

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

LONDON CONFERENCE
ELGIN PRESBYTERY

FIRST UNITED CHURCH
January 11, 2007
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EXECUTIVE MINUTES

WELCOME

Executive members were welcomed to the January executive meeting by Chairperson, Bob Karn.

CONSTITUTION AND WORSHIP

The meeting was constituted as a court of the Church by Bob Karn, Chairperson. Bob led in a short worship and prayer. A quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE

Bonnie Graham, bob Karn, Roger Landell, Janet Laughren, Don Macpherson, Peter McNaughton, Ken Verrell, David Woodall,-London Conference, Joe Richards - PWCC
Regrets - Sherry Johnston, Ellen Palmer

NEEDS OF ELGIN PRESBYTERY

A discussion was held with regard to the needs facing Elgin Presbytery. The following is summary of the status of each of the Pastoral Charges.

Aylmer:	Rev. Don Graham (full time)
Dexter-port Stanley	Rev. Jim Izawa (2/3 time)
Dunwich	Diane Macpherson (student) <i>JNAC needed in 2007</i>
Fingal	Jung-Hee Park (1/2 time)
Malahide - Richmond	<i>Vacant</i> <i>Search Committee: Rev. Don Graham</i> <i>Rev. Peter McNaughton</i> <i>Charge Supervisor: Rev. Peter McNaughton</i> <i>leaving February 14th</i>
Rodney	<i>Vacant</i> <i>Search Committee: Ellen Palmer</i> <i>Hazel Sims</i> <i>Charge Supervisors: Ellen Palmer</i> <i>Hazel Sims</i>
Southwold	Janet Laughren - retiring May 1, 2007 <i>Exploring various ways of continuing ministry in this pastoral charge</i> <i>Presbytery rep: Terry Lanning</i>
Sparta - Union	Rev. Hugh MacDonald - leaving June 30, 2007 <i>JNAC: Janet Laughren</i> <i>June Warren</i>
Springfield	Rev, Janess Binss-Landell - retiring June 30, 2007 <i>JNAC - needed</i>

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St. Thomas, Central	Rev. Marjorie Smith - Appointment to June30, 2007 <i>JNAC: Deb Graham</i> <i>Joann Day</i> <i>Search Committee needed</i>
St. Thomas - First	Rev. Roger Landell (full time) Barbara Furneaux (Staff Associate)
St. Thomas -Grace	Rev. Jim Evans (full time)
St. Thomas - St. Andrew's	Joan Golden (full time)
St. Thomas - St. Mark's	Rev. John Lindsay (full time) Non active - ill
St. Thomas - Suburban	Don Macpherson - (full time)
Straffordville- Port Burwell	Rev. Peter McNaughton - leaving February 14, 2007 <i>JNAC needed</i> <i>Charge Supervisor needed</i>
West Lorne	Rev. Jim White - retired supply (1/2 time)

The following is a list of the position which need to be filled

Chairperson of Elgin Presbytery	_____
Chair Elect of Elgin Presbytery	_____
Chairperson of Pastoral Relations	_____
Chairperson of Outreach & Development	_____
Order of Ministry Rep to London Conference Settlement Committee	_____
Presbytery Rep to London Conference Nominating Committee	_____
Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Malahide - Richmond	_____
Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Straffordville-Port Burwell	_____
Pastoral Supervisor for Southwold	_____
Presbytery Rep to Search Committee for Malahide- Richmond	_____
Presbytery Rep(s) to JNAC for Springfield	_____
Presbytery Rep(s) to JNAC for Straffordville-Port Burwell	_____
Chairperson(s) for Local Arrangements Committee for annual Meeting of London Conference 2008	_____

To help the pastoral charges with the JNAC process, it was decided to have a "JNAC Day" so that all of the representatives to the various Joint Needs Assessment Committees would be able to

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gather together at one time to learn the process and to begin working on their individual profiles. People trained to the JNAC process will be available to assist the various Committees.

The Rev, Peter McNaughton volunteered to organize such a day in consultation with Peter Kingsbury..

PEARCE WILLIAMS REPORT

Joe Richards gave a brief financial report. There is an approximate balance of -\$5,000. A grant of \$5,000 was received from Green Lane Environmental Fund.

A new Gator has been purchased.

88 groups and over 5, 000 people plus summer campers used PWCC in 2006

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday, February 26, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. in the sanctuary of First United Church.

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2006.

CARRIED

BUSINESS FOR THE EXECUTIVE

MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendation of the JNAC of Central United Church and declare a vacancy for a full-time ordained/diaconal minister to serve the needs of ministry of Central United Church.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded to approve with regret a request of Janess Binns-Landell for a change of Pastoral Relations effective June 30, 2007 to retire and that we authorize the establishment of a Joint Needs Assessment Committee.

CARRIED

ABSTENTION: REV. ROGER LANDELL

It was moved and seconded to appoint the Rev. Jim Evans as supervisor of St. Mark's United Church for the duration of the Rev. John Lindsay's time on restorative care.

CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that Don Macpherson be appointed supervisor of the Southwold Pastoral Charge effective May 1, 2007, with permission to administer the sacraments.

CARRIED

STEWARDSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS

All 2006 M&S gifts must be received by Thursday February 1, 2007. If you have not mailed your remittances in time for mail delivery by that date, you may remit directly to our bank account. Please email or phone Ann Yohan at 416-231-7680, ext.3090 for instructions.

Do not forget to complete the M&S Objective Forms as soon as possible.

Do not forget to complete the Statistical Forms which you should be receiving almost immediately.

OUTREACH AND DEVELOPMENT

A marriage Policy Workshop has been scheduled for Saturday March 24, 2007, from 10:00 - 3:00

Place to b announced

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OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The Presbytery web site – discuss at the January meeting of Presbytery.

Possible time change for the February meeting of Presbytery so as not to conflict with pancake suppers.

Possible date change for the March meeting of Presbytery Executive to Wednesday February 28th.

CONFERENCE REPORT

The Rev. R. Matthew Stevens has been appointed as Stewardship Education & Justice Minister effective April 18, 2007.

There is a Church Modernization Fund - can apply for grant money up to \$5,000.00

Emerging Spirit Workshop at riverside United Church on February 9 -10, 2007

A caution: there are very few Intention Interim Minister available. If a pastoral charge requests one, check to see if anyone is available before proceeding.

The London Conference website is changing. Net Event Inc. has been engaged to design and set up the London Conference website.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Elgin Presbytery Executive will be held February 7, 2007, First United Church 9 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

(Bob Karn, Chairperson)

(Bob Karn, Acting Secretary)

