

MINUTES - The Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough –Tuesday, June 21, 2016 – St Paul’s Presbyterian Church, Peterborough, Ontario

REGULAR MEETING

The Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough met in regular session within St Paul’s Presbyterian Church Peterborough Ontario, on Tuesday, June 21, in the year of our Lord 2016, beginning at 9:30 am.

Attendance:

Ministers on the constituent roll: Bain, Ann; Baird, Jonathan; Brown, Doug; Clifton, Lloyd; Cunningham, Tom; Ellis, Neil; Ingram, Terry; Ingram, Sabrina; Kim, Caleb; Millar, Roger; Park, Linda; Quick, Bob; Sipos, Anita; Stewart, Fred;

Elders voting: Abernethy, Harold; Archbell, Doug; Bradley, Walter; Brown, Bob; Carpenter, Dennis; de Jong, Rick; Forbes, Lynda; Halstead, Janet; Hodge, Lamoine; Hoyle, Bill; Knox, John; MacMaster Jim; MacQuillin, Barry; McKechnie, Jim; Smith, Jim;

Ministers on the appendix to the roll: Musson, Ed; Wallace, Ron;

WMS Presbyterials: ; Randall, Joy;

Others present for all or part on the day included: Smith, Joan; Wallace, Susan

Regrets: Beaton, Sandy; Flindall, Robert; Gordon, Dorcas; Dunnett, Blaine; Hartai, Helen; Head, Virginia; Thomas, Catherine; Cooper, David; Clifton, Lloyd; Lucas, Frank; McEachern, Ralph;

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Stated Hours:

9:40 am – Worship – Rev Jonathan Baird

10:20 am – Meeting Constituted with prayer – Moderator Bill Hoyle

Personals & Introductions:

- **Neil Ellis** – announcement – St Andrew’s just elected new Term Elders. Final Presbytery meeting for Lynda Forbes (37 years as an Elder). Introduced Ross Robertson as new rep for St Andrew’s Cobourg.
- **Fred Stewart** – thank you to all the Presbyters who attended the dedication for “the Spur”
- **Fred Stewart**– “Notice of Motion” – change of hours for Presbytery meetings. Will bring back at a future meeting, following the report from the Committee on Committees.
- **Bob Quick** – Introduced Susan Wallace, as the new rep for St Andrew’s Lindsay.

10:15 am - Standing Committees – start with Executive (Executive page 3, Congregational Life page 6, Ministry & Personnel page 7, Mission & Outreach page 7)

11:00 am: Stated time for Call - St John’s Presbyterian, Port Perry. See Schedule E.

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Interim Moderator, Bob Quick, introduced Rev Kathryn Firth and members from St John’s Port Perry.

Bob read the steps on the process of the call.

Session approved the recommendation from the Search Committee and asked Rev Kathy Firth to speak for the call on Sunday, June 12, followed by the vote. The vote was unanimous.

Moved that the actions of the Interim moderator be approved. Moved by Tom Cunningham. Seconded by Roger Millar.

Interim Moderator presented the call and guarantee of stipend and the required support documents, including an amendment to include the utilities increase to \$2000.00, based on half of the expense of the annual amount of utilities. (updated change from General Assembly).

Moved that the call and guarantee of stipend to the Rev Kathryn Firth be received and considered. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Lynda Forbes.

Discussion – Paid Study Leave of \$600.00 annually should be added to the agreement, at the part time rate. Moved by Anita Sipos. Seconded by Neil Ellis. Job Description for half time ministry is yet to be determined (22.5 hours weekly). The Call was set out and the position filled, based on half-time ministry. The congregation will set up the frame work for the working agreement. Original motion, moved by Ann Blane and seconded by Lynda Forbes was carried.

Moved that the **representatives (7) of St John’s Port Perry** be heard. Moved by Dennis Carpenter. Seconded by Doug Brown. Carried.

- Walter Knaap – Clerk of Session
- John Sanderson – chair of Search Committee

Motion: that the call and guarantee of stipend be sustained and transmitted to the Presbytery of Pickering. Moved by Doug Brown. Seconded by Caleb Kim. Carried.

Time Lines:

- Kathy will finish in Oshawa end of July
- Kathy will start in Port Perry in August.
- Bob will chair Session meeting in August.

Motion: that the Executive Committee be given Power to Issue to determine the date, time and place of the Induction. Moved by Jim Smith, seconded by Dennis Carpenter. Carried.

Bill Hoyle thanked Interim Moderator, Bob Quick for all his work. Bob is taking the call to Pickering tonight to Pickering Presbytery meeting to present the call there.

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Rev Kathy Firth spoke, and expressed her pleasure with working at St John’s, Port Perry. One of the first things that Kathy and the Session of St John’s will work at is the creation of a covenant for part-time ministry.

Bill Hoyle thanked our guests for attending and for their presentations.

11:30 am – to 12:30 pm - lunch break – grace – Rev Lloyd Clifton.

Note - This is National Aboriginal Day, and we enjoyed a traditional native lunch – Three Sisters Soup, Salmon & Char, Potatoes, Bannock, Peppers and tomatoes, wild rice pudding with blueberries, maple syrup and fresh strawberries.

12:30 pm – Prayers for St Paul’s, Peterborough (update from Jonathan Baird) and other congregations.

12:45 pm - Discussion of Mission and Outreach Recommendation to continue:

Schedule A - Interim Moderator’s Reports – page 8 -

Schedule B – General Assembly reports from attendees: (Jonathan Baird, Fred Stewart, Lynda Park, Doug Archbell (St Stephen’s Peterborough), Torrey Griffiths (St Andrew’s Fenelon Falls) and Susan Wallace (St Andrew’s Lindsay) **See separate file** (introduction of reps and comments).

Schedule C – Trust Deed – St Andrew’s Cobourg –

Schedule D – Confession of the Presbyterian Church – Truth and Reconciliation (Lynda Forbes and Joan Smith) – **see separate file**

Schedule E – Call to a Minister – Kathryn Firth – St John’s Port Perry

Standing Committees:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Executive – | Lynda Forbes |
| Ministry and Personnel - | Lynda Forbes |
| Congregation Life – | Bob Quick |
| Mission and Outreach – | Tom Cunningham / Jonathan Baird |

Reports of Commissions & Special Committees:

(All reports need to be to Clerk, preferably emailed, to: JHHalstead@hotmail.com, prior to the meeting so they can be included in the Working Papers)

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| Pastoral Relations | - Les Harvey |
| Property Standing Committee | - Harold Abernethy (offered to stay until his replacement is able to step in- still looking for volunteers) |

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- Leading With Care** - John Knox ,
Bi-vocational Ministries - Virginia Head, David Cooper – *one member has been transferred, and the committee is **looking for a new member (speak to David Cooper, please).***
Hope Fund - Les Harvey, John Knox, Tom Cunningham, Roger Millar

(Note: reports and items not dealt with by the hour of adjournment are automatically referred back to the submitting committee (Standing Orders section 2.d).

Reports of Interim Moderators of Vacant Congregations:

(Note - Moderators reporting need to supply Clerk with written report, preferably emailed to: JHHalstead@hotmail.com)

- Ballyduff - Lloyd Clifton
Burnbrae, St Andrew’s /
Campbellford, St Andrew’s - *to be named*
Colborne, St Andrew’s - Terry Ingram
Gamebridge (Knox) / Beacan - Linda Park
Port Perry, St John’s - Bob Quick

Standing Orders for June

(last updated November 2015)

- Reports of Commissioners to General Assembly presented;
Election of Moderator of Presbytery;
Election of Clerk of Presbytery;
Elder Commissions to Presbytery received, (*email address, telephone numbers and full Postal addresses*):
Synod rotation list considered, Commissioners and alternates appointed;
Examination of Session Records of: Colborne, Fenelon Falls, Glenarm, Lakefield, Lakehurst, Lindsay, Nestleton, Norwood, Havelock (*even numbered years only*).

Presbytery Meeting Dates:

Note 1: Regular Meetings are the **third Tuesday of the month except that April may be adjusted because of Easter.*

**Note 2: Meeting may be extended by 30 minutes if needed.*

- June 21, 2016 9:30 am to 2:30 pm (includes worship)
September 20, 2016 9:30 am to 2:30 pm (includes worship)
October 18, 2016 9:30 am to 2:30 pm (includes worship and communion – *new moderator*)

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November 15, 2016 9:30 am to 2:30 pm (includes worship)
 February 21, 2017 9:30 am to 2:30 pm (includes worship)
 April 18, 2017 9:30 am to 2:30 pm (includes worship)
 June 20, 2017 9:30 am to 2:30 pm (includes worship)

Committees: (effective September 2014 – for 2 years) (See Standing Orders – under review)

| Mission and Outreach | Congregational Life | Ministry and Personnel |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Norwood / Havelock | Fenelon Falls / Glenarm | Bowmanville |
| Warkworth /Hastings | Bobcaygeon | Ballyduff |
| Campbellford / Burnbrae | Lindsay | Port Perry |
| Lakefield/ Lakehurst | Cresswell | Colborne |
| Pbo – St Giles’ / Centreville | Wick | Cobourg |
| Pbo – St Paul’s | Bolsover / Woodville | Port Hope |
| Pbo – St Stephen’s | Beacan | |
| Chair: Tom Cunningham / Jonathan Baird | Chair: Bob Quick | Chair: Lynda Forbes |

Executive Committee Report

Committee members present: Lynda Forbes, Jonathan Baird (M&O), Roger Millar, Dennis Carpenter, Doug Brown (IM Campbellford/Burnbrae), Bill Hoyle, Bob Quick, Janet Halstead.

Regrets: Terry Ingram (IM Colborne and Incoming Moderator)

1. **Recommendation:** The following >recommendations will be treated as a consent agenda: 1 – 4, 6, 14 - 16 and will be moved and approved by consent. Moved by Lynda Forbes, seconded by Bob Quick. Carried.
2. **>Recommendation:** that the Docket, which includes all reports listed in the final Working Papers, for June 21, 2016 be received.
3. **>Recommendation:** that the Minutes of the Emergent Meeting Sunday, May 1, 2016 (Dedication and Official Opening at Woodville Community Presbyterian Church) at 3:00 pm be adopted.
4. **>Recommendation:** that the minutes of the April 19, 2016 regular Presbytery meeting be adopted.
5. **Recommendation:** that the Trust Deed for the congregation of St Andrew’s Cobourg be authorized. Moved by Lynda Forbes, seconded by Bob Quick. Carried.
6. **>Recommendation:** that Presbytery authorize payment of honorariums to the Clerk and the Treasurer for the period January 1 – June 30, 2016.
7. **Recommendation:** that **Presbytery appoint Rev Dr Terry Ingram as Moderator of**

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Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery for a one year term beginning October, 2016. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Induction of the Moderator will take place at the October meeting instead of September. Moved by Lynda Forbes, seconded by Bob Quick. Carried.

8. **Recommendation:** that the **Clerk of Presbytery, Janet Halstead**, be reappointed for a further one year term, ending June, 2017. Moved by Lynda Forbes, seconded by Bob Quick. Carried.
9. **Recommendation:** that the Session Records of the following congregations be accepted as noted, following the April 19, 2016 Presbytery meeting: Moved by Lynda Forbes, seconded by Bob Quick. Carried.

(Examinations Completed by Joy Randall, John Knox, Caleb Kim and Janet Halstead)

Burnbrae, St Andrew’s – minutes acceptable, few comments for future

Bowmanville, St Andrew’s – minutes satisfactory – (Baptism, Marriage, Membership not presented).

Campbellford, St Andrew’s – Session Minutes, Communion Registry, Marriage Registry all satisfactory.

Cobourg, St Andrew’s - Session Minutes, Marriage Registry, Communion Registry all satisfactory.

10. **Bolsover, St Andrew’s** – Session minutes satisfactory. Baptism and Marriage Registry lacking some information and signatures as noted. Moved by Lynda Forbes, seconded by Bob Quick. Carried.
11. **Recommendation:** That a replacement Synod Representative for Lindsay Peterborough for the fall 2016 meeting will be Bob Quick and an Elder from St Andrew’s Lindsay, replacing Tom Cunningham and the St Giles’ Elder named in the April Presbytery minutes. Moved by Lynda Forbes, seconded by Bob Quick. Carried.
12. **Recommendation:** That the current geographical committee rotation be discontinued and have representatives volunteer to sit on the committees where they feel they can be of the most benefit or can be asked to be assigned where needed. And, when and where possible committee meetings will be held on the day of Presbytery. A questionnaire will be distributed, electronically, in August, for people’s choices. Committees will then transition in September. Convenors of current committees have agreed to stay on through September. Time of the Presbytery meetings will be a part of the questionnaire. This is going to be on a trial basis until everyone is comfortable with the committees, the times, and the work involved in each of the committees. Standing Orders will be adjusted, in the future, based on the changes made within the committees. Ministers and Rep Elders may choose to sit on different committees. Committees will continue exactly as they are over the summer, and will bring their recommendations to the September meeting. Moved by Lynda Forbes, seconded by Bob Quick. Carried, with one opposed.

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Information: That the Executive of Lindsay Peterborough have met and discussed the situations of the congregations of the Eastern Sector of Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery. A Working Group, headed by Terry Ingram, will be established to go forward and report back to Presbytery within three (3) months.

- 13. Recommendation:** that the following changes in 2016-2017 Representative Elders and Alternate Elders be confirmed:

| Congregation | Rep Elder | Alternate Rep Elder |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bobcaygeon, Knox | Dennis Carpenter | Esther Inglis |
| Bolsover/Woodville | Hugh Walker | Ralph MacEachern/ Linda Druery |
| Colborne, St Andrew’s | Barry McQuillin | Diane Dyke |
| Havelock, Knox | Lamoine Hodge | Jean Seaboyer |
| Norwood, St Andrew’s | Lamoine Hodge | Jean Seaboyer |
| Peterborough, St Paul’s | Sheryl Smith | Allan Sheets |
| Peterborough, St Stephen’s | Douglas Archbell | Tom Williams |
| Port Hope, St Paul’s | James Smith | Joan Smith / Arlene Pettipas |
| Warkworth, St Andrew’s / Hastings, St Andrew’s | Harold Abernethy | Douglas Carlaw |
| Wick | Rick de Jong | Ruth Anderson |
| Fenelon Falls, St Andrew’s / Glenarm | Bill Hoyle | Bernie Schofield |

Moved by Lynda Forbes, seconded by Bob Quick. Carried..

- 14. Recommendation:** that the next regular meeting of the Presbytery be held Tuesday September 20, 2016 at 9:30 am at St Giles’ Peterborough

Correspondence for Information:

- 15. >Recommendation:** that the following correspondence be received for Information:
- a. **Email from Matthew Sams, Clerk for Pickering**, advising of transfer of retired Presbyterian Minister Elizabeth Jobb to Appendix of Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery.
 - b. **Ongoing telephone messages with Province of Ontario, Ministry of Government Services** – regarding name changes and address changes for ministers within Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery.

Correspondence Referred:

- 16. >Recommendation:** That the following correspondence be referred:
- a. **Letter from Knox College** May 12, 2016, reporting that Ian Marnoch completed his M.Div program and has graduated – referred to Ministry & Personnel.
 - b. **Letter from Knox College** May 12, 2016, reporting that Torrey Griffiths had completed his M.Div program and has graduated – referred to Ministry & Personnel.
 - c. **Letter from Doug Brown**, submitting his resignation as Interim-Moderator for Campbellford and Burnbrae. Referred to Executive. (See notes following the

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- Interim Moderator report from Campbellford and Burnbrae)
- d. **Email from Knox College**, June 7, regarding student William Grace, reporting on his good progress. Referred to Ministry & Personnel.

16 >Correspondence for Action:

- Recommendation: That the following correspondence be received:
- a. **Email request from Cathy Oldfield, St John’s Port Perry**, asking for details on Part-Time Ministry benefits. Clerk contacted PCC, and was able to provide the details to Port Perry.
 - b. **Email requests from PCC for 5 congregations with Pension Plan remittances that are overdue**. Congregations contacted and reminded.
 - c. **Written request from PCC to update our Congregational Information pages** for the 2016 Acts and Proceedings. Clerk completed and responded.

Committee Reports:

Congregational Life Committee

Congregational Life Committee

June 21, 2016

May 3, 2016: met at Lindsay, St Andrew’s 9:30 am

June 7, 2016: met at Lindsay, St Andrew’s 9:30 am

Attendance:

Ministers; Caleb Kim, Linda Park, Bob Quick, Ron Wallace, Lloyd Clifton, Ann Blane

Elders: Dennis Carpenter, Bill Hoyle, Jim McKechnie, Susan Wallace, Rick de Jong

Regrets: Fred Stewart, Virginia Head, Thomas Burnett, Barney Grace

This report contains only **items for information**:

1. **Caring for Congregations:**

- Representatives from Port Hope congregation met with our committee on May 3rd and a congregational review was conducted. A summary report of our reflections and recommendations is being prepared to send to their sessions.
- Representatives from Wick congregation met with our committee on June 7th and a congregational review was conducted. A summary report of our reflections and recommendations is being prepared to send to their sessions.

2. May 26th, representatives of CLC met with **the sessions of Warkworth and Hastings** to see how things are going and give them an opportunity to update us on their present situations and what actions or discussions they are having as sessions or congregations as they look toward the future.

- Not much has changed in their situation since the last visit. Hastings continues to draw on its reserves to meet budgetary requirements. Two of the three session members would support closure or amalgamation. One is opposed.
- Warkworth is continuing, dependent on the money they receive from Hastings. Amalgamation with Hastings was summarized as at best a temporary solution

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that would only prolong their ability to continue for maybe five years. There was some talk about beginning conversations with the six churches in that area re: co-operative ministry or other possibilities. Some informal discussions have been taking place.

3. **Next meeting:** not set as Presbytery is considering realignment of committee structure.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Quick, convenor

Ministry and Personnel

Verbal report given by Lynda Forbes.

Recommendation: that Fred Stewart be granted Sept 5 – Oct 17 for study leave, worship and research – University of Edinburgh.

Moved by Lynda Forbes. Seconded by Doug Brown. Carried.

Mission & Outreach Committee **Mission & Outreach Committee Report**

June 9, 2016

Present: John Knox, Jonathan Baird, Doug Archbell, Harold Abernethy, Ed Munson and Frank Lucas.

Regrets: Roger Millar, Tom Cunningham, Terry Ingram, and Blaine Dunnett

Guest: Reverend Ben Peltz

For Information: Trent Chaplaincy

The Trent Chaplaincy Board cancelled the meeting with all the Christian denominations that are contributors to the Chaplaincy that was scheduled for June 2, 2016 at 2pm at St. Luke’s Peterborough. They have not rescheduled the meeting and no further communication has been received re: this matter.

For Information: OIKOS

Ben Peltz made a one hour presentation to the committee in which he outlined in detail his ministry at Trent University. Ben provides around 20 hours each week of leadership and mentoring to this sharing the gospel ministry. This year the group on campus is comprised of nine student leaders and over thirty people. The nine student leaders run the prayer, social, sharing the gospel events and a monthly Church in the Cafe meeting. This is an interdenominational Christian ministry. At this time OIKOS receives \$300 from Trent University. Of the twenty hours that Ben spends on campus he is funded for about half of them.

Recommendation:

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That we invite Reverend Ben Peltz to speak, at a stated hour, to explain his Christian ministry at Trent University, at the Presbytery meeting in September 2016 . Moved by Jonathan Baird. Seconded by Doug Archbell. Lots of discussion followed, reflecting concern about the possible loss of our support of Trent Chaplaincy, and how we need to meet with all resources before the final recommendation to continue to support comes before Presbytery. Carried.

Next Regular Meeting: to be determined

Schedule A: Interim Moderator Reports

Campbellford/Burnbrae:

Interim Moderator’s Report: Campbellford and Burnbrae.

Information and data for the Congregational Profile has been collected. The exit interview with Blaine Dunnnett and the Sessions of Campbellford and Burnbrae has been completed. The Retirement Covenant has been signed by Blaine Dunnnett, the Clerks of Session of the two congregations and the Interim Moderator. The search process is on hold until there is a new agreement about shared expenses between the two congregations. Respectfully submitted,
Doug Brown

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Discussion:

Doug Brown has submitted his resignation as IM June 14, due to health issues. There is an issue around the financial split between the 2 congregations, which needs to be resolved prior to the appointment of another Interim Moderator. Current financial split is 60/40, and Campbellford is asking for a 50/50 split. The congregations are not in a position, at this time, to go forward with a call – until the rifts have been resolved. Blaine Dunnnett retires September 1, and the problems need to be resolved prior to that date. Any differences between the two congregations must be resolved prior to a Search.

Moved by Tom Cunningham that we give Power to Issue to Ministry & Personnel to name a new Interim Moderator at Campbellford / Burnbrae, effective September 1, 2016, to replace Doug Brown as Interim Moderator. Seconded by Bob Quick. Carried.

Report of Interim-moderator for Old St. Andrew’s, Colbourne June 21, 2016

There has been a number of events that have transpired at Old St. Andrew’s (OSA). Effective May 1st, the regular supply resigned. Rev. Ed Musson, Rev. Noel Gordon and Mr. Torrey Griffiths are doing supply through to the end of August. Communion was celebrated by Rev. Gordon on June 5th.

On May 8th a new community church started in Colborne to which several members and adherents of OSA have been invited. Unfortunately, several have accepted this invitation and

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have left OSA. The Session has reviewed membership and attendance and has established that 23 persons have either left to join this new church or have migrated somewhere else during this difficult time. They also have noticed that some who have not been attending over the past few years are returning to worship. The Session is in the process of reviewing their membership roll in preparation for future ministry. They are also examining finances which will be negatively impacted with the loss of members.

Looking to the future, a number of possible directions have been explored. The interim moderator has been in brief conversation with all Presbyterian churches in the southern area of the Presbytery who are close enough to consider some sort of arrangement. At this point, there seems to be little interest in any two-point relationship. The United Church conference has also been contacted and it has been discovered that a local UC congregation will be looking for a new minister this summer. However, Session has decided not to explore this avenue for the time being. It was agreed by Session to seek a ½ time minister. A Search team is being formed and will meet over the summer months. We hope to report good progress in September.

Session has been active in encouraging people to attend and engage at OSA. There still remain a number of people who are suspicious of Presbytery and Session. We have distributed written material to offer insight into what has happened over the past while with the hope of dispelling the rumours, misrepresentations, and misperceptions that have come to our attention. Session remains united and supportive of one another. They are working and praying hard for the well-being of their congregation and God’s blessing on their future.

Respectfully,
(Rev. Dr.) Terry Ingram

LINDSAY-PETERBOROUGH PRESBYTERY INTERIM MODERATOR REPORT BEACAN & KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BEAVERTON/GAMEBRIDGE JUNE 10, 2016

Ministry at Knox and Beacan is consistent, and the members are continuing Bible studies, pastoral care, Sunday School and youth programs. Although the numbers are steady at Knox, there is a slight decrease at Beacan due to death and moving away of its members. At the end of May 2016, the Rev. Dr. Rob Kennedy stepped down from his appointment as stated supply after he indicated his interest in considering the call. At a joint meeting of both Beacan and Knox Sessions, it was agreed to have Bill Grace as “student in ministry” during the summer month. He will lead worship at both churches during the summer months as well as continuing his volunteer services at the charge. The search committee is diligently and prayerfully considering the minister profiles that have been submitted. We seek the prayers of the Presbytery for the search committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Park

Schedule B – General Assembly Reports: (See separate file)

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General Assembly reps: Susan Wallace, Doug Archibald, Jonathan Baird were introduced and spoke briefly about their experiences at General Assembly. All expressed their concern for the future of our church.

Schedule C – Trust Deed – St Andrew’s, Cobourg

**DECLARATION OF TRUST
FOR ST. ANDREW’S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, COBOURG**

1. Constitution

A. This Declaration of Trust (herein called this “trust deed”) is established under the authority of Book of Forms section 149, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada with the approval of the congregation of St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Cobourg at a duly called congregation meeting held on May 29, 2016 and with the approval of the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough on June 21, 2016.

B. This trust deed sets out the rules governing the trustees of this trust deed, whose responsibilities are partially that of agent for the congregation and partially that of trustee for the property of the congregation.

C. The Trustees of this trust deed (herein called the “Congregational Trustees”) shall be appointed by the congregation in the manner set down in this trust deed. See 3 and 4 below.

D. The property of the congregation of St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Cobourg (herein called the “property”) is held by the Congregational Trustees. The property includes, without limitation the site of church building.

E. A copy of the original trust deed, duly signed by the clerk of session and all the Congregational Trustees who are appointed by the congregation, and all amended versions of this signed trust deed, will be lodged with the clerk of session of St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Cobourg and the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough.

F. This trust deed may only be amended by a duly called congregational meeting.

2. Qualifications of Trustees

A. All Congregational Trustees acting under the terms of the trust deed must be professing members of the appointing congregation.

3. Election and Appointment of Trustees

A. The Congregational Trustees will be elected and appointed at an annual congregational meeting or at another duly called congregational meeting.

B. The election will be by majority vote of those present at the annual congregational meeting or another duly called congregational meeting, as the case may be.

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C. A full complement of Congregational Trustees for the congregation will be at least three (3) and no greater than seven (7).

D. If the number of Congregational Trustees falls below three (3), or the larger minimum number determined by the congregation pursuant to 3C above, the session shall be asked by the remaining Congregational Trustees to call an emergent congregational meeting to elect the requisite number of replacement Congregational Trustee or Congregational Trustees, or the session may, on its own initiative, call an emergent congregational meeting for this purpose.

E. If a Congregational Trustee dies or resigns as a Trustee, but there remains the minimum number of Congregational Trustees stated in section 3C above, the session may call an emergent congregational meeting to replace the Congregational Trustee who have died or resigned.

F. At the annual congregational meeting, or another duly called congregational meeting, the congregation may, by a majority vote of the members present at such congregational meeting, remove any Congregational Trustee and secondly, may elect and appoint any eligible person in the place of the Congregational Trustee so removed, for the remainder of their term, subject to the requirements of paragraph 2A above.

G. Congregational Trustees are eligible for re-election provided they are not under church discipline that would prevent them from assuming this office.

H. Once duly elected, the moderator of the congregational meeting will declare the Congregational Trustees to be appointed to this office. The appointment of the Congregational Trustees will be communicated to the congregation at large in each case in a manner to be determined by the session.

I. The minutes of the regular or emergent congregational meetings held to appoint or remove Congregational Trustees will be entered into the minute book kept for this purpose.

4. Term of Office of Trustees

A. There is no set term for the office of Congregational Trustee, being a life appointment.

B. If a Congregational Trustee ceases to be a member of The Presbyterian Church in Canada or of the congregation, s/he ceases automatically to be a Congregational Trustee of that congregation.

C. A Congregational Trustee may resign his or her office by written resignation delivered to the session with a copy to the other Congregational Trustees who are then acting.

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D. If during a term of office a Congregational Trustee resigns or dies, is removed by the congregation, or is automatically removed because he or she has ceased to be a professing member of the congregation, the remaining Congregational Trustees will have all the powers of Congregational Trustees and will for all purposes be the Congregational Trustees of the congregation unless and until the congregation elects a replacement Congregational Trustee or Congregational Trustees. See Section 3 above.

E. If at any time there are no Congregational Trustees acting hereunder, for any reason, the moderator and clerk of the Presbytery of {insert name of presbytery} will automatically become Congregational Trustees of the trust deed until other Congregational Trustees are duly elected by the congregation.

5. Trustees’ Responsibilities

A. Congregational Trustees will carry out their duties in accordance with the laws of The Presbyterian Church in Canada as found in the Book of Forms and various acts of the General Assembly.

B. Congregational Trustees have only the power delegated to them by a duly called congregational meeting and such power can be amended or withdrawn by another duly called congregational meeting. Congregational Trustees must not alter or go beyond the instructions of the congregation. Congregational Trustees are no more and no less than a pen in the hand of the congregation.

C. Congregational Trustees will hold all property and real estate for the sole use and benefit of the congregation. It is noted that in the event that the congregation is dissolved, by provincial and federal law, the ownership of the church, contents, funds and property transfer to the Trustee Board of The Presbyterian Church in Canada and will be used to further the mission of the church.

D. Whether title to real property (land and building) has been assigned to the Congregational Trustees or not, Congregational Trustees may ask the congregation to have legal counsel confirm that church properties are properly registered with the local land registry office or land titles office, and the congregation may also be asked by the Congregational Trustees to confirm that all real property is properly and sufficiently insured for loss and liability.

E. Congregational Trustees are responsible for signing all legal documents related to the purchase and sale of any church property as agreed by the congregation with the approval of the presbytery.

F. Congregational Trustees are responsible for signing all documents related to obtaining a loan or mortgage on church property as agreed by the congregation with the approval of the presbytery.

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G. Any one (1) of the Congregational Trustees will have the authority to act on behalf of the congregation.

H. Congregational Trustees are responsible for carrying out any other duties that may be assigned to them by the congregation.

I. Congregational Trustees will have the trust deed reviewed periodically by a solicitor qualified to practice in the relevant jurisdiction to ensure that it remains compliant with the law of the local Province or Territory of Canada.

J. Without limiting restrictions placed on the powers of the Trustees by the congregation, Congregational Trustees have no power to decide on the receipt or disposition of bequests and legacies. This prerogative remains with duly called congregational meetings.

K. Without limiting restrictions placed on the powers of the Trustees by the congregation, Congregational Trustees have no power to decide on how bequests or legacies will be held or used except when empowered by the congregation to do so.

L. In making investments, if any, Congregational Trustees shall not be restricted to investments authorized by law for the investment of trust property and in making investments; the Congregational Trustees shall take direction from the congregation. (If the congregation empowers Congregational Trustees to make decisions on how investments are to be held and/or used, clear directions are to be approved by the congregation and could be included in the Trust Deed.)

M. Congregational Trustees are accountable to the congregation for the full and faithful performance of tasks delegated to them. They will report on their activities to the annual congregational meeting.

6. Conflict with Decision Taken

A. Congregational Trustee who cannot carry out a decision of the congregation, for the sake of conscience or any other reason, must resign. Before offering her/his resignation, the Congregational Trustee may ask the session to have the decision reviewed by the congregation. The session may then call a congregational meeting to review the decision and affirm, withdraw or amend it.

7. Liability

A. The Congregational Trustees and/or former Congregational Trustees shall not be liable for any error or mistake, save for willful misconduct or willful breach of trust or fraud, and the congregation will indemnify Congregational Trustees or former Congregational Trustees against all costs, charges and expenses with respect to any proceeding to which they are made a party by reason of being a Trustee, if they acted honestly and in good faith, with a view to the best interests of the congregation.

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B. Along with general insurance, the congregation will maintain adequate Directors and Officers insurance coverage or such other relevant insurance coverage as may be required, as protection for those acting in such leadership positions, including, without limitation, Congregational Trustees.

C. If a Congregational Trustee willfully acts outside the direction of the congregation or outside the law, or outside the terms of this Trust Deed, that Congregational Trustee could be subject to removal, church discipline and/or legal liability.

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_____ Clerk of Session

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Glossary

Agent: One who acts on behalf of, in this case, a congregation. An agent is like a pen in the hand of the congregation. (e.g. Section 1B)

Trustee: One who takes on a level of responsibility for decisions taken. This includes fiduciary (or good faith) responsibility. Provincial laws normally require that there be Trustees willing to bear this duty. (e.g. section 1B)

Schedule D – Confession of the Presbyterian Church in Canada – see separate file

Joan Smith and Lynda Forbes spoke about the gathering “Opening Doors to Dialogue” at the Native Work Centre, Peterborough they had attended June 4, and where they had read the Confession of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to those gathered. (Anglican, United and Presbyterian churches)

Doors were collected from the aboriginal residential schools – old and scarred. Participants were taught how to bead strawberries and flowers, which create the tapestries that will decorate the doors. Survivors and families of survivors shared their stories following reading of the Confession.

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Joan Smith was invited by Stephen Allan (Justice Ministeries), as President of the Peterborough Presbyterial and Past President of the National WMS.

The PCC is a confession, composed by a team of Presbyterians. The documents from the Anglican and United churches were apologies – each written by one person.

They read the confession, and added that it is important that we take this back to our congregations. Both felt that it had been well accepted by those gathered.

Joan and Lynda then read The Confession of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Schedule E – Call St John’s Port Perry – distributed with Working Papers. See notes in the Agenda for the processing of the call.

Recommendation: that the Session records for Knox Glenarm were examined and found to be in good condition, with minor notes and these examinations are confirmed. Moved by Bob Quick . Seconded by Doug Archbell. Carried.

Announcements / Reminders:

- Reminder – St Andrew’s Lindsay is hosting “Speaking Truth in Love: A Forum on Human Sexuality” Saturday, September 10, 2016 8:30 to 3:30 \$20 – registration is required. Contact St Andrew’s 705-324-4842 or email: admin@standrewslindsay.com. Open to all congregations within Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery.
- Janet Halstead -- St Paul’s Peterborough - Free books in the hallway – help yourselves.
- Lloyd Clifton – thank you to all the speakers who spoke through the microphone, so that he could hear.
- Anita Sipos – invitation to golf tournament – Tues, June 28 9:00 am Bowmanville Golf Club – open to all.
- Bill Hoyle – Knox Glenarm – holding a BBQ and Christian Music Concert Friday June 24 – open to all – 10-12 different musical groups
- Joy Randall – **Synod – Saturday, Nov 5 at Brampton. Synod and Synodical** meet the same day and share speakers and workshops.
- Joy Randall - Resource people – Tori Smit received her doctorate degree.
- Joy - Camp – switch in directors at the last minute
- Joy – how do we reach younger women in Canada? The Hub – to encourage younger women to participate –
- Joy – **National Women’s Gathering – May 19 – 22 Rooted in Love.** Preregister by Nov 1 and save \$100. Speakers and workshops. Includes Reconciliation Banquet on the Saturday night.
- Ann Blane - WOFA – Women of Faith Award – for any woman who has made a contribution – does not have to be a minister. Nominations to be submitted by Nov 30, 2016. Awarded at the National Women’s Gathering.

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Adjournment / Next Meeting:

Adjournment with prayer until next Regular Meeting Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at St Giles’ Peterborough.

2:05 pm: Motion to adjourn by Ann Blane. Seconded by Dennis Carpenter. Carried.

Close with Prayer – Moderator, Bill Hoyle