - recommendations 4, 9 - 11. Moved by Ann Blane Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Carried. *Removed #11 c, d e.*

4. **> Recommendation:** that the following Representative Elders for the congregations indicated will be:

Wick Presbyterian Church:

Rep Elder for 2019-2020 - Rick DeJong; Alternate- Ruth Anderson

Beacan Presbyterian Church; Knox Gambridge, :

Rep Elder for 2019 - 2020 - Tom Burnett; Alternate- Roberta Mitchell

St John's Cresswell Presbyterian Church:

Rep Elder - Bob Snelgrove; Alternate- Gloria Johns

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lindsay:

Rep Elder - Susan Wallace; Alternate - Deb Smith

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Cobourg:

Rep Elder - Ross Robertson; Alternate - Carol Higgs

5. **Recommendation:** That the HOPE Fund Committee members for September 2019 through August, 2020 will be: Tom Cunningham, Dennis Carpenter, Rick deJong, Bill Hoyle and Roger Millar. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Carried.
6. **Recommendation:** That the Leading With Care Committee member for September 2019 through August 2020 will be: Rev Ann Blane. Moved by Cheryl Horne. Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Carried. Moved by Cheryl Horne.
7. **Recommendation:** YAR - General Assembly June 7 – 11, 2020 Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo -YAR representative for Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery will be David Kim, son of Rev Caleb Kim, of St Andrew's Fenelon Falls.
8. **Recommendation:** Synod reps - November 2, 2019 at Trinity York Mills Church, within the Presbytery of East Toronto - changed from June Recommendation # 6 to Dr Rev Doug Brown and Rev Cheryl Horne and members of their congregations. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Carried.
9. **>Correspondence for Information:**
That the following correspondence be received for Information:
- a. **Email request from Sheryl Smith for LWC report from St Paul's,** and a confirmation of Police Check, for the application package for Rani Ibrahim to PCC for cyclical ministry grant. Clerk wrote the responses required to the M&O committee.
 - b. **Further Phone calls, emails and requests from CRA for signed documents to confirm the closing of charitable status for St Andrew's Hastings.** Clerk and treasurer from Hastings, Murray Beamish completed and again submitted by Jacqueline Beamish.

- c. **Letter and report from Office of the Registrar General**, to update existing List of registered Religious Officials for Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery. Clerk completed and returned.
- d. **Letter from PCC re: Posting for the position of General Manager for the Presbyterian Church Building Corporation (PCBC)**. Anyone interested in the position should contact the Clerk for further information.
- e. **Email request from Henry Huberts (IM - Cresswell)**, for the Clerk to sign and return the contract with Rev Kathy Firth. Clerk signed the final page and returned, as requested.
- f. **GA - Doctrine of Discovery Recommendation #10** adopted page 35 2019 A&P - That The Presbyterian Church in Canada repudiate concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous lands and people such as The Doctrine of Discovery and *terra nullius*.
- g. **GA - Doctrine of Discovery Recommendation #11** adopted page 35 2019 A&P - That the Presbyterian Church in Canada affirms that all doctrines, policies and practices based on or advocating for superiority of peoples or individuals on the basis of national origin or racial, religious, ethnic or cultural differences are racist, scientifically false legally invalid, morally condemnable and socially unjust.
- h. **GA - Doctrine of Discovery Recommendation #12** adopted page 35 2019 A&P - That the Presbyterian Church in Canada seek to engage in relationships with Indigenous peoples that reflect the principles of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the basis for right relationships.
- i. **GA - Doctrine of Discovery Recommendation #13** adopted page 35 2019 A&P - That Justice Ministries produce a resource that reflects on the history and origin of The Doctrine of Discover and *terra nullius*, including suggested actions that courts of the church may take to repudiate the Doctrine of Discover and *terra nullius*.
- j. **GA - Doctrine of Discovery Recommendation #14** adopted page 35 2019 A&P - that members and courts be encouraged to study the Doctrine of Discovery and *terra nullius* in order to understand the contemporary ramifications of concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous lands and peoples in Canada, including how this is reflected in The Presbyterian Church in Canada's mission and ministry with Indigenous people.
- k. **GA - Living in God's Mission Today Page 12** - adopted page 39 2019 A&P - **Recommendation No 1** - That "Living in God's Mission Today" be affirmed as a faithful statement on mission.
- l. **GA - Living in God's Mission Today Page 12** - adopted page 39 2019 A&P - **Recommendation No 2** - That "Living in God's Mission Today" be commended to the agencies, presbyteries and congregations to be used for their up-building and understanding as they embark on and participate in God's mission.
- m. **GA - Policies and Procedures for Addressing Harassment in the Church p5 - Recommendation No 8** - That the Life and Mission Agency prepare questions and study material to accompany the circulation of the proposed policy and

procedures for addressing harassment in the church to facilitate study of the material and to further help develop best practices for preventing and responding to incidents of harassment in the church. (withdrawn, 2019 A&P 53).

- n. **GA - Expressions of Appreciation - 2.1 - Committee to Advise with the Moderator No 3** - 2019 A&P p 201 - That the thanks of the Assembly be extended to the congregations, individuals, presbyteries, synods, organizations and international and ecumenical partners who warmly welcomed and graciously offered hospitality to the Rev Daniel Cho.
- o. **GA - Expressions of Appreciation - 2.1 - PWS&D - Recommendation No 22** - 2019 A&P p 421 - That, on the 40th anniversary of the first refugee sponsorship agreement between the Government of Canada and The Presbyterian Church in Canada, appreciation be expressed to congregations and presbyteries across Canada that have offered new lives to refugees through the private sponsorship of refugees program.
- p. **GA - 3.1 Assembly Council, Recommendation No 1** - A&P 2019 p 204 - That congregations, presbyteries, colleges and committees of the church be commended for the ways they have engaged with the strategic plan and be encouraged to continue with its use.
- q. **GA - 3.2 Assembly Council, Recommendation No 2** - A&P 2019 p 205 - That all church courts be encouraged to have their official records (especially session minutes and church registers) copied to microfilm for security and preservation purposes and digitized if desired, by contacting the Archives.
- r. **GA - 3.3 Assembly Council, Recommendation No 7** - A&P 2019 p 214 - That the Sunday pulpit supply rate be changed from \$150 to \$175, plus accommodations and meals as required, with travel reimbursed at the rate of \$0.45 per kilometre, effective January 1, 2020, with earlier adoption encouraged and that this amount be increased by \$5. per year afterwards.
- s. **GA - 3.4 Assembly Council, Recommendation No 10** - A&P 2019 p 218 - That individuals, congregations and presbyteries be encouraged to give to the Indigenous Ministries Fund, particularly during the 25th Anniversary of the church's 1994 Confessional Statement in 2019.
- t. **GA - 3.5 - The 2019 minimum stipend schedule** can be found at A&P p 229-230 - and at Presbyterian.ca/referrals.
- u. **GA - 3.8 - Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, Recommendation No 5** - A&P 2019 p 267 - That congregations and presbyteries be encouraged to plan events with other local churches on October 26, 2019, to celebrate 75 years of working together in Christian Faith.
- v. **GA - 3.9 - International Affairs Committee** - Recommendation No 4 - That the Campaign No Way to Treat a Child be endorsed - see nwtac.canada.dci-palestine.org
- w. **GA - 3.9 - International Affairs Committee** - Recommendation No 14 - That presbyteries be encouraged to pray at each meeting in 2019-2020 for persecuted

Christians and other persecuted religious groups around the world. See 2019 A&P p284-286 and at Presbyterian.ca/referrals.

- x. **GA - 3.11 - International Affairs Committee** - Recommendation No 15 - That presbyteries be encouraged to write to their Member of Parliament indicating their commitment to the protection of religious freedom in Canada and around the world; and asking that religious freedom be among the rights Canada supports and encourages in conversation with other nations. See A&P 284-286 and at Presbyterian.ca/referrals.
- y. **GA - 3.16 - Special Committee re Listening (LGBTQI)** - Recommendation No 1 - That congregations, sessions, presbyteries, synods and other bodies of the church be urged to give public expression to the Moderator's Letter of Repentance and to seek ways to live out that repentance for harm done and that continues to be done, to LGBTQI people and others as a result of homophobia, hypocrisy, transphobia and heterosexism in The Presbyterian Church in Canada including developing discussion spaces with leadership drawn from a diversity of people. 2019 A&P 486
- z. **GA - 3.16 - Special Committee re Listening (LGBTQI)** - Recommendation No 3 - That the Presbyterian Church in Canada reaffirms its statements that homosexual orientation is not a sin and that studies have revealed any scripted, scientific or pastoral basis or justification for programs to change a person's sexual orientation and therefore acknowledge that any form of conversion or reparative therapy is not helpful or appropriate response to those who identify as LGVTQI. 2019 A&P 486
- aa. **GA 4.1.1 Remit A** - Book of Forms Section 176.1.10 regarding equalizing minister: Equalizing Ministers; Where there are more elders than ministers on the constituent roll of a presbytery, the presbytery may, on an annual basis, add to the constituent roll ministers from the appendix to the roll, who are serving as interim moderators, to act as equalizing ministers.
- bb. **GA 4.1.2 Remit B**- Book of Forms Section 252 regarding deposition of ministers: It belongs to the presbytery to depose ministers of Word and Sacraments from the ministry. See 2019 A&P 345 - 380, section 441, Appendices A-64 and A-65.
- cc. **GA 4.1.3** - Book of Forms - see 365 - 375 for updates, deletions on censure.

10. Correspondence Referred:

that the following correspondence be referred: Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Carried.

- a. **GA - 1.1. Life and Mission Agency - Policies and Procedures for Addressing Harassment in the Church p5** - Recommendation No 7 - That the proposed policy and procedures for addressing harassment in the church be sent to sessions, ministry boards, presbyteries, synods, camps, colleges and standing committees for study and report to the Life and Mission Agency by February 15, 2020. Referred to Mission and Outreach Committee for bringing forward a Recommendation to LPP meeting in November 2019.

b. GA - 2019 Remits under the Barrier Act - Remit A - 2019 re Book of Forms - 108.3 - Length of Term Service for Elders: 108, 108.1, 108.2 and 108.3 - referred to M&P for study and vote by members for reporting at February LPP meeting.

b. re GA - 2019 Remits under the Barrier Act - Remit B - 2019 re Book of Forms - Special Committee on Implications of Pathway B, - A&P 2019 p 5, as amended, p 51
Re: Definition of a Marriage
Recommendation - Referred to Executive Committee - for discussion, response and vote for reporting at February LPP meeting. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Carried.

c. re GA - 2019 Remits under the Barrier Act - Remit C - 2019 re Book of Forms - Special Committee on Implications of Pathway B, A&P 2019 p 52 - Re: Ordination of LGBTQI persons (married or single).
Recommendation - Referred to Executive Committee - for discussion, response and vote for reporting at February LPP meeting. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Carried.

d. re Email request received from St Andrew's Lindsay, asking for Presbytery approval to apply for a grant for New Beginnings from PCC.
Recommendation - Referred to Congregational Life Committee. **To be reported under CLC (not M&O)** Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Carried.

11. >Recommendation: that the next regular meeting of the Presbytery be held October 15, 2019 at 9:30 am at St Stephen's Presbyterian Church Peterborough, Ontario.

12. Additional Recommendation: That the following Representative Elders for the congregations stated will be: Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Carried

3-pt – St Andrew's – Norwood, Campbellford, Warkworth
Rep Elder – Harold Abernethy - 2nd Alternate – Doug Carlaw

Congregational Life Committee

1. Recommendation: that the Congregational Life Committee of the Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery grant approval to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Lindsay to apply for the program New Beginnings and to apply for a grant from the New and Renewed Ministry Fund. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Carried.

Motion to receive the report as a whole – moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Carried.

Ministry and Personnel

Recommendation: that Kathy Firth be granted self-directed study leave from October 6 to 12 for the purpose of learning about web site management and other uses of technology in the church. Moved by Cheryl Horne. Seconded by Neil Ellis. Carried.

Mission and Outreach

Motion: Moved by Ann Blane, seconded by Neil Ellis, to become a Committee of the Whole for discussion for the following reports and recommendations. Carried. Much discussion followed, and then a break for lunch at 11:30.

Motion - Return from Committee of whole to open session – moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Bob Quick. Carried.

Recommendation 1(a) That the Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery approve Living Waters Mission Church as a new church plant within the city of Peterborough effective January 1, 2020. Moved by Tom Williams. Seconded by Caleb Kim. Carried.

Recommendation 1(b) That the Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery give approval to the Mission & Outreach Committee of Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery to apply to Canada Ministries and the HOPE Fund annually for annual grants, based on the proposed budget in the Ministry Plan for Living Waters Mission Church. Moved by Tom Williams. Seconded by Caleb Kim. Carried.

Recommendation 1(c) That Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery grant authority to the Mission & Outreach Committee to locate 3 Elders to be classified as “Assessor Elders” and to be approved of by Presbytery at November 19, 2019 Presbytery meeting. Moved by Tom Williams. Seconded by Caleb Kim. Carried.

Recommendation 2(a) That Lindsay- Peterborough Presbytery appoint Rani Ibrahim as a Lay Missionary, overseeing an outreach mission of St Paul's Peterborough which has the aim of establishing a new congregation called “The Newcomer's Mission”, retroactive to September 1, 2019. Moved by Tom Williams. Seconded by Caleb Kim. Carried.

Recommendation 2(b) That Lindsay- Peterborough Presbytery grant authority to the Mission & Outreach Committee of Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery, on behalf of St Paul's Presbyterian Church Peterborough, to apply for funding from Canada Ministries as per the proposed budget for the Newcomer's Mission Ministry Plan. Moved by Tom Williams. Seconded by Caleb Kim. Carried.

Recommendation 3. That Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery add Rani Ibrahim to the Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery Roll effective immediately. Moved by Tom Williams. Seconded by Caleb Kim.

Motion to defer Recommendation 3 to October LPP meeting. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Linda Park. Carried.

Motion – Moved by Tom Williams that the report as a whole be accepted. Seconded by Caleb Kim. Carried.

Interim Moderator Reports

Reports received:

St. Andrews' Warkworth, Campbellford, and Norwood – Rev. Cheryl Horne

Joint Session of the Woodville and Bolsover – Rev. Caleb Kim

Adjournment: 1:47 p.m. - motion to adjourn. Moved by adjourn Ann Blane, seconded by Neil Ellis. Carried.

Closing Prayer - Moderator, Jim Smith, closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator, Jim Smith

Clerk, Janet Halstead