

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

LONDON CONFERENCE
ELGIN PRESBYTERY

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October 3, 2007
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EXECUTIVE MINUTES

WELCOME

Executive members were welcomed to the October executive meeting by Chairperson, Joan Golden.

CONSTITUTION AND WORSHIP

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

.ATTENDANCE

Roger Landell, Bonnie Graham, Bob Karn, Don Macpherson, Ellen Palmer,
Joan Golden, David Woodall
Regrets – Rev. Dr. Henry Marissen

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 September 5 2007, pages 2007-50 to 2007-52..

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

IN
2007-130 London Conference
131 London Conference

132 London Conference
133 London Conference

134 London Conference
135 London Conference (B. Robinson)
136 Kent Presbytery
137 London Conference
138 General Council

SUBJECT
Interfaith Social Assistance reform Coalition
Proposal/2009 Mission Support & Global
Partner Grants
“United for Peace” Campaign
Hand In Hand / Children’s resource for
M&S
Perspectives on Labour & Income
Children at conference
Presbytery Minutes
UCC Congregational Refugee Sponsorship
Residential School steering committee

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CORRESPONDENCE (cont'd)

IN
2007-139 London Conference

140 Janet Laughren
141 Huron / Perth

142 General Council
143 Hospital Visitors Committee

SUBJECT
Rev. Dr. Henry Marissen & Rev. Troy Van
Ginkel completed apptmt and call.
Re: transfer to Hamilton Presbytery
Re: dispersal of congregation assets at the
disbanding of a congregation
Re: police records check "Back Check"
Re: Elgin Presbytery's assessment to it

Hospital visitors' assessment led to discussion around the covenanting service offerings and whether they go for the work of presbytery or to the congregation holding the covenanting service.. It was decided this discussion should go to full court for continued discussion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report as of October 3, 2007 stating bank balance of \$ 1,336.51 was received for information. See Appendix # 1

BUSINESS FOR THE EXECUTIVE

UNIT 1 STEWARDSHIP

Retrieving minutes from the web site – some presbyters are having difficulty. Stay tuned on how to get minutes.

Local Arrangements Committee will meet tonight in East Elgin Community Centre. All churches in presbytery are to be made aware that they will be asked to take on some responsibility for meals, snacks, etc.. Lots of volunteers will be needed.

Mission and Service Fund remittance from St. Paul's Aylmer has been rectified.

M&S treasurers are reminded to send their M & S money regularly to National Office.

UNIT II OUTREACH AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT

Bruce Wittmore is back from Mozambique and we hope to hear how visitors can go to Mozambique in the coming year.

Kerry Graham, from St. Paul's Aylmer, attended Kairos and will be reporting to presbytery in the near future.

November 3, 2007 EPYC are planning an all day event for youth at PWCC

UNIT III MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION

Appointment request for Sparta / Union Pastoral Charge at October presbytery meeting.

Oversight - no report.

Rev. Dr. Henry Marissen will do service of Welcoming and Recognition for George Walker, LPMIT, Richmond / Malahide Pastoral Charge, Richmond on October 21, 2007.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Visioning — Bev Robinson will be at November presbytery meeting to do a visioning exercise with presbytery. Joan Golden and Bev to work on agenda for the exercise.

Presbytery meetings will be held at:

October — PWCC	March---
November – St. Andrew’s	April---
January – Talbotville	June--
February --	

CONFERENCE REPORT

Rev. David Woodall, Conference Office, reported that Annual Local Arrangements Committee will meet this evening at East Elgin Community Centre.

There has been a change in Revenue Canada looks at Mission Support Grants – only churches with a charitable number will be considered.

Congregation looking for Mission Support Grants are to have a five year plan in place and that plan needs to go down 20% each year.

There will be 25% less in the Mission Support Grants in 2009 from General Council.

Gifts of Hope Catalogue is available on the Conference Web Site.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Elgin Presbytery Executive will be held on November 7, 2007, 10:00 a.m. at **ST. ANDREW’S UNITED CHURCH.**

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting closed with prayer.

(Joan Golden, Chairperson)

(Ellen Palmer, Secretary)