

**PRESBYTERY: HURON-PERTH  
CONFERENCE: LONDON  
LOCATION: AVONDALE UNITED, STRATFORD**

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DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2017**

**HURON-PERTH PRESBYTERY IS CALLED TO MEET ON**

**November 28, 2017**

**THAMESVIEW UNITED CHURCH, FULLARTON**

Thamesview United Church is located at 3178 Perth Road 163.

Directions: From the North take Highway #23 South following through Mitchell turn left on to Road 163. You will come to an intersection with a flashing light...(corner of Line 20 and Road 163) continue through the intersection and the church is down on your right.

From Exeter take Highway 83 East . . .83 changes to Line 20. Continue on to Fullarton. Turn right at the flashing light and the Church is down a short distance on the right.

There is some parking at the Church parking lot otherwise on the side of the road.

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

- 4:00 pm Divisions and Committees meet (optional)  
5:30 pm Supper  
6:30 pm Constitution of the Court  
Welcome and Worship by Thamesview United  
6:50pm Workshop - Remit #6  
7:15pm Approval of the Consent Docket  
Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Introduction of Guests and New Members of Presbytery  
Pastoral Support Minister report  
Resource Centre report  
Youth Minister report
- Reports from Divisions and Committees**  
Education and Students Committee  
Division of Stewardship and Mission in Canada: UCW,  
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  
Other Business and Announcements
- 8:30 pm Reflections, Courtesies, Closing Prayer & Benediction  
8:35 pm Adjournment

Tentative meeting dates and locations are:  
January 27 – St. Marys United (Saturday)  
March 24 - (Saturday)  
April 28 - Main Street United  
June 12 – Camp Menesetung

## **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](mailto: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 October 24, 2017 meeting of Huron-Perth Presbytery to order at 6:36 pm 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, Randy Banks, Kathy Douglas, Randy Covey, Scott Boughner, Alun Thomas, Brian Hymers, Kate Ballagh-Steeper, Christine Hossack, George Russell, Laurie O’Leary, Keith Reynolds, Mary Fletcher, Terry Fletcher, Kevin Steeper, Elise Feltrin, Tom Dunbar, Kate Crawford, Paul Ross, Richard Hall, Nancy Knowles, Nancy Wetselaar,

**REGRETS:** Mary Stewart, Doug Loucks, Charles Love, Hillary MacDonald, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa

**ABSENT:** Jock Tolmay, Elaine Strawbridge, Krista Elizabeth, Steven Cox, Marion Jackson-Tyler, Kathi Urbasik-Hindley, June Hawtin, Jeff Hawkins, Kathryn Wreford, Linda Found, Judith Anne Baird Ritchie, Sandy Morris, Rivkah Unland, Paul Vollick, Don Wright

**LAY REPRESENTATIVES:** Brent Caslick, Janet Bettles, Ken Hunking, Betty Graber Watson, Anne Gregory, Avaline Wandel, Mary McIntosh, Flo Cartwright, Jean Bennett, Jocelyn Miller, George Gracey, Don Stephen, Donna Stephen, Linda Dunford, Don Procter, Douglas Trewartha, Ted Dunn, Ruth Ann Eagleson, Shelley Warr, Norm Eckel, Nancy Denham, Heather Gregersen, Bob Kellington, Keith Otterbein, Sharon Otterbein, Tracy Schelken Emmerton, Joan Dierolf, Bruce Whitmore, Sharon Lynn, Marianne Veldman, Gail Fricker, Lavern Clark, Dorothy McGregor, Bob Down, Mary Ellen Jacklin, Ross Carter, Bob Doupe, Dave Williams, Margaret Bakker

**REGRETS:** Ken Eagleson, Marg Dale,

**ABSENT:** David Onn, Ruth Long, Peter Kudelka, Byron Morris, Teresa Coulthard, Paul Strathdee, 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:**

- Kenji Marui – Calvary United Church, London
- Harry Jacklin – Calvary United, Listowel
- Barb Knox – Chair of Camp Menesetung
- a number of visitors who helped to set up displays and participate in Missionfest

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**WELCOME AND WORSHIP:**

Chairperson Colin Snyder lit the Christ Candle to remind us that at this meeting and in all things we do in this life Christ accompanies us.

Heather Herman, Chair of Avondale United Council, welcomed and thanked everyone for helping to clear the dining area so another group could use the room. She shared that Avondale United is a successful amalgamation of Central United and St. Johns United and now as one congregation they have made a number of renovations to their building and it has become a very busy place with many different groups using the facilities all week.

**WORSHIP AND MISSIONFEST:**

Keith Reynolds lead Call to Worship and everyone sang When I needed Neighbour. Everyone was encouraged to watch a Human Flow by Ai Wei Wei about the millions of people around the world that have been forced from their home to escape famine and war. Kate Ballagh-Steeper introduced Peter Maguet Dheil, originally from South Sudan and the Dadaab Refugee Camp in Kenya. Peter and his family came to Goderich as part of the Refugee program in February 2016 and he gave some personal reflections of his journey. Worship closed with a short discussion on How we welcome the Stranger and singing We Are Pilgrims.

**WORKSHOP:**

Kenji Marui, Past President of London Conference, led a workshop on the future of the United Church governance structure. Presbyteries have been asked to give recommendations on the number and size of the new Regions. Chairman Colin Snyder will present the suggestions from Huron Perth Presbytery at a meeting in London on November 15.

**APPROVAL THE CONSENT DOCKET AND AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Margaret Bakker and seconded by Betty Graber Watson 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  
September 26, 2017**

**MOTION:** Moved by Margaret Bakker and seconded by Anne Gregory that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve the minutes of its meeting of September 26, 2017 as printed.  
**Carried.**

**MINUTES OF THE COVENANTING SERVICE OF:** October 1, 2017 for Rev. Christine Hossack, Egmondville United Church, Egmondville, Huron Perth Presbytery and London Conference for information.

**MOTION:** Moved by Margaret Bakker and seconded by Sandra Cable that Huron-Perth Presbytery receive the minutes of the meeting of the covenanting service October 1, 2017 for Rev. Christine Hossack, Egmondville United Church, Egmondville, Huron Perth Presbytery and London Conference for information.

**Carried.**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE for HURON-PERTH**

**PRESBYTERY OF:** receive the minutes of its Executive for September 12 for information.

**MOTION:** Moved by Margaret Bakker and seconded by Brent Caslick that Huron-Perth Presbytery receive the minutes of the meetings of its Executive for September 12, 2017 for information.

**Carried.**

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND NEW DELEGATES:**

- Colin Snyder introduced Kenji Marui, Past President of London Conference

**PASTORAL SUPPORT MINISTER REPORT – Kevin Steeper**

Submitted by Kevin Steeper

I continue to visit with colleagues in ministry in order to introduce myself as the Pastoral Support Minister. Contact information, hours of availability and a brief introduction have been circulated to the presbytery.

The day long presbytery workshop has been postponed until the New Year. I would like to get a better sense of what topics would best serve colleagues in ministry. Information will continue to be gathered through visits and meetings in order to best determine a course of action.

I have taken on the task of exploring the subject of “collegiality” in the presbytery of Huron Perth.

The significant changes that we are making as a denomination will have an impact on our relationships with one another. I believe it is important to begin to establish plans that will support and encourage our relations with one another in this part of the United Church of Canada.

North Huron cluster group members will meet on Thursday October 26 at Lakeshore United Church.

**RESOURCE CENTRE REPORT:** Gayle Coleman, director of Resource Centre

Report submitted by Gayle Coleman:

2018 Canadian Church Calendars are still available

We have lots of advent resources – devotionals, Children’s activity books, and more

We received something new this year – it’s called “the Shepherd on the Search” – we think it’s better than the Elf on the Shelf –

The Shepherd on the Search, a fun family activity that celebrates the birth of Christ.

Includes a beautifully illustrated interactive storybook, a 9.5" plush Shepherd, and a Nativity keepsake box. It’s about finding the Christ in Christmas – When the angels visited the shepherds to tell them the good news, this shepherd set off on an epic journey to find the newborn baby the angels had told them about. The journey begins anew every Christmas season and ends on Christmas Day with your shepherd finding his way to the manger to worship the baby Jesus.

Read the story of your shepherd’s timeless journey in a beautifully illustrated interactive children’s book and let the fun begin as your hide your shepherd and the children find him in a new place along the search. Adopt this every special tradition for you, your family, your congregation....This story can be retold year after year, focusing on the true meaning of Christmas.

We also have a 25 day family devotional that can be used with the Shepherd on the Search activity set. Lastly, there is a 12 x 12” magnetic advent calendar – the doors open to reveal a daily message about where the shepherd is on his journey to the Christ Child.

We still have some resources for Year B:

\*we have the Upper Room – Disciplines,

\*Abingdon Worship Annual,

\*Prepare! The NRSV version of the ecumenical music and worship planner

\*Sundays and Seasons Year B resources

\*Year B 2018 Church Year Calendar. Will Willimon's new Lectionary based sermon resource

**PRESBYTERY YOUTH MINISTER - Kathy Douglas**

- no report

**EDUCATION & STUDENTS COMMITTEE – Co-Chairs Elise Feltrin and Christine Hossack**

1. **Motion:** Moved by Christine Hossack and seconded by Shelley Warr that Huron Perth Presbytery approve the renewal for Barb Hicks as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader in Huron Perth Presbytery effective October 24, 2017 to December 31, 2018.

**Carried.**

2. **Motion:** Moved by Christine Hossack and seconded by Ruth Ann Eagleson that Huron Perth Presbytery approve the renewal for Gloria Wilbee as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader in Huron Perth Presbytery effective October 24, 2017 to December 31, 2018.

**Carried.**

2. **Motion:** Moved by Christine Hossack and seconded by Shelley Warr that Huron Perth Presbytery approve the renewal for Susan Barnett as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader in Huron Perth Presbytery effective October 24, 2017 to December 31, 2018.

**Carried.**

**DIVISION OF MISSION IN CANADA & STEWARDSHIP and**

**DIVISION OF WORLD OUTREACH:** – Kate Ballagh-Steeper

- thanked everyone for bringing their Mission displays, 23 displays were set up

- led the worship service

**DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS:** - Terry Fletcher

Huron Perth Presbytery is hosting workshops by web developer Kayleigh Kowatsch. The workshop that was to be held at Parkview United, Stratford was cancelled due to low registration numbers. There will be workshops in Lakeshore United, Goderich, Nov 5, 2-4pm (high maintenance), Nov 8th 7-8:30pm (low maintenance).

Anyone interested in attending is asked to register with Terry Fletcher.

**PASTORAL CARE & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

- Co-Chairs Betty Graber Watson and George Russell

- no report

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

**Motion:** Moved by Randy Covey and seconded by Jocelyn Miller to approve the request to declare a vacancy (part time 14 hours per week) for Hampstead United Church Pastoral Charge, subject to receipt of Charitable Tax Return, effective immediately.

**Carried.**

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

- Treasurer - Janet Bettles

1. **Motion:** Moved by Brent Caslick and seconded by Janet Bettles that Huron-Perth Presbytery grant Exeter United Church permission to proceed with the addition of a barrier free vestibule for a total cost of approximately \$35,000.00.

**Carried.** 2 abstentions

2. **Motion:** Moved by Norm Eckels and seconded by Ken Hunking that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve a Visioning Fund grant to Exeter United Church for \$10,000.00 towards the addition of a barrier free vestibule.

**Carried.** 2 abstentions

3. **Motion:** Moved by Kate Crawford and seconded by Brent Caslick that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve the request from the Trustees of Hampstead United Church to amend the deed name of Presbyterian Church congregation of Hampstead to the Trustees of the Hampstead United Church with the following named trustees: Elaine Isable MacMillan - 136 St. David St, Wellesley, ON – retired; William Fraser MacMillan -136 St. David St, Wellesley, ON – retired; William Clair Schafer -52 Webster St, Shakespeare, ON – retired; Alexander Crerar Robertson – 1895 Line 47, R.R. #1 Gadshill, ON- retired.

**Carried.**

- the committee is discussing the guidelines of the Visioning Fund and would like recommendations from Presbytery members concerning the 2 year minimum before churches/camps can reapply and if they can reapply for the same project or not.. There is approximately \$139,000.00 left in the fund.

- Janet Bettles gave the Treasurer's Report, for information, with 76% of assessments received. There is a balance of \$6125.00 to date. (Pg. 2017-105)

- There will be a budget meeting on November 14 at Londesborough United Church. All committees must submit their budgets before that date.

**LONDON CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE:** Huron Perth representative Ken Hunking

- All churches are encouraged to examine the title on their property deeds and to have them corrected if they are not correct.

**OFFICE OF CHAIRPERSON:** Colin Snyder

- will be sending a report, on the workshop held earlier this evening, concerning the boundaries for the new Regions that will be replacing Presbyteries and Conferences. Anyone with recommendations is encouraged to contact Colin.

- the next meeting will have a workshop on Remit #6 – One Order of Ministry

**OFFICE OF SECRETARY:** Margaret Bakker

- no report

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Nancy Denham, member of Professional Church Secretaries, encouraged all churches in Huron Perth to budget for and send their church office administrators/secretaries to the conference next year to be held in Stratford.
- everyone is encouraged to send announcements to the secretary for the Up Coming Events page

**REFLECTIONS, PRAYER, BENEDICTION:** Keith Reynolds gave reflections on the meeting and the benediction.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Richard Hall and seconded by Mary McIntosh at 8:32 pm.

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Colin Snyder, Chair

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Margaret Bakker, Secretary

Tentative meeting dates and locations are:  
November 28 – Thamesview United, Fullerton  
January 27 – St. Marys United (Saturday)  
March 24 - (Saturday)  
April 28 - Main Street United  
June 12 – Camp Menesetung



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HURON PERTH PRESBYTERY TREASURER'S REPORT for the period ending October 20, 2017 with prior year's comparison				2017 BUDGET	2017 ACTUAL	2016 ACTUAL
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>						
	GROSS ASSESSMENTS		\$ 221,000	76.0%	\$167,858	\$172,437
	MISCELLANEOUS		-		1,182	-
	SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM		-		-	12,635
	TRANSFER FROM VISIONING FUND				71,000	74,500
	CONTINGENCY RECOVERY		-		-	-
	INTEREST		1,200		1,029	1,360
	COVENANTS		500		896	572
	DRAW FROM ACCUMULATED RESERVE, if required		20,000		-	
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>242,700</b>	<b>99.7%</b>	<b>241,965</b>	<b>261,504</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>						
	LONDON CONFERENCE ALLOCATIONS		115,452		\$86,589	\$79,252
<b>PRESBYTERY ADMINISTRATION:</b>						
	EXECUTIVE EXPENSES		1,600		150	564
	OFFICE OF SECRETARY		1,000		-	-
	OFFICE OF TREASURER		150		-	-
	<b>HONORARIA - SECRETARY</b>		<b>2,600</b>		-	-
	- E-MAIL NETWORK CO-ORDINATOR		800		-	-
	- TREASURER		1,200		-	-
<b>DIVISIONS AND COMMITTEES:</b>						
	MANSE		-		-	-
	PENSIONS		650		-	90
	PASTORAL RELATIONS		1,200		388	580
	PASTORAL CARE & OVERSIGHT		200		-	-
	EDUCATION & STUDENTS		1,200		2,022	104
	- CONTINUING EDUCATION SUPPORT		1,000		-	-
	COMMUNICATIONS		300		1,624	126
	MISSION IN CANADA		200		-	-
	YOUTH		1,000		1,000	-
	WORLD OUTREACH		200		-	-
	FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION		800		702	272
	STEWARDSHIP		100		-	-
<b>PRESBYTERY PROJECTS, GRANTS:</b>						
	RESOURCE CENTRE		20,000		15,000	20,000
	CAMP BIMINI		12,000		12,000	12,000
	CAMP MENESETUNG		12,000		12,000	12,000
	VISIONING FUNDS RELEASED		-		66,000	84,892
	CONTINGENCY		298		-	160
	CONTINGENCY-MEALS		-		150	130
	SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM EXPENSES					21,946
	PASTORAL SUPPORT MINISTER		29,500		3,897	14,174
	YOUTH MINISTER		39,250		34,318	30,828
			<b>242,700</b>	<b>97.2%</b>	<b>235,840</b>	<b>277,118</b>
	<b>(DEFICIT) BALANCE</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$6,125</b>	<b>(\$15,614)</b>
			Bank Balance - Oct 20/17		\$64,518	\$15,605
			Savings Account		\$7,061	\$7,013
			Visioning Account Bank Balance		\$18,994	\$197,330
			Visioning Account GIC Deposits		\$120,000	\$0
			Membership Shares-Cr Union		\$545	\$440
<b>Paid in Full: Atwood, Bayfield, Blyth, Brussels, Centralia-Zion West, CREDITON, Egmondville, Kirkton, Listowel-(Calvary, Wallace, Zion), Milverton, Stratford &amp; Thamesview (Fullarton).</b>						
<b>Partial Payments Received: Auburn, Belgrave, Bluevale, Brucefield, Clinton, Dashwood, Dungannon, Fordwich, Gorrie-Wroxeter, Hampstead, Huron Shc Lakeshore (Goderich), Listowel-Trinity, Londesborough, Main Street-Mitchell, St. Marys, Stratford-Avondale, Tavistock, Thames Road-Elmville &amp; Wingham.</b>						