

Minutes – The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough April 20, 2021 - Meeting 9:30 am – ZOOM meeting, due to Covid-19

*The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough met in Regular session on ZOOM on Tuesday April 20 in
the year of our Lord, 2021.*

Attendance:

Ministers on the constituent roll: Atkins, Angelica; Blane, Ann; Brown, Doug; Cunningham, Tom; Ellis, Neil; Firth, Kathy; Huberts, Henry; Ingram, Sabrina; Kim, Caleb; Park, Linda; Quick, Bob; Sipos, Anita.

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

Ministers on the appendix to the roll: Beaton, Sandy; Grace, Barney; Ingram, Terry; Wallace, Ron

Others present for all or part on the day included: Flett-Hurst, Elaine; Graham, Dave; Halstead, Janet; Ibrahim, Rani; Pitcher, Marilyn; Smith, Jim; Thomas, Catherine; (Beacan / Gamebridge): Helen Bifford, Ron Bifford, Nancy Giffords, Martin Cole, Tammie Hall, Debby Bell, Sara Bell, Mandy Bell, Henry's wife, Renee Weavers, Nancy Briggs, Robert Myles, Esther Inglis, Martin Cole.

Women's Missionary: Brackenridge, Carolyn

Regrets: Collins, Evelyn; Hartai, Helen;

9:30 am – Worship, lead by Rev Kathy Firth.

Worship was followed by the constituting of the Court and then prayer, by Moderator Jim Smith

Executive Committee Report

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Executive Report Presenter, Rev Dr Terry Ingram.

- 1. Recommendation:** that the Docket, which includes all reports listed in the final Working Papers, for April 20, 2021, be received. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.
- 2. Recommendation:** that the minutes of February 18, 2021 Regular Presbytery Meeting (ZOOM) be accepted. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

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3. **Recommendation:** that the following >recommendations be part of a consent agenda - recommendations >4, 6, 9 - 12. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.
4. **>Recommendation:** that the following individuals represent Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery at a virtual General Assembly in June 2021: Rev Neil Ellis, Rev Ann Blane, Rev Linda Park, Jim Smith, Tom Williams, Janet Halstead..
5. **Recommendation:** that, as no Youth Representative has been named to represent Lindsay Peterborough, we relinquish this space for 2021 at General Assembly. Clerk will notify General Assembly team to offer this space to another presbytery. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.
6. **>Recommendation:** that the following be named as Representative Elders and Alternate Elders for July 2021 – June 30, 2022: Moved by Neil Ellis.
Beacan, Knox Gamebridge – Rep Elder - Roberta Mitchell, Alt Rep – Marilyn Pitcher
St Andrew’s, Cobourg – Rep Elder – Ross Robertson – no Alt named
St John’s, Cresswell – Rep Elder – Robert Snelgrove, Alt Rep – Gloria Johns
St Andrew’s Fenelon Falls and Knox, Glenarm – Rep Elder Bill Hoyle, Alt Rep – Stan Wray
St John’s, Manilla – Rep Elder Robert Snelgrove, Alt Rep – Gloria Johns
St Paul’s, Peterborough – Rep Elder Sheryl Smith, Alt Rep – Eric Prugh
7. **Recommendation:** That LPP endorse the application of St John’s Port Perry to apply to the Cooke’s Fund for \$25,710 for flooring repairs on their first floor. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried. None opposed.
8. **Recommendation:** That LPP endorse the application of St John’s Port Perry to apply to the McBain-Barker Fund for \$10,000.00 for flooring repairs on their first floor. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.
9. **>Recommendation:** That the following represent Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery, along with their Rep Elders at the November Saturday virtual meeting of Synod: Rev Caleb Kim and Rev Linda Park.

As Information: The Executive Committee determined that it would transfer the HOPE Fund Bank Account from National Bank, Peterborough to Scotiabank Peterborough, effective immediately.

10. >Correspondence As Information:

That the following correspondence be received as information:

- a. Cooke’s Fund – email confirmation of \$7,000 successful grant to Living Waters - Rev Jonathan Baird.

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- b. Cooke's Fund – email confirmation of \$20,000 successful grant to The Newcomers (St Paul's Peterborough).
- c. Several email requests for "persons of Faith" letters for covid vaccines. Clerk completed and returned.
- d. Email request for information regarding student minister for St Andrew's Burnbrae, then resolved – see Interim Moderator reports.
- e. Annual Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery statistical statistics completed and submitted by Clerk.

11.>Correspondence Referred:

That the following correspondence be referred:

- a. **Letter from National Bank** announcing they are closing the Peterborough branch and amalgamating with Oshawa branch as of July 1. Referred to Executive Committee.

12.>Recommendation: that the next regular meeting of the Presbytery be held Tuesday June 15, 2021 at 9:30 am on ZOOM, with host St Stephen's Peterborough.

10:00 – stated hour – St Paul's, Peterborough Call –

Call to a minister of Word and Sacraments and guarantee to presbytery of stipend

We, the professing members of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Peterborough, 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, Debora Rolls, to become the minister of this congregation at 70% time. 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, Debora Rolls, may be free to devote yourself to ministry of Word and Sacraments among us, we the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Peterborough hereby guarantee to the Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that out of our estimated annual revenue of \$181,200 we promise and obligate ourselves to provide you, as a first charge thereon, the following annually:

Annual Stipend (inclusive of travel allowance)	\$ 27,700 (39,554 @ 70%)
Housing/Rental allowance	\$ 11,830 (16,900 @ 70%)
Cost of utilities	\$ 2,520 (3,600 @ 70%)

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Total \$ 42,050 (60,054 @ 70%)

We agree to make payments of the above amounts on the first day of each month and agree to adjust 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 at least the minimum allowance as set by the General Assembly.
2. That the benefits of number 1 above shall be cumulative up to five years.
3. To provide five weeks vacation annually, which shall be used in the year they are given.
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.

Attestation of call by officiating minister

I hereby certify that in pursuance of appointment of the Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough this call has been moderated in, and that out of a total number of **109 professing members, 96 have requested an elder to subscribe to same.**

Attestation of concurrence by officiating minister

I hereby certify that **11 adherents** of the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Peterborough, have this day signed this concurrence to the call in favour of Debora Rolls.

Recommendation 1: that the actions of the Interim moderator be sustained.

Moved by Sheryl Smith. Seconded by Angelica Atkins. Carried.

Recommendation 2: that the call be received and considered. Moved by Sheryl Smith. Seconded by Angelica Atkins. Carried.

Recommendation 3: that representatives from St. Paul's be heard. Sheryl Smith, Elaine Flett-Hurst, Janet Halstead, Dave Graham and Catherine Thomas all spoke to support the call. Moved by Sheryl Smith. Seconded by Angelica Atkins. Carried.

Recommendation 4: that the call be sustained and transmitted to the Presbytery of Brampton as a regular gospel call. Moved by Sheryl Smith. Seconded by Angelica Atkins. Carried.

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Recommendation 5: that should the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough receive a request from Debora Rolls to be ordained elsewhere, we grant permission. Moved by Sheryl Smith. Seconded by Angelica Atkins. Carried. None opposed.

Recommendation 6: that the Moderator, Clerk and Interim Moderator be authorized to set the date and service of Ordination and/or Induction of Debora Rolls into the pastoral charge of St. Paul's. Moved by Sheryl Smith. Seconded by Angelica Atkins. Carried. None opposed.

Congregational Life Committee – Ann Blane

Verbal and written report given.

Recommendation: that the report be accepted. Moved by Ann Blane, seconded by Tom Williams. Carried.

10:30 am – Stated Hour - Review of Ministry – Beacan and Knox, Gamebridge:

The report was presented by Rev. Ron Wallace, Convenor. The following congregational members present: Marilyn Pitcher, Roberta Mitchell, Helen Bifford, Ron Bifford, Nancy Giffords, Martin Cole, Tammie Hall, Debby Bell, Sara Bell, Mandy Bell, Henry's wife, Renee Weavers, Nancy Briggs, Robert Myles, Esther Inglis, Martin Cole. Those who spoke: Nancy Briggs (Beacan), Bob Miles (Knox, Gamebridge, Debby Bell, Renee Weavers, Tammie Hall, Robert Myles, Esther Inglis, Henry Huberts, Martin Cole.

1. **Recommendation:** That the pastoral tie between the congregations of Beacan Presbyterian Church, and Knox, Gamebridge Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Henry Huberts be dissolved, effective April 30, 2021. Moved by Esther Inglis. Seconded by Neil Ellis. Carried.
2. **Recommendation:** That the Rev Dr Terry Ingram be appointed Interim Moderator of the Beacan and Knox, Gamebridge pastoral charge, effective May 1, 2021. Moved by Esther Inglis. Seconded by Neil Ellis. Carried.
3. **Amended Recommendation:** That there be an Emergent Meeting of Presbytery on Monday, April 26 at 9:30 a.m., to approve the terms of the Settlement Agreement between the Rev. Henry Huberts, and the congregations of Beacan and Knox, Gamebridge Presbyterian Churches. Moved by Esther Inglis. Seconded by Neill Ellis. Carried.

Moderator, Jim Smith thanked Ron Wallace, Esther Inglis and Neil Ellis for their difficult work and resulting report and recommendations.

Jim Smith, Moderator, lead us in prayer, asking for God's help and support for the congregations of both churches, and the members.

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Ministry and Personnel – Neil Ellis presented the report.

Recommendations

1. That Rani Ibrahim be re-certified as a candidate for ministry. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Sabrina Ingram. Carried.

The committee encourages Rani to pursue his ESL accreditation as soon as possible in order to resume studies at one of the Presbyterian Church in Canada's theological colleges.

2. That Rev. Kathy Firth be reappointed to the congregation of St. John's Creswell effective June 6, 2021 through June 5, 2022. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Sabrina Ingram. Carried.
3. That the congregation of St. Andrew's Burnbrae be given permission to search for and hire a student on summer appointment. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Sabrina Ingram. Carried.
4. That Rev. Henry Huberts be granted permission to take study leave from April 27-30 for self-directed study related to preaching. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Sabrina Ingram. Carried.

Mission and Outreach Tom Williams presented the report.

Written and verbal report given.

Special Committees:

Hope Fund Report - April 9, 2021 –

Written and verbal report received.

Report of Committee to Investigate Complaint Mead vs. Brown.

Rev Linda Park sat in as Moderator, as Moderator Jim Smith had a conflict of interest for the following presentation and discussion.

Recommendation: that the court move to "Closed Court" for the purpose of discussion of the Mead v Brown report. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Sabrina Ingram. Carried.

At this point, all attendees who were not voting members of the court, left the ZOOM meeting. Rev Caleb Kim confirmed that only voting members remained in the meeting.

As the meeting, discussion and motions were "in Closed Court", those minutes are sealed, with the exception of the motion to submit a copy of the report and

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recommendations to the Clerk of Session at St Paul's, Port Hope.

Interim Moderator Reports

St Paul's Peterborough – written report – Rev Dr Terry Ingram

St Andrew's Campbellford, and St Andrew's Norwood – written report – Rev Kathy Firth

Old St. Andrew's Colborne – written report - Rev. Ann Blane

St Andrew's Lakefield – verbal report – Rev Sabrina Ingram

Woodville and Bolsover – verbal report – Rev Caleb Kim

Announcements:

12:24 - Motion to adjourn. Moved by Ann Blane.

Moderator, Jim Smith, adjourned the meeting and closed with prayer.