

# Minutes – The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough Tuesday, November 21, 2017 - Regular Meeting – St Paul’s Presbyterian Church – 31 Walton Street, Port Hope, Ontario

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The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough met in regular session within St Paul’s Presbyterian Church, Port Hope on Tuesday November 21 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; Park, Linda;

**Elders voting:** Abernethy, Harold; Burnett, Thomas; Carpenter, Dennis; Hodge, Lamoine; Hoyle, Bill; Knox, John; Marnoch, Garry; McAdam, Brenda; McNenly, Pat; Smith, Jim; Smith, Sheryl; Williams, Tom;

**Ministers on the appendix to the roll:** Grace, Barney; Millar, Roger; Musson, Ed;

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

**Women’s Missionary:** Randall, Joy

**Regrets:** Clifton, Lloyd; de Jong, Rick; Dunnett, Blaine; Dycke, Dianne; Flindall, Robert; Gordon, Dorcas; Hartai, Helen; Head, Virginia; Payton, George; McMaster, Jim; Quick, Bob; Sipos, Anita; Stewart, Fred; Wallace, Ron; Wallace, Susan;

**9:30 am – Worship - Rev Dr Doug Brown**

**10:00 am – Court Constituted**

**Executive Report -**

**New Business:** it was agreed to add the following items to the docket:

- Motion for auditor for LPP books (new business)
- Rep Elders – Bolsover (Exec report)
- Email from Niagara Clerk regarding a call to a minister on our appendix. (Exec report)
- Letter from PCC Pension Department regarding a congregation within Lindsay Peterborough who are in arrears on the Pension remittances. (Exec report)

**Introductions:**

None

- 2. Recommendation:** The following >recommendations will be treated as a consent agenda: ~~3~~(removed), 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 will be moved and approved by consent. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane.

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**3. Recommendation:** that the minutes of October 17, 2017 regular Presbytery meeting be adopted. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

**4. >Recommendation:** based on the completed 2017-2018 Commission for Representative Elder form for St Stephen’s Presbyterian Church Peterborough, that Tom Williams will become the Rep Elder and Rose Delahey will become the Alternate Rep Elder.

**5. >Recommendation:** that the next regular meeting of the Presbytery be held Tuesday February 20, 2018 at Centreville or St Giles’ Peterborough.

**6. Correspondence for Information:**

**>Recommendation:** that the following correspondence be received for Information:  
**A - Emails and attachments from Bill Hoyle, Treasurer,** highlighting impact on all congregations within Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery of the change in the calculations for congregational assessments for pension.

**7. Correspondence for Action:**

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

**A - Email from Diana Veenstra, PCC** - asking for update on the sale of Hastings and when the cheque for 10% could be expected. Clerk emailed Warkworth Rep Elder for confirmation.

**B - Email from Donna Carlaw, Treasurer Warkworth** - asking for clarification regarding the per centage amount to be determined for the 10% payment to PCC.

**C - Letter from Jim Biggs, Clerk of Synod,** offering the possibility of having Robynne Howard, Camp Director for Cairn Family of Camps to speak to Presbyteries. Invitation will be sent for February or April Stated Hour.

**8. Correspondence Referred:**

**>Recommendation:** that the following correspondence be referred:

**A - Letter from Clerks of Session(s) of St Andrew’s Lakefield and Knox, Lakehurst** stating that the two congregations had reappointed Rev Dr Terry Ingram as Pastoral Charge Minister (Stated Supply). Referred to Ministry & Personnel.

**B - Email from St Giles’ Presbyterian** - asking that their email address be updated on the Lindsay-Peterborough website. Referred to Neil Ellis, web admin, for update.

**9. Recommendation:** that Bill Hoyle be reappointed, as Presbytery Treasurer, for a 3-year term ending November 2020. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

**10. Recommendation:** That the honorarium for the Clerk of Presbytery increase by 10%,

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effective January 1, 2018. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

**11. Recommendation:** That the honorarium for the Presbytery Treasurer increase by 10%, effective January 1, 2018. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

**12. Recommendation:** That the travel allowance increase from 20 cents to 30 cents per kilometre, effective January 1, 2018. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

**13. Recommendation:** That the General Presbytery budget be approved as presented for 2018. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

**14. Recommendation:** That, based on the 2018 budget, the levy rate be decreased from \$19.50 to \$18.00. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

**15. Recommendation:** The Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery be in favour of the change in Provision for Equalizing Ministers 1.2. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried. Two dissenting votes.

**16. Recommendation:** the the new Rep Elder for St Andrew’s Bolsover be Robert MacEachern and the Alternate will be Blanche Simpson. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded Ann Blane. Carried.

**17. Recommendation:** email correspondence from Clerk of Niagara to Clerk of LPP - Virginia Head has been called to Niagara Presbytery. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane that the correspondence be referred to Executive. Carried.

**18. Recommendation:** Correspondence referred from PCC Pension Board to a congregation within Lindsay Peterborough that is in arrears. Letter referred to Congregational Life for action. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

**10:30 Stated Hour - Mission and Outreach:** Moved by Tom Cunningham, to sit as Committee of the Whole. Seconded by Jonathan Baird. Carried.

Joy Randall lead the Stated Hour topic of Physician Assisted Suicide. Joy provided a handout for everyone to high light the important points, and then those present broke into small work groups for discussion. Following 15 minutes, the groups reported back to the Presbytery.

**11:00 Stated Hour:** The presbytery remained sitting as committee of the whole, and Neil Ellis lead the discussion on Human Sexuality Study. The same groups were used for discussion.

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Moved by Neil Ellis to come out of Committee as a Whole. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

**11:30 - break for lunch.**

**The Court reconvened following lunch**

**Mission and Outreach**

**Recommendation 1:**

That \$10,000 per year for three years beginning in the year 2018, be requested from the Hope Fund to support Christian mission and outreach through Oikos at Trent University, and that these funds be offset by any donations from congregations or individuals within the Presbytery.

Moved by Tom Cunningham. Seconded by Jonathan Baird.

**Amendment to motion**, moved by Garry Marnoch, that the \$10,000.00 from Presbytery be used as salary. No seconder for the motion.

**Motion to refer** – back to M&O committee for further work. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Dennis Carpenter. Motion carried.

**Ministry and Personnel**

**Recommendation 1:**

That Rev. Dr. Terry Ingram be reappointed as stated supply and Interim-Moderator to the congregations of St. Andrew’s, Lakefield and Knox, Lakehurst for the period of one year beginning on January 1, 2018. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Ross Robertson. Carried.

**Recommendation 2:**

That Bill Grace be recertified as a candidate for ministry under the care of the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Ross Robertson. Carried.

**Recommendation 3:**

That Doug Brown be granted study leave from January 23-29 2018 to read and write a book review for Parabola magazine on Jordan Peterson's new book "12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos". Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Ross Robertson. Carried.

**2018 Draft Amended Budget**

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Budget**

<u>Expense Class</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2017 Expenses</u>	<u>2017 Expenses</u>	<u>2018</u>
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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>to</u>		<u>Budget</u>
		<u>October 31, 2017</u>	<u>Pro-forma</u>	
			<u>as at Dec</u>	
			<u>31,2017</u>	
Honoraria	4,600.00	2,300.00	4,600.00	5,060.00
Postage	150.00	213.75	250.00	250.00
Stationery & Office	500.00	647.18	700.00	750.00
Travel	2,000.00	1,723.60	2,500.00	4,000.00
Meals - General				
Assembly	1,300.00	650.00	650.00	1,300.00
Insurance	1,500.00	1,386.45	1,386.45	1,500.00
Student Tuition	3,400.00	1,950.00	1,950.00	2,000.00
Student Assessment	775.00	825.00	825.00	0.00
Youth Budget\Projects	1,000.00	175.00	175.00	1,000.00
Clerk’s Conference				550.00
Audit	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
M&O Conference	1,000.00	1000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mission Donation				
Web Site		22.59	<u>22.59</u>	<u>25.00</u>
<i>Total Presbytery</i>	16,375.00	7,882.64	14,209.04	17,585.00
Synod	18,779.00	18,779.00	18,779.00	19,588.00
<i>Total</i>	35,154.00	26,661.64	32,988.04	37,173.00
<i>Trent Chaplaincy Levy</i>	<u>10,500.00</u>		<u>10,500.00</u>	
	<u>45,654.00</u>	<u>26,661.64</u>	<u>43,488.04</u>	<u>37,173.00</u>
<i>Less Specific Reserve Funds</i>				
Youth Budget\Projects				
Elder Education				
Conference	1,000.00			1,000.00
Trent Chaplaincy Reserve				
<i>Budgetary Requirement</i>	<u>44,654.00</u>			<u>36,173.00</u>
<i>Units available</i>	2,046			1,962.5
<i>Levy/Unit Approved</i>	19.50			
	9.10	Synod Levy /Unit		9.98
		Break even/unit		18.43
		Recommended Levy is \$18.00 /unit		35,325.00

Announcements and Reminders:

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**New Business:**

- **Auditor:** Treasurer, Bill Hoyle - Tom Williams has agreed to review the books and provide a letter of review, for an honorarium of \$150.00. Recommendation: that we name Tom Williams to do an annual review of the Presbytery books. Moved by Bill Hoyle. Seconded by Dennis Carpenter. Carried.
- **Harold Abernethy** - presented a cheque to the Clerk for the repayment of \$18,100.00 to the HOPE Fund from the congregation of St Andrew’s Warkworth to support this congregation through the end of the 2 point congregation and final financial obligations.

**Announcements;**

- **Joan Smith - change of address** - 415-155 Toronto Road, Port Hope L1A4A1
- **Diane Dycke - update of incorrect address** - 23 Cortland Cr
- **Linda Park - Email update** - [lpark@standrewslindsay.com](mailto:lpark@standrewslindsay.com)
- **Roger Millar** - Bill C51 -- Federal Parliament in June - removal of 176 of criminal code which provided protection to ministers while speaking which may be counter to government policy. Roger reported that there was such a loud protest to the removal, that Prime Minister Trudeau announced they have backed away from removing that section of the bill. Ministers can continue to speak and be assured they are protected.
- **Moment of silence** for the people killed in Texas.
- Fred Stewart asked for prayers for his daughter Kate who is very sick and waiting for transplants.
- Prayers were asked for Mara, daughter of Dale and Reg McMillan, as she is also very sick.

Sabrina closed with prayers.

1:30 pm - Motion to adjourn. Moved by Terry Ingram.

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Moderator, Sabrina Ingram

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Clerk, Janet Halstead