

# Minutes – The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough Tuesday, September 19, 2017 - Regular Meeting – St Stephen’s Presbyterian Church – 1140 St Paul Street, Peterborough Ontario

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The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough met in regular session within St Stephen’s Presbyterian Church, Peterborough on Tuesday September 19 in the year of our Lord, 2017.

## **Attendance:**

**Ministers on the constituent roll:** Baird, Jonathan; Blane, Ann; Brown, Doug; Cunningham, Tom; Ellis, Neil; Firth, Kathy; Horne, Cheryl; Huberts, Henry; Ingram, Sabrina; Ingram, Terry; Kim, Caleb; Millar, Roger; Park, Linda;

**Elders voting:** Archbell, Doug; Burnett, Thomas; deJong, Rick; Dycke, Dianne; Fry, Jim; Hoyle, Bill; Knox, John; MacMaster, Jim; Marnoch, Garry; Prikker, Nancy; Smith, Jim; Williams, Tom;

**Ministers on the appendix to the roll:** Beaton, Sandy; Wallace, Ron

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

## **Women’s Missionary:**

**Regrets:** Carpenter, Dennis; Clifton, Lloyd; Gordon, Dorcas; Firth, Kathy; Grace, Barney; Hartai, Helen; Head, Virginia; Quick, Bob; Randall, Joy; Robertson, Ross; Sipos, Anita; Smith, Sheryl; Stewart, Fred; Wallace, Susan;

**9:30 am Worship** was lead by Rev Sabrina Ingram. Message was delivered by the St Stephen’s Puppeteers.

**Meeting was constituted with prayer** – Moderator Terry Ingram

**Induction** - Outgoing Moderator Terry Ingram inducted incoming Moderator, Rev Sabrina Ingram.

## **Introductions and announcements:**

**Terry Ingram** introduced Nancy Prikker - Alternate Rep from Lakefield / Lakehurst

**Tom Cunningham** introduced Brenda McAdam - Alternate Rep from Centreville

**Ann Blane** - update on Dennis Carpenter - Dennis asked for court’s prayers, as Dennis had a heart attack a couple of weeks ago.

**Sabrina Ingram** – led the court in pray for: Dennis Carpenter, Fred Stewart and Lloyd Clifton

**Jim Smith** - had posters from Joan Smith, WMS for distribution to each congregation

**Janet Halstead** - the 2017 General Assembly - Acts & Proceedings CDs roms are available today for each congregation, at the front of the church

## **Reports from Committees/Teams**

- 1. Executive** – Terry Ingram
- 2. Congregational Life** - Ann Blane - no report

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3. **Ministry & Personnel** – Neil Ellis
4. **Mission & Outreach** - Jonathan Baird / Tom Cunningham
5. **Interim moderators**
6. **HOPE Fund** – Tom Cunningham / Bill Hoyle

**New Business:**

**11:30 - lunch**

**12:30 – Court continues, if required**

**Announcements and Reminders:**

- **Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit** - September 25 - 28, 2017, St Giles’ Peterborough
- **Old St Andrew’s Colborne** - Shout Sisters Concert as a fundraiser on Friday evening October 13th @ 7:30 PM. Coffee following. Proceeds to work on the stained glass repair project.
- **Old St Andrew’s Colborne** - is celebrating their 187 Anniversary on Sunday October 15 @ 10:00 AM. The Rev. Ruth Draffin, one of former clergy, will be the guest minister.

**Adjournment / Next Meeting:**

The court will meet again in regular session on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 9:30 am **at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Cobourg.**

**Closing prayer** – Moderator, Sabrina Ingram

**Executive Committee Report**

1. **Recommendation:** that the Docket, which includes all reports listed in the final Working Papers, September 19, 2017 be received. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.
2. **Recommendation:** that the following Rep Elders be affirmed:

<b><u>Congregation:</u></b>	<b><u>Rep Elder:</u></b>	<b><u>Alternate Rep:</u></b>
3 Point - Warkworth, St Andrew’s,		
	Harold Abernethy	Douglas Carlaw
Campbellford, St Andrew’s	John Knox (Equalizing Elder)	none
Bowmanville, St Andrew’s	Jim MacMaster	Doreen Gilroy
Port Perry, St John’s	Pat McNenly	none

**New Business:**

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<b>Congregation:</b>	<b>Rep Elder:</b>	<b>Alternate Rep:</b>
Wick	Rick de Jong	Ruth Anderson
Centreville	Walter Bradley	Brenda McAdam

Moved by John Knox, seconded by Jonathan Baird. Carried.

**Recommendation:** The following >recommendations will be treated as a consent agenda: 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, ~~9~~, 10, 11 and 13 will be moved and approved by consent. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

- >Recommendation:** that the minutes of June 20, 2017 regular Presbytery meeting be adopted.
- >Recommendation:** that Doug Brown, Terry Ingram and Sabrina Ingram, along with their elders, represent Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery at General Assembly June 3 - June 8 2018 at Wilfrid Laurier University.
- >Recommendation:** that the position of Property Committee Member be located under the Congregational Life Committee.

**Notice of Motion:** that the Standing Orders be changed so that the Property Committee Member will be included under duties of the Congregational Life Committee. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

**For Information:** Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery is eligible to send a Young Adult Representative (YAR) to General Assembly June 3 - 8, 2018 at Wilfrid Laurier University. Please forward suggested individual’s names to the Clerk.

**For Information:** Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery is looking for a volunteer to “review” our financial records for The HOPE Fund and General Funds on an annual basis. There is a small stipend in the budget to pay for this accounting function. The successful individual should have a strong financial/accounting background.

- >Recommendation:** that the Recommendation # 7 of the Executive report that was passed: “that the Synod Representatives for 2017 will be: Sabrina Ingram and Virginia and their Representative Elders” be rescinded and replaced with: That the Synod Representatives for 2017 will be Rev Sabrina Ingram and Terry Ingram.

**Preamble:** St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Bowmanville, congregation and the Rev Anita Sipos having been working towards an amended call document. The new document reflects a part-time ministry with 75% of her annual stipend and 100% of her current pension and benefits which include housing allowance, utilities, five weeks vacation and two weeks study leave. Session confirmed the amended agreement,

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and a special congregational meeting which took place Sunday, September 10, also confirmed the amended agreement. The amended agreement has been signed by: Rev Anita Sipos, Rep Elder Jim MacMaster and Interim Moderator Rev Caleb Kim.

7. **Recommendation:** that the Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough agree to the changes in the call to Rev Anita Sipos. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.
8. **>Recommendation:** that the next regular meeting of the Presbytery be held Tuesday October 17, 2017 at St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Cobourg, 9:30 am.
9. **Correspondence for Information:**
  - Recommendation:** that the following correspondence be received for Information:
    - A** - PCC Letter 3.1 - Presbyteries are reminded of their responsibility to review regularly the stipends and housing allowances of ministers to ensure they meet or exceed minimum standards set by General Assembly.
    - B** - PCC letter 3.2 - that individuals, congregations and presbyteries be encouraged to give to the Native Ministries Fund.
    - C** - PCC letter 3.3 - Committee on Church Doctrine - Rec No 1 - The “Understanding and Interpreting the Bible” be received as a resource for equipping the church to faithfully read the Bible. Can be found pages 265 - 78 of 2016 Acts and Proceedings.
    - D** - PCC Letter 3.4 - Committee on History - Rec No 3 - that the General Assembly and the courts of the church actively celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of our country Canada in worship on Sunday, July 2, 2017, or with an event or project of their choice this year.
    - E** - PCC Letter 3.5 - Committee on History - Rec No. 4 - That the courts of the church celebrate Reformation @500 (the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation ) in worship on Sunday, October 29, 2017, or on a Sunday of their choice.
    - F** - PCC Letter 3.6 - Life and Mission Agency Rec No 4 - That sessions and presbyteries be encouraged to write to the local Member of Parliament in their area encouraging support from all parliamentarians for a commitment to provide clean and potable water in every Indigenous community.
    - G** - PCC letter 3.7 - Life and Mission Agency, Rec No 10 - That the Bereavement Leave Policy for Ministers Serving in Congregations outlined above be adopted. “Bereavement Leave for Ministers in Congregations” can be found at pages 405-406 of 2017 Acts and Proceedings.
    - H** - PCC Letter 3.8 - Life and Mission Agency Rec No 16 - That individuals, congregations and presbyteries seek creative ways to fundraise in 2017 in support of the humanitarian needs related to the Syria Crisis, as 4.8 million refugees require support in Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, Iraq and Egypt.
    - I** - PCC Letter 3.9 - Life and Mission Agency Rec No 17 - That individuals, congregations and presbyteries promote the participation of members across the country in the Ride for Refuge in support of PWS&Ds Maternal, Newborn and Child Health projects in

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Afghanistan and Malawi.

**J** - PCC Letter 3.10 - Life and Mission Agency Rec No 18 - That congregations and presbyteries consider committing themselves to an ongoing refugee sponsorship ministry.

**K**- PCC Letter 3.11 - Sexuality Overtures, Rec No 3 - That the Presbyterian Church in Canada and its agencies, colleges, congregations, sessions, presbyteries, synods, committees and groups “seed the peace and unity of Christ among (our) people and throughout the Holy Catholic Church” under the guidance of the Holy Spirit as it discerns the mind of Christ in the matter of sexuality before the church.

**L**- PCC Letter 3.12 - Sexuality Overtures, Rec Nov 10 - That the Presbyterian Church in Canada and its agencies, colleges, congregations, sessions, presbyteries, synods, committees and groups seek the unity of the church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit as it discerns the mind of Christ in the matter of sexuality before the church.

**M**-PCC Letter 4.1 - Legislation (Declaratory or Interm Acts) - Remit A, 2016 pages 472-274 of Acts and Proceedings have been amended on Overtures.

**N**-PCC Letter 5.1 - Declaratory Act page 280,15 2017 Acts and Proceedings was adopted regarding Institutional chaplain’s certificates.

**O** - PCC Letter - Nominations for Moderator of General Assembly 2018 - deadline is Nov 30, 2017 for submitting.

**P** - PCC letter - General Assembly 2018 - Sunday June 3 - Wednesday June 6 at Wilfred Laurier University.

**Q** - PCC letter - 1.4 The Church and People who are Transgender or Intersex. Referred to Ministry and Personnel. Recommend study of “The Church and People who are Transgender or Intersex” pages 374 - 379 2017 Acts and Proceedings. No report back, but encourage all congregations, ministers, chaplains, elders and youth leaders to study the document.

**R** - email received from Doug Brown regarding the upcoming Dunamis Conference, expressing the official position of St Paul’s Presbyterian Church, Port Hope. Since the Presbyterian Church in Canada has neither recognized nor given the Dunamis Fellowship Canada any standing within our denomination, the session, members and adherents of St Paul’s Port Hope will neither be involved in the Dunamis Conference scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> 2017 nor be held accountable for any liability that might arise from the Dunamis Conference. Roger Millar asked that this item be spoken to, discussion followed, and the the correspondence was then received as information.

Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

## **10. Correspondence for Action:**

**>Recommendation:** that the following correspondence be received for Action as noted:

**A** - Email request from Rev Jim Biggs, Synod Rep, for LPP reps and contact information

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for Synod meeting Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Willowdale Presbyterian Church. Clerk sent the contact information for Sabrina Ingram and Terry Ingram. They are to submit the information for the elders.

**B** - Email request from PCC for Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery changes regarding: student Certification, Ordinations, Inductions, Retirements, changes to the Appendix, Dissolution of Tie, and Amalgamations. Clerk completed the forms.

**C** - Letter of Thank You was sent by the Clerk, to David Rosefield for his years of audit support to the Presbytery. David has asked to be relieved of this position.

**D** - Notification from PCC of the delivery of cd-roms (September 18, 2017) for congregations. To be distributed by clerk at September or October Presbytery meeting to the congregations.

**E** - Letter sent to National Bank to change the signing officers on the HOPE Fund. Bill Hoyle (treasurer), set up the meeting, and Bill, Tom Cunningham and Janet Halstead (clerk) will become the new signing officers on the bank account. Meeting held, and signing officers have been changed.

**F** - Request to Clerk to send a letter to Trent Chaplaincy informing them of the decision of the Court to not submit funding beyond 2017. Clerk sent the letter to David Brackenridge to submit to Directors of Trent Chaplaincy.

**G** - Letter of Resignation from Bob Quick, as Co-Interim Moderator for the 3-point charge was accepted by Executive. Ministry & Personnel for resolution as to how many Interim Moderators are required for the 3-point charge.

**11. >Recommendation:** that the resignation of Rev Bob Quick as Co-Interim Moderator of the 3-point charge be accepted.

Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

### **13. Correspondence Referred:**

**>Recommendation:** that the following correspondence be referred for further study:

**A** - PCC letter - 1.1 Physician Assisted Suicide - Committee on Church Doctrine Rec. No. 3 - referred to Mission & Outreach. Report back to Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery for November 2017 Presbytery meeting. See pages 241 - 273 2017 Acts and Proceedings.

**B** - PCC letter - 1.2 Provision for Equalizing Ministers - Referred to Executive Committee. Report back to Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery by November 2017 Presbytery meeting. See pages 278 - 279 2017 Acts and Proceedings.

**C** - PCC letter - 1.3 Censure Definitions - Referred to Ministry & Personnel. Report back to Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery by November 2017 Presbytery meeting. See pages 281 - 284 2017 Acts and Proceedings.

**E** - PCC letter - 1.5 Additional Motion - That the biblical reflection presented in the report of the Life and Mission Agency Committee concerning the responses to the

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various overtures on human sexuality be sent to sessions, presbyteries, synods and colleges for study, relection. **Sessions should study and report directly back to PCC Life and Mission Agency by January 31, 2018.** LPP - Lindsay Peterborough. Presbytery by November 2017 Presbytery meeting. Referred to Ministry & Personnel.

**F** - PCC letter - 1.6 Sexuality Overtures Rec. No 4. Page 539 That “The Historic Argument Concerning Human Sexuality” and “What the Bible teaches on Covenanted Monogamous Same-sex Relationships” be commended to agencies, colleges, congregations, sessions, persbyteries, synods, committees and groups of the PCC for study and response back to Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery by the November 2017 Presbytery meeting. **Sessions should study and report directly back to PCC Life and Mission Agency by January 31, 2018.** Referred to Ministry & Personnel.

**G** - PCC Letter - 1.7 - Sexuality Overtures Rec. No 5 Page 540 That the document “Where from Here?” be studied and reported back to Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery by the November 2017. . **Sessions should study and report directly back to PCC Life and Mission Agency by January 31, 2018.** Referred to Ministry & Personnel.

**H** - PCC Letter - Referred Overtures - referred to Executive Committee. To report to Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery by November 2017 Presbytery meeting.

**I** - PCC Letter - Unreferred Overtures - referred to Executive Committee. To report to Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery by February, 2018 Presbytery meeting. Email request from Tom Cunningham to submit Presbytery guidelines for IM payment, and also request for guidelines on exit interview and dissolution from 2-point to 1-point charge. Referred to Executive Committee.

**Congregational Life Committee** - No report.

## **Mission and Outreach**

**Recommendation 1:** That Presbytery support a Christian ministry, in principle, on Trent University campus. Moved by Jonathan Baird. Seconded by Roger Millar.

Motion to Table moved by Ann Blane and seconded by Jim Smith. Motion defeated.

Recommendation 1 was carried.

**Recommendation 2:** That Presbytery set aside and allocate \$10,000 in the budget until the Mission and Outreach committee brings a specific recommendation back to Presbytery regarding Christian ministry on Trent University campus.

Moved by Jonathan Baird. Seconded by Tom Cunningham.

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Moved by Ann Blane, seconded by Jim Smith that this recommendation be referred back to Mission & Outreach for further study. Carried.

## **Ministry and Personnel**

### **Recommendations**

1. That Bob Quick be granted study leave from September 19-25, 2017 to attend a spiritual retreat at Iona Abbey and Willersley Castle, focusing on how a movement seen as monastic became a movement of active evangelism.  
Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Garry Marnoch. Carried.
2. That Neil Ellis be granted study leave from October 22-27 to attend the Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship.  
Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Garry Marnoch. Carried.
3. That Rev Henry Huberts be given permission to take study leave from Sept 25 to Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to attend the following Conference, “Growing the church in the power of the Holy Spirit,” at St Giles Presbyterian Church, Peterborough.  
Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Garry Marnoch. Carried.

## **Interim Moderator Reports:**

### **Report for Burnbrae – St. Andrew’s - Kathy Firth**

The Session of Burnbrae met on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017 with the Interim Moderator, Kathy Firth, presiding. We are continuing the process of assessing the financial statements with a view to ascertaining future possibilities for Burnbrae in terms of a minister. We continue to prayerfully discern God’s plan for the faithful Burnbrae congregation.

The church was open for both July and August under the capable Sunday leadership of Bill Grace, a third-year student at Knox College. Rev. Barney Grace was present for communion on August 6<sup>th</sup> and will be present again on October 1<sup>st</sup> for communion. The congregation and I are very grateful to Rev. Grace for his assistance in this matter. We also recognize and appreciate the help of other ministers and lay persons who have filled the pulpit for us.

### **Report for Norwood, Campbellford, Warkworth – Ann Blane**

Things are progressing slowly as we are sorting things out. Many thanks to Roger Miller for his ministry these last three months. Each week he has preached in two the church while supply has been provided for the third Charge. He has provided pulpit supply for two of the churches during the month of October while he is on holidays. Communion will be celebrated in all three churches thanks to Rev. Bill Baird. I will be seeking individuals to supply the third Charge for the month of October.

I will be conducting a wedding in Warkworth on October 7<sup>th</sup>.



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The Search Team has met twice and have begun the process toward creating profile(s). The three congregations have been asked to do a Congregational Survey and that is underway. Concern was expressed on my part that the Team is women lead...so I have encouraged them to seek out any men who would be willing to join the team. We are working through some of the dynamics, expectations and perceptions that each congregation is encountering. The team is being as transparent as they can with the congregations through the bulletin.  
Submitted

### **Report for Havelock – Tom Cunningham**

Just started at Havelock in the past month. Bill Baird is giving Sunday services currently. They are a happy congregation, in good shape.

### **Report for St. Andrew’s Bowmanville – Caleb Kim**

Term: June 17 - September 11 - The main reason for the request was the change in Rev Anita Sipos’ terms of call from full time to part time ministry.

**Recommendation:** Moved by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Jonathan Baird that Caleb Kim’s term as Interim Moderator at St Andrew’s be considered complete. Carried.

### **Announcements and Reminders:**

Sabrina Ingram announced that Doug and Allison Archbell will be moving to Prince Edward Island and he will be missed.

Henry Hubert - Anniversary Dinner Oct 13, with Kawartha Lakes Choir. [www.Beacan.org](http://www.Beacan.org) for information and tickets.

Bill Hoyle’s brother in law recently passed away.

Roger Millar - For Information - Bill passing through Federal Parliament C51 - designed to clean up a number of old bills of the Criminal Code.

Concern - removing C176 - that particular section has protected ministers in the pulpit to have the freedom to say whatever they wanted to say to their congregations without legal backlash. This new bill would remove that section and could expose Minister’s to liability.

Eg. Protesters meeting in churches. Roger’s suggestion is to find out more information and look at the petition that is being circulated to keep C176 in the Criminal Code. For more information, key in Bill C51.

Linda Park - Reg and Dale McMillan - their daughter has been sick for 2 years with cancer. She has been in remission, but is currently not well. Prayers are needed.

11:30 am - Motion to adjourn by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Jonathan Baird. Carried.

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**Adjournment / Next Meeting:**

The court will meet again in regular session on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 9:30 am at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Cobourg.

**Closing prayer** – Moderator, Sabrina Ingram

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Clerk, Janet Halstead