

Minutes – The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough February 15, 2022 – Regular Meeting 9:30 am – ZOOM meeting, due to Covid-19

The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough met in Regular session on ZOOM on Tuesday February 15 in the year of our Lord, 2022.

Attendance:

Ministers on the constituent roll: Blane, Ann; Brown, Doug; Cunningham Tom; Ellis, Neil; Firth, Kathy; Ingram, Terry; Kim, Caleb; Park, Linda; Quick, Bob; Rolls, Debora; Sipos, Anita;

Elders voting: Abernethy, Harold; Breckenridge, Carolyn; DeJong, Rick; Hoyle, Bill; Jamieson, Kay; MacEachern, Robert; MacMaster, Jim; McNenly, Pat; McQuillin, Barry; Marnoch, Garry; Mitchell, Roberta; Robertson, Ross; Smith, Joan; Smith, Sheryl; Wallace, Susan; Williams, Tom.

Ministers on the appendix to the roll: Clifton, Lloyd; Grace, Barney; Wallace, Ron.

Others present for all or part on the day included: Halstead, Janet; Ibrahim, Rani; Simpson, Annette; Smith, Jim;

Women's Missionary: Breckenridge, Carolyn; Hoyle, Lizz;

Regrets:

9:30 am – Worship – St Giles' Peterborough – Rev Tom Cunningham
Tom spoke to his past few years, reminiscing about his love for ministry.

Moderator Susan Wallace constituted the meeting and with prayer.

Caleb Kim– ZOOM Host – spoke to recording the business meeting and electronic voting

Introductions:

Caleb Kim introduced Liz Hoyle as Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery Rep

Executive Committee Report – Terry Ingram

- 1. Recommendation:** that the Docket, which includes all reports and added items listed in the final Working Papers, for February 15, 2022, be received. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Caleb Kim. Carried.
- 2. Recommendation:** that the minutes of December 8, 2021 Emergent meeting be accepted. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Caleb Kim. Carried.
- 3. Recommendation:** that the following >recommendations be part of a consent agenda - recommendations > 8,9. Amended to remove 9. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Caleb Kim. Carried.

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- 4. Recommendation:** that Jim Smith be appointed as Treasurer of Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery, effective March 1, 2022, for a 3 -year term. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Caleb Kim. Defeated. This motion was defeated during the Sitting Alone segment of the meeting.

Motion to move to “sitting alone” for further discussion. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Caleb Kim. Carried.

Return to open meeting.

- 5. Recommendation:** As Kathy Firth is unable to attend General Assembly (Recommendation # 10 November 2021), that the representatives for General Assembly starting June 5, 2022 be: Rev Bob Quick, Rev Jonathan Baird and Rev Ann Blane and that the executive be able to name other alternates as required, along with a member of their congregations / committees. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Caleb Kim.
- 6. Recommendation:** that the Financial statements (Schedule A) for 2021 be accepted. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Caleb Kim. Carried.
- 7. Recommendation:** that Lindsay Peterborough members homologate the action of the Executive to appoint Rev Debora Rolls as a temporary signing officer on the LPP bank account, until a treasurer is appointed and a 3rd signature is in place. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Caleb Kim. Carried.

As information – The Executive discussed the situation of a shortage of ministers available to be appointed as Interim Moderators, as moved by Sabrina Ingram at the November LPP meeting. Further investigation is taking place, a number of members are attending a presentation presented by Kingston Presbytery on ZOOM on Feb 15 with Tim Purvis of PCC, and an updated report of all findings will be made at the April LPP meeting.

As Information – the Clerk’s Consult for 2022 has been pushed out to April 14 – 17, 2023.

As information – General Assembly will be Virtual June 5 – 8, 2022.

As information – LPP banking has all been relocated to Scotiabank Peterborough.

- 8. >Correspondence As Information:**

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that the following correspondence be received as information:

- a. 3 emails from members of LPP regarding request for information added to email response to Guidelines to Dealing with Mental Health.
- b. Email from Liz Brewer confirming status of Rani Ibrahim, as a candidate for ministry. Sent a copy of our Roll.
- c. LPP Statistical Data completed and returned to PCC.
- d. Letter received from Knox, Gamebridge informing LPP of Session decision regarding their decision on performing marriages within Knox. Clerk filed their letter, as we are not tracking decisions, nor is PCC.
- e. Rev Helen Hartai has relocated to Stouffville, but wishes to remain in Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery as she is involved at Port Perry and does pulpit supply there.

9. Correspondence Referred: Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Caleb Kim. Carried.

- a. Email from Judy Pettey, Trent Hills, regarding Covid attendance policy at churches within LPP. Referred to Old St Andrew's Colborne and St Andrew's Cobourg.
- b. 4 email positive responses to sending out December issue of "History of congregational worship without ministers". Appreciated the article and the timing.
- c. Request for paper copies of all emails distributed to members of LPP, as no one within the congregation of Knox, Havelock has access to internet. Referred to the Executive Committee. Following discussion at the Executive meeting, the following is the response to this request: As this is the way we now do business, we encourage individuals to gain access to Wi-Fi and internet, as they will be isolated and unable to have access to timely information, and are currently not participating in LPP meetings. **Amended motion** that we send paper copies of minutes and important information to Knox, Havelock. Moved by Tom Cunningham. Seconded by Doug Brown. Carried.

10. Recommendation: that the next regular meeting of Lindsay Peterborough Presbytery be held Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 9:30 am with ZOOM host Knox, Bobcaygeon. Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Caleb Kim. Carried.

Congregational Life Committee – Rev. Ann Blane

Recommendations:

- a. That LPP offer short workshops and other resources (e.g. videos) in concert with other presbyteries such as West Toronto on different ways of doing ministry, and

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- on easing workloads for church leaders. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Sheryl Smith. Carried
- b. That LPP invite Rev. Tim Purvis, Associate Secretary of Ministry and Church Vocations in PCC, do Ministry a Zoom workshop on mental health challenges in COVID times. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Sheryl Smith. Carried.
 - c. That LPP support the overture from Knox Waterloo regarding an increase in funds available from EAP for mental health counselling from \$300 to \$2500 per year, to be presented to General Assembly in 2022. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Sheryl Smith. Carried.
 - d. That the Re-Vision Team write an Interim Report for presbytery's September 2022 meeting, with further recommendations. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded by Sheryl Smith. Carried.

Ministry and Personnel – Rev Neil Ellis.

Recommendation 1

That the Rev. Caleb Kim be granted study leave from Nov. 7 to Nov. 21, 2022, for having self-directed learning, planning, and preparing for the Advent and the Upcoming Christian Year in worship. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Bob Quick. Carried.

Recommendation 2

That the Rev. Tom Cunningham be given permission to retire effective April 1, 2022. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Bob Quick. Carried.

Recommendation 3

That the Rev. Linda Park be appointed as Interim Moderator for the St. Giles/Centerville pastoral charge, effective April 1, 2022. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Bob Quick. Carried.

Recommendation 4

That Rev. Neil Ellis be removed as Interim Moderator for St. Andrew's Bowmanville, effective February 28, 2022. Moved by Doug Brown. Seconded by Bob Quick. Carried.

Recommendation 5

That the Rev. David Copper be appointed as Interim Moderator for St. Andrew's Bowmanville, effective March 1, 2022. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Bob Quick. Carried.

Mission and Outreach – Caleb Kim

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Recommendation 1: that we ask Presbytery to approve the submission of an application to the HOPE Fund for a grant of \$5,000.00 payable to Vision Ministries Canada for the Christians for Trent ministry for the year 2021. (Previously approved by Presbytery on February 16, 2021). Moved by Caleb Kim. Seconded by Tom Williams. Ruled Out of order by the Moderator – see recommendation from February 2021. Mission & Outreach need to send the application to the Hope Fund, based on recommendation from February 2021.

Interim Moderator Reports:

Written report from Terry Ingram for Knox Gamebridge and Beacan congregations with the following recommendations:

Recommendation 1: (T Ingram/R. Mitchell) that the Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough reconsider the following motion, “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 Terry Ingram. Seconded by Roberta Mitchell. Carried.

Recommendation 2 – that the congregation be given authorization to use \$400,000.00 of the proceeds of the sale to reduce the mortgage and the balance be used for operations expenses.

Moved by Terry Ingram. Seconded by Bill Hoyle. Carried.

Schedule A- Treasurer’s Report – Dec 31, 2021; HOPE Fund and letter from Auditor

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Treasurer's Report - December 31, 2021
Statement of Income and Expenditures

<u>Revenue</u>		<u>Expense Class</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>Expenditures</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>Budget</u>
Levy(2020)	1,537.50	Honoraria	5,060.00	5,060.00
Levy(2021)	29,391.50	Postage	108.25	100.00
		Stationery & Office	161.74	500.00
		Travel	482.83	2,500.00
		Meals - General Assembly	0.00	0.00
		Insurance	1,412.00	1,500.00
		Student Tuition	0.00	1,000.00
		Youth Projects	0.00	1,000.00
		Clerk's Conference	0.00	200.00
		Opening Scotiabank Acct	500.00	0.00
		Audit	150.00	150.00
		Education & Conferences	0.00	500.00
		Web Site	22.59	<u>25.00</u>
		HOPE Fund Remittences		
		Total Presbytery	7,897.41	12,535.00
		Synod	16,953.00	16,953.00
		Total	24,850.41	29,488.00
Opening Balance	<u>28,216.98</u>	Closing Balance	<u>34,295.57</u>	
	<u>59,145.98</u>		<u>59,145.98</u>	

Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balance 31/12/20	17,343.95	Bank Balance 31/12/21	23180.79
O/S Cheques	<u>241.75</u>	O/S Cheques	<u>0.00</u>
	17,102.20		23,180.79
Term Deposit (1)	<u>11,114.78</u>	Term Deposit (1)	<u>11,114.78</u>
Total Closing Balance	<u>28,216.98</u>	Total Closing Balance	<u>34,295.57</u>
(1) Matures March 18, 2022		(1) Cashed Dec 31, 2021	
		Transferred To Scotiabank Ptbo Jan 5, 2022	34,295.57
<u>Dec 31/20 Outstanding Cheques</u>		<u>Dec 31/21 Outstanding Cheques</u>	
1422 241.75 Pd.Jan 6, 2021		O/S 0.00	
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H.O.P.E. Fund

Financial Statement for the Period January 1 - December 31, 2021

National Bank of Canada Opening Balance	18,645.31	
Bank Interest/Charges - net	-5.00	
Grant for Living Waters Mission	-10,000.00	
Transferred to Scotiabank Ptbo	-8,640.31	
Closing Balance (Apr 23 2021)		0.00
Scotiabank Peterborough		
Opening Balance Apr 23, 2021	8,640.31	
Loan to Woodvile Repayment	7,000.00	
Presbytery Collections	265.75	
Bank Charges	-27.27	
Grant for Living Waters Mission	-15,000.00	
Closing Balance		878.79
Assante Fund Opening Balance	121,556.93	
Transfer -to/+from Bank	0.00	
Investment Gain/Loss	12,695.33	
Closing Balance		134,252.26
Total Cash Assets available		135,131.05
Accounts Receivable		
Loan to Woodville		54,000.00
Total Hope Fund		189,131.05
Student Fund		
Opening Balance Assante	36,445.86	
Investment Gain/Loss	3,852.89	
Closing Balance	40,298.75	

“The Assante funds are invested with in CI’s Evolution platform. The portfolios are diversified not only across asset classes such as equities, bonds and real estate, but also by country, market capitalization, and industry sector. It is, vulnerable to market conditions and will appreciate or decline as these change. It is rated as a low to medium risk.”

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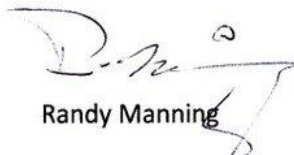
Subject: Auditor's Report 2021

I have reviewed the Financial Statements for the General Account of the Presbytery for the year ended December 31, 2021 as prepared by your treasurer. As part of this review, I have reviewed the deposit activity and the expenses incurred to ensure that they were reported and properly authorized. In my opinion, these financial statements properly reflect the financial position as December 31, 2021.

As part of this audit, I also reviewed the activity of the H.O.P.E. fund verifying all deposits, disbursements and charges as to the proper documentation and authorizations, checked the bank reconciliation and the Assante Investment documentation and the earnings/ losses from those investments

Bill Hoyle should be commended for his preparation of the documentation and assistance during the course of this review.

Yours truly,



Randy Manning

Schedule B – Peterborough Presbyterial Report

Peterborough Presbyterial Report

Covid has had a large impact on many things especially meetings. We have met twice in 2021 once in July when we reviewed our roster for 2020-2021, needless to say events did not unfold as we hoped. The National Women's gathering for 2022 has been cancelled as well as other meetings. We met again in November, at this time we received notice that Cobourg Marce L. Wood Auxiliary has disbanded, we will miss these ladies. This brings me to a sad conclusion, the future of our Presbyterial is hanging on a thread. There is only one WMS group and 5 friends of WMS in our Presbyterial. Funding for mission support at last report I saw is down over \$100,000.00.

Our prayers are needed for our Missions and Congregations as they struggle with the lack of personal contact and funding. As doors are closing, offerings are declining putting a strain on sessions, boards and members.

Carolyn Brackenridge

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As I prepared to write this, I reread the reports I had submitted in previous years, enjoying the memories of speakers and events. It disappoints me that I have so little to report for this past year of 2021!

Lindsay Presbyterial has not met since October 2019 due to the pandemic. Under normal circumstances we would meet 3 times a year. The groups comprising this Presbyterial are Beacan, Bobcaygeon, Cresswell, Glenarm, Lindsay and Uxbridge . (Of these 6 groups, 1 has folded in 2022, and 2 are considering.) In 2020 the Knox Presbyterian Women from Cannington joined the Beacan Presbyterian Women to form one group. The 2 congregations had already joined several years earlier but the women’s groups kept their own identity until recently. Synodical was not held in 2020, but in 2021 a meeting was held via zoom, with the Rev. Dr. Pat Dutcher-Wallis as speaker. Plans are underway for the 2022 Synodical, again via zoom. During the past year, WMS Council has presented a series of monthly “Come Together” events via zoom, available to all. A few of the speakers have been Rev. Amanda Currie, Rev. Emmanuel Ariel from India, and Yvonne Bearbull from the Kenora Fellowship Centre. The November event celebrated Pauline Brown’s 70th anniversary of mission service to India. (See the write-up in the winter 2021 issue 20 of Presbyterian Connection.)

Financial support for WMS National has been drastically reduced in the past 2 years. Two years of pandemic has taken its toll as most groups are unable to use their time and talents to raise funds. The future of WMS may be uncertain, but God is still moving and working in the world. Is it time to let go, and redefine what mission is?

Respectfully submitted, Lizz Hoyle Lindsay Presbyterial

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Ann Blane.

12:18 - Moderator, Susan Wallace, closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator, Susan Wallace

Clerk, Janet Halstead