

Minutes – The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough September 21, 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 September 21 in the year of our Lord, 2021.

Attendance:

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

Elders voting: Breckenridge, Carolyn; Hoyle, Bill; MacEachern, Robert; McQuillin, Barry; Marnoch, Garry; Mitchell, Roberta; Robertson, Ross; Smith, Joan; Smith, Sheryl; 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: Abernethy, Harold; Beaton, Sandy; Gordon, Dorcas; Grace, Barney; Hartai, Helen; Inglis, Esther; Jamieson, Kay; MacMaster, Jim; Pettipas, Arlene;

9:30 am – Worship – St Andrew's Lindsay – Rev Bob Quick, Rev Linda Park and Susan Wallace. Susan delivered the message, based on her thoughts and biblical references to the reactions and remarks following the General Assembly adoption of Remits B and C. Bob Quick delivered prayers, and Linda lead the communion service.

10:05 am - Constitute the Court with prayer - Moderator Jim Smith
Induction of new Moderator, Susan Wallace
Thank you to out-going Moderator, Jim Smith, from Susan Wallace.

Introductions and courtesies:

- Jim Smith introduced Joan Smith, new Alt Rep for St Paul's, Port Hope
- Sheryl Smith introduced Rev Debora Rolls, now ordained and inducted into the congregation of St Paul's Peterborough
- Tom Cunningham introduced Carolyn Brackenridge as new Centreville Rep Elder and Annette Simpson as Alt Rep
- Ann Blane – regrets from Esther Inglis and Kay Jamieson
- Caleb Kim – introduced Lizz Hoyle, as rep of WMS Lindsay Presbyterial

New Business – Neil Ellis provided LPP with the background information in order to make the following recommendation:

Recommendation: that the LPP nominate Rev Dr Sara Travis to the position of Academic Dean at Knox College. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Robert MacEachern. Carried.

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Executive Committee Report – Terry Ingram

- 1. Recommendation:** that the Docket, which includes all reports and added items listed in the final Working Papers, for September 21, 2021, be received. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.
- 2. Recommendation:** that the amended minutes of June 15, 2021 Regular and amended minutes of the Emergent Meeting Sunday September 19, 2021 meetings be accepted. Amended minutes of June 15 should list Carolyn Brackenridge as attending and the amended minutes of September 19 should remove Ron Wallace as attending. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.
- 3. Recommendation:** that Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery members move to “sitting alone” to approve April 20, 2021 minutes. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

The court then returned to its public meeting.

- 4. Recommendation:** that the minutes from the “Sitting Alone” session April 20, 2021 and the letter from Rev Sabrina Ingram be included with September minutes for distribution. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded Ann Blane. Carried.
- 5. Recommendation:** that the following >recommendations be part of a consent agenda - recommendations > 9, 10. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.
- 6. >Recommendation:** that the following be named as Representative Elders and Alternate Elders for July 2021 – June 30, 2022:

Centreville, South Monaghan – Rep, Carolyn Brackenridge, Alt Rep – Annette Neil Simpson

Old St Andrew’s, Colborne – Rep Elder Barry McQuillin, Alt Rep – Emily Rowley

St Andrew’s, Norwood – Rep Elder Mary Benjamin, No Alt Rep

St Paul’s, Port Hope – Rep Elder Arlene Pettipas, Rep Alt – Joan Smith

As Information: Executive is asking that a volunteer committee be formed to explore the possibility of writing the overture, as requested at the June 15, 2021 LPP meeting. This overture would be a request to explore and report on the health of the PCC in Canada. Please send your name to the Clerk if you wish to sit on this committee. The committee should meet and report its recommendations to the October 19, 2021 meeting of LPP.

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- 7. Recommendation:** that the list of Committee members, as amended and distributed, be accepted, with the understanding that there is a committee convenor and secretary appointed by each committee and that rotation occurs on a regular basis. The following additional amendments are also included. Arlene Pettipas (M&P), Emily Rowley (M&P) and Jim Smith is removed (from M&P). Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

8. >Correspondence As Information:

that the following correspondence be received as information:

- a. Email received from Audrey Mead of St Paul's Port Hope. Letter referred to St Paul's Port Hope Session for response.
- b. Letter from PCC announcing the retirement of Stephen Kendall as of June, 2022.
- c. Emails requesting copy of signed contract for Kathy Firth at Cresswell. Clerk did provide the scanned copy.
- d. Emails received from PCC asking for confirmation of all information being gathered for the 2021 Acts and Proceedings. Clerk confirmed.
- e. Email from John Knox, asking that his name be removed from the LPP distribution list, which the Clerk has done.
- f. 2 sets of Annual Reports for 2019 and 2020 were received by the Clerk from St John's, Cresswell.
- g. Email from Tom Cunningham asking for Rep Elder form. Clerk sent it to him.
- h. Email from St John's Cresswell, with their Presbyterians Sharing allocations. Clerk forwarded to PCC, Oliver Ing.
- i. Clerk from Niagara sent an email announcing a second book from Rev Theis Theismeijer.
- j. Email confirmation from Jennifer Astop, PCC, that Living Waters had received the second half of the grant for 2021.

9. >Correspondence Referred:

That the following correspondence be referred:

- a. Email received from Marsh Insurance asking for payment of insurance. Clerk referred to Treasurer, who confirmed payment had been sent.
- b. Email request from an individual asking that a request for donations could be distributed to LPP email distribution list. Referred to Executive. This request is outside of the practices of Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery. Given that LPP reason for being is dealing with congregations and PCC, this type of correspondence does not fit within that scope. Clerk responded to individual with that same message.
- c. Various emails received regarding the 3 questions submitted by CLC. Clerk referred all responses to Sheryl Smith, on behalf of CLC.
- d. Confirmation of attendance at Debora Rolls' Ordination in Mississauga Sept 12, 2021 referred to Debora for planning the service.

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- e. Email received from a congregation asking for latest Covid -19 protocols for singing in church. Clerk responded with latest information.
- f. Email request from Sabrina Ingram to circulate the minutes from the “in camera Session” of the April LPP meeting. Referred to Executive.
- g. Email received from Kathryn Muir, PCC and items will be referred to the various committees of LPP for further study and reporting back. All reports and supporting documents will be available at:
presbyterian.ca/gao/ga2021/2021referrals.
The committee referrals will be in the October Working Papers, as assigned by the Executive committee.
- h. Email from Sheryl Smith asking that the questionnaire be circulated for responses to CLC. Clerk emailed copies to the LPP distribution list.
- i. Email request and then hand delivered package from Angelica Atkins regarding her registration for authority to marry. Clerk completed and mailed the application.
- j. Email received from Clerk of St Paul’s Peterborough to Clerk of LPP which included the Recommendation of the Session of St Paul’s to seek the renewal of the annual contract with Rani Ibrahim as a Lay Missionary for the Newcomers Mission. Referred to M&O chair, Tom Williams.

10. Recommendation: that the next regular meeting of the Presbytery be held Tuesday October 19, 2021 at 9:30 am on ZOOM, with host St Andrew’s, Bolsover. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

Congregational Life Committee – verbal report by Rev. Ann Blane

Ministry and Personnel – Rev. Neil Ellis.

Recommendations:

1. That recommendations >2-4 be part of a consent agenda. Moved by Sabrina Ingram. Seconded Ross Robertson. Carried.
2. >That the Rev. Angelica Atkins be granted study leave from September 28-October 4, 2021 to attend the Lead Deep Leadership Conference.
3. >That the Rev. Neil Ellis be granted study leave from October 4-10, 2021 to attend the Wisdom of Trauma conference.
4. >That the Rev. Anita Sipos study leave from November 2-9, 2021 to attend a directed silent retreat in Keswick, ON and to study Richard Rohr's book – “Falling Upward- A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life”.

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5. That the Rev. Kathy Firth and the Rev. Dr. Terry Ingram be moved from the Appendix of the Roll to the Active Roll of Presbytery for one year, as of September 2021 (as per BoF 176.1.9). Moved by Sabrina Ingram. Seconded by Ross Robertson. Carried.

Mission and Outreach - Tom Williams

Recommendation # 1: That Rani Ibrahim be appointed a Lay Missionary of the Newcomers Mission, under the congregation of St Paul's, Peterborough for the period of September 01, 2021 to August 31, 2022. Moved by Tom Williams. Seconded by Tom Cunningham. Carried.

Recommendation # 2: That Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery grant approval to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Peterborough to apply on behalf of The Newcomer's Mission, to the Canadian Ministries, The Cooke's Fund and any other funding institution that may become available in order to continue their mission. Moved by Tom Williams. Seconded by Tom Cunningham. Carried.

Recommendation # 3: That Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery grant approval to Mission & Outreach Committee to apply on behalf of Living Waters Mission to Canadian Ministries and the Cooke fund for funding. Moved by Tom Williams. Seconded by Tom Cunningham. Carried.

Recommendation # 4: That Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery grant approval to Mission & Outreach Committee to apply on behalf of Living Waters Mission, to the HOPE fund. Moved by Tom Williams. Seconded by Tom Cunningham. Carried.

Recommendation # 5: That Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery grant approval to the Mission & Outreach Committee to apply to the HOPE fund on behalf of Christians for Trent in the amount of \$1500.00 to be payable January 2022 for the chronological year January 01, 2022 to December 31, 2022. Moved by Tom Williams. Seconded by Tom Cunningham. Motion defeated.

Interim Moderator Reports:

Interim Moderator's Report for St. Andrew's Norwood and St. Andrew's Campbellford

Written report received from Rev. Kathy Firth

OLD ST. ANDREW'S, COLBOURNE - Interim Moderator Report for Presbytery

Written report received from Rev. Ann Blane

St. Andrew's Warkworth Interim-Moderator's Report

Written report received by Neil Ellis

IM Report for Beacan and Knox, Gamebridge.

Written report received from Rev. Terry Ingram

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Roberta Mitchell give a notice of motion that **“I shall move or cause to be moved that Recommendation 1 of the CLC report of September 2020 be reopened for discussion and reconsideration if necessary.”**

Interim Moderator’s Report of the Woodville and Bolsover Charge

Written report received from Rev. Caleb Kim

12:07 - Motion to adjourn. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded Bill Hoyle. Carried.

Moderator, Susan Wallace, closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator, Susan Wallace

Clerk, Janet Halstead