

**HURON-PERTH PRESBYTERY IS CALLED TO MEET ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2007
CAMP BIMINI**

Via Stratford – come into Stratford on Hwy 7 or 8, turn onto Erie Street (Hwy 7 to London) in downtown Stratford. At Lorne Ave is a McDonalds and Timmys. The next light is Perth Rd 113 (old Embro Road). Turn left, continue to a flashing traffic light, go through it and in about one mile (2km) you'll find Bimini snuggled in the woods on the right hand side.
Coming via Hwy 7 from London/St Mary's – turn right at the first road past Klomp's Nursery, continue to a flashing traffic light, turn right, go about a mile (2km) and find the Camp on your right. **Or** continue towards Stratford where the first traffic light you encounter is Perth Rd 113 (old Embro Rd). Turn right and follow the instructions for "via Stratford" above.

AGENDA

- 4:00pm Divisions and Committees meet (optional)
- 5:05pm Clergy Quiet Room and Prayer Time
- 5:30pm Supper
- 6:30pm Lighting of the Candle
Constitution of the Court
Resource Centre Presentation
- 6:35PM Worship
- 6:55PM Approval of the Consent Docket
Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
Introduction of Guests and New Members of Presbytery
- 7:00pm **I Motions from Divisions and Committees**
 - Pastoral Relations Committee
 - Education and Students Committee
 - Division of Finance and Administration
 - Division of Mission in Canada
 - Division of World Outreach
 - Division of Communications
 - Stewardship Committee
 - Pastoral Care and Oversight Committee
 - Manse Committee
 - Pensions Convenor
 - Archives Convenor
 - UCM (AOTS)
 - UCW
- II Time Sensitive Announcements**
 - Office of the Chairperson
 - Office of the Secretary
 - Other Divisions and Committees
- III Other Business and Announcements**
- 9:50pm Reflections and Courtesies
- 9:55pm Closing Prayers
- 10:00pm Adjournalment

**PRESBYTERY: HURON-PERTH
CONFERENCE: LONDON
LOCATION: CAMP BIMINI**

DATE: JUNE 5, 2007

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 provided at the time of registration be received for information only.**

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 the its behalf until the next meeting of the Presbytery.

*** 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 at congregational Annual Meetings are not eligible to vote at meetings of Presbytery until the first Presbytery meeting after the rise of London Conference i.e. the June and subsequent meetings of Presbytery. 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 power point format. Therefore, all those who wish announcements to appear for the benefit of Presbyters must e-mail their notice to Kathy Butson [at hpprc@quadro.net](mailto:hpprc@quadro.net) no later than the Friday before the date of Presbytery.**

PRESBYTERY: HURON-PERTH

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CONFERENCE: LONDON

LOCATION: CALVARY UNITED CHURCH, DASHWOOD

APRIL 24, 2007

CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT: a quorum being present, the Chairperson of Huron-Perth Presbytery declared the April 2007 meeting of Huron-Perth Presbytery to order at 6:45PM

IN ATTENDANCE - LAITY: Suzanne Andrew, Betty Archambault, Don Atkinson, Rae Bender, Verna Burgin, Kathy Butson, Gladys Carter, Flo Cartwright, Brent Caslick, Marlene Coulthard, Fred Delbridge, Nancy Denham, Murray Donaldson, Tom Dunbar, Sherwood Eddy, George Gracey, Betty Graber Watson, Joop Grotentraast, Steve Hearn, Joan Hibbert, Robert Horner, Ken Hunking, Pat Hunking, Marjorie Johns, Lloyd Karges, Ruth Long, Don McCaffrey, Anne-Louise McAlister, Mary McIntosh, Byron Morris, Sandy Morris, Shirley Nicholson, Cecil Pepper, Emily Phillips, Olive Riehl, Helen Shute, Carol Simons, Ron Skinner, Jim Tyler, Dave Williams, Alfred Young, Donna Young.

IN ATTENDANCE – MINISTRY PERSONNEL: Wayne Beamer, Chris Beaumont, Tom Beecroft, Sandra Cable, Gail Clarkson, Elaine Graham, Steve Hildebrand, Marion Jackson-Tyler, Neil Lackey, Keith Lewis, Sharon Lohnes, Charles Love, Sheila Macgregor, Alex McGilvery, Ethel Miner Clare, Pirie Mitchell, Roy Nicol-MacDonald, Wendy Noble, Valerie Pitt, Paul Ross, George Russell, Alun Thomas, Kathi Urbasik-Hindley, Marybeth Wilson.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: Colin Snyder, Donna Johnston, Shelley Warr

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Susan Cameron, Robin Congram, Pat Cook, Camillia LaRouche, Gwen Nicol-MacDonald, Judith Ritchie, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, Elly Van Bergen, Maureen Beecroft, Art Duboyce, Marg Duboyce, Bernice Jewson,

ABSENT: Peter Aunger, Margaret Bakker, Joan Bartlett, Janice Brock, Alan Carr, Barbara Cooper, Bill Coultres, Marg Dale, Max Demaray, Bob Doupe, Ruthann Eagleson, Thelma Ellerby, Laurene Erb, Bud Eyre, Hilda Grant, Jeff Hulley, Winston Jibb, Clifford Laidlaw, Joe Laurie, Myra Lovell, Mary Jane Lowe, Elaine MacMillan, Judith McCartney, Danette McGlinchey, John McFadzean, Marie McGavin, John McIntosh, Brenda Radford, Anne Reuber, Phyllis Scott, Dave Shaw, Doris Spence, Elaine Strawbridge, Gladys Stock, Steven Cox, Harry Disher, Michelle Down, Sandra Evan-Jones, John Gould, Jeff Hawkins, Gary Jones, Martha Reynolds, Julia Sinclair, Nancy Wetselaar, Greg White, Laurie White.

RESOURCE CENTRE

- 1) Congregations and Members were encouraged to subscribe to The Observer through highlights from the April 2007 issue.
- 2) The current Family Ministries Kit in the series should now be in the hands of the congregations. It is recommended that congregations build a library of these kits. Extra kits are available from the Resource Centre.
- 3) Highlights of materials from the current Infopac were shared along with the reminder that this mailing should now be in the hands of congregations.
- 4) Highlights of the current issue of “giving” were offered, and congregations encouraged to subscribe.
- 5) Seasons of the Spirit orders are due May 1st while Bible Quest (with the 2007-08 year being its final year of production) orders are due by May 15th.
- 6) “Singing the Song of Faith” group study resource is available through the Resource Centre.

WORSHIP was led by Rev Bruce Cook, President of London Conference.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT DOCKET

MOTION: Moved and seconded that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve the Consent Docket as presented. **CARRIED.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HURON-PERTH PRESBYTERY MARCH 27, 2007

MOTION: Moved and seconded that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve the minutes of the meeting of Huron-Perth Presbytery for March 27, 2007 as printed and circulated. **CARRIED.**

WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Margaret Cressman made a presentation on the work of the Responding to Elder Abuse in the County of Huron (REACH), and invited interested parties to contact her.

Past Chairperson Murray Donaldson took the Chair for the presentation of the Report of the Part-Time Ministry Task Group.

- 1) Rev Alex McGilvery led a discussion on the Report of the Part-Time Ministry Task Group.
- 2) **MOTION:** moved and seconded that Huron-Perth Presbytery accept the "Report of the Task Group on Part-Time Ministry in Huron-Perth Presbytery as the policy for Part-Time Ministry in Huron-Perth Presbytery. **SEE BELOW**

MOTION: Moved and seconded that a decision on the foregoing report be postponed until the June 5, 2007 meeting of Presbytery in order for the policies intended to be more clearly stated, and that the report be circulated to Presbyters again in order for Presbyters to make a fully informed decision. **CARRIED.**

Past Chairperson, Murray Donaldson stepped down, and incumbent Chairperson, Rev Alex McGilvery assumed his Chair.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- 1) **MOTION:** Moved and seconded that Huron-Perth Presbytery deal with the motions to follow by a show of hands. **CARRIED.**
- 2) **MOTION:** Moved and seconded that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve the application of Rev Alun Thomas to be retained on the Roll of Presbytery. **CARRIED.**
- 3) **MOTION:** Moved and seconded that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve the application of Rev Margaret Smith to be retained on the Roll of Presbytery. **CARRIED**
- 4) **MOTION:** Moved and seconded that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve the request of Rev Ethel Miner-Clare for a Change in Pastoral Relations effective August 31, 2007. **CARRIED.**
- 5) **MOTION:** Moved and seconded that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve the application of Rev Ethel Miner-Clare to be retained on the Roll of Presbytery. **CARRIED.**
- 6) **MOTION:** Moved and seconded that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve the Appointment of Stephen Hildebrand to Egmondville United Church as Full time (40 hrs/wk) Lay Pastoral Minister, category C, effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008jwith annual amounts as follows: Salary of \$34,817, Housing Allowance of \$12,000, Study and Book Allowance of \$3,000, Secretarial help as needed, along with all other terms and conditions according to The Manual and policy set by General Council. **CARRIED.**
- 7) **MOTION:** Moved and seconded that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve the Joint Needs Assessment Report of the Atwood Pastoral Charge, and that a Vacancy for a Full time ministry position be declared effective July 1, 2007. **CARRIED.**
- 8) **MOTION:** Moved and seconded that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve the formation of a Joint Search Committee for the Atwood Pastoral Charge. **CARRIED.**
- 9) **MOTION:** Moved and seconded that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve an Application for Settlement of the Atwood Pastoral Charge. **CARRIED.**

EDUCATION AND STUDENTS COMMITTEE

- 1) **MOTION:** Moved and seconded that Huron-Perth Presbytery deal with the motion to follow by a show of hands. **CARRIED.**
- 2) **MOTION:** Moved and seconded that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve Mr Colin Snyder as a Candidate for the Ordained Ministry. **CARRIED.**

DIVISION OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- 1) **MOTION:** Moved and seconded that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve the request of the Grand Bend Pastoral Charge to purchase the lands known as Con LRE, Pt Lt 4, 25R2191 Pt 7; and Con LRE, Pt Lt 4, 25R2191, Pt 4 to 6; and Con LRE, Pt Lt 4, 25R2191, Pt 1 with 25R4683, Pts 1 to 4, in the Regional Municipality of Lambton Shores, Lambton County, contingent upon successful environmental studies phase 1 and 2 suitable to the purchaser, with an expected closing date of June 25, 2007. **CARRIED.**
- 2) **NOTICE OF MOTION FOR JUNE 5, 2007 for the DISPERSAL OF CONGREGATIONAL ASSETS AT THE DISBANDING OF A CONGREGATION**

PREAMBLE: At the June 23, 2006 meeting of the Executive of Huron-Perth Presbytery, the Division of Finance and Administration was requested to research the various practices within the united Church for the disposition of congregational assets when a congregation disbands, and to prepare recommendations for review by the Executive. This research has now been completed and a proposed policy has been presented to the Executive. As a result, the following Notice of Motion is being presented. The Motion will be brought to the June 5, 2007 meeting of Huron-Perth Presbytery for consideration.

This policy is based on hope and possibility. While a congregation has now decided that the time has come to disband, the members can see that its past will live on in another part of the United Church, either locally or globally.

MOTION: "WHEREAS Huron-Perth Presbytery recognises that the assets of a congregation choosing to disband should be used 'for the benefit of the United Church' (The Manual of the United Church of Canada, Section 270.d), and WHEREAS Huron-Perth Presbytery and a pastoral charge or congregation work together for the disposition of funds upon the disbanding of congregations,

THEREFORE: it is moved that Huron-Perth Presbytery set up a Visionary Fund to support worthy endeavours within the bounds of the Presbytery. A minimum of 20% of proceeds from a disbanding congregation would go to the Visionary Fund. This fund would provide loans and/or grants for such things as renovating or building to ensure a church presence, supporting youth ministry and camps within Presbytery, support congregations who are daring to do something new, education and training of future personnel.

This fund would be administered by the Division of Finance and Administration of Huron-Perth Presbytery. The Division would receive requests for consideration. All requests would be subject to Presbytery approval.

It is further recommended that possible choices for the dispersal of the balance would be cemetery upkeep where appropriate, other United Church congregations, the Mission and Service Fund, Five Oaks Training Centre, The Hospital Visitation Program, Huron-Perth Resource Centre, Camp Bimini, and Camp Menesetung.

- 1) The Financial Report for the period ending April 20, 2007(pg 1318) was presented for information.
- 2) Pastoral Charges are reminded to send in the first half of their assessments by the May Conference if at all possible.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

- 1) **MOTION:** Whereas Genesis 2:15 tells us God created human beings to tend and care for creation, and, whereas April 22nd was Earth Day, which has grown into Earth Week, and Earth Month in Canada, and, whereas the Stewardship Committee feels strongly that we all should be responsible caretakers in creation, Therefore, it is moved and seconded that the United Church people of Huron-Perth Presbytery be encouraged by their Presbytery Delegates to turn down their thermostats in their homes, churches and work places by one degree, and find five additional ways to conserve energy in their homes, churches and work places. **CARRIED.**

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 APRIL 24, 2007**

TREASURER'S REPORT for the period ending APRIL 20, 2007

	2007 BUDGET		2007 ACTUAL
RECEIPTS:			
ASSESSMENTS	\$197,690	21.4%	\$42,250
MISCELLANEOUS	100		-
INTEREST	500		366
HOSPITAL VISITATION APPEAL	500		50
CONVENANTS	650		-
CONTINGENCY RECOVERY	-		2,500
DRAW FROM RESERVES	9,500		3,106
TOTAL RECEIPTS	208,940		48,272
EXPENSES:			
LONDON CONFERENCE ALLOCATIONS	66,250		-
PRESBYTERY ADMINISTRATION:			
EXECUTIVE (Mileage, misc)	500		-
OFFICE OF SECRETARY	400		101
OFFICE OF TREASURER	600		176
HONORARIA - SECRETARY	2,600		650
- E-MAIL NETWORK CO-ORDINATOR	500		250
- TREASURER	800		-
DIVISIONS AND COMMITTEES:			
MPE & PENSIONS	100		-
MANSE	100		-
PASTORAL RELATIONS	1,000		50
PASTORAL CARE & OVERSIGHT	100		229
EDUCATION & STUDENTS	2,450		612
- CONTINUING EDUCATION SUPPORT	1,000		-
COMMUNICATIONS	100		(1)
MISSION IN CANADA	1,000		-
YOUTH	1,000		-
WORLD OUTREACH	500		-
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION	400		-
STEWARDSHIP	100		-
PRESBYTERY PROJECTS, GRANTS:			
RESOURCE CENTRE	21,000		10,000
CAMP BIMINI	12,000		8,000
CAMP MENESETUNG	12,000		8,000
HOSPITAL VISITATION	5,150		5,150
SHORT/LONG TERM DISABILITY-SEBRINGVILLE	-		3,106
CONTINGENCY	2,000		58
PASTORAL SUPPORT MINISTER	46,500		14,099
YOUTH MINISTER	30,000		-
TOTAL EXPENSE	208,150		50,481
(DEFICIT) BALANCE	\$790		\$(2,209)

	2004	2005	2006	2007		
MEMBERSHIP	11,531	11,050	10,998	10,600	Bank Balance-Apr 20/07	\$(461)
FEES					Temporary Reserve	\$2,800
Conference	\$5.75	\$6.25	\$6.25	\$6.25	Special Reserve Fund	\$27,611
Presbytery	\$8.25	\$8.25	\$8.90	\$12.40	Loan-Camp Menestung	\$6,000
Total	\$14.00	\$14.50	\$15.15	\$18.65		

Paid In Full: Blyth, Crediton, Parkview-Stratford, Thames Rd.-Elimville & Varna-Goshen

Paid In Part: Atwood, Auburn, Brussels-Ethel, Centralia, Dashwood-Zurich, Goderich-North Street,
 Goderich-Victoria St.-Benmiller, Listowel-(Calvary-Wallace-Zion) & Trinity, Londesborough, Mitchell, Monkton,
 Stratford-Central, & Thamesview-Fullarton

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

- 1) The Presbytery was called upon to offer nominations for the position of Chairperson.
- 2) **MOTION:** Moved and seconded that nominations for Chairperson for the 2007-08 Conference year be closed.
CARRIED.
- 3) There being no further nominations for the office of Chairperson, the Presbytery acclaimed Flo Cartwright as Chairperson of Huron-Perth Presbytery for the 2007-08 Conference year.

PASTORAL CARE AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

1) The Resource Centre and the Pastoral Care and Oversight Committee are teaming up to present the "Alive and Well" workshop on September 28, 2007. Facilitators are Rob Dalglish and Rev Neil Lackey. Register by submitting \$20 fee to Betty Graber Watson of Brussels-Ethel Pastoral Charge or Rev George Russell of Calvary-Wallace-Zion, Listowel. The fee covers your booklet resource, "Alive and Well" and lunch.

HURON-PERTH UCW PRESBYTERIAL

- 1) On April 18th, a most successful event was held at Londesborough United Church. Almost 100 women heard Murray Mitchell speak on his work developing wells in many developing countries with emphasis on Malawi, Africa. A collection of over \$600 was given to Murray to further his work in Malawi. The evening was well planned by Doris Spence, Wilma Craig, and Pat Young with special music offered by Kaitlyn Martin and her mother, K. King-Martin.
- 2) UCW Annual Meeting is being held in Sault Ste Marie April 28-30th to which several Huron-Perth Presbyterial members are going.
- 3) We are looking forward to our Campsite Experience on June 18th at Camp Menesetung.

OTHER

- 1) The Habitat For Humanity Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at the Falstaff Family Centre, 35 Waterloo St. N., Stratford.
- 2) Cluster Groups who want a presentation on the Presbytery Youth Minister position may contact Paul Ross of Exeter United or Elaine Graham of Millbank-Hampstead Pastoral Charge or any member of the Search Committee to register interest and make arrangements.
- 3) Some congregations have not yet sent the directions to their church for insertion into our interactive Presbytery map, which is now in preparation.
- 4) The Chairperson of Presbytery calls upon the Divisions and Committees to forward him their Job Descriptions for the Division or Committee as well as for its Chairperson as soon as possible.
- 5) The Division of Communication is exploring other ways Power Point technology can serve Presbytery. Please contact Kathy Butson with your ideas.
- 6) London Conference is in need of a Teller from Huron-Perth. Please contact Chris at the end of tonight's meeting if you can serve London Conference in this way.
- 7) In addition to those names presented earlier in the year, the following person is being re-admitted to the Order of Ministry in the United Church of Canada: John Patterson recommended by Cochrane Presbytery. Anyone having any cause to question this re-admission is to contact the Secretary.

REFLECTIONS AND COURTESIES were offered by the Chairperson

BENEDICTION was offered by the Chairperson

ADJOURNMENT declared by the Chairperson at 9:10pm.

Alex McGilvery, Chairperson

Chris Beaumont Secretary.