

Minutes – The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough September 15, 2020 - Emergent Meeting 9:30 am – ZOOM meeting, due to Covid-19

The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough met in Emergent session on ZOOM on Tuesday September 15 in the year of our Lord, 2020.

Attendance:

Ministers on the constituent roll: Baird, Jonathan; Blane, Ann; Ellis, Neil; Frith, Kathy; Huberts, Henry; Ingram, Sabrina; Kim, Caleb; Park, Linda; Quick, Bob;

Elders voting: Abernethy, Harold; Hoyle, Bill; Inglis, Esther; MacEachern, Robert; MacMaster, Jim; Marnoch, Garry; Mitchell, Roberta; Robertson, Ross; Smith, Sheryl; Wallace, Susan; Williams, Tom;

Ministers on the appendix to the roll: Clifton, Lloyd; Grace, Barney; Ibrahim, Rani; Ingram, Terry; Wallace, Ron,

Others present for all or part on the day included: Halstead, Janet; Pitcher, Marilyn; Smith, Jim;

Women’s Missionary: n/a

Regrets: Beaton, Sandy; Carpenter, Dennis; Cunningham, Tom; de Jong, Rick; Gordon, Dorcas; Hartai, Helen; Horne, Cheryl;

9:50 am – Worship and Service of Recognition for Rani Ibrahim as pastor to The Newcomers – Rev Jonathan Baird

Unfortunately, Moderator Jim Smith was unable to lead, due to technology problems. Rev Neil Ellis agreed to Moderate the meeting.

Clerk, Janet Halstead read the Narration of Steps and the presentation of Rani Ibrahim to Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery members gathered for the meeting.

“As the Deer Pants” was played as the hymn, followed by prayer, lead by Jonathan.

Jonathan’s message to and for Rani was based on Gideon’s story. The first message Rani gave to our Presbytery several years ago was based on the story of Gideon.

Jonathan lead a prayer, which was followed by the hymn “Because He Lives”.

Neil read the preamble, posed the questions to Rani, and then posed the questions to members of LPP.

Janet talked to the signing of the Formula, and Rani closed the service giving the benediction.

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10:30 am - Constitute the Court with prayer – Rev Neil Ellis

Executive Committee Report

Executive Report Presenter, Rev Dr Terry Ingram spoke to housekeeping items – voting process on ZOOM, and muting processes that will be used during the meeting.

- 1. Recommendation:** that the Docket, which includes all reports listed in the final Working Papers, for September 15, 2020, be received as amended to include new business. Moved by Bill Hoyle. Seconded by Tom Williams, amended to add the Rep Elders for St Stephen's, Interim Moderator Reports from Terry Ingram and an M&P report from Neil Ellis. Carried.
- 2. Recommendation:** that the minutes of June 29, 2020 Regular Presbytery Meeting (ZOOM) be accepted. Moved by Bill Hoyle. Seconded by Tom Williams. Carried.
- 3. Recommendation:** that the following >recommendations be part of a consent agenda - recommendations 4-9,11. Moved by Bill Hoyle. Seconded by Tom Williams. Carried.
- 4. >Recommendation:** that the Special Committee appointed to create the Payroll Guidelines policy be disbanded, as the document was passed at the June 2020 meeting, and disbursed to all members for immediate use.
- 5. >Recommendation:** that the Committee on Committees be disbanded and that any responsibilities for any committee activities co-ordination be referred to Clerk for action.
- 6. >Recommendation:** that Kathy Firth be appointed as Interim Moderator as of Sept 1 for St Andrew's Norwood and St Andrew's Campbellford.
- 7. >Recommendation:** That the following Representative Elders and Alternate Reps be confirmed:

St Andrew's Lindsay – Susan Wallace as Rep Elder, and Deb Smith as Alternate Rep

St Giles' Peterborough – Evelyn Collins as Rep Elder – no Alternate named.

St Stephens, Peterborough – Tom Williams as Rep Elder – Rosemarie Delahey as Alternate Rep.

St John's Port Perry – Pat McNenley as Rep Elder, and John Sanderson as Alternate Rep

St Andrew's Warkworth & Hastings – Harold Abernethy as Rep Elder, and Doug Carlaw as Alternate Rep

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8. >Correspondence for Information:

That the following correspondence be received for Information:

- a. **Numerous emails and phone calls regarding church services** available throughout Lindsay Peterborough during the shut down for Covid-19 Pandemic. Clerk distributed weekly list of services available to LPP.
- b. **Email request from a member of LPP** looking for a form on the Presbyterian.ca website. Clerk assisted and responded with the location.
- c. **Email from a member of a congregation asking for confirmation of numbers** allowed for a wedding. Clerk responded.
- d. **Letter from PCC** – Stephen Kendell, re: Overtures and Petitions from 2020 GA referred to GA 2021. Updates have been posted to Presbyterian.ca/gao/ga2020.
- e. **Letter from PCC** – Stephen Kendell, asking for nominations for Moderator of the 2021 GA – deadline of November 30, 2020.
- f. **Letter from PCC** – Stephen Kendell – Re: Overtures and Petitions for GA 2021 – deadline is April 1, 2021.
- g. **Email from Rev Anita Sipos** with new email address: standrew2m@bell.net
- h. **Letter from ServiceOntario** re: Marriage Licenses – 3-month Validity Period, due to Covid-19 interruptions and delays.
- i. **Email request from a minister** confirming holidays and study leave while on short-term leave. Clerk contacted PCC and sent the required response.
- j. **Email request from Township of Brock** to provide the name and address of contact for payment of late bills. Clerk provided name and address and asked that the Clerk be copied on all responses.
- k. **Healthy Buildings Web Cam discussion and presentation.** With the arrival of colder weather, the ongoing pandemic and the fact that the virus is air-borne, we have been given the opportunity as members of Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery to take part in a presentation. Anyone who is interested should be in direct contact with Rev Dr Doug Brown, who will facilitate this program. Doug's email is:
chloe@eagle.ca
Doug will report back to LPP on the workshop, and where other members may access the results on utube.

9. >Correspondence Referred:

that the following correspondence be referred:

- a. **Insurance Billings** received June 29, 2020 from Marsh for LPP, and forwarded to Treasurer, Bill Hoyle to be paid and submitted.
- b. **Beacan report from CLC re:** sale of Cannington property– referred to Executive. See CLC report in these Working Papers.
- c. **Letters from Beacan Session and Martin Cole.** Received and referred to Executive Committee for further investigation.
- d. **Letter received from Beacan Clerk regarding sale of Cannington property** – referred to CLC.

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- e. **Email received from Cheryl Horne**, resigning effective immediately, as Interim Moderator of St Andrew's Norwood and St Andrew's Campbellford, and as chair of Ministry & Personnel. Referred to Executive Committee.
- 10. As Information**, the Executive Committee have determined that the next LPP meeting (Tuesday, October 20, 2020) will be held on ZOOM.
- 11. >Recommendation:** that the next regular meeting of the Presbytery be held Tuesday October 20, 2020 at 9:30 am on ZOOM.

Congregational Life Committee –

Recommendations: 1. That Beacan Presbyterian Church be given authorization to proceed to sell the property in Cannington and proceeds from sale be used exclusively for reduction of mortgage held by TD Canada Trust. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Carried.

Recommendation 2. That that the congregation report back to Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery on their new fiscal plan. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Carried.

Recommendation 3: that in consultation with the new owner...some form of recognition of Knox's presence in the community...a plaque of sorts... be erected. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Rev. Ann Blane, Convener of the Congregational Life Committee

Ministry and Personnel – Neil Ellis

Linda Park stepped in as moderate this report, as Neil Ellis brought forward the M&P report.

Recommendation 1: That Rev. Cheryl Horne be placed on indefinite sick leave effective Wednesday September 16, 2020. Moved by Neil. Seconded by Ross Robertson. Carried.

Recommendation 2: That Rev. Ann Blane be appointed Interim-Moderator of Old St. Andrew's, Colborne effective Wednesday September 16, 2020. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Ross Robertson. Carried.

Neil Ellis resumed as moderator.

Mission and Outreach

Linda Park stepped back in as moderator of the meeting as Neil Ellis wished to participate in discussion of report.

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Recommendation 1. That Lindsay- Peterborough Presbytery grant approval to Mission & Outreach Committee to apply on behalf of the Newcomer`s Mission for a grant from Canadian Ministries in the amount of \$40,000.00. Application is being made under St Paul`s, but is an appointment under LPP. The Newcomers is administered under St Paul`s. Moved by Tom Williams. Seconded by Jonathan Baird. Carried.

Recommendation 2. That Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery appoint Pastor Rani Ibrahim Lay Missionary for the period of September 2020 to September 2021. Moved by Tom Williams. Seconded by Jonathan Baird. Carried.

Recommendation 3. That Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery cover pension and benefits for Pastor Rani Ibrahim. Moved by Tom Williams. Seconded by Jonathan Baird. Discussion followed on LPP budget costs of \$13,500.00, to be in effect Jan 1, 2021.

Motion to defer. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Bob Quick. Carried.

Recommendation 4. That Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery grant approval to Mission & Outreach Committee to apply on behalf of Newcomer`s Mission for funding from other sources. Moved by Tom Williams. Seconded by Jonathan Baird. Carried.

Recommendation 5. That Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery grant approval to Mission & Outreach Committee to apply on behalf of Living Waters Mission for a grant from Canadian Ministries in the amount of \$40,000. Moved by Tom Williams. Seconded by Caleb Kim. Carried.

Recommendation 6. That Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery grant approval to Mission & Outreach Committee to apply on behalf of Living Water`s Mission for a grant of \$30,000.00 from the HOPE fund. Moved by Tom Williams. Seconded by Bob Quick. Carried.

Recommendation 7. That Lindsay-Peterborough Presbytery grant approval to Mission & Outreach Committee to apply on behalf of Living Water`s Mission for funding from other sources. Moved by Tom Williams. Seconded by Caleb Kim. Carried.

A – Breadalbane Cemetery – Ad hoc Report

Recommendation 1: that the Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough concurs that the Breadalbane church building and cemetery belong to the Trustee board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Moved by Bill Hoyle. Seconded by Sheryl Smith. Carried.

Recommendation 2: that the Breadalbane Cemetery Committee be disbanded. Moved by Bill Hoyle. Seconded by Sheryl Smith. Carried.

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Interim Moderator Reports -

Reports received from

Ballyduff - Rev Lloyd Clifton

Wick - Rev Lloyd Clifton

St. Andrew's Warkworth-Hastings - Neil Ellis

Knox, Lakehurst and St. Andrew's, Lakefield – Sabrina Ingram

Recommendation. 1 That Knox, Lakehurst and St. Andrew's, Lakefield be permitted to proceed with an amalgamation plan under the leadership of the Interim-moderator. Moved by Bob Quick. Seconded by Linda Park. Carried.

Recommendation. 2 That the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough grant permission for the sale of the building and the land of 770 Lakehurst Road, the Lakehurst church and property . Moved by Bob Quick. Seconded by Linda Park. Carried.

St. John's, Port Perry – Terry Ingram

St. Paul's Peterborough. – Terry Ingram

11:51 - Motion to adjourn. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Carried.

Moderator pro tem, Neil Ellis, closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator pro tem, Neil Ellis

Clerk, Janet Halstead