

Minutes – The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough October 15, 2020 - Meeting 9:30 am – ZOOM meeting, due to Covid-19

*The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough met in Regular session on ZOOM on Tuesday October 20
in the year of our Lord, 2020.*

Attendance:

Ministers on the constituent roll: Baird, Jonathan; Blane, Ann; Cunningham, Tom; Ellis, Neil; Huberts, Henry; Ingram, Sabrina; Kim, Caleb; Park, Linda; Quick, Bob; Sipos, Anita.

Elders voting: Abernethy, Harold; Carpenter, Dennis; deJong, Rick; Hoyle, Bill; Inglis, Esther; MacEachern, Robert; MacMaster, Jim; Marnoch, Garry; McEnenly, Pat; McQuillin, Barry; Mitchell, Roberta; Robertson, Ross; Smith, Sheryl; Wallace, Susan; Williams, Tom;

Ministers on the appendix to the roll: Firth, Kathy; Grace, Barney; Ingram, Terry; Wallace, Ron; Ibrahim, Rani (lay missionary)

Others present for all or part on the day included: Halstead, Janet; Pitcher, Marilyn; Sanderson, John; Smith, Jim;

Women’s Missionary: Brackenridge, Carolyn

Regrets: Beaton, Sandy; Gordon, Dorcas; Hartai, Helen; Horne, Cheryl;

9:30 – Rev Ann Blane opened our service with worship, followed by the constitution of the court by the Moderator, Jim Smith. Unfortunately, Moderator Jim Smith was unable to lead, due to technology problems. Rev Neil Ellis agreed to Moderate the meeting.

Executive Committee Report

- 1. Recommendation:** that the amended Docket, which includes all reports listed in the final Working Papers, for October 20, 2020, be received. Moved by Bill Hoyle. Seconded by Tom Williams. Carried. None opposed. Amendments: for Stated Hour at 10:05 to hear a call from St John’s Port Perry; Correspondence Referred (1) Letter of complaint from Beacan and (2) Letter of Complaint from St Paul’s Port Hope.

10:05 am – Stated hour – Call for Ministry – St John’s Port Perry – Schedule B- Moved by Pat McEnenly that the call be heard and considered. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried. None opposed.

Call to a minister of Word and Sacraments and guarantee to the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough of stipend

We, the professing members of St. John’s Presbyterian Church, Port Perry, being well satisfied with your faithfulness to the Gospel and your qualifications for the ministry of Word and Sacraments and confident that the Holy Spirit has led us to you, earnestly and solemnly call you,

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Angelica Atkins, to become the minister of this congregation 50% time. In calling you we promise you all due respect, encouragement, and allegiance in the Lord as, together, we seek to use our gifts in the church and in the world to the glory of God.

In order that you, Angelica Atkins, may be free to devote yourself to ministry of Word and Sacraments among us, we the congregation of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Port Perry, hereby guarantee to the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that out of our estimated annual revenue of \$79,000 we promise and obligate ourselves to provide you, as a first charge thereon, the following annually:

Annual Stipend (inclusive of travel allowance)	\$ 19,777
Housing allowance (inclusive of utilities)	\$ 10,000
Total	\$ 29,777

We agree to make payments of the above amounts on the first day of each month and agree to adjust the stipend and allowances annually in view of any changes in the cost of living or the needs of our minister.

We agree further:

1. To provide two weeks for continuing education annually and at least the minimum allowance as set by the General Assembly.
2. That the benefits of number 1 above shall be cumulative up to five years.
3. To provide five weeks vacation annually, which shall be used in the year they are given.
4. To pay supply during the periods of continuing education and holidays.
5. In case of disability or extended illness, to continue to provide stipend, accommodation and allowances for a period not less than that set by the General Assembly, and to pay the cost of pulpit supply.
6. To pay for Medical and Dental Insurance as provided through the Pensions and Benefits Board of the General Assembly and to make contributions to the Pension Plan in compliance with the terms of the plan.
7. To pay necessary moving expenses.

Interim Moderator Terry Ingram lead the presentation, spoke to terms of the call and introduced members from St John's who were in attendance on the ZOOM meeting.

Moved to sustain the term of the Interim Moderator. Moved by Bob Quick. Seconded by Ross Robertson. Carried. None opposed.

Members of the congregation were asked to speak to the call. Financial where withal will be 5-7 years.

Motion to sustain the call. Moved by Pat McNenly. Seconded by Ann Blane Carried.

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The executive report continued.

2. **Recommendation:** that the minutes of September 15, 2020 Regular Presbytery Meeting (ZOOM) be accepted. Moved by Bill Hoyle. Seconded by Tom Williams. Carried.
Opposed - none
3. **Recommendation:** that the following >recommendations be part of a consent agenda - recommendations 5-7. Moved by Bill Hoyle. Seconded by Tom Williams. Opposed – none. Carried.
4. **Recommendation:** That Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery vote on the options given by PCC for June 2021 General Assembly are: #1 Plan to hold an in-person; #2 – plan to hold a video-conference, and not in person or #3 – postpone General Assembly until 2022 on the assumption that we can meet safely in person. The Executive are recommending #2 – plan to hold a video-conference and not in-person. Moved by Bill Hoyle. Seconded by Tom Williams. Carried. Opposed – none.
5. **>Correspondence for Information:**
That the following correspondence be received for Information:
 - a. **Email notice from Jim Biggs** re: Synod – Wed Nov 18 on ZOOM. Clerk confirmed with both Jonathan Baird and Neil Ellis that they are able to attend.
 - b. **letter from Office of the Registrar General** – regarding changes of those registered to solemnize marriages in Ontario if: they belong to a band, a First Nation, Metis or Inuit organization or communityor they are recognized by the band, First Nation, Metis or Inuit Organization Changes come into effect October 8, 2020
 - c. **Email request from Peterborough Presbyterial** to update their LPP rep to their President – Carolyn Brackenridge.
6. **>Correspondence Referred:**
That the following correspondence be referred:
 - a. **Letter from Jennifer Astop**, Grant Program Co-ordinator, reminding everyone of grant deadlines, and introducing an online workshop “Celebrating Transforming Congregations Wed Oct 28 – Wed Nov 18 (4 weeks). Clerk distributed by email, and encourages all to attend.
 - b. **Letter received from Terrie-Lee Hamilton, outlining 3 options for General Assembly 2021** – referred to Executive for discussion and response. See Recommendation #4.
 - c. **Email with letter attached from Clerk of Beacan, with complaint against minister** – referred to Executive, and then referred to Investigative Committee.- referred to Executive.
 - d. **Email with letter attached from Clerk of St Paul’s Port Hope, with complaint against minister. Referred to Executive Committee.**

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7. **>Recommendation:** that the next regular meeting of the Presbytery be held Tuesday November 17, 2020 at 9:30 am on ZOOM.

Congregational Life Committee – Ann Blane

In light of the visitation with both congregations and with Rev. Henry Hubert, and the information received, the Visitation Team recommends:

- a) *that a Review of Ministry be conducted in the pastoral charge of Beacan and Gamebridge Presbyterian Churches as outlined in Section 336-340 of the Book of Forms. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Carried.*
- b) *that the Review of Ministry Team be: Rev. Ron Wallace, Esther Inglis and Rev. Neil Ellis. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Carried. First person named will name the team, based on convention*
- c) *Moved that this report not be circulated in the minutes – just the recommendations. Seconded by Jonathan Baird. Carried.*

Ministry and Personnel – Neil Ellis

Linda Park took over as moderator.

1. That Rev. Kathy Firth be reappointed to the congregation of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Creswell for the period of June 7, 2020 until June 6, 2021. Moved by Bob Quick. Seconded by Sabrina Ingram. Carried. Opposed - none
2. That Rev. Neil Ellis be granted sick leave from Friday September 25, 2020 through to Sunday October 11, 2020. Moved by Bob Quick. Seconded by Sabrina Ingram. Carried. Opposed – none.

Mission and Outreach

No report.

A – Amalgamation of Knox Lakehurst and St Andrew's Lakefield

Recommendations

Rec. 1: That the amalgamation plan of the congregations of Knox, Lakehurst and St. Andrew's, Lakefield be approved by the Presbytery and a copy forwarded to the Commission on Assets of Dissolved and Amalgamated Congregations. Moved by Sabrina Ingram. Seconded by Tom Williams. Carried.

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Rec. 2 That the congregations of Knox, Lakehurst and St. Andrew's, Lakefield be granted permission to amalgamate and that the terms of the amalgamation be as outlined in this preamble. Moved by Sabrina Ingram. Seconded by Tom Williams. Carried.

Rec. 3 That the date of the amalgamation be December 31, 2020, and that on this date, the roll and all records of Knox be transferred to St. Andrew's. Moved by Sabrina Ingram. Seconded by Tom Williams. Carried.

Rec. 4 That the building, property and chattel, or the proceeds thereof, be transferred to St. Andrew's on the date of amalgamation. Moved by Sabrina Ingram. Seconded by Tom Williams. Carried.

Rec. 5 That all other assets be transferred to St. Andrew's, as able, on the date of amalgamation. That the trustees and treasurer of Knox be kept in place until such time as investments come due, if necessary. Moved by Sabrina Ingram. Seconded by Tom Williams. Carried.

Rec. 6 That the congregation of St Andrew's Lakefield / Knox Lakehurst be given permission to continue the search for a minister. Moved by Sabrina Ingram. Seconded by Tom Williams. Carried.

Interim Moderator Reports -

Reports received from

Doug Brown – Interim Moderator - St. Andrew's Burnbrae -

Kathy Firth – Interim Moderator of St Andrew's Campbellford and St Andrew's Norwood

Ann Blane – IM for Old St Andrew's, Colborne

Terry Ingram – IM for St Paul's Peterborough

Caleb Kim – IM for St Andrew's Bolsover

11:55 - Motion to adjourn. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Sabrina Ingram. Carried.

Moderator pro tem, Neil Ellis, closed the meeting with prayer.

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Clerk, Janet Halstead