

**PRESBYTERY: HURON-PERTH
CONFERENCE: LONDON
LOCATION: ST MARYS UNITED CHURCH, ST MARYS**

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**HURON-PERTH PRESBYTERY IS CALLED TO MEET ON
March 24, 2018**

LAKE SHORE UNITED CHURCH, GODERICH

Lake Shore United is located at 56 North Street just off the Downtown Square. Coming into Goderich on Hwy 21 North, turn right onto Nelson Street and left on to North Street, church on your left; or coming into Goderich on Hwy 21 South turn (slight) left on Kingston Street; or coming into Goderich on Hwy 8 (Huron Rd), turn (slight) right onto Kingston Street, in both cases proceed into the Downtown Square and follow the traffic circle around to North Street and turn right, church on your right. Street parking available. Please enter the church through the glass doors on the right side (South side) of the building - follow the sidewalk toward the rear of the church. Access to the elevator is inside this entrance.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 9:30 a.m . - Divisions and Committees meet (optional)
11:00 a.m. – Constitution of the Court, Consent Docket, Minutes of previous meetings
- Introduction of New Members, Visitors
11:10 a.m. - Welcome and Worship, Lakeshore United United Church
11:30 a.m. – REPORTS
 Pastoral Support Minister report
 Youth Minister
 Resource Centre
12:01 p.m - Lunch
1:00 p.m. - Workshop – Paul Knowles - The 50th anniversary of the union between the EUB church and The United Church of Canada.
1:40 p.m - REPORTS
 Education and Students Committee
 Division of Stewardship and Mission in Canada & Division of World Outreach
 Division of Communications
 Pastoral Care and Oversight Committee
 Pastoral Relations Committee
 Division of Finance and Administration
 Representative to London Executive
 Office of the Chairperson
 Office of the Secretary
 Announcements and Other Business
2:40 p.m. - Courtesies, Reflections
2:45 p.m. - Adjournment

Tentative meeting dates and locations are:
April 24 - Main Street United, Mitchell
June 12 – Camp Menesetung

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CONSENT DOCKET

The Consent Docket contains a series of standard motions that are part of the preliminaries for each Presbytery meeting but which do not normally require discussion. If anyone wishes to discuss any of them, that one(s) will be removed from the Consent Docket and placed on the floor at an agreed upon time in the agenda. If anyone has a question for clarification about an item on the Consent Docket it will be answered with a brief explanation.

THE MOTIONS

ATTENDANCE that the attendance be as noted on the registration record.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS that all visitors to the Court be made Corresponding Members of the Court for the current meeting.*

AGENDA That the agenda, as printed and circulated, be the agenda for the current meeting of Huron-Perth Presbytery.

CORRESPONDENCE that all correspondence as identified on the Correspondence Record, available on request from the secretary, be received for information only. **

MOTIONS: All motions must be clearly typed (sent by email) or written for the secretary.

NEXT MEETING: That the time and place of the next meeting of Huron-Perth Presbytery shall be as noted in the current 'Notice of Meeting.'

PRESBYTERY POWERS TO THE EXECUTIVE, that at the adjournment of the current meeting of the Court, the powers of Huron-Perth Presbytery be granted to the Executive of Huron-Perth Presbytery to conduct emergent business of the Presbytery on its behalf.

*** Corresponding Members (being all those who are one time visitors who are not elected Presbyters by their congregations) are reminded that they may speak on any matter before the court but you may not vote on any matter for which a vote is called.**

*** Delegates to Huron-Perth Presbytery who have been elected by congregations will be made full voting and speaking delegates at Huron Perth Presbytery after the Presbytery secretary has received written confirmation from their pastoral charge secretary stating who their pastoral charge delegates are. Further, self-proclaimed Delegates will not be counted as Delegates until Presbytery has been so advised by letter from the congregational Secretary to the Secretary of Presbytery.**

****Division of Communication is now making public announcements using the computerised slide show format. Therefore, all those who wish announcements to appear for the benefit of Presbyters must e-mail their notice to hpprevents@gmail.com no later than the Friday before the date of Presbytery.**

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CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT: A quorum being present, Chairperson Colin Snyder of Huron Perth Presbytery declared the January 27, 2018 meeting of Huron-Perth Presbytery to order at 11:03 am with these words, "In the name of Jesus Christ the one true Head of the Church, and by the authority vested in me as the chair of Huron Perth Presbytery, I now declare this meeting constituted, for worship, fellowship and the transaction of such business as may properly come before it"

"For thousands of years indigenous peoples have walked on this land in their own territory.

Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives. We acknowledge the Chippewas, the Saugeen Peoples and the Ottawa people and their stewardship of this land. May we all live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship."

Chairperson Colin Snyder lit the Christ Candle to remind us that Christ is present among us.

IN ATTENDANCE:

MINISTRY PERSONNEL: Colin Snyder, Sandra Cable, Kathy Douglas, Randy Covey, Scott Boughner, Alun Thomas, Brian Hymers, Kate Ballagh-Steeper, Christine Hossack, Terry Fletcher, Elise Feltrin, Tom Dunbar, Paul Ross, Richard Hall, Nancy Knowles, Doug Loucks, Elaine Strawbridge, Mary Fletcher, June Hawtin, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa

REGRETS: Mary Stewart, Charles Love, George Russell, Laurie O'Leary, Keith Reynolds, Kevin Steeper, Kate Crawford,

ABSENT: Randy Banks, Hillary MacDonald, Jock Tolmay, Paul Vollick, Nancy Wetselaar, Steven Cox, Marion Jackson-Tyler, Kathi Urbasik-Hindley, Jeff Hawkins, Kathryn Wreford, Judith Anne Baird Ritchie, Sandy Morris, Rivkah Unland, Don Wright,

LAY REPRESENTATIVES: Brent Caslick, Janet Bettles, Ken Hunking, Anne Gregory, Avaline Wandel, Mary McIntosh, Flo Cartwright, Jean Bennett, Jocelyn Miller, Don Stephen, Donna Stephen, Linda Dunford, Don Procter, Douglas Trewartha, Norm Eckel, Sharon Lynn, Marianne Veldman, Bob Down, Mary Ellen Jacklin, Ross Carter, Bob Doupe, Marg Dale, David Onn, Peter Kudelka, Tracy Schelken Emmerton, Ted Dunn, Teresa Coulthard, Paul Strathdee, Margaret Bakker

REGRETS: Betty Graber Watson, Ruth Ann Eagleson, Bruce Whitmore, Dave Williams, Ken Eagleson, Shelley Warr,

ABSENT: Nancy Denham, George Gracey, Keith Otterbein, Sharon Otterbein, Bob Kellington, Joan Dierolf, Gail Fricker, Lavern Clark, Dorothy McGregor, Ruth Long, Byron Morris, Max Demaray, Russ Barker, Cecil Pepper, Dianne Finkbeiner, Doug Garniss, Joan Hunter, John McIntosh, Dianne Josling, Margaret Anne Buchanan, Hilda Lansbergen, Barbara Cooper, Bill Dowson, Ron Durnin, Steve Hildebrand

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS and SPECIAL GUESTS:

- Harry Jacklin – Calvary United, Listowel

- Bill McAuslan - retired minister, Clinton

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APPROVAL THE CONSENT DOCKET AND AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Margaret Bakker and seconded by Mary McIntosh that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve the Consent Docket and agenda as presented at the Constitution of the Court.
Carried.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HURON-PERTH PRESBYTERY OF
November 28, 2017**

MOTION: Moved by Anne Gregory and seconded by Nancy Knowles that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve the minutes of its meeting of November 28, 2017 as printed.
Carried.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE for HURON-PERTH

PRESBYTERY OF: receive the minutes of its Executive for November 14 for information.

MOTION: Moved by Ken Hunking and seconded by Avaline Wandel that Huron-Perth Presbytery receive the minutes of the meetings of its Executive for November 14, 2017 for information.

Carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND NEW DELEGATES:

- Bill McAuslan, retired minister from Clinton
- Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa - Guest speaker, Huron Perth Presbytery member

WELCOME AND WORSHIP:

Chairperson Colin Snyder lit the Christ Candle to remind us of Christ presence among us. St. Marys Presbytery representative, Bob Doupe, welcomed everyone, introduced and thanked the members of the congregation who came to help prepare the church, welcome Presbytery members and assist with the worship.

Rev. Doug Loucks led worship, with everyone singing Come In, Come In and Sit Down. The message was based on John 15:1-8, read by Bob Doupe. Worship closed with prayer and singing Many are the Lightbeams.

PRESBYTERY YOUTH MINISTER - Kathy Douglas

- Caitlyn McKercher gave a report on the Youth Exchange between young people from Huron Perth Presbytery and 17 youth from the Newfoundland. She spoke and showed pictures of the many fun things they did in Newfoundland and when they hosted the young people from Newfoundland in Huron and Perth counties.

- Kathy is working on a number of upcoming events:

1. a girls retreat "Finding Me" at Clinton United
2. Winter Day of Fun - at Whyte's cabin, during the March break
3. will be looking in to getting theatre tickets for "To Kill a Mocking Bird"
4. arranging a bus trip to Woodland Cultural center, to see the museum that was at one time the Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School

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RESOURCE CENTRE REPORT: Gayle Coleman, director of Resource Centre

Report submitted by Gayle Coleman:

I have lots of Lent/Easter resources – bulletin covers, devotionals, activity books for all ages, books for all and small group worship resources

I have lots of Year B resources – we have the Upper Room – Disciplines, Prepare! The NRSV version of the ecumenical music and worship planner, Sundays and Seasons Year B resources, Year B 2018 Church Year Calendar, Feasting on the Word, Ralph Milton's Storybook bible, Will Willimon's new Lectionary based sermon resource – and more.

I have all the books listed in the flyer that was sent out to folks and can get more if I need to ☺
The Lent/Easter 2018 Gathering has arrived so please pick yours up today if you haven't already.

EDUCATION & STUDENTS COMMITTEE – Co-Chairs Elise Feltrin and Christine Hossack
- working on the Pulpit supply list and creating a form for churches to fill out to make it easier to exchange information between churches and pulpit supply personnel

DIVISION OF MISSION IN CANADA & STEWARDSHIP and

DIVISION OF WORLD OUTREACH: – Kate Ballagh-Steeper

- Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa attended the committee meeting to discuss upcoming changes in The United Church

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS: - Terry Fletcher

- no report

PASTORAL CARE & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

- Co-Chairs Betty Graber Watson and George Russell

- no report

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Co-Chairs Randy Covey and Mary Stewart

- no report

PASTORAL SUPPORT MINISTER SUPPORT TEAM:

- Betty Graber Watson, Brent Caslick

- Kevin Steeper, the Pastoral Support Minister will be on study leave from Jan.29 - Feb.2, 2018.

DIVISION of FINANCE and ADMINISTRATION: - Anne Gregory and Brent Caslick

- Treasurer - Janet Bettles

- Janet Bettles presented the financial report for information. (Pg 2017-136)

- all the assessments for 2017 have been received and the assessment for 2018 have been sent out

- the funding for the International Plowing Match ad will be taken from the Vision Fund, according to a motion made at the March 25, 2017 meeting

Motion: Moved by Marg Dale and seconded by Bob Down that Huron Perth Presbytery forward the request from Main Street United Church, Mitchell for a Congregational Development Fund loan for \$365,000.00 with concurrence to London Conference Office.

Carried.

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WORKSHOP:

Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa gave a power point presentation on the proposals in the draft statement from the Boundaries Commission and the changes that are coming to the governance of The United Church. Most of the work that is done by Presbyteries and Conferences at the moment will be done by Regional Councils. There will be 17 Regional Councils. Huron Perth Presbytery will be in Region 9 along with Bruce Presbytery, Waterloo Presbytery, and Northern Waters Presbytery north of Hwy 9 in Wellington County (ErinPC).

Motion: Moved by Kate Ballagh-Steeper and seconded by Brian Hymers that Huron Perth Presbytery appoint the Chairperson and Secretary and executive appoint three others, to reach out to Presbyteries in proposed Region 9, once the boundaries are confirmed, to build relationships and discuss opportunities.

Carried.

Motion: Moved by Kate Ballagh-Steeper and seconded by Elise Feltrin that Huron Perth Presbytery executive facilitate a meeting of Presbytery staff with the new region, once the boundaries are confirmed, to be funded at the direction of the Presbytery Executive.

Carried.

- it was recommended that Huron Perth Presbytery send a formal statement to the Boundaries Commission concerning the new region

Motion: Moved by Kate Ballagh-Steeper and seconded by Elise Feltrin that Huron Perth Presbytery endorse the proposed boundary for Region 9 and express our appreciation for keeping Huron Perth Presbytery intact.

Carried. 4 abstentions

-Chairman Colin Snyder will forward a letter to the Boundaries Commission in accordance with the motion. (Pg. 2017-135)

- the assessment funding was discussed and the 2019 assessment will be sent out in October. The new formula is:

From the Statistical Forms or Yearbook:

Line 32D – Lines 36, 37, 38 and 39 = Base

Also to be taken from the base are any one time revenue lines such as a property sale or receipt of a bequest.

Base x .045 = New Assessment.

This is approximate as there will be a smoothing over two or three years.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE:

- 94th Annual Meeting of London Conference will be May 25-27 at the Greek Canadian Community Centre

Motion: Moved by Brian Hymers and seconded by Randy Covey that all Huron Perth Presbytery members and alternates who register for the 2018 Annual Meeting of Conference will be delegates to the 2018 Annual Meeting of London Conference.

Carried.

- when registering for the Annual Meeting, Presbytery members are reminded to use January 27, 2018 as the date they were nominated to attend London Conference Annual meeting

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LONDON CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE: Huron Perth representative Ken Hunking

- Cheryl-Ann has given you a detailed report on the Boundaries Commission's interim report .
- The conference presidents were given the three options for staffing centres to study. The president of our conference invited the executive members to review the options and we provided our recommendation to the committee.
- The other item is the London high schools' presentation of the Prom Queen: The Musical and the school boards' decision to not fund it. When this news became public Cheryl-Ann, under the authority given to her, pledged \$1,000 from London Conference to the Go Fund Me campaign. Her decision was later approved by the Conference Executive.

PASTORAL SUPPORT MINISTER REPORT – Kevin Steeper
Submitted by Kevin Steeper

I continue to visit with colleagues in ministry, both active and retired, in order to introduce myself as the pastoral support minister and provide spiritual and pastoral support.

The North Huron cluster group had its meeting this month on Jan.25, 2018. It was a time to share lunch as well as an opportunity to share regarding our work. The N. H. Cluster group will meet next on Feb.22, 2018 at Huron Shores United Church.

As noted last presbytery meeting, an organizational meeting was held with the hope of establishing a cluster group in the south-east region of the presbytery with Stratford serving as the hub for this group. The East Perth had its first meeting as well, meeting on January 10, 2018 at Parkview United. It was well attended and plans have been made for a second meeting in February 2018 at Parkview United Church.

Mental illness continues to be the leading source of disability claims under the Restorative Care Plan and the Long Term Disability Plan with highest incidents amongst ministry personnel. In an effort to address this issue there is the "Employee and Family Assistance Plan (EFAP). There is also another new resource as well, "Lifespeak – a wellness resource library, that will added to the benefits plan effective Jan.1, 2018. It is designed to help UCC employees and families well.

I have had the opportunity to look at the "Lifespeak" site and there is good introductory information regarding a variety of health issues. The "spiritual dimension" receives little attention but there is still useful information. I would encourage you to view the site.

I will be on study leave from Jan.29-Feb.2, 2018.

OFFICE OF CHAIRPERSON: Colin Snyder

- looking for volunteers to work on the committee to reach out to Presbyteries in proposed Region 9, once the boundaries are confirmed.
- if your church has not completed the Congregational Information Sheet, please do so as soon as possible and send it in
- the next meeting is on Saturday, March 24 at Lakeshore United, Goderich. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the union between the EUB Church and The United Church of Canada. Paul Knowles will give a presentation about this union.
- at the April 28 meeting in Main Street United, Mitchell, Betsy Exley will speak on the news rules for Police Records Checks for ministry personal and volunteers.

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY: Margaret Bakker

REFLECTIONS, PRAYER, BENEDICTION: Mary Fletcher gave reflections on the meeting, the benediction and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Avaline Wandel, and seconded by Ken Hunking at 2:40 pm.

Colin Snyder, Chair

Margaret Bakker, Secretary

Tentative meeting dates and locations are:

March 24 - Lakeshore United, Goderich

April 24 - Main Street United, Mitchell

June 12 – Camp Menesetung

Letter to Boundaries Commission

From: Colin Snyder <rev.colinsnyder@gmail.com>

Sent: January 31, 2018 8:59 AM

To: regchange@united-church.ca

Subject: Thank you from Huron-Perth Presbytery

Greetings to all members of our Boundaries Commission;

I have been asked, by way of a motion passed at the regular meeting of Huron-Perth Presbytery held January 27, 2018, to write you and express our appreciation for the work you have done in preparing the proposed regional boundaries for our church.

Huron-Perth wishes to inform you that we endorse the proposed boundaries of Region 9, and look forward to building new relationships with our new Region 9 neighbours as soon as the final report has been announced. We have already created a team to reach out to our counterparts in the other Presbyteries included in the new Region to begin conversations and relationship building.

We are particularly grateful that we, as a Presbytery, have remained intact in the proposed changes, allowing us to maintain long standing relationships even as we explore new ones.

Thank you for all the good work you have done, and blessings on the work yet to come.

Rev. Colin Snyder,

Chair, Huron-Perth Presbytery.

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HURON PERTH PRESBYTERY					
TREASURER'S REPORT					
Draft - Unaudited					
for the period ending December 31, 2017					
with prior year's comparison					
		2017 BUDGET	2017 ACTUAL	2016 ACTUAL	
RECEIPTS:					
	GROSS ASSESSMENTS	\$ 221,000	100.0%	\$220,998	\$227,778
	MISCELLANEOUS	-		1,182	55
	SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM	-		-	23,148
	TRANSFER FROM VISIONING FUND			77,323	99,755
	CONTINGENCY RECOVERY	-		-	-
	INTEREST	1,200		972	1,722
	COVENANTS	500		1,158	811
	DRAW FROM ACCUMULATED RESERVE, if required	20,000		-	
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	242,700	124.3%	301,633	353,269
EXPENSES:					
	LONDON CONFERENCE ALLOCATIONS	115,452		\$115,452	\$105,671
PRESBYTERY ADMINISTRATION:					
	EXECUTIVE EXPENSES	1,600		150	844
	OFFICE OF SECRETARY	1,000		729	1,303
	OFFICE OF TREASURER	150		51	127
	HONORARIA - SECRETARY	2,600		2,600	2,600
	- E-MAIL NETWORK CO-ORDINATOR	800		800	800
	- TREASURER	1,200		1,200	1,200
DIVISIONS AND COMMITTEES:					
	MANSE	-		-	-
	PENSIONS	650		205	146
	PASTORAL RELATIONS	1,200		1,610	820
	PASTORAL CARE & OVERSIGHT	200		-	-
	EDUCATION & STUDENTS	1,200		2,242	834
	- CONTINUING EDUCATION SUPPORT	1,000			495
	COMMUNICATIONS	300		2,391	204
	MISSION IN CANADA	200			-
	YOUTH	1,000		-	-
	WORLD OUTREACH	200			-
	FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION	800		1,019	452
	STEWARDSHIP	100			-
PRESBYTERY PROJECTS, GRANTS:					
	RESOURCE CENTRE	20,000		20,000	20,000
	CAMP BIMINI	12,000		12,000	12,000
	CAMP MENESETUNG	12,000		12,000	12,000
	VISIONING FUNDS RELEASED	-		77,323	99,755
	CONTINGENCY	298		-	-
	CONTINGENCY-MEALS	-		160	300
	SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM EXPENSES				21,946
	GO PROJECT-BLYTH				-
	PASTORAL SUPPORT MINISTER	29,500		14,121	16,644
	YOUTH MINISTER	39,250		40,087	36,511
		242,700	125.3%	304,140	334,652
	(DEFICIT) BALANCE	\$0		(\$2,507)	\$18,617
		Bank Balance - Dec 31/17		\$55,039	\$57,607
		Savings Account		\$7,077	\$7,025
		Visioning Account Bank Balance		\$2,795	\$209,651
		Visioning Account GIC Deposits		\$120,038	
		Membership Shares-Cr Union		\$545	\$440