

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

LONDON CONFERENCE
ELGIN PRESBYTERY

GRACE UNITED CHURCH
November 7, 2007
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EXECUTIVE MINUTES

WELCOME

Executive members were welcomed to the November 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, Henry Marissen, Ken Verrell, Sherry Johnstone

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 amended

CARRIED

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to accept the Elgin Presbytery Executive minutes dated October 3, 2007, pages 2007-60 to 2007-62.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

IN
2007-156 General Council

157 General Council

158 Kent Presbytery

159 London Conference

160 London Conference

161 London Conference

ELGIN PRESBYTERY

SUBJECT

Changes in Justice Global & Ecumenical
work of the General Council

Changes in Congregational, Educational &
Community Ministries work of General
Council

Presbytery Minutes

Completed form MEP433AP - Ethel Miner
Clare

Rural Opportunities for Ontario Families
Announcement

David Kim-Cragg visit January 18-31

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CORRESPONDENCE (cont'd)

IN	SUBJECT
2007-162 Heather McLean 163 London Conference	M&S Bulletin Insert Gift Catalogue – to London Conference not M &S Fund
164 Kent Presbytery	“Alive and Well” workshops for church leaders
165 London Conference	Volunteer Opportunity for London Conference for staff futures committee
166 General Council	Mission Theme Submissions for 2009-2011
167 London Conference	Special Visit from Korea
168 Boese Family	Challenge for Mission Support Grants
169 General council	Archives new Home
170 London Conference	Staff Futures Committee
173 London Conference	Record of transfer for Rev. Troy Van Ginkel
174 London Conference	Gift Catalogue on line
175 General Council	Moderator Resumes Duties
176 London Conference	M&S Statistics
177 London Conference	Error with web site corrected
178 M&S Fund Office UCC	Need updated list presbytery contacts
179 General council	GCE planning & priorities June 07 decisions
180 Five Oaks	Faith Formation Gathering Feb 29 - Mar1/08
181 Oxford Presbytery	Licensed Lay Worship Leader Program / Church History

INTERVIEW FOR TREASURER

After viewing resume from Cindy Earhart it was recommended that Cindy Earhart join the executive meeting

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery appoint Cindy Earhart as Treasurer of Elgin Presbytery pending a Police Check. Police Check to be paid for by Elgin Presbytery and viewed by Chairperson and Secretary when submitted. The position will take effect once the Police Check has been viewed with a probationary period until June 30th, 2008 working with Don Macpherson, Ken Verrell, and Sherry Johnstone.

CARRIED

Abstention - Sherry Johnstone

It was moved and seconded that an honorarium pro rated be paid to Cindy Earhart to year end.

CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved and seconded that The Treasurer's Report as of November 5, 2007 stating bank balance of \$ 1,331.03 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

See Appendix # 1

BUSINESS FOR THE EXECUTIVE

UNIT 1 STEWARDSHIP

Peace Sunday is November 4, 2007 launches a two year Campaign for Peace ending December 31, 2009. Check the UCC web site United for Peace for more information

Mission and Service Funds to October 31, 2007 – \$16,504,957.42

Mission and Service Fund from UCW for 2007 \$ 1,137, 999.30

World Development & Relief \$ 234,438.48

Total M & S Fund contributions to Date 2007 \$17,877,395.20

Please have your treasurers remit M & S monies ASAP to Church House.

Target M & S Fund for 2007 is \$30,000,000.

We asked to pray for people who endured Hurricane Noel. Cheque donations and on line donations should be mad payable to United Church of Canada and marked “Caribbean Hurricane Noel Relief”.

UNIT II OUTREACH AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT

Korean Visitors are needing a sponsoring congregation.

November 10, 2007 is day planned for Youth of Elgin at Pearce Williams Christian Centre Charles McMillan, a YAT who attended Conference will be a guest.

Joan Golden will be attending the DWO conference meeting in London.

UNIT III MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION

Sparta / Union appointment of Ethel Miner Clare is now in effect.

Southwold Pastoral Charge contract with Roxanne Bale as Sunday Supply is okay as long as EI is paid.

Rodney is still searching for minister. Interviews are taking place.

Covenanting service for Rev. Troy Van Ginkel will be held on November 18, 2007 at 7:30

Central United Church.

Plans for covenanting service for Ethel Miner Clare are being made with the Pastoral Charge.

Straffordville Pastoral Charge needs presbytery rep to be on their Joint Search Committee.

Lori Stewart – request for transfer to be dealt with at Presbytery meeting on November 20, 2007

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

It was moved and seconded that Ken Verrell be the presbytery rep to talk with Sparta / Union regarding the selling of their manse. **CARRIED**

CONFERENCE REPORT

Rev. David Woodall, Conference Office, reported that THE National Archives have moved to The United Church of Canada’s General Council Office at 3250 Bloor St. West in west end Toronto. Additional information with regard to the move of the United church archives (Toronto) will be posted to the archives website at ww.unitedchurcharchives.ca

Bruce Presbytery will have no half time ministry.

London Conference website problems have been worked out and it now works beautifully.

Centralized Payroll should be in affect by December 2008.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Elgin Presbytery Finance committee made up of the executive then worked on creating a 2008 Budget to be presented at the November 20, 2007 Presbytery meeting for approval.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Elgin Presbytery Executive will be held on December 5, 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)