

.THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

LONDON CONFERENCE  
ELGIN PRESBYTERY

FIRST UNITED CHURCH  
February 20, 2007  
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PRESBYTERY MINUTES

**CONSTITUTION**

The February meeting of Elgin Presbytery was held at First United Church, St. Thomas. The meeting was constituted as a court of the Church by Chairperson Bob Karn. A quorum was present.

**WELCOME**

Bob Karn, Presbytery Chairperson, welcomed presbyters to the February meeting.

**ATTENDANCE**

The attendance register was signed by:

Lay Reps: Donald Carroll, Kay Chamberlain, Jane Cox, JoAnn Day, Barb Dawson, Bonnie Graham, Debbie Graham, Gord Griffin, Roberta Gillard, Bev Hickey, Sherry Johnstone, Bob Karn, Terry Lanning, Doug Lee, Glenda McMillan, Ruth McCutcheon, Ellen Palmer, Hazel Sims, Ken Verrell, June Warren, Joe Richards

Clergy: Janess Binns-Landell, Jim Evans, Don Graham, Joan Golden, Roger Landell, Janet Laughren, Hugh MacDonald, Don Macpherson

Staff Associates - absent

Students serving a Pastoral Charge: Diane Macpherson

Conference Staff: Peter Kingsbury

Regrets: Jung-Hee Park, Doug Lee,

**AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda as printed and circulated.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes pages 2007-07 to 2007-10 dated January 16, 2007 as printed and circulated.

**CARRIED**

Executive minutes dated February 7, 2007 pages 2007-12 to 2007-14 were not available for information.

**BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

IN

2007-22 Kent Presbytery  
23 Peter Kingsbury  
24 General Council

SUBJECT

Presbytery Minutes  
RE:income tax issues  
Re: general insurance for congregations of  
United Church of Canada

**CORRESPONDENCE** (cont'd)

IN	SUBJECT
2007- 25 General Council	Admission and Re-admissions to United Church of Canada
26 London Conference	Letter to MPE
27 Oxford Presbytery	Re: School for Christian Studies, Woodstock, "Doing Church Differently"

MINISTERS TO BE RECOMMENDED FOR ADMISSION FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS TO THE ORDER OF MINISTRY IN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA 2007

dated February 15, 2007

NAME	DENOMINATION	RECOMMENDING PRESBYTERY
William (Bill) James Abra	Baptist Convention of Ottawa & Quebec	Huron - Perth
John (Jack) Thomas Paleezny	Roman Catholic Church	Waterloo
Maki Fuashii	Japan Baptist Convention Church	Vancouver South
Attila Laszlo Gyorgy	Reformed Church of Gardony-Hungary	Montreal
Scot Kerr Hunter	Baptist Convention of Ontario & Quebec	Montreal

MINISTER TO BE RECOMMENDED FOR RE-ADMISSION TO THE ORDER OF MINISTRY IN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

NAME	RECOMMENDING PRESBYTERY
Nil -----	

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report stating a Bank Balance to February 19, 2007 of \$1,076.89. **CARRIED**

**WORSHIP**

Rev. Roger Landell, minister of First United church, led in devotional time together.

**UNIT REPORTS**

**UNIT I STEWARDSHIP AND COMMUNICATION**

Bonnie Graham gave the final Mission and Service Fund 2006 for Elgin, London Conference and national. Elgin Presbytery objective for 2006 was \$145,000; total raise in Elgin Presbytery for 2006 was \$162,226. Congratulations!

**UNIT I STEWARDSHIP AND COMMUNICATION** (cont'd)

London Conference objective for 2007 is \$3 million

National objective for 2007 is \$30,500,000.

Roberta Gillard reported new books available from the Middlesex resource Centre include Singing a New Song – edited by Nancy Hardy with contributions from local familiar names like Mark Guilano and Trish Elliott ; lenten study books - On the Road Again and Bound for Golgotha; curriculum workshop will be held April 14 with special guest speaker Amy Crawford UCC director of Children and Youth education; Seasons of the Spirit orders need to be in by May 1. Other books recommended are As Children Gather Book II by Tom Beecroft and Children Stories for Story Time. Check the United Church web site for new books as well. Deb Graham reported that the Presbytery wide picnic will be held on first Sunday in June at PWCC.

The division had an excellent discussion re the vacancies in Presbytery.

**UNIT II OUTREACH AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT**

A Marriage Policy Workshop is to be held March 24, 2007

March 22 is World Water Day, check UCC web site for resources to use in your congregation.

“Building for Peace” Workshop will be held in Lambton Centre on March 17, 2007

Youth Forum will be held at PWCC April 20 -22 , registrations need to be in by April 2.

Pearce Williams Christian Centre ---Pearce Williams Christian Centre of the United Church, will hold its annual corporation meeting on February 26, 2007 at First United Church, St. Thomas. The PWCC Long House renovation will happen on March 23-25 with work being done by St. Paul's Aylmer congregation members.

Summer Camp registrations forms are now available.

Bank Balance stands at negative-\$11,000 to date.

**UNIT III MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION**

Education and Students--no report

Pastoral Relations- Southwold Pastoral Charge – have sent letters to neighbouring congregations to meet with them in April, lace and date to be announced

Springfield - JNAC committee formed – presbytery rep needed

Sparta /Union – It was moved and seconded to approve and recommend the JNAC report from the Sparta /Union Pastoral Charge. **CARRIED**

Malahide / Richmond – It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery support the application of Malahide / Richmond Pastoral Charge as a Learning Sight. **CARRIED**

Calvary United Church, Rodney — It was moved and seconded to approve application for Settlement for Calvary United Church, Rodney. **CARRIED**

Oversight – Pastoral Charge Annual Reports are due and to be passed on to Don Macpherson.

Internship – No report

Settlement – Calvary, Rodney has applied for Settlement of a minister to their church at Conference Annual meeting time.

**UNIT III MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION** (cont'd)

It was moved and seconded that June Warren be Elgin Presbytery rep on the Joint Search Committee for Sparta / Union. **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that pending a Manse inspection that Elgin Presbytery declare a vacancy on the Sparta / Union Pastoral Charge. **CARRIED**

Pensions – The 2006 Elgin Presbytery pensions report has been sent to National church offices.

It was moved and seconded that Rev. Jim Evans be the Elgin Presbytery rep to the Springfield Joint Needs Assessment Committee **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that Rev. Janess Binns-Landell be the Elgin Presbytery rep to the Straffordville / Pt. Burwell Joint Needs Assessment Committee. **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that Rev. Henry Marisen be the supervisor on the Straffordville / Pt. Burwell Pastoral Charge **CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Registration forms for Conference Annual Meeting in May were available for clergy and Pastoral Charge delegates.

Year Book Statistics from each Pastoral Charge are due now; send to National office.

Church Custodians Workshop – St. Paul’s United church, during March Presbytery meeting. dates and places for Presbytery meetings are as follows:

- March 20, 2007 - St. Paul’s , Aylmer
- April 17, 2007 - Pearce Williams Christian Centre
- June 19, 2007 - tba

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Elgin Presbytery will be held on February 20, 2007, First United Church, St. Thomas, with supper at 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting

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(Bob Karn Chairperson)

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(Ellen Palmer, Secretary)