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Dear Presbyters:

For a number of meetings through the Fall, if not before, problems were highlighted involving the large volume of e-mail from the wider church being distributed and the large size of the files which ate up a lot of downloading time for many of you. This was especially true for some of us who were handling the same e-mail as many as three times. There has also been a steady stream of "I didn't get my minutes" or this or that mailing even though we had the correct address. Add to this the back and forth between myself, yourselves and the e-mail network co-ordinator, and its easy to come to the conclusion that the solution is a change.

We have had the blessing of a web page for quite some time but now have come to the conclusion that it is time to make much better use of this technology. Therefore, the following provision for the communication of Presbytery business takes effect with the sending of this e-mail:

- 1) Presbytery minutes will be completed the week of our meeting (full Presbytery or Exec), and forwarded to the webminister to be placed on the web site. Those who wish a copy of the minutes should go to [www.h-ppresbytery.ca](http://www.h-ppresbytery.ca) <<http://www.h-ppresbytery.ca>> and download their copy. Minutes will no longer be sent via e-mail. Your November 2007 minutes and January Exec minutes will be out this week.
- 2) E-mails from the wider church will no longer be mass mailed electronically. They will be e-mailed to the Division/Committee concerned who will then deal with the issues involved. About 80% of our wider church e-mail comes from London Conference with the vast portion of that coming from Matthew Stevens who largely deals with global and national justice issues. He has been requesting e-mail contacts so he can go direct to interested congregations. If you wish to be on his e-mail list, then please contact him at [matthew@londonconference.com](mailto:matthew@londonconference.com). We will also make more use of links with the London Conference Web site at [www.londonconference.ca](http://www.londonconference.ca) <<http://www.londonconference.ca>> , and encourage you to visit this website as well as our national one at [www.united-church.ca](http://www.united-church.ca) <<http://www.united-church.ca>> regularly.
- 3) Urgent items for rapid distribution should come to the Secretary for distribution, as should any questions concerning information and distribution as we do not have an E-Mail Network Coordinator as at January 1, 2008.
- 4) Congregations may request an item to be posted on the web page or transmitted over the e-m network but should do so through their Presbytery Rep. Discretion should be used as such items should not make of Presbytery a mere marketing/fundraising tool of the congregation but rather should be something of interest and benefit to the whole of Presbytery.

If you have any questions, please call me at 519-595-8394 or by return e-mail.

Thank you and God bless all of you and your loved ones.

Chris.