

MINUTES - The Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough –Tuesday, September 20, 2016 – St Giles' Presbyterian Church, Peterborough, Ontario

REGULAR MEETING

The Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough met in regular session within St Giles' Presbyterian Church Peterborough Ontario, on Tuesday, September 20, in the year of our Lord 2016, beginning at 9:30 am.

Attendance:

Ministers on the constituent roll: Brown, Doug; Cooper, David; Cunningham, Tom; Ellis, Neil; Firth, Kathy; Kim, Caleb; Millar, Roger; Park, Linda; Sipos, Anita;

Elders voting: Abernethy, Harold; Archbell, Doug; Brown, Bob; Carpenter, Dennis; Halstead, Janet; Hodge, Lamoine; Hoyle, Bill; MacMaster Jim; MacQuillin, Barry; Marnoch, Garry; McQuillin, Barry; Smith, Jim;

Ministers on the appendix to the roll: Beaton, Sandy; Kennedy, Robert

Others present for all or part on the day included: Forbes, Lynda; McAdam, Brenda; Williams, Tom;

Regrets: Blane, Ann; Baird, Jonathan; Burnett, Tom; Clifton, Lloyd; De Jong, Rick; Dunnett, Blaine; Firth, Kathy; Flindall, Robert; Gordon, Dorcas; Hartai, Helen; Head, Virginia; Ingram, Sabrina; Ingram, Terry; Thomas; Stewart, Fred; MacEachern, Ralph; McKechnie, Jim; Quick, Bob; Smith, Sheryl; Wallace, Susan;

DOCKET

Stated Hours:

9:30 am – Worship – Rev Tom Cunningham

10:00 am – Meeting Constituted with prayer – Moderator Bill Hoyle

Personals & Introductions:

- Bill Hoyle spoke with Linda Grace last night, and the Graces' thank everyone for their prayers. Barney is still in PRHC ICU, and is expected to be transferred to Lindsay hospital in the next few days. Please continue to keep Barney and his family in your prayers.
- Linda Park gave an update on Bob Quick. He had emergency surgery 4 weeks ago, is recovering well at home. It will be a long process, and the Quicks' appreciate all prayers.
- Doug Archbell introduced Tom Williams, Alternate Rep Elder for St Stephen's Peterborough.
- Dennis Carpenter acknowledged Lynda Forbes and her contribution to Presbytery over many years as Rep Elder for St Andrew's, Cobourg. Lynda has stepped back, and is no longer Rep Elder for Cobourg. Dennis Carpenter moved that we grant Lynda Forbes permission to sit and participate in today's meeting. Seconded by Barry McQuillin. Carried.
- Tom Cunningham introduced Bob Brown as Rep Elder for St Giles' and Centreville.
- Lynda Forbes introduced Ross Robertson from St Andrew's Cobourg, as

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their new Rep Elder.

10:15 am - Standing Committees – *start with Executive*

10:45 am – verbal Interim Moderator report from Roger Millar for St Andrew's Campbellford and St Andrew's Burnbrae.

11:00 am - Call to Rob Kennedy from Burn's Presbyterian – see Schedule B – group to speak – Rev Grant Vissers representing Pickering Presbytery.

- **11:10 am - Update** – St Paul's and St Giles' Peterborough (Shared Ministry – verbal update from Tom Cunningham (St Giles') and Janet Halstead (St Paul's) – document, when complete, will be referred to Congregational Life Committee for investigation and reporting.
- Tom spoke to the Joint Committee meetings which have been taking place between the Sessions of St Paul's and St Giles', working towards a Shared Worship.
- There would not be an amalgamation.
- St Paul's downtown mission work will continue.
- St Paul's congregation have moved into the rotunda, behind the sanctuary, as the Christian Education wing has been leased to Brock Mission for 2 years.
- St Giles' introduced the concept of Shared Worship at their congregational meeting 2 weeks ago.
- St Paul's have had several years of congregational updates.
- The two congregations will maintain their own names, sessions, Boards and Trustees.
- The two choirs would need to blend.
- The two ministers would remain in the pulpit.
- Centreville is also an important part of the equation, and will be part of the blending.
- Christian Education will blend.
- St Paul's congregation have voted to continue meeting with St Giles' to explore Shared Ministry on or before January 1, 2017.
- We are plowing new fields.
- Tom asked that presbytery pray for all 3 congregations involved.
- In time, a written detailed report will come to Congregational Life Committee and we ask that it be given time and consideration.
- This concept is brand new, and we need all your prayers.
- The United Church in Peterborough were told to go from 8 congregations to 3 – it is been very painful for all.
- The Anglican Church in Peterborough has been told to downsize congregations as well.

11:30 am – to 12:30 pm - *lunch break* – grace – Caleb Kim.

12:30 pm –Report from Eastern Sector.

- Prayers for St Giles', Centreville and St Paul's Peterborough, St Andrew's Campbellford and St Andrew's Burnbrae, Eastern sector and others. Tom Cunningham started and Bill Hoyle finished the prayers.

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12:45 pm - Standing Committees – continued: Mission and Outreach – report – Tom Cunningham

(1) Eastern sector churches – Special committee update and report – Terry Ingram – please read report – Schedule C – Neil Ellis will report and answer any questions.

- **(2) Committee on Committees –** update – Bill Hoyle –
 - Convenors need to be appointed.
 - Team approach instead of Committee as a Whole.
 - Pre-meeting work by sub committees for reporting at general meeting.
 - Each committee to look at duties of their committee.
 - Skills data base listed.
 - Executive Committee will also look at their duties.

Schedule A - Interim Moderator's Reports

Schedule B – Call document to Rev Dr Robert Kennedy

Schedule C – Report from Terry Ingram and team – Eastern Sector

Schedule D- Interim Statement of Revenue and Expenses as of Sept 12, 2016

Announcements and Reminders

2:30 pm – Adjourn

Standing Committees:

Executive –	Dennis Carpenter
Ministry and Personnel -	Lynda Forbes / Doug Brown
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)

Pastoral Relations – Les Harvey

Property Standing Committee - Harold Abernethy *(offered to stay until his replacement is able to step in- **still looking for volunteers**)*

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)**.*

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Hope Fund

- Les Harvey, John Knox, Tom Cunningham (chair),
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 /	- Roger Millar
Campbellford, St Andrew's	
Colborne, St Andrew's	- Terry Ingram
Gamebridge (Knox) / Beacan	- Linda Park

Standing Orders for September

(last updated November 2015)

Distribution of General Assembly Acts and Proceedings;

Election of four H.O.P.E. Fund Committee Members; (Les Harvey, John Knox, Tom Cunningham, Roger Millar)

Examination of Session Records of: Peterborough, Saint Giles, Saint Paul's, Saint Stephen's, Port Hope, Port Perry, South Monaghan Warkworth, Hastings *(even numbered years only)*.

Treasurer's interim financial statement; *(revised from November, February 2016 Minutes)*

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.*

Note 3: Executive meeting is held one week prior (second Tuesday) – all reports should be in the Clerk's hands **PRIOR to the Executive meeting (eg. Interim Moderator Reports, Study Leave Requests, Calls) to be included in the Working Papers. All Committee Reports should be delivered to the Clerk by soft copy to be incorporated into the Minutes.*

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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) – St Andrew’s,
 Lakefield
 November 15, 2016 9:30 am to 2:30 pm (includes worship) – Woodville Presbyterian
 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)
 September 19, 2016 9:30 am to 2:30 pm (includes worship and communion)

Committees: (effective September 2014 – for 2 years) (See Standing Orders – currently under review – to change September 2016)

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, Tom Cunningham (M&O), Dennis Carpenter, Doug Brown (Ministry & Personnel), Bill Hoyle, Janet Halstead.

Regrets: Bob Quick, Terry Ingram (Incoming Moderator).

1. **Recommendation:** The following >recommendations will be treated as a consent agenda: 2 – 4, 8, 9 and 11 and will be moved and approved by consent. Moved by Dennis Carpenter, seconded by Doug Brown. Carried.
2. **>Recommendation:** that the Docket, which includes all reports listed in the final Working Papers, for September 20, 2016 be received.
3. **>Recommendation:** that the Minutes of the Emergent Meeting for Induction of Rev Kathy Firth Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 3:00 pm be adopted.
4. **>Recommendation:** that the amended minutes of the June 21 2016 regular Presbytery meeting be adopted. Amended to show Linda Park listed as not present and not sending regrets, and that Session Records for Knox Glenarm and St Andrew’s

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Fenelon Falls were examined and found to be neatly and correctly kept.

5. **Recommendation:** that the following (4) four individuals be nominated to stand as the HOPE Fund representatives for the year September 2016 to August 2017: Les Harvey, John Knox, Tom Cunningham and Roger Millar. Moved by Dennis Carpenter, seconded by Doug Brown. Carried.

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

Congregation	Rep Elder	Alternate Rep Elder
Campbellford, St Andrew's / Burnbrae, St Andrew's	Barbara Geen	
Ballyduff	Garry Marnoch	Vaneta Preston
St Andrew's, Cobourg	Ross Robertson	

Moved by Dennis Carpenter, seconded by Doug Brown. Carried.

7. **Recommendation:** That the Interim Financial Statement for 2016 to date be accepted as printed (See page 14, Schedule D). Moved by Dennis Carpenter. Seconded by Doug Brown. Carried. Dennis also asked the outstanding levies be paid up, as there are many owing. There are expenses owing to members of Presbytery, which need to be submitted to Dennis. Please submit for payment. Committees are expected to submit their budgets in September, so please submit your committee budget. In 2015, PCC levy was \$17,500.00. In 2017, levy will be \$19,500 which will have an impact on congregations – estimated to be an increase of 4.5% per congregation.

8. **>Recommendation:** that the next regular meeting of the Presbytery be held Tuesday October 18, 2016 at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lakefield at 9:30 am.

Correspondence for Information:

9. **>Recommendation:** that the following correspondence be received for Information:
- A. **letter from Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Clerks of Assembly Office, regarding Distribution and Purchasing of 2016 Acts and Proceedings, Book of Forms and CD-ROMs.** CDs To be distributed to congregations at Presbytery meeting. Anyone interested in purchasing additional copies, contact Janet Halstead.
 - B. **Email from Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Clerks of Assembly Office,** to say that there has been a delay of delivering the CD-ROMS, but delivery is now in process.
 - C. **Email from Elizabeth Bartlett, General Assembly Office –** announcing her retirement as of end of July. Her replacement will be announced in September.
 - D. **Email from Virginia Head, stating that Knox Cresswell** have no Representative Elder currently, so Virginia will be the Presbytery point of contact until someone volunteers for the job.
 - E. **Email from Linda Park so say that the “Speaking Truth in Love workshop”,** September 10, was cancelled due to insufficient interest – only 26 registered, unfortunately.

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- F. Email from Lloyd Clifton**, stating his regrets for attendance until December, 2016, as he has enrolled in a course on Tuesday mornings.
- G. Letter from Stephen Kendall**, as a reminder that nominations for Moderator of the 143rd General Assembly must be submitted by November 30, 2016, and that elder candidates for the office of Moderator must be acting members of a session, since their eligibility to be a commissioner of the General Assembly depends on their being a member of a session (*see sections 278.5, 258.3*)

Correspondence Referred:

- 10. Recommendation:** That the following correspondence be referred: Moved by Dennis Carpenter. Seconded by Doug Brown. Carried.
- a. **Letter from Blaine Dunnett**, asking to be added to the Pulpit Supply List as of mid-October, 2016. Referred to Ministry & Personnel
 - b. **Letter from Blaine Dunnett**, asking for letters to be written from Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery regarding the resolution of matters between St Andrew's Burnbrae and St Andrew's Cambellford congregations in their Search Process. Referred to Executive Committee.
 - c. **Email from Elaine Russett, Clerk of Session St Andrew's Campbellford**, with the motion passed by both St Andrew's Burnbrae and St Andrew's Campbellford Sessions stating that each congregation would match up to \$25,000.00 annually of the ministerial expenses and joint expenses, so the Search can now proceed. Referred to Ministry and Personnel, and Executive Committees.
 - d. **Seven (7) letters from Patty Panagiotopoulos** – Pension and Benefits Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada regarding overdue pension amounts from congregations. **NOTE** pension remittances are due MONTHLY**, and follow up will take place when payments are late. Referred to Congregational Life Committee and Executive Committee.
 - e. **Study and Report** – Actions of the 2016 General Assembly for attention of Presbyteries: 1.1 – document "Presbyterian Polity: Its Distinctives and Directions for the 21st Century" for study and response to the Committee on Church Doctrine by August 31, 2017. Referred to Executive Committee.
 - f. **Study and Report** – "Understanding and Interpreting the Bible" that the commended to congregations, presbyteries and others in the PCC for their use. Document can be found on the website and at pages 265-78 of the 2016 Acts and Proceedings. Referred to Ministry & Personnel for comments to be reported back to Committee on Church Doctrine by November LPP Presbytery meeting for January 31, 2107 deadline.
All Referrals Letters and documents required are available online at Presbyterian.ca/referrals.

11> Correspondence for Action:

- Recommendation:** That the following correspondence be received:
- a. **Email from Elaine Russett, Clerk at St Andrew's Burnbrae**, asking for a list of Part Time Ministers in our Presbytery. Clerk supplied the list.
 - b. **Letter from Elizabeth Bartlett**, asking for updates to the Appendix for Lindsay

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Peterborough, to be included in the Acts & Proceedings to be posted in August, 2016. Corrected and submitted by Clerk.

Committee Reports:

Congregational Life Committee

No written report was available. A brief verbal update was given by Bill Hoyle. A review of Wick congregation was completed, and the written report is in progress.

Ministry and Personnel

Ministry and Personnel Committee Report
Sept.20, 2016, 9:15 am

Attendance at Committee Meeting:

Present: Doug Brown, Anita Sipos, Barry McQuillin, Jim Smith, Jim McMaster, Lynda Forbes, Garry Marnoch, Joy Randall, Ross Robertson

Regrets: Neil Ellis

Absent:

Recommendation 1: That Rev. Jonathan Baird be granted study leave from Oct.25th to Nov. 8th to attend a Pastor's Training Conference in Jacmel, Haiti. Jonathan will be leading and also learning as he interacts with the other pastors and Church leaders. Moved by Lynda Forbes. Seconded by Doug Brown. Carried.

Recommendation 2: That Rev. Neil Ellis be granted study leave from Oct. 24th to Oct. 30th. During this time he will be reflecting on Intergenerational Worship and how to engage all ages through preaching.

Reading List:**Preaching as Worship**, by Michael J Quicke

Intergenerational Christian Formation:Bringing the Whole Church Together in Ministry, Community and Worship by, Holly Allen.

If scheduling allows, Neil will also be attending the Lester Randall Preaching

Fellowship's Festival of Preaching "Born in us Today" from Oct.23-25. Moved by Lynda Forbes. Seconded by Doug Brown. Carried.

Recommendation 3: That Rev David Cooper be granted study leave from October 21 through October 31, 2016. Moved by Lynda Forbes. Seconded by Doug Brown. Carried.

David plans to have a self-direct study leave studying resources and reflecting on transitional ministry and congregational transition. The resources he plans to study and review are as follows:

Bush, P. (2008). *In dying we are born: The challenge and the hope for congregations*. Herndon, VA: The Alban Institute.

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Pappas, A. C., Pease, E. & Faramelli, N. (Winter 2009) The bivocational congregation: Tomorrow's church? Retrieved from: <https://alban.org/archive/the-bivocational-congregation-tomorrows-church-2/>

Robinson, A.B. (2003). *Transforming congregational culture*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

Steinke, P.L. (2006). *Congregational leadership in anxious times: Being calm and courageous no matter what*. Herndon, VA: The Alban Institute.

For information: Roger Miller has been appointed as interim moderator for the Campbellford/Burnbrae Pastoral charge, commencing Sept.1st, 2016.

Mission & Outreach Committee

Mission and Outreach Committee Report

September 6, 2016

Devotions/ prayer

Jonathan spoke on the great commission.

Attendance: Doug Archbell, Ed Musson, Roger Millar, Jonathan Baird, Tom Cunningham

Regrets: Lemoine Hodge.

Dunamis Conference

Roger spoke to the need to plan for a Dunamis Conference for this Presbytery as agreed at a previous Presbytery meeting.

Action: A conference committee to be set up to handle choosing a location, timing, finances etc... Roger to invite a representative from Dunamis to come our next committee meeting.

Recommendation #1 That the amount of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) be included in the 2017 Presbytery budget to go towards the cost of the Dunamis conference. Moved by Tom Cunningham. Seconded by Doug Archbell. Carried.

Trent Chaplaincy

Jonathan gave a review of all the committee has done so far regarding the Trent Chaplaincy. This review included an interview with the Glen Empey, the chaplain, and a meeting with the Trent Chaplaincy Board. The conclusion reached by the committee is that while the Trent Chaplaincy is operating true to the agreement from the beginning, it is not really providing any Christian witness. It was felt that our resources would be better used if we supported Oikos, a Christian ministry on the campus of Trent University.

- BenPeltz, minister at Auburn Bible Chapel, and pastor for Oikos Ministry at Trent University, was introduced by Tom Cunningham to the members of Presbytery gathered at St Giles'.

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- Ben spoke about his background (as a student - Trent Christian Fellowship) and his current ministry (OIKOS – greek word for household) at Trent University.
- Ben has a masters degree from Tyndale.
- OIKOS have an ongoing attendance of 35, and has recently grown to a group of 50 interested members.
- Ben is on campus 2 days a week, and speaks with students. He also has a paid part-time ministry at Auburn Bible Chapel.
- OIKOS is a registered club on Trent campus.
- Ben reports to the group, so is not recognized by Trent, but Ben has a formal role and agreement with OIKOS.
- OIKOS receives approximately \$300 a year from the Trent Student Fund. Ben is funded through Auburn Bible Chapel – funds go through Auburn Bible Chapel, so receipts can be issued for ministry givings.
- OIKOS has a constitution and a group of students (nomination committee) who interview and choose students for the following year.
- Monthly church service is held – invite ministers from the county to speak. Attendance would be 35 – 40.
- Other events, weekly board game meetings, outreach style events (movies, guest speakers, debates, service projects within the community, prayer meetings throughout the student year), interfaith meetings (Muslims – identify sameness and differences),.
- OIKOS is not part of the school administration, but a part of the University clubs.
- Any member of the campus is welcome to attend – interdenominational. To be a director, you would need to be nominated by the nomination committee.
- Ben's vision would be to go back to what the Trent Christian Fellowship used to be – with over 100 members.
- Student group – to be a member, you attend and participate on a regular basis.
- No financial funding from the students.
- All funding comes from Trent groups and Auburn Bible Chapel
- Glen Empey (chaplain at Trent University) has met with Ben, and has told him he is excited to have Ben on campus. Ben is not a chaplain, the university would not refer students to Ben, but rather all Trent University referrals would go to Glen Empey.
- Ben does do counselling with students who approach him, but is not allowed to solicit.

Recommendation #2 (21 in attendance) That the Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough sever ties with the Trent Chaplaincy effective December 31, ~~2016~~-2017. Moved by Tim Cunningham . Seconded by Doug Archbell. Amended motion carried: 8 for; 5 against

Amended motion #2, moved by Dennis Carpenter, that the Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough sever ties with the Trent Chaplaincy effective December 31, 2017. Seconded by Doug Brown. Amended motion carried 10 for; 4 against.

Questions/answers/concerns expressed:

- Committee determined that the date of December 31, 2016 to sever, is too soon – we need to wait to the end of the student year.
- Original contract was signed in 2004, the demographics at the university were very

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different to today's demographics. At that time, Trent was ministering to a more Christian group of students. Today, Glen Empey cannot go out seeking Christians, they need to come to him, based on the mandate from Trent University. There is not the opportunity to spread Christian fellowship.

- Tom Cunningham reported the the Mission and Outreach have asked a number of times for the Vision Statement over many months, and they still have not seen it.
- Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery established the original ministry at Trent.
- At a Board meeting, the Board were only interested in discussion of finances.
- Glen Empey's hands are tied, due to the contract they have with the University The contract with Trent is non-negotiable.
- \$48,000 was committed from The HOPE Fund in the beginning.
- 2 members from Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery are on the board, and we need their thoughts on withdrawing financial support.
- \$10,500 is currently committed (\$2500 from the Cook Fund) for 2016.
- Rev Glen Empey is an ordained minister, and able to do things on campus that Ben is not able to do.

Recommendation #3 That the Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough redirect the resources that were going to the Trent Chaplaincy to the OIKOS ministry on the Trent University campus, when ties are severed with Trent Chaplaincy. Moved by Tom Cunningham. Seconded by Doug Archbell. For 2; opposed 12 – motion defeated.

Recommendation #4 Additional motion: Dennis Carpenter moved that Presbytery donate \$300 to Oikos. Seconded by Doug Archbell. Carried. 8 for; 0 opposed.

Arabic Ministry

Jonathan introduced, for information only at this time, the possibility of an Arabic ministry in Peterborough. St. Paul's has a Christian refugee who is very interested in beginning a Christian ministry to the Arabic community. This may include holding an Arabic service at St. Paul's.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 4th at St. Giles Presbyterian Church at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Cunningham and Jonathan Baird, Co-chairs.

Schedule A: Interim Moderator Reports

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Interim Moderator Report
Old St. Andrew's, Colbourne
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Session continues to meet regularly and is working well together planning for and anticipating their future. The pulpit is being ably supplied by Rev. Ed Musson, Rev Noel Gordon, Torrey Griffiths and on one occasion, Barry McQuillan. Rev. Musson will celebrate communion with them on World Communion Sunday (Oct 2). The woman's group remains active and there is provision for Sunday School each week. The choir assists in leading with music each Sunday. The Board of Managers remain diligent in keeping the building, grounds and financial records in good shape.

The Session has agreed to sponsor the Ontario Presbyterian Chorus Sunday September 25th at 3 pm. The day before (Sept 24) they will be hosting a community cemetery service.

Session will begin next month to review their roll in preparation for a call. They continue to offer pastoral support for any who are trying to work through the events of the past while. Music, communion dates, and special events are in place for the foreseeable future. The Session and congregation (at a congregational meeting) have reviewed and agreed to the "Congregational Profile". In doing so they have re-affirmed their desire to seek a half time Minister. At this point in time, they will need to use their 'reserve' funds to ensure stipend etc. are paid. They can maintain this, if nothing changes, for approximately 5 years. They are all in agreement, and hope that as they continue in faith, God will bless them as they minister in their community.

To date they have received four applications as well as five potential candidates identified by Ministry and Church Vocations. The Search Team will begin to work thorough possible candidates beginning in early October.

Respectfully submitted:
(Rev. Dr.) Terry Ingram

Congregations of St Andrew's Campbellford and St Andrew's Burnbrae.

Campbellford & Burnbrae Interim Moderator's Report

Since taking over as the Interim Moderator on September 1, 2016, I have met with the Burnbrae Session on September 6 and set up a meeting with the Campbellford Session for September 27.

A pulpit supply schedule has been drafted for both points in the pastoral charge. Arrangements have been made with a retired Anglican minister to provide stated supply in the pastoral charge on three Sundays each month.

Dates have been set up for Communion in both points in the charge on the remaining Sunday in October & November subject to the availability of a Presbyterian minister to officiate.

The pastoral charge was preached vacant on Sept. 11th & 18th by the clerk of Session in each congregation.

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The search for a new minister will begin shortly. Both congregations have given me the names of their representatives on the search committee and a meeting will be held soon to restart the process of finding the next minister for the pastoral charge.

Please pray for these congregations as they go through this transition, the Sessions as they provide much needed leadership at this time, for the stated supply and the search committee as does its work.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Rev. Roger Millar.

Schedule B – Call to Rev Dr Robert Kennedy

1. **Moved** by Dennis Carpenter, that the call to Rev Dr Robert Kennedy from Burn's Presbyterian, Ashburn, be received. Seconded by Caleb Kim. Carried.
2. Rev Grant Vissers, Pickering Presbytery representative, reported the steps leading up to the call.
3. Moderator, Bill Hoyle presented the call and guarantee of stipend and the required support documents, See schedule B following;
4. **Moved** that the call and guarantee of stipend to Rev Dr Rob Kennedy be received and considered. Moved by Tom Cunningham. Seconded by Roger Millar. Carried.
5. That representatives of Burns Presbyterian be heard. Rev Grant Vissers spoke on behalf of the Presbytery and congregation.
6. **Motion:** that the call and guarantee of stipend be sustained and transmitted to the Presbytery of Pickering. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Linda Park. Carried.
Tom Cunningham spoke to the motion, and thanked Rob for his ministry within Lindsay Peterborough, and wished him God's blessing on his new adventure.
7. **Motion:** That we approve the call be received. Moved by David Cooper. Seconded by Doug Brown. Carried.

The call documents were presented to Rob Kennedy by Bill Hoyle. Rob spoke briefly to his lessons learned by being involved within Lindsay Peterborough, in numerous roles. Rob's Induction will be Sunday October 7 at 7:00 pm, and Rob issued an open invitation to all to attend.

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**Call to a minister of word and Sacraments
and guarantee to presbytery of stipend**

(Appendix A-29)

We, the professing members of Burns Presbyterian Church, Ashburn, 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, The Rev. Dr. Robert Kennedy, to become the minister of this congregation. 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, The Rev. Dr. Robert Kennedy, may be free to devote yourself to ministry of Word and Sacraments among us, we the congregation of Burns Presbyterian Church hereby guarantee to the Presbytery of Pickering, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that out of our estimated annual revenue of one hundred and ninety four thousand dollars we promise and obligate ourselves to provide you, as a first charge thereon, the following annually:

Annual Stipend	\$ 52 000
Housing Allowance	\$ 27 600
Cost of utilities	\$ 4 200

We agree to make payments of the above amounts on the first day of each month and agree to review 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 \$1500 annual allowance for said studies.
2. That the benefits of number 1 above shall be cumulative up to five years.
3. To provide five weeks holiday annually.
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.
8. \$ 500 book allowance per annum
9. Pastoral Expense account of \$ 4 000 for travel, cell phone and hospitality paid by voucher.

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(Place and date)

Andrew Nelson
(Signature of Presiding Minister)

BURNS CHURCH 21/08/16
(Place and date)

Roberta Nelson
(Signature of Meeting Secretary)

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Schedule C – Report from Terry Ingram and team – Eastern Sector

Presented by Neil Ellis:

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Special Committee to assist Congregations in East of Presbytery September 20, 2016

A team was formed at the June 21st, 2016 meeting of Presbytery to help assist the 6 congregations (in three pastoral charges) in the East end of our Presbytery. These charges are (in no particular order) Norwood/Havelock, Campbellford/Burnbrae, Warkworth/Hastings. The team is comprised of Ann Blane, Neil Ellis, Terry Ingram (convenor) and Bob Quick. We have met three times and have had many other contacts with congregational leadership.

At our first meeting we decided to move forward by initiating conversation with all six Sessions. We noted from statistical information and the report of CLC that finances and future capital expenses weigh heavily on these congregations making the future more uncertain. We also noted that they are in a particular 'moment' of potential leadership transitions. We contacted Rev. Millar and Rev. Cooper (Rev. Dunnett was on holidays) and received their permission and full cooperation in proceeding to meet with their Sessions.

We met with Session representatives on June 21st at Campbellford and were thrilled by the turnout of almost 30 elders. It became obvious to us that the elders of these congregations are dedicated, concerned and desiring the best for the ministry and mission of their people. They want to be hopeful for the future!

A presentation was made explaining nine possible options that congregations might consider remain, stated supply, renewal, two or three point, part time ministry, regional church, amalgamate, student charge, reboot or renew-thinking outside the box, or close. Each Session was asked to consider three general questions. Were they more or less satisfied with the status quo? Was there another option or two, as presented, that they might consider? In what ways might Presbytery assist them? Each Session then shared some of their discussion with the group as a whole.

We discovered the following:

- ✓ On the whole, the status quo was not workable, due in great part to financial realities within the congregations.
- ✓ The communities of Warkworth and Hastings are experiencing some population growth.
- ✓ There was an openness from all congregations to other pastoral configurations.
- ✓ Norwood is excited about a new vision for their future.
- ✓ Havelock has a strong core of members and they will explore other options.
- ✓ Campbellford and Burnbrae will review their financial commitments to the pastoral charge and await word about their interim-moderator.
- ✓ Warkworth and Hastings will meet with their minister to consider their future.
- ✓ There were several practical concerns that we were able to answer or resolve.

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We had a second meeting with on August 8th and once again had about 30 persons in attendance. Time was given for each congregation to offer any new information since our last meeting.

We learned the following:

- ✓ Hastings will have a meeting on September 14 to deal with a motion to close the congregation or to amalgamate with Warkworth.
- ✓ Havelock will have a meeting on October 1st to present to the congregation options for their future.
- ✓ Norwood is interested in a three-point charge arrangement with Campbellford/Burnbrae. They might also be interested if four congregations wanted to join together or if another one was interested in a two-point arrangement.

We met next with the Session of Warkworth (and one elder from Hastings) on Aug 18th to discuss the future of this pastoral charge. An open and wide ranging discussion ensued and it was agreed to meet again following the meeting of the Hastings congregation.

- 1) Campbellford and Burnbrae have reached an agreement on funding for a new minister. They are open to any congregation who would wish to amalgamate with them. Rev Roger Millar is their interim moderator effective September 1st, 2016
- 2) Hasting meets on September 14. Rev Neil Ellis from the committee will be present with Rev. David Cooper at this meeting. Results will be reported to Presbytery.
- 3) The team will invite Norwood, Havelock and Warkworth to a meeting (Sept. 28) to see if there might be an opportunity for them to work together in some kind of ministry arrangement or to otherwise assist these congregations as they look to the future.

This continues to be a moving, dynamic situation. There is much uncertainty but also a desire to see ministry and mission continue in these communities and buildings.

Respectfully submitted:
Rev. Dr. Terry Ingram, Convenor.

Report from Neil Ellis, on behalf of the same committee, above:

Email update from Rev Neil Ellis:

I was invited by Rev. Cooper to attend a congregational meeting at Hastings. Below is a brief summary of the meeting held at Hastings tonight (Sep 14).

The Session presented a motion to the congregation which had two options:

1. Amalgamate with Warkworth
2. Dissolution

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Before the vote was taken there was a time for questions. Most of these questions surrounded the process of how an amalgamation might happen and what would the time frame be. These questions were answered by Rev. Cooper and myself.

The vote was taken by ballot. There were twelve (12) individuals present and it was noted that three (3) were adherents. Rev. Cooper felt it was fair to allow their vote to stand.

The ballots were counted by the Clerk of Session and one other member of the congregation (whose name now escapes me). I supervised the count. The result was:

Amalgamate - 10

Dissolution - 1

Spoiled Ballot (no vote cast) - 1

David will advise the Session of Warkworth of the desire to amalgamate and expects to call a congregational meeting in Warkworth in the near future to deal with the issue.

With thanks,

Neil

Rev. Neil Ellis

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Schedule D: Interim Statement of Revenue and Expenses as of September 12, 2016:

Interim Statement of revenue and expense

as at September 12, 2016

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense Class</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u> (approved)	<u>2016 Expenses to</u> <u>September 12, 2016</u>
Levy 2015	477.00	Honoraria	4,600.00	2,300.00
Levy 2016	<u>24,896.00</u>	Postage	150.00	
Levies Received	25,373.75	Stationery & Office	500.00	
LI Systems (Re Web Site	120.00	Travel	2,000.00	543.80
		Meals - General Assembly	1,000.00	

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<u>Note</u>		Insurance	1,700.00	1,391.23
<i>Levies receivable</i>	<u>16,186.00</u>	Student Tuition	3,400.00	1,283.10
		Student Assesment	775.00	
		Youth Budget\Projects	1,000.00	
		Audit	150.00	
		M&O Conf'ce (LEI gift drawn)	1,000.00	300.00
		CLC Project (Web Site)	300.00	215.04
		Clerk's Conference		<u>550.00</u>
		<i>Total Presbytery</i>	16,575.00	6,583.17
		Synod	16,871.00	17,267.00
		<i>Total</i>	16,871.00	23,850.17
		<i>Trent Chaplaincy Levy</i>	<u>10,500.00</u>	
			<u>43,946.00</u>	<u>23,850.17</u>

Session Records:

Moved that the following Session records be accepted as examined: moved by Linda Park.
seconded by Neil Ellis. Carried.

- **St Paul's Port Hope** – All Session Records well documented and satisfactory
- **St Paul's Peterborough** – Session Minutes neat and accurately kept
 - No communion roll submitted
 - No marriage register submitted
 - No Baptismal Register submitted
- **St Andrew's Hastings** – Session Minutes, Communion Roll, Baptismal Record and Marriage Register all neatly and correctly kept
- **St Giles' Peterborough** – Session Minutes and Baptismal records neatly and accurately kept
 - No communion roll submitted
 - No Marriage Register submitted
- **Centreville** – Session Minutes neatly and accurately kept, with one notation
 - Baptismal Record and Communion Rolls are neatly and accurately kept
 - No Marriage Register submitted
- **St Andrew's Warkworth** – Session Minutes, Baptismal Register and Marriage Register

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- all neatly and correctly kept
 - o No Communion Roll submitted

Committee on Committees – *survey results were distributed by email.*

Bill Hoyle went through the survey results and discussed the outcomes.

Other items:

Committee convenors need to be set today:

- Mission and Outreach - Jonathan Baird and Tom Cunningham will continue to chair
- Ministry & Personnel – Neil Eillis will chair
- Congregational Life – Bill Hoyle

Committee meetings for Lakefield will be announced prior to the General Presbytery meeting on October 18, 2016.

Announcements and Reminders

- Registration for the National Presbyterian Women's Gathering 2017 has a reduced cost if registration completed prior to November, 2016.
- Discs from PCC with new Acts & Proceedings and Book of Forms are in congregational order, by the sign in sheets in the vestibule.
- Joy Randall – poster for "Step Into the Neighbourhood" for each congregation.

Adjournment / Next Meeting:

Adjournment with prayer until next Regular Meeting Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 9:30 am at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lakefield.

Closing prayer – Moderator, Bill Hoyle

2:30 pm: Motion to adjourn by Doug Archbell.. Seconded by Linda Forbes.

Moderator, Bill Hoyle

Clerk, Janet Halstead