

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
Kitchener, Ontario  
January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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### **DATE AND PLACE:**

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in Regular Session within St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kitchener Ontario on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Refreshments were served prior to the meeting – lemon, pumpkin and apple pie with ice cream and whipped cream.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**Ministers:** L. Ashfield, L. Bell, J. Borthwick, P. Garrison, M. Gedcke, J. Hamalainen, M. Lewis, B. Martin (Moderator), L. Paquette, M. Richardson, R. Sinasac, J. Smit, T. Smit, A. Sutherland, K. Vandermeij, K. Wübbenhorst

**Representative Elders:** L. Arbuckle, M. Blake, J. Crane, J. DeSchiffart, A. Foster, S. Grimwood, I. Howell, A. Israel, M. Koeslag, L. Moir, J. Patterson, R. Renton, R. Rowat, L. Samis, G. Scott, G. Schieven, Neil Stewart, E. Suggit

**Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll:** P. Kipfer, R. Spencer, M. Whitson

**Alternate Representative Elders:** H. Cleghorn, G. Ingram, J. MacDowell (Clerk), A. McNabb

**Students for the Ministry:** J. Foxall

**Retired Missionaries:** B. Geddes, J. Geddes

**Observers and Committee Members:** L. vanMossel

**W.M.S.:** Phyllis Stewart

**Guests:** Eun-Ju Chung – Intern Student at St. Giles, Cambridge, Rev. Margot Feyerer – Ecumenical Campus Minister, University of Guelph

### **REGRETS:**

**Ministers:** B. Ashfield, A. Botha, C. Kay, S. Ma, D. McCallum, M. Molengraaf, N. St. Louis, J. Veenstra, D. Wright

**Representative Elders:** J. deGroot, D. Henry, D. Kim, G. MacRobbie, J. McDougall, D. Rickers, Glennys Stewart, W. Welsh, J. Zaryski

**Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll:** J. Smith

**Alternate Representative Elders:** E. Fairbairn, M. Hunter

### **WORSHIP AND CONSTITUTION:**

The Rev. Mark Lewis led the worship service. The Rev. Janice Hamalainen read the scriptures of Lamentations 4:1-15 and 1 Peter 4:12-16. Rev. Mark's message was titled 'The Crankiest Day of the Year' which will be this Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Hymns, 'Be Still My Soul and 'O Sacred Head Sore Wounded' were under the wonderful music leadership of Douglas Haas. The Moderator, The Rev. Dr. Brice Martin did then constitute the Court in the name of Jesus Christ, the King and only Head of the Church.

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:**

The Moderator warmly welcomed everyone on the very cold and snowy eve and called for introductions. John Borthwick introduced Rev. Margot Feyerer, Ecumenical Ministry – University of Guelph. Penny Garrison re-introduced Eun-Ju Chung, Intern Student at St. Giles,

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Cambridge. Mark Lewis introduced David Sturtevant and Martha Fergusson, Christian Education Co-ordinator, both from St. Andrew's Kitchener.

**DOCKET:**

J. Patterson/A. Sutherland moved that the docket as printed, be approved. *CARRIED.*

**MINUTES:**

E. Suggit/G. Scott moved that the Minutes of November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 be approved as printed. *CARRIED.*

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The Clerk, Janet MacDowell, presented the Business Committee Report.

**Business Committee Report  
November, December 2008 and January 2009**

**1. Correspondence:**

08-123	From Elizabeth Bartlett, Assembly Office with Changes to the Roll	Clerk
08-124	From The Rev. Ian Fraser, Convenor of The Board of The Presbyterian Record, requesting nominations for the Board	Business Committee
08-125	From Kees Vandermeij, with an update for the transition prior to his retirement	Congregational Affairs
08-126	From Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Assembly Office, with acknowledgment of Remit A	Clerk
08-127	From Judy Haas, Pension and Benefit Board, with changes to the Treasurer information package	Treasurer
08-128	From Lynda Pinnington, Clerk of Session, Central Cambridge, with more information on a Bullying Workshop	Business Committee
08-129	From The Elders' Institute with this month's tip – Putting a Face to Ruling Eldership	Education, Issues and Fellowship
08-130	From Joan Smith, RCC Convenor, with information on Synod/Synodical's Youth Ministry Consultant – applications due by January 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2009	Business Committee
08-131	From John Matheson, Convenor of Cooke's Fund – with information and guidelines – due date February 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2009	Outreach

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08-132	From Mission and Outreach with an update on YIM, Group Opportunities, Healing and Reconciliation and Taiwan/Canada Youth Exchange	Outreach
08-133	From Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee requesting nominations for Delegates to the world Communion of Reformed Churches Uniting General Council June 18-28, 2010 (deadline February 29, 2009)	Business Committee
08-134	From Susan Shaffer with copies of Documents approved by General Assembly in 2008	General
08-135	From Karen Plater, Presbyterians Sharing with year end contribution information	Congregational Affairs
08-136	From Sidney Chang with an update on his time in Taiwan	Outreach
08-137	From Elders Institute with a Tip for Ruling Elders	Education, Issues and Fellowship
08-138	From Elizabeth Bartlett, Assembly Office, with Changes to the Roll	Clerk
08-139	From Karen Masterton, Justice Ministries, with information on Poverty Reduction Strategy	Outreach
08-140	From Connie Purvis, Staff Writer for The Presbyterian Record, hunting for news stories, especially Mission – new or ongoing	Outreach

**2. Matters to Note:**

a) The **Business Committee** will meet on Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 1000 hours within Westminster-St. Paul's Church, Guelph. **Education, Issues and Fellowship** to provide refreshments.

b) **Commissioners** to the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly to be held within The Presbytery of Hamilton. Opening worship is **June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009**.

**Ministers:** Penny Garrison X, Brooke Ashfield X, Don McCallum X (Convenor), Mark Gedcke X, Karla Wübbenhorst X, Sungho Ma X

**Sessions:** St. Andrew's Arthur (declined), Livingston Baden, Chalmers Winterbourne, Knox Crieff *Gwen MacRobbie* X, Waterloo North *Mary Ann Koeslag* X, Eden Mills *Eloise Gardiner* X, St. Andrew's Gordonville, St. Andrew's Hespeler *Margaret McKenzie-Leighton* X

**Alternates:** Calvin Kitchener, Knox Palmerston, Westminster-St. Paul's Guelph, Knox Guelph

X = acceptance

c) Business Committee would appreciate invitations for the meetings on **May 12<sup>th</sup>** and **June 16<sup>th</sup>**, 2009

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- d) Changes: *Lorna vanMossel*, Apt. 505, 50 Tillsley Dr. Kitchener N2E 3V3 *St. Andrew's Fergus* – standrewschurch@wightman.ca *Rev. James Wyllie* 076291 Grey Road 12, R.R. 3 Markdale N0C 1H0 *Rockwood* - Box 669, Rockwood, N0B 2K0
- e) Nominations for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee – correspondence 08-133
- f) The Moderator has named the Committee for Waterloo North Presbyterian Church. The Rev. John-Peter Smit (Convenor), The Rev. Dr. Arnold Bethune, The Rev. Dr. Linda Bell, Jim Zaryski (Harriston) and Liz Samis (Drayton)
- g) Ballots for Moderator of the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada are due in the Clerk's hands by March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

### 3. **Recommendations:**

- A. That the actions of The Business Committee in assigning the correspondence as designated, be homologated.
- B. That Central Presbyterian Church Cambridge be provided \$1000 (one thousand) to assist in a Presbytery-wide Bullying workshop to be held in January.
- C. That The Moderator and The Clerk be given 'power to issue' is completing the list of Commissioners to attend The 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly – opening worship on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- D. That the following be circulated in the Minutes and forwarded to The Presbyterian Record.

**MCCOMBIE, Dorothy** - On December 14, 2008, at Wellington Terrace, at the age of 75. Lovingly cared for by her nephew, Rick McCombie and his wife Joanne. Cherished daughter of the late Robert and late Mary McCombie. Remembered by her brothers, Robert (Shirley), Alex (Ruth), Jim and many nieces, nephews and extended family. Dorothy spent her career with the Guelph Correctional Centre and is a past Elder at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Fergus and a Diaconal Minister of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. A funeral service was held on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Fergus.

- A. Foster/K. Wübbenhorst moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*
- A. Foster/K. Wübbenhorst moved Recommendation A. *CARRIED.*
- A. Foster/K. Wübbenhorst moved Recommendation B. *DEFEATED.*
- A. Foster/K. Wübbenhorst moved Recommendation C. *CARRIED.*
- A. Foster/K. Wübbenhorst moved Recommendation D. *CARRIED.*

### **Report as a Whole:**

- A. Foster/K. Wübbenhorst moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

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**STATED HOUR:**

Margot Feyerer, Ecumenical Campus Ministry at The University of Guelph, spoke of the Wonderful work that she is doing and provided some information on an upcoming workshop on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 – 'Outside the Faith'.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Education, Issues and Fellowship Committee:**

Karla Wübbenhorst, Convenor, reported for the Committee.

K. Wübbenhorst/R. Rowat moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

K. Wübbenhorst/R. Rowat moved that David Sturtevant, from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kitchener be the Young Adult Representative to the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. *CARRIED.*

**Report as a Whole:**

K. Wübbenhorst/R. Rowat moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

**Outreach Committee:**

No Report.

**Congregational Affairs Committee:**

The Convenor, Andrew Foster, reported for the committee.

Andrew Foster/P. Garrison moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

The Rev. Kees Vandermey spoke to the Court about the wonderful process of transition that has already begun in his two congregations.

Andrew Foster/P. Garrison moved that, at the request of the congregations, The Presbytery appoint an Interim Moderator to the Sessions of Knox-Elora and St. Andrew's Alma, to begin work at a date to be agreed between the congregations and The Rev. Kees Vandermey. *CARRIED.*

Andrew Foster/P. Garrison moved that The Rev. Marty Molengraaf be appointed Interim Moderator at Knox-Elora and St. Andrew's Alma, at an agreed upon time. *CARRIED.*

Penny Garrison provided an update for Presbyterians Sharing, provided Suggested Allocations for congregations and hopes that all will respond to her in a timely fashion.

**Report as a Whole:**

Andrew Foster/P. Garrison moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

**Ministry Committee:**

Janet MacDowell, Clerk, reported for the committee.

Earl Suggit/Neil Stewart moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

Janet asked Jacqui Foxall to rise.

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Earl Suggit/Neil Stewart moved that Jacqui Foxall be Certified for Ordination within The Presbyterian Church in Canada, provided that all course requirements were fulfilled. *CARRIED.*

**Report as a Whole:**

Earl Suggit/Neil Stewart moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

**Moderator's Special Committee – Waterloo North**

Work in progress.

**IAND Committee:**

No Report.

**ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION:**

J. Patterson moved adjournment. *CARRIED.*

The Moderator adjourned the Court to meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 within St. Giles Presbyterian Church Cambridge. Refreshments will be at 7:00 p.m. with Worship and Meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk advised the Court that the Moderator will be calling an Emergent Meeting in February. Date, Time and Place will be included in the mailing with these Minutes.

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Moderator

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Clerk

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