

.THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

LONDON CONFERENCE  
ELGIN PRESBYTERY

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October 18, 2007  
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PRESBYTERY MINUTES

**CONSTITUTION**

The October meeting of Elgin Presbytery, was held at Pearce Williams Christian Centre. The meeting was constituted as a court of the Church by Chairperson Joan Golden. A quorum was present.

**WELCOME**

Joan Golden, Presbytery Chairperson, welcomed presbyters to the October meeting.

**ATTENDANCE**

The attendance register was signed by:

Lay Reps: Jo Ann Day, Barb Dawson, Bonnie Graham, Debbie Graham, Roberta Gillard, , Bob Karn, Doug Lee, Glenda Macmillan, Ruth McCutcheon, Jean Mitchell, Ellen Palmer, Hazel Sims, Ken Verrell, June Warren, Joe Richards, Sherry Johnstone

Clergy: Joan Golden, Don Graham, Roger Landell, Wendy Milliken, Troy Van Ginkel, Henry Marissen,

Staff Associates - absent

Students serving a Pastoral - George Walker

Conference Staff:

Regrets: Jung-Hee Park, John Brown, Don Macpherson Diane Macpherson

**AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda with introductions. Rev. Troy Van Ginkel, Central United church, St. Thomas, and George Walker, Malahide / Richmond Pastoral Charge were introduced and welcomed to the court .

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes pages 2007-54 to 2007-58 dated September 18, 2007 as printed and circulated.

**CARRIED**

Presbytery Executive minutes pages 2007-60 to 2007-62 dated October 3, 2007 were for information.

**BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes. November Presbytery meeting will be held at St. Andrew's United church, St. Thomas.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

IN  
2007-144 Oxford Presbytery  
145 General Council

SUBJECT  
Presbytery Minutes  
Q & A Plans towards 2010

**CORRESPONDENCE** (cont'd)

IN	SUBJECT
2007-146 London Conference/ Matthew Stevens	Ways web site
147 London Conference	Pre-Retirement Workshop
148 General Council	Ministry of Supervision
149 Kent Presbytery	Presbytery Minutes
150 London Conference	Executive Minutes
151 London Conference/Matthew Stevens	Re: M&S Enthusiasts
152 London Conference/Matthew Stevens	Revising Health Care: Conference
153 London Conference	Rev. R Barceas / Columbia at Colborne St. United Church, London
154 Back Check	Pre:employment background checks
155 Centre for Clergy Care & Congregational Health	Promo Poster

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report stating a Bank Balance of \$1,336.51 dated October 2, 2007 **CARRIED**

Question asked – Line 16 Conference 2008 - Budget of \$1,000 enough?

Preparing for budget in November – Units to review their needs and report to Treasurer

Travel Allowance Claim by end of October

Hospital visitors line 10 on financials - \$1,500? need to talk with that committee for clarification

**LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE FOR CONFERENCE 2008**

Deb Graham and Doug Lee met with David Woodall, conference office staff and plans for the Conference Annual Meeting are on track. Meeting will be held in East Elgin Community Centre, Aylmer. Plans are being made to include all churches in Elgin with billets, meals, snacks, parking, etc. Churches will be contacted in the near future. Next meeting will be held October 24, 2007 at St. Andrew's United Church, St. Thomas.

**WORSHIP**

Joe Richards, Pearce Williams Christian Centre, told us of campers this past summer and shared camp songs with us. The short worship closed with prayer.

**UNIT REPORTS****UNIT I STEWARDSHIP AND COMMUNICATION**

There are Elgin Presbytery Mission and Service Fund Budget concerns. Need \$500 for 2008 Local Arrangements – Plans for 2008 Conference Annual Meeting are progressing and congregations will be asked to help in various ways: eg: cookies for snacks, meals, parking billets, etc.

Letter from Bev Robinson asking the direction the visioning for our presbytery should take. It was suggested that Bev meet with each unit for ideas.

The web address for our presbytery is [www.elginucc.org](http://www.elginucc.org).

**UNIT II OUTREACH AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT**

PWCC report— about 200-210 people attended the Annual Fund Raising Beef Dinner on October 14, 2007.

Summer Camper attendance was down for this past summer.

PWCC Bank Balance is -\$9861.90. Rainbow Fund is forth coming .

The “Power of Small” \$5.00 per month can be given through the PAR program the church offers.

Youth Ministry – an event is planned for November 10 at PWCC for kids in grade 7 and up.

UCW- the Fall Event was held at PWCC with the Theme “Transfigurations”. UCWs are asked to consider \$100.00 for new tables for Pearce Hall.

Presbyterial Executive meeting will be held on November 14, 2007, St. Mark’s United Church.

Dwayne Ferguson will arrive back from Mozambique November 5, 2007. Then plans can be made for trip back to see work being done there.

Churches are encouraged to check their Charitable Status Number by double click on Government of Canada web site.

Mission Education – there will be a poster board at each presbytery meeting with current items of interest on it.

There will be a trip to El Salvador in January 2008. Check UCC website for information.

There will be a trip to Mozambique with Bruce Wittmore in 2008

Paul Hagerman is now on staff at Canadian Food Grains Bank.

Kairos 2008- web site is [www.karios2008.ca](http://www.karios2008.ca)

**UNIT III MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION**

Internship- No report

Settlement-No report

Pensions – No report

Education and Students–No report

Pastoral Oversight – No report

Pastoral Relations – Covenanting Service for Rev. Troy Van Ginkel to be arranged for him, Central United church and presbytery when a suitable date can be found.

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery appoint Rev. Ethel Miner-Clare to the Sparta / Union Pastoral Charge November 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 pending her Police Check.

Terms of Appointment

Category of Ministry – United Supply, Part Time– 26 1/2 hours per week

Financial Remuneration

Salary	\$22,822.00
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Housing	8,000.00
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Telephone	400.00
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Financial Support for study (book allowance)	800.00
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And all other requirements of the manual

**CARRIED**

Elgin Presbytery will be applying for her transfer from Huron / Perth presbytery.

There will be a Pre-Retirement Workshop , November 8, 2007, 10am to 4 pm Riverside United church, London, cost \$15.00.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion was held regarding Covenanting services.

- a) Would you want other people to attend these services?
- b) How often do we get to celebrate together as a presbytery?
- c) How many churches advertise in your bulletins a covenanting service at another church?  
Where do covenanting services offerings go to – presbytery or local congregation?

It was moved and seconded to table the discussion to the next meeting of presbytery. **CARRIED**

2. Hosts for Presbytery meetings: February –

March

April

June

September

October — PWCC

Nora Sanders, General Secretary of the United Church of Canada will be speaking at the 187<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service at Union United Church November 4, 2007 at 3 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The November 20, 2007 Presbytery meeting will be held at St. Andrew's United Church, St. Thomas, with supper starting at 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

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(Joan Golden, Chairperson)

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(Ellen Palmer, Secretary)