

# Minutes – The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough November 17 2020 - Meeting 9:30 am – ZOOM meeting, due to Covid-19

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*The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough met in Regular session on ZOOM on Tuesday November 17 in the year of our Lord, 2020.*

**Attendance:**

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

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

**Ministers on the appendix to the roll:** Firth, Kathy; Grace, Barney; Gordon, Dorcas; Ingram, Terry; Millar, Roger; Wallace, Ron; Ibrahim, Rani

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

**Women’s Missionary:** Brackenridge, Carolyn

**Regrets:** Beaton, Sandy; Hartai, Helen; Horne, Cheryl; Ingram, Sabrina

9:30 – Rev Anita Sipos opened our service with worship, followed by the constitution of the court by the Moderator, Jim Smith.

## **Executive Committee Report**

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Executive Report Presenter, Rev Dr Terry Ingram spoke to housekeeping items – voting process on ZOOM, and muting processes that will be used during the meeting.

- 1. Recommendation:** that the Docket, which includes all reports listed in the final Working Papers, for November 17, 2020, be received. Moved by Bill Hoyle. Seconded by Tom Williams. Carried.
- 2. Recommendation:** that the minutes of October 20, 2020 Regular Presbytery Meeting (ZOOM) be accepted. Moved by Bill Hoyle Seconded by Tom Williams. Carried.
- 3. Recommendation:** that the following >recommendations be part of a consent agenda - recommendations 9 and 10. Moved by Bill Hoyle. Seconded by Tom Williams. Carried.
- 4. Recommendation:** that the budget for 2021 as shown, be accepted. See Schedule A. Moved by Bill Hoyle. Seconded by Tom Williams Carried.

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5. **Recommendation:** that the Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery Levy unit be \$18.00 for 2021. See Budget Schedule A. Moved by Bill Hoyle. Seconded by Tom Williams. Carried.
6. **Recommendation:** that the letter of complaint regarding the minister at St Paul's Port Hope be referred to Ministry & Personnel Committee to investigate and report back to LPP as soon as possible. Moved by Bill Hoyle. Seconded by Tom Williams. Carried.
7. **Recommendation:** that a commission of LPP be struck to attend Ordination and Induction services of Angelica Atkins to be held at St John's Port Perry in November or December. Executive be given "Power to Issue" to name Commission members. Moved by Bill Hoyle. Seconded by Tom Williams. Carried.
8. **Recommendation:** That Randy Manning of Manning Accounting be appointed as auditor for Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery for a one-year term ending December 31, 2021. Moved by Bill Hoyle. Seconded by Tom Williams. Carried.

9. **>Correspondence Referred:**

that the following correspondence be referred:

- a. **Email request from Rev Cheryl Horne**, asking to retire March 1, 2021. Referred to M&P.
- b. **Letter of request from Robert MacEachern, Clerk of Session**, St Andrew's Bolsover, to release designated funds. Referred to Executive Committee. Executive Committee referred to CLC for further investigation and to report back to LPP.
- c. **Letter of request from Hugh Walker, Clerk of Session**, Bolsover, to confirm status / title of Shannon Shearer and to confirm employer's portion of her pension is funded through Congregational Assessment. Referred to Clerk, Janet Halstead to research and request information from Pension and Benefits, PCC.
- d. **Letter from Terrie-Lee Hamilton**, asking for nominations for names for committees of GA 2021-2022. Referred to Executive.

10. **>Recommendation:** that the next regular meeting of the Presbytery be held Tuesday February 16, 2021 at 9:30 am on ZOOM.

**Congregational Life Committee – Ann Blane**

No report

**Ministry and Personnel – Neil Ellis**

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1. **Recommendation** - That the terms of the call to Rev. Bob Quick from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lindsay be amended from 100% time to 60% time. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Barry McQuillin. Opposed – none. Carried.
2. **Recommendation** - That the Rev. Cheryl Horne be granted permission to retire on March 1, 2021. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Barry McQuillin. Opposed – none. Carried.

## **A Revision To The Call of Rev Robert Quick as Associate Minister of Word and Sacrament of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lindsay, Ontario and guarantee to the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough of stipend**

We, the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lindsay, wish to revise the call of Rev Robert Quick as associate minister of Word and Sacrament from a full-time position to 60% time, effective January 1, 2021. We hereby agree to pay out of our estimated annual revenue of **\$523,199.00** the following.

Annual Stipend (inclusive of travel allowance)	<b>\$ 24,174.00</b>
Housing allowance (inclusive of utilities)	<b><u>\$ 7,560.00</u></b>
Total	<b>\$ 31,734.00</b>

We agree to make payments of the above amounts monthly and agree to review the stipend and allowances annually in consideration 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 (study leave) 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.
4. 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,
5. To pay for Medical and Dental Insurance as provided through the Pensions and Benefits Board of the General Assembly.

## **Mission and Outreach**

**Recommendation #1-** That Presbytery continue to support "Christians for Trent" (Ben Peltz) for a further year (Jan – Dec 2021) with a grant of \$10,000.00 from the Hope Fund. Moved by Jonathan Baird. Seconded by Caleb Kim.

Motion to defer by Ann Blane. Seconded by Neil Ellis. Carried. To be referred to the Hope Fund committee, subject to the approval of Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery.

**Amended motion** - Moved by Ann Blane that we discontinue funding for Ben Peltz ministry this ministry. Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Defeated.

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**Recommendation #2-** that Presbytery approve the deferred Recommendation #3 of September 15, 2020 requesting that Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery cover pension and benefits cost for 2021 of \$13,500.00 from the HOPE Fund for The Newcomer's Mission be approved. Moved by Tom Williams. Seconded by Caleb Kim

**Recommendation #2 - Friendly amendment - Amended motion:** LPP request that St Paul's Presbyterian Church Peterborough to cover funds for \$13,500 to pay for pension and benefits for The Newcomers, and then St Paul's be given permission to apply directly to the HOPE Fund to reimburse St Paul's for payment of The Newcomers' benefits costs for 2021. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Bob Quick. Carried.

**Recommendation #3-** Grant applications have been made to: The Cooke's Fund, HOPE Fund and Canadian Ministries. **That** Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery appoint, pending approval of grants, Rev. Jonathan Baird as Presbytery Missionary for Living Waters Mission for the period of January 01, 2021-December 31, 2021. Moved by Tom Williams. Seconded by Caleb Kim.

**Motion to defer** until after HOPE Fund meets. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Tom Williams. Carried.

Note - Executive to appoint a 5<sup>th</sup> member to HOPE Fund to replace Dennis Carpenter, following his death November 11, 2020.

**Special Committee** – Review of Ministry – Rev Ron Wallace reporting.

Special Committee members: Neil Ellis, Esther Inglis and Ron Wallace met to review their mandate from LPP and to determine direction.

The Committee spoke with both congregation's regarding viability of ministry. Towards end of meeting, the Committee were told that Beacan (who pay 65% of the costs for ministry) would run out of money by end of November. If monetary reasons for severing ministry, then that needed to be investigated. Bill Hoyle, LPP Treasurer, was asked to investigate funding. He has reported that he is not an accountant and not able to project.

Recommendation: to retain the services of Randy Manning, of Manning Accounting, accountant to review the finances of Beacan Presbyterian at a cost of \$65.00 / hour and report back to the Special Committee. His findings could result in an Emergent Meeting of LPP. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Susan Wallace. Carried.

### **Interim Moderator Reports -**

St. Andrew's Norwood and St. Andrew's Campbellford

The sessions of both churches met with me on different dates in October, and we have set dates to meet again in November. Worship services are currently being mailed to both congregations. Printed copies of the services are distributed to members who do not have

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access to email.

Both churches have expressed an interest in reopening on the first Sunday of Advent - November 29, 2020. The churches were provided with examples of Covid 19 protocols currently in use by two different congregations. Both protocols reflect the direction of the Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit. Several people from each church will be reviewing these documents so that we will have a draft protocol ready at the next meeting. Both churches are committed to ensuring that plans are in place for a safe reopening.

The session of St. Andrews Campbellford raised a number of questions regarding their manse. Some of these questions are being addressed by PCC and others are being researched by members of the session. Follow up reports will be made at the next meeting.

For several years, St. Andrews Norwood has offered the church as a distribution centre for a group called *Coats for Kids* which distributes coats free of charge to children. St. Andrews Norwood had a keen desire to continue this program. The date for the coat distribution was set for November 18. A protocol was developed that meets the Covid 19 criteria of the PCC as well as the Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit. We anticipate a safe distribution of the coats which have always been well received by the community.

Rev Kathy Firth, interim moderator.

### **St. Paul's, Peterborough.**

The Session continues to meet regularly, weekly worship is held on Zoom with several able elders and members providing leadership. Communion will be celebrated virtually the last Sunday of November. The Session continues to explore new ways of doing traditional things. Normal in person events have been done virtually in a safe and successful. A bizarre bazaar is in the planning as well as a virtual event for Christmas Eve.

The search is proceeding as we look for a Minister on a 70% basis. The congregational profile has been completed and we have received a number of inquiries interested in learning more about the congregation's needs and vision for the future.

Terry Ingram, Interim Moderator.

### **St. John's, Port Perry.**

The Session continues to meet regularly and in person worship (attendance almost at pre-Covid level) is now being supplied by Angelica Atkins. They will celebrate a 'brown bag' communion on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Discussion has taken place with regards to the ordination and induction of Angelica Atkins. It is our hope, with Presbytery's permission that she might be inducted to begin January 1, 2021.

Terry Ingram, Interim Moderator.

12:12 - Motion to adjourn. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Tom Williams. None opposed. Carried. M&P to meet immediately following.

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Moderator, Jim Smith, closed the meeting with prayer. Jim included prayers for Cheryl Horne, and for Dennis Carpenter’s family. Dennis served LPP for over 20 years, as Rep Elder, HOPE Fund rep, Treasurer and remained on the Executive Committee, as an advisor.

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**Moderator Jim Smith**

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**Clerk, Janet Halstead**