

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

LONDON CONFERENCE  
ELGIN PRESBYTERY

FIRST UNITED CHURCH  
September 5, 2007  
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EXECUTIVE MINUTES

**WELCOME**

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

**CONSTITUTION AND WORSHIP**

The meeting was constituted as a court of the Church by Chairperson Bob Karn who opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was present.

**.ATTENDANCE**

Roger Landell, Bonnie Graham, Bob Karn, Don Macpherson, Henry Marissen, Ellen Palmer, Joan Golden, David Woodall

**PEARCE WILLIAMS REPORT**

No monthly Financial Report was available from Pearce Williams Christian Centre.

**AGENDA**

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

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded to accept the Elgin Presbytery Executive minutes dated June 6, 2007, pages 2007-39 to 2007-41.

**CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded to approve the Summer Commission Minutes dated August 14, 2007 pages 2007-47 to 2007-48.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

IN	SUBJECT
2007-93 London Conference	C. Hockey re:Elgin's chair of F & A
94 Deb Graham	Re: location on Conference Annual Meeting
95 London Conference	Re: MEPS' questions
96 Grace / St. Mark's United Churches	Re: 60% - 40% split sharing minister
97 Kent Presbytery Minutes	Presbytery Minutes
98 Oxford Presbytery Minutes	Presbytery Minutes
99 Kent Presbytery	Presbytery Executive Minutes
100 General Council	Sexual Abuse Policy
101 London Conference	Warrant to Covenant Rev. Wendy Milliken
102 General Council	Priority Related Plans

**CORRESPONDENCE (cont'd)**

IN	SUBJECT
2007-103 St. Paul's, Milverton	Request for used set of hand bells
104 General Council	Residential School Update
105 London Conference	Workshop re: Challenging teens
106 London Conference	CPRI Strategic Plans 2007- 2009
107 London Conference	Moderator's Visit / London Conference (Nov 4-9, 2007)
108 Deb Graham	Re: Elgin Presbytery hosting Conference Annual meeting – location
109 Oxford Presbytery	Lay Worship Leader Course
110 General Council	Challenging Empire: "Call to Community" 2007- 2009 Mission Theme
111 General Council	Re: use of M & S Funds within congregations
112 Kent Presbytery	Presbytery Executive minutes
113 General Council	Seeking 2009-2011 Mission Theme
114 London Conference	Newly appointed Chaplain to UWO
115 London Conference	Five Oaks event
116 London Conference	Where Elgin Presbytery meetings will be held in 2007-2008?

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report as of September 4, 2007 stating bank balance of \$ 1,096.32 was received for information. See Appendix # 1

**BUSINESS FOR THE EXECUTIVE****UNIT 1 STEWARDSHIP**

It was noted that St. Paul's, Aylmer has had no remittance this year to the M & S Fund as of August 1, 2007 on the latest printout sheet from national office.

One third of M&S objective has been reached by  
and one half of M & S objective has been reached by

**UNIT II OUTREACH AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT**

General Council and the Christian Council of Mozambique have sent invitation to see the work done by the United Church there.

Bruce Whitmore will be leading a trip to Mozambique in 2008 to see the work being done there. Barb Dawson and Joan Golden along with Elgin Presbytery Youth Council planned and event "It's Time" September 30, 2007, St. Andrew's United Church, St. Thomas, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. for grades 7 and up.

A second Youth event is planned for November at Pearce Williams Christian Centre.

**UNIT III MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION**

Oversight Committee no report:

Pastoral Relations - As of September 1, 2007 Rev. James Evans will be serving 60% time at Grace United Church and 40% time at St. Mark's United Church. Rev. Evans is also supervisor at St. Mark's.

Plans for Wendy Milliken's Covenanting service at St. John's, Springfield, October 7, 3 p.m. are under way.

George Walker, Malahide Pastoral Charge, has inquired about a service of recognition. Henry Marrison to arrange with George Walker.

Sunday Worship Leadership was discussed. Numerous churches in our Presbytery do not have an recognized ministry serving in their congregations.

It was moved and seconded that the Sparta/ Union Joint Search Committee search be for a two thirds time position.

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Straffordville manse inspection to be done in very near future.

**CONFERENCE REPORT**

Rev. David Woodall, Conference Office, reported that Annual meeting plans will progress now that a meeting place has been found.

Pastoral Charge sale of assets (when a church closes) should be sent to Conference Finance and Administration Division.

Presbytery must be aware that if congregations can not pay their minister presbytery is responsible to pay that minister for three months. Congregations must keep track of their finances to avoid being in this situation.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Elgin Presbytery Executive will be held on October 3, 2007, 10:00 a.m. at **ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

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(Bob Karn Chairperson)

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(Ellen Palmer, Secretary)

