

Minutes – The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough November 16, 2021 – Regular Meeting 9:30 am – ZOOM meeting, due to Covid-19

The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough met in Regular session on ZOOM on Tuesday November 16 in the year of our Lord, 2021.

Attendance:

Ministers on the constituent roll: Atkins, Angelica; Baird, Jonathan; Blane, Ann; Cunningham Tom; Ellis, Neil; Ingram, Sabrina; Ingram, Terry; Kim, Caleb; Park, Linda; Quick, Bob; Rolls, Debora; Sipos, Anita;

Elders voting: Breckenridge, Carolyn; DeJong, Rick; Hoyle, Bill; Jamieson, Kay; MacEachern, Robert; MacMaster, Jim; McQuillin, Barry; Marnoch, Garry; Pettipas, Arlene; Pitcher, Marilyn; Robertson, Ross; Smith, Sheryl; McNenly, Pat; Wallace, Susan; Williams, Tom.

Ministers on the appendix to the roll: Wallace, Ron.

Others present for all or part on the day included: Halstead, Janet; Ibrahim, Rani; Smith, Jim;

Women’s Missionary: Breckenridge, Carolyn; Hoyle, Liz;

Regrets: Brown, Doug; Firth, Kathy;

9:30 am – Worship – St John’s, Port Perry - Rev Angelica Atkins delivered the message

10:00 am - Constitute the Court with prayer - Moderator Susan Wallace - “I’ll Not Be Shaken”

Introductions and courtesies:

- **Ann Blane** – Esther Inglis has resigned and Kay Jamieson, will become Rep Elder for Knox, Bobcaygeon.

Executive Committee Report – Terry Ingram

- 1. Recommendation:** that the Docket, which includes all reports and added items listed in the final Working Papers for November 16, 2021, be received. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.
- 2. Recommendation:** that the minutes of October 19, 2021 Regular meeting be accepted. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.
- 3. Recommendation:** that the following >recommendations be part of a consent agenda - recommendations > 13 - 15. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.
- 4. Recommendation:** that the budget for 2022, as circulated, be approved as presented. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

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5. **Recommendation:** that the Presbytery levy for 2022 remain at \$18.00. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried
6. **Recommendation:** that the Presbytery appoint Randy Manning as auditor for 2021. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried
7. **Recommendation:** that the court extend their thanks and appreciation to Bill Hoyle as Treasurer after 6 years service. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried
8. **Recommendation:** that Jim Smith be appointed as Treasurer of Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery, effective January 1, 2022, for a 3-year term. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Motion to refer back to Executive for further discussion. Moved by Tom Cunningham. Seconded by Bob Quick. Carried.
9. Moved by Sabrina Ingram that all correspondence for Treasurer be referred to Janet Halstead. Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Carried.
10. **Recommendation:** that the Committee on Committees be disbanded. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.
11. **Recommendation:** that the representatives for General Assembly starting June 5, 2022, be Rev Kathy Firth, Rev Bob Quick and Rev Jonathan Baird, along with a member of their congregations. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.
12. **Notice of Motion:** motion to reconsider the decision of Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery Recommendation at its June 2021 meeting to write and submit an overture regarding the state of the PCC.

As Information: Rev Caleb Kim has been appointed as Moderator for Central Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda for the next term, beginning November 7, 2021 and ending November of 2022.

13. >Correspondence As Information:

that the following correspondence be received as information:

- a. Email confirmation of receipt of Nomination for Principal Assistant from Knox College.

14. >Correspondence Referred:

- a. Letter of resignation from Anita Sipos – referred to Ministry & Personnel.

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- b. Numerous emails and phone call from Helen Kim – once an employee of 50 Wynford Drive – referred to Don Muir and Terry-Lee Hamilton. Helen has sent hundreds of emails to Clerks across Canada and has started a phone campaign. She resourced names, emails and phone numbers through the PCC web site.
- c. Email from M&P chair, Neil Ellis, to clarify financial liability of Rani Ibrahim, as Lay Missionary for The Comers. Referred to Executive. It is the understanding of St Paul's and Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery that the financial responsibilities are the obligation of St Paul's Peterborough.
- d. Email from Tom Cunningham re disposition of creating an overture on the state of the PCC. Referred to Executive. See Notice of Motion.

15.>Recommendation: that the next regular meeting of Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery be held Tuesday, February 22, 2022 with host St Giles' Peterborough.

Congregational Life Committee –Rev. Ann Blane

Recommendations that:

1. The Presbytery seek permission for our congregations to attend the West Toronto Presbytery Zoom workshop for smaller / rural congregations. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Sheryl Smith. Carried.
2. A letter be sent to the Session of each LPP congregation inviting them to reflect on the Zoom recording (share it widely) and to contact CLC for in person meetings in early 2022. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Sheryl Smith. Carried.
3. CLC will organize private, clergy-only sessions on Zoom to explore mental wellness in these times, likely in early 2022. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Sheryl Smith. Carried.

Ministry and Personnel – Rev. Neil Ellis.

Recommendation 1

That the Presbytery approve the written contract for Rani Ibrahim. Moved by Sabrina Ingram Seconded by Barry McQuillin. Carried.

Recommendation 2

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That regarding *1.2 Preamble to ordination, induction of Ministers and ordination and admission of Ruling Elders* (CCD, A & P 2021, p 292- 296, 50) the changes be supported. Moved by Sabrina Ingram. Seconded by Barry McQuillin. Carried.

Recommendation 3

That regarding *1.4 Right to dissent* (Clerks of Assembly, A&P 2021, p 302 – 304, 54) the Presbytery support the changes as outlined. Moved by Sabrina Ingram. Seconded by Barry McQuillin. Carried.

Recommendation 4

That regarding *1.7 Book of Forms Section 176.1* (Clerks of Assembly report, A& P 2021, 9 317 – 318, 54) the Presbytery support a change to the Book of Forms Section 176.1 that would read, “*Ordained ministers within the bounds, whose ministry is carried out on a minimum of a half time basis...*” (Dropping the ending “*and not as a complement to some other vocational pursuit and:*”). Moved by Sabrina Ingram. Seconded by Barry McQuillin. Carried.

Recommendation 5

That regarding *Guidelines for dealing with Ministry and Mental Health (L & M Agency – Overture Responses, A&P 2021, p519 – 32, 38)* Presbytery endorse the document in principle and request a 30-minute stated hour at the November Presbytery meeting for further study and input by the court. Moved by Sabrina Ingram. Seconded by Barry McQuillin. Withdrawn.

Recommendation 6

That the resignation of Rev. Anita Sipos of St. Andrew’s Bowmanville, effective November 30, 2021, be accepted. Moved by Sabrina Ingram. Seconded by Barry McQuillin. Carried. Jim MacMaster, Rep Elder, spoke to the motion. Sabrina Ingram thanked Anita for her service.

Recommendation 7

That the employment of the Rev. Anita Sipos as Chaplain at Glen Hills Terrace be considered by the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough as Christian Ministry. Moved by Sabrina Ingram. Seconded by Barry McQuillin. Carried.

Recommendation 8

That the Rev. Rev. Neil Ellis be named as the temporary Interim-Moderator for St. Andrew’s Bowmanville, effective December 1, 2021. Moved by Sabrina Ingram. Seconded by Barry McQuillin. Carried.

Recommendation 9

That the Rev. Caleb Kim be released with thanks as the Interim-Moderator for the Bolsover-Woodville pastoral charge effective November 30, 2021. Moved by Sabrina Ingram. Seconded by Barry McQuillin. Carried.

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That the Rev. Bob Quick be named as the interim-moderator for the Bolsover-Woodville pastoral charge, effective December 1, 2021. Moved by Sabrina Ingram. Seconded by Barry McQuillin. Carried

Recommendation 11

That the Rev. Neil Ellis be released with thanks as the Interim-Moderator for St. Andrew's Warkworth-Hastings pastoral charge effective November 30, 2021. Moved by Sabrina Ingram. Seconded by Barry McQuillin. Carried.

Recommendation 12

That the Rev. Dr. Doug Brown be named as the interim-moderator for St. Andrew's Warkworth-Hastings pastoral charge effective December 1, 2021. Moved by Sabrina Ingram. Seconded by Barry McQuillin. Carried.

Recommendation 13

That the Executive Committee review and bring suggestions for future Interim Moderator roles. Moved by Sabrina Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

Stated hour: It having been agreed by the court to have this hour immediately following the Ministry & Personnel Report, Rev Neil Ellis brought before LPP the document “Proposed Mental Health Guidelines”.

1.8 Recommendation LMA-048 (A&P 2021, p. 532, 38resbyterian.ca/gao/ga2021/2021referrals) That the above proposed revisions to the Guidelines for Dealing with Mental Health Issues (2011) (A&P 2021, p. 519–32), be sent to the courts and committees of the church for study and report to the Life and Mission Agency by January 31, 2022, with the goal of presenting a final report to the General Assembly in 2022.

Those attending were placed in 2 break rooms for discussion and then brought back to the court as a whole. The Clerk is to respond to Life Mission Agency with comments regarding the discussions, before January 31, 2022. Individuals who wish to contribute, should send their comments to the Clerk prior to January 15, 2022 so they can be included in the final report submitted.

Mission and Outreach - Tom Williams

Recommendation # 1. That Rev. Jonathan Baird be re-appointed as an Ordained Missionary for the period of January 01, 2022 to December 31, 2022 at 2/3 time based on current funds available. See listing below. Moved by Tom Williams. Seconded by Tom Cunningham. Carried.

The Recommendation is my recollection and is confirmed from my notes.

However, as there was much discussion and suggestions, a number of other people believe this was not the outcome of the recommendation and have offered their memory of what

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happened:

- (1) A motion to refer back for more information gathering – according to my notes no motion was made.
- (2) A motion for an Emergent meeting to focus on this Recommendation only. – according to my notes, no motion was made.
- (3) A suggestion that we go ahead and vote, and ask that the 3 documents be provided after the fact.

Due to the confusion and varied memories, our Moderator has called for an Emergent Meeting December 8 at 1:00 pm, to review the 3 documents and vote one more time on this same Recommendation.

Canadian Ministries	\$30,000.00
HOPE Fund	12,500.00
Cooke Fund	7,500.00
Individual & Community Donations	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total Grants and Donations	<u>\$54,000.00</u>

Recommendation # 2. That the HOPE Fund Committee be required (requested) to follow through with the **Recommendation # 1** (of February 16, 2021) whereby as it states: “That Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery having approved the **Recommendation** for further funding for Christians for Trent for the year 2021 in the amount of \$5,000.00, that the HOPE Fund Committee meet to draft up a cheque in the amount of \$5,000.00 payable to Vision Ministries Canada with notation for Ben Peltz (Christians for Trent) and forward.

The Recommendation was ruled “out of order” by the moderator given no such motion was made.

Tom Williams tendered his resignation at a date to be announced.

Sabrina Ingram thanked Tom for his efforts and service these past few years.

Interim Moderator Reports:

Interim Moderator’s Report for St Andrew’s Campbellford and St Andrew’s Norwood

Written report received from Rev. Kathy Firth

Written Moderator’s Report for St Andrew’s Burnbrae

Written report received from Rev Dr Doug Brown.

Written Moderator’s Report for Beacan and Knox Gamebridge

Written report received from Rev Dr Terry Ingram

HOPE Fund – Bill Hoyle reported

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Recommendation, #1 that the interest will be forgiven on the loan to Woodville. Moved by Bill Hoyle. Seconded by Rick DeJong. Carried.

Recommendation #2: that Lindsay Peterborough grant a final grant of \$12,500 to Living Waters for 2022. Moved by Bill Hoyle. Seconded by Rick DeJong. Carried.

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Ann Blane.

12:18 - Moderator, Susan Wallace, closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator, Susan Wallace

Clerk, Janet Halstead