

Westminster-St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 4061
Guelph, Ontario
September 14th, 2010

DATE AND PLACE:

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 14th, 2010 within Westminster-St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Guelph Ontario. We met in the hall for wonderful refreshments prior to meeting in the Sanctuary for Worship.

ATTENDANCE:

Ministers: B. Ashfield, L. Ashfield, L. Bell, J. Borthwick, C. Brown, H. Gale, P. Garrison, M. Gedcke, M. Molengraaf, J. Olivier, L. Paquette, M. Richardson, R. Sinasac, Jeff L. Smith, N. St. Louis, A. Sutherland (out going Moderator), H. Wright, K. Wübbenhorst (Moderator)

Representative Elders: J. Akerstream, L. Arbuckle, L. Brimblecombe, L. Carter, G. Cha, G. Cober, J. Crane, J. DeSchiffart, A. Foster, J. Godin, P. Graham, P. Hall, H. Hislop, I Howell, M. Hunter, F. Kivell, M. Koeslag, G. MacRobbie, J. McDougall, G. McIlwrath, B. Perriman, R. Renton, L. Samis, G. Scott, Neil Stewart, E. Suggitt, W. Welsh, J. Zaryski

Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll: Jeff E. Smith, M. Whitson

Alternate Representative Elders: A. Isaac, J. Marfleet, A. McNabb, M. Reid, T. Stinson, W. Turner

Students for Ministry of Word and Sacraments: M. Burns

Observers and Committee Members: L. Pentelow, M. Pentelow, L. van Mossel

WMS: H. Cleghorn, J. Godin, Phyllis Stewart

Guests: Debbie Burns

REGRETS:

Ministers: M. Gaskin, J. Hamalainen, M. Lewis

Representative Elders: B. Bonner, D. Coutts, L. Maitland

Retired Missionaries: J. Geddes, B. Geddes

Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll: W. McLean

WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION:

The Moderator, The Rev. Angus Sutherland, led in Worship. The Incoming Moderator, The Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst and The Rev. Angus Sutherland administered Holy Communion.

INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR:

The present Moderator, The Rev. Angus Sutherland, called The Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst up and, with the appointed questions, he installed her as Moderator of The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington for the year 2010-2011. The gavel was then passed on! The newly installed Moderator did then Constitute the Court.

INSTALLATION OF CONVENORS AND OFFICERS:

The Clerk mentioned to all what a wonderful Business Committee she had to work with and reminded those at The Clerks' Consultation that it was The Best Business Committee in Canada. She then called forward the Convenors and Officers of The Presbytery and, with the appointed questions, recognized their respective positions: Karla Wübbenhorst, Moderator, Janet

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MacDowell, Clerk, Mary Ann Koeslag, Treasurer, Angus Sutherland, Past Moderator, Andrew Foster, Education Issues and Fellowship Committee, Nan St. Louis, Mission and Outreach Committee, Johan DeSchiffart, Congregational Affairs Committee and Jeff L. Smith, Ministry Committee. Also sub committees are Mark Gedcke, visitation co-ordinator, Johan Olivier, Students' Co-ordinator.

COMMISSIONING OF SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES:

The Clerk called the Synod Commissioners forward: Jeff L. Smith, Knox Crieff, Janice Hamalainen, St. Andrew's Kitchener (regrets sent), Wilma Welsh, Knox Guelph and Moderator of Synod and Robert Renton. Westminster-St. Paul's and Janet MacDowell, Clerk of Synod. The newly installed Moderator did then commission them to the 136th Meeting of The Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The Moderator warmly welcomed everyone to the first Presbytery meeting of the fall and called for introductions. Penny Garrison introduced the new Representative Elder from St. Giles, Frank Kivell. The newly inducted minister to Knox-Elora and St. Andrew's Alma Andrew Song was introduced by Linda Bell. The new Alternate Representative Elder from St. Andrew's Galt, Rick Thomas was introduced. The Court also recognized the Moderator of 136th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada – our own The Rev. Dr. Herb Gale!!

STATED HOUR:

Congregational Affairs Committee had a stated hour to deal with a couple of issues.

The new Convenor, Johan DeSchiffart, reported for the committee.

J. DeSchiffart/L. Bell moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

The report had previously been circulated.

The Building Committee (Voyage of Faith) from Gale Church Elmira were present to provide an update on their new building. The committee consists of Rick Baird, Building Committee Chair, Kim Denstedt and Lee Coulman, Co-chairs, Steering Committee, The Rev. Dr. Linda Bell, Bob Soehner, Finance, Dave Donald, Vicky Hammell, Les Hammell, Linda Palmer and Dave Chalmers.

There were many facts and the architectural design presented.

J. DeSchiffart/H. Cleghorn moved that The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington approve the design drawings for the new facility on a new site for Gale Presbyterian Church in Elmira and recommend them to the Committee of Church Architecture at our National Office for the necessary approval. *CARRIED.*

J. DeSchiffart/H. Cleghorn moved that The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington approve the financing of the new Gale Church and authorize the congregation to make a total indebtedness not to exceed \$1,500,000 (one million, five hundred thousand). This indebtedness is to be reduced by the net proceeds of the sale of the existing Gale Church building. *CARRIED.*

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J. DeSchiffart/H. Cleghorn moved that The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington approve the application of Gale Presbyterian Church in Elmira for financing from the PCBC (Presbyterian Church Building Corporation) in an amount not to exceed \$800,000 (eight hundred thousand). *CARRIED.*

J. DeSchiffart/H. Cleghorn moved that The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington approve an interest free loan from the Presbytery Development fund in the sum of \$100,000 (one hundred thousand) for a period of ten years from the receipt of the loan. The Presbytery Development Fund previously gave a grant of \$100,000 (one hundred thousand) given to support the purchase the land for the new church facility as support for this project.

Amendment: M. Molengraaf/M. Richardson moved that the monies be a gift not a loan. *DEFEATED.*

Original Motion: *CARRIED.*

Johan DeSchiffart called upon The Rev. Dennis Wright, Interim Moderator of Knox Palmerston/Knox Drayton to provide a report. Dennis began reporting that The Rev. Calvin Brown be Stated Supply at this pastoral charge.

J. DeSchiffart/L. Ashfield moved that this issue be referred back to Congregational Affairs. *CARRIED.*

J. DeSchiffart/L. Bell moved the adoption of the report as a whole. **CARRIED.**

DOCKET:

Andrew Foster/John Borthwick moved the adoption of the Docket as printed. *CARRIED.*

MINUTES:

With the addition of two names to the June meeting attendance, N. St. Louis/M. Molengraaf moved the acceptance of the Minutes of June 15th, 2010, July 7th, 2010 and July 22nd, 2010. *CARRIED.*

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Janet MacDowell, Clerk, reported for the committee.

Business Committee Report June, July, August and September 2010

1. Correspondence:

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| 10-070 | From Beth McCutcheon, Director of Academic Progress, with an Annual Report concerning Michael Burns | Ministry |
| 10-071 | From Beth McCutcheon, Director of Academic Progress, with an Annual Report concerning Reuben St. Louis | Ministry |

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10-072	From Beth McCutcheon, Director of Academic Progress, with an Annual Report concerning Richard Warne	Ministry
10-073	From Beth McCutcheon, Director of Academic Progress, with an Annual Report concerning Rafael Vallejo	Ministry
10-074	From Susan Shaffer, Associate Secretary, Ministry & Church Vocations, with information on Making the Most of Retirement – November 8-10, 2010	General
10-075	From Gordon Haynes, Canada Ministries, looking for opinions in reporting regarding grants	Mission and Outreach
10-076	From Gordon Haynes, with approval for Rockwood to go ahead with their renovations	Congregational Affairs
10-077	From Susan Shaffer, Committee on Education and Reception, that, subject to no competent objection being raised by a Presbytery by August 20, 2010, that Barbara L. Molengraaf seek ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments – her 2 courses have been completed and she has been examined by this Presbytery for certification for ordination	Ministry
10-078	From Susan Shaffer, Committee on Education and Reception, advising that Lisa Brimblecombe, complete 2 semesters in Arts & 6 semesters of theological study at one of the colleges of this church, completing the Arts courses with a minimum B average prior to enrolling in theology	Ministry
10-079	From Brenda Auger, B&M Construction, stating that J. William Birdsell, Architect with be providing Field General Review of the Construction addition to Rockwood	Congregational Affairs
10-080	From James T. Seidler, General Manager of The Presbyterian Church Building Corporation, with a brief guide to capital financing for congregations	General
10-081	From Karen Plater and Heather Chappell, Stewardship, with resources for Presbyterians Sharing Sunday	Mission and Outreach

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10-082	From Elders' Institute with information on Pilgrimage 2010	Education, Issues and Fellowship
10-083	From Susan Shaffer, requesting information on an Education and Reception Questionnaire	Ministry
10-084	From Elders' Institute with information on a new Elders' Tool Box and Serving as a Clerk of Session	Education, Issues and Fellowship
10-085	From Adele Pierre, Director of Family Ministries, Central PC in Hamilton with information on a TLC called Fall Kickoff	Education, Issues and Fellowship
10-086	From Mark Godin with an update on his studies and a question	Ministry
10-087	From Elders' Institute with information on Elders' Tool Bar, Elders' Corner and Leadership Training for Chinese Christians	Education, Issues and Fellowship
10-088	From Wil J. Vermeulen, accountant, offering his resignation and assistance.	Business Committee
10-089	From Stephen Kendall, Clerk of Assembly, requesting names of Commissioners for The 137 th General Assembly in London beginning on June 5 th , 2011	Clerk
10-090	From Stephen Kendall, Clerk of Assembly, requesting nomination for Moderator of The 137 th General Assembly – by November 30 th , 2010	Business Committee
10-091	From Stephen Kendall, Clerk of Assembly with dates for Overtures (referred by February 1 st , 2011 and unreferred by April 1 st , 2011), Memorials and Petitions by March 31 st , 2011	General
10-092	From Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk, with Remits A,B,C,D and E	Ministry (A, B,) Business Committee (C, D) and Congregational Affairs (E)
10-093	From Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk with Actions of the 2010 General Assembly for attention of Sessions	General
10-094	From Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk with Actions of the 2010 General Assembly for attention of Presbyteries	General
10-095	From Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk, requesting that The Rev. Dr. Herb Gale be a Commissioner for the 137 th General Assembly	General

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10-096	From Elizabeth Bartlett, Assembly Office, with Changes to the Roll	Clerk
10-097	From Lindsey Hepburn-Aley, Youth in Mission, with an opportunity for exciting opportunities for you from World Council of Churches – Switzerland and Jamaica	Mission and Outreach
10-098	From PWS&D, with bulletin inserts for massive flooding in Pakistan	Mission and Outreach

2. **Matters to Note:**

- A) The **Business Committee** will meet on Thursday, October 7th, 2010 within Westminster-St. Paul's Church Guelph. Time: 1000 hours. Refreshments: Education, Issues and Fellowship.
- B) **Acts and Proceedings** of the 136th General Assembly are available this eve.
- C) **Commissioners** to the 137th General Assembly in London, Ontario – opening worship on Sunday, June 5th, 2011.

Ministers: Dennis Wright, Herb Gale X, Calvin Brown X, Angus Sutherland X, Linda Paquette, Janice Hamalainen X

Alternates: David Whitecross, Marty Molengraaf, Aubrey Botha, Bill Bynum, Wayne Dawes, Mark Gaskin

Sessions: St. Andrew's Galt, Knox Drayton, St. Giles Cambridge, Mount Forest, Central Cambridge, Kitchener East

Alternates: St. Andrew's Guelph, St. Andrew's Kitchener, Knox Waterloo, Gale Elmira, St. Andrew's Fergus, Knox Preston

X = acceptance.

- D) The Business Committee would appreciate **invitations** for the meetings of January 11th, 2011, March 8th, 2011, May 10th, 2011 and June 21st, 2011.
- E) The following Session has had their Minutes **attested cum nota:**
Chalmers Winterbourne
- F) **Changes:** All the changes are included in the new mailing list which will be included in your September Minutes. Please note that some Presbyters have changed their email addresses over the summer.
- G) **Nominations for Moderator** of The 137th General Assembly are due by November 30th, 2011.
- H) The following congregations **have not paid their assessments:** Gordonville and Church of the Lord.
- I) The following congregations **have not paid their ADD/LTD:** Knox Preston, Janet MacDowell, Clerk

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St. Andrew's Hespeler, St. Andrew's Kitchener and Rockwood.

3. Recommendations:

- A) That the actions of The Business Committee in assigning the correspondence as designated, be homologated.
- B) That the resignation of Wil Vermeulen, as auditor, be accepted.

The Clerk called the former Moderator, Angus Sutherland and, along with a card, thanked him immensely for all his hard work and making her job a whole lot easier.

Jeff L. Smith/N. St. Louis moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

Jeff L. Smith/N. St. Louis moved Recommendation A. *CARRIED.*

Jeff L. Smith/N. St. Louis moved Recommendation B. *CARRIED.*

Jeff L. Smith/N. St. Louis moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

COMMITTEES:

Commission: No report

Ministry Committee:

Jeff L. Smith/M. Molengraaf moved that the report be received and considered. *CARRIED.*

An interview team from the ministry committee held a certification for ordination interview with Mike Burns on September 13th, 2010. In the last recertification interview held in May, Mike was granted a probationary recertification with several areas identified on which he was asked to concentrate with intentionality. In his written submissions and in the discussion, Mike demonstrated to the interview committee that these areas had been given careful thought and attention during the months since the last interview. Moreover the interview team recognized that gifting and sense of call in Mike that other voices in the discernment process have consistently remarked upon.

Jeff L. Smith/M. Molengraaf moved that Michael Burns be certified for ordination (conditional upon his graduation and receipt of the diploma of the College). *CARRIED.*

Jeff L. Smith/M. Molengraaf moved the adoption of the report as a whole. *CARRIED.*

Education, Issues and Fellowship Committee – no report.

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Outreach Committee:

Nan St. Louis, convenor, reported for the committee. The report, previously circulated, was received for information.

IAND Committee – no report.

The Emmaus Project:

We were led in discussion groups by Angus Sutherland and Penny Garrison. There was discussion around getting to know each other better and the pros, cons and what we would miss about Presbytery. Angus led us again in the song written by Barb Molengraaf for The Emmaus Project.

TIME: The time being 9:30 p.m. M. Molengraaf/A. Song moved that the meeting continue. *CARRIED.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Marty Molengraaf spoke about all the wonderful work and addition going on at Crieff Hills Community. John Borthwick spoke about The SHIFT – workshop being held at St. Andrew's Guelph.

ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION:

Pastoral prayers included Phyllis Stewart and her family on the loss of son and mother. Linda Bell moved adjournment.

The Court is to meet again:

1. In Special Session on Tuesday, October 12th, 2010 within Doon Presbyterian Church, Kitchener. The purpose of the meeting is to Process a Call from The Presbytery of Oak Ridges plus one other matter. Presbytery will meet at 7:00 p.m.
2. In Regular Session on Tuesday, November 9th, 2010 within St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Guelph. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. with Worship and Meeting beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Moderator

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