

## PRESBYTERY MINUTES

### **CONSTITUTION**

The September 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**

Chairperson, Joan Golden, welcomed presbyters to the September 19, 2008 (Friday evening) meeting of Elgin Presbytery and to the new format for our meetings.

### **ATTENDANCE**

The attendance register was signed on September 19, 2008 by:

Lay Reps: Jane Cox, Barb Dawson, Jo Ann Day, Debbie Graham, Bob Karn, Glenda McMillan, Ellen Palmer, Hazel Sims, Joe Richards

Clergy: Joan Golden, Don Macpherson, Roger Landell, Wendy Milliken, Ethel Miner-Clare, Jung Hee Park, Troy Van Ginkel, John Brown, Harry Marissen

Staff Associates - absent

Students serving a Pastoral - Laurie O'Leary

Conference - absent

Regrets: Tom Charlton, Kay Chamberlain Cindy Earhart, Bonnie Graham, June Warren, Diane Macpherson,

Absent – Rev. Jim Evans, Don Graham, James Izawa, Brenda Mac Main, Rev. Janess Binns-Landell, Rev. Elgin Rintoul, Rev. James White, Barb Furneaux, Doug Andrews, Nora Brooks, Donald Carroll, Wayne Ferguson, Terry Lanning, Doug Lee, John Martyn, Jean Mitchell, Don Page, George Walker, Marilyn Mitchell

### **REVIEW OF OPERATING GUIDELINES**

Chairperson, Joan Golden asked each TEAM (new format) to review their guidelines and to name a chairperson for their TEAM. The seven new TEAM chairpersons will now be part of the executive which will meet the first Wednesday of the month at 10.00 a.m. at St. Andrew's United Church, St. Thomas.

### **TEAM MEETINGS**

Teams met for their meeting in separate rooms.

### **VESPER TIME**

Those staying overnight at PWCC met at 9:30 for vesper time.

## **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20,2008**

Morning meditation

Breakfast

### **WORKSHOP – MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL 101**

Peter Kingsbury conducted a workshop with some basics for Ministry & Personnel Committees

### **LUNCHEON**

### **CONSTITUTION**

The Saturday, September 20, 2008 of Elgin Presbytery continued at Pearce Williams Christian Centre. The meeting was constituted as a court of the church by Chairperson, Joan Golden.

A quorum was present.

### **WELCOME**

Chairperson, Joan Golden, welcomed presbyters and guests as we continued with the new format of presbytery meeting.

### **ATTENDANCE**

The attendance register was signed on September 20, 2008 by:

Guests: Sandra Reid, Bill Reid, Laurie Zander, Donna Bearss, Jean McClintock, Harvey Patterson, Charles Beckett

Lay representatives: Tom Charlton, Jo Ann Day, Barb Dawson, Debbie Graham, Roberta Gillard, Glenda McMillan, Don Page, Ellen Palmer, Hazel Sims, June Warren, Joe Richards,

Clergy: Jim Evans, Joan Golden, Wendy Milliken, Ethel Miner Clare, Doon Macpherson, John Brown,

Staff Associate- absent

Students serving a Pastoral Charge - Laurie O'Leary

Conference – Peter Kingsbury

Regrets: Kay Chamberlain, Cindy Earhart, Bonnie Graham, Bob Karn, Roger Landell, Diane Macpherson, Jung hee Park, Troy Van Ginkel, Henry Marissen

Absent– Doug Andrews, Nora Brooks, Donald Carroll, Wayne Ferguson, Gord Griffin, Mary Johann, terry Lanning, Doug Lee, Ruth McCutcheon, John Martyn, Jean Mitchell, Devon Pearson, Donna Penhale, Ken Verrell, George Walker, Don Graham, James Izawa, Brenda Mac Main, Diane Macpherson, Janess Binns-Landell, James White,

### **AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda as amended..

**CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded to make visitors corresponding members.

**CARRIED**

## **REMITTS**

Rev. Jim Evans lead us through the remits authorized by the 39<sup>th</sup> General Council:

*Remit 1*— Licensed Lay Worship Leaders

--- Does the Elgin presbytery agree that the Basis of Union should be amended to reflect the policy adopted by the Thirty-Eighth General council (2003) **YES**

*Remit 2*—Retired Lay Pastoral Ministers and Staff Associates

—Does the Elgin Presbytery agree that Designated Lay Ministers who have been recognized by the Conference should remain members of the Presbytery upon retirement **YES**

*Remit 3*— Presbytery Membership for Lay Past Presidents

—Does the Elgin Presbytery agree that lay Past Presidents or Past Leading Elders of Conferences, whose congregational membership is within the jurisdiction of a Presbytery within the Conference that they served as President or Leading Elder, should be accorded membership in Presbytery **YES**

*Remit 4*— Permanent Committee Chairpersons as Commissioners

—Does the Elgin Presbytery agree that the Basis of Union should be amended to reflect the ruling that the position of Chairperson of a Permanent Committee of the Executive of the General Council is equivalent to that of Chairperson of a former General Council Division **YES**

*Remit 5*—General Secretaries as Commissioners

— Does the Elgin Presbytery agree that the Basis of Union should be amended to reflect the ruling that there is no staff position in the restructured General Council office equivalent to that of any of the former General Council Secretaries that would be appropriately designated to serve as an ex officio commissioner **YES**

*Remit 6*--- Ex Officio Commissioners to the General Council

— Does the Elgin Presbytery agree that the following persons should be made ex officio Commissioners to the General Council:

1. the persons elected by the Conferences to serve on the Executive of the General Council (currently 26 persons, two elected by each Conference)
2. The president-Elect or Leading Elder-Elect of each Conference
3. ten members elected by the General Council to serve on the Executive of the General Council (other than those elected by the Conferences to serve on the Executive of the General Council, or the Chairperson of each General Council Division) **YES**

## **MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded to accept the presbytery minutes pages 2008-44 to 2008-47 dated June 17, 2008 as printed and circulated.. **CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded to accept the presbytery minutes of the covenanting services pages 2008- 48 and 2008-49 dated June 8, 2008 and June 22, 2008 **CARRIED**

Presbytery Summer Commission minutes pages 2008-50 were received for information only.

Presbytery Executive minutes Pages 2008-52 to 2009-54 were received for information only.

## **BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES**

There was not business arising from the minutes.

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## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**IN**  
2008-130 General Council  
131 Kent Presbytery  
132 London Conference  
133 London Conference  
134 Lenore Reeves  
Thomas– hymns in “More Voices”  
135 PWCC  
136 Cathy Guo  
137 West Lorne

White  
138 Barb Dawson

**SUBJECT**  
General Council openings for Executive  
Presbytery Minutes  
Clergy invitation to lunch with Gretta Vosper  
“Alive and Kicking” workshop, Springfield  
Paul Rumbolt -First United Church, St.  
  
Financials to date  
M&S reps in each congregation  
Request for JNAC  
Change of Pastoral Relations for Rev. Jim  
  
Request for change of Pastoral Relations

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

It was moved and seconded to receive the treasurer’s Report as presented stating Bank Balance  
–\$5,606.49 **CARRIED**  
It was moved and seconded to pay Pearce Williams Christian Centre \$500.00 for rental for this  
two day meeting. **CARRIED**

### **TEAM REPORTS**

#### **ANIMATION TEAM**

No report.

#### **FAITH FORMATION TEAM**

No report.

### **PEARCE WILLIAMS CHRISTIAN CENTRE**

Pearce Williams Christian Centre reported a reduced enrollment for summer camps due to the  
economic changes in our county. Kids attending had a great time.

The camp was granted \$40,000 from the Trillium Fund so repairs were made to roofs and a new  
dishwasher was purchased.

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery give Pearce Williams Christian Centre \$4,000  
for improvements and maintenance at the camp **DEFEATED**

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery approve Pearce Williams Christian Centre  
application for \$4,000 in matching grant funds from the Capital Assistance for Camps and  
Retreat Centres through the United Church of Canada. **CARRIED**

### **WORSHIP TEAM**

No report.

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### **MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION TEAM**

The Team reviewed our purpose under the new presbytery format.  
Rev. Roger Landell was elected chairperson of the Team.

Dates were set for monthly Team meetings to be held at First United Church:

October 21, 2008 1p.m.-2:30 First United Church

November 20, 2008 — *Full Presbytery* meeting, St. Andrew's United Church, -- 4 p.m.

January 20, 2009 –1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

February 22, 2009 ---- *Full Presbytery meeting* PWCC 4 p.m.

March 17, 2009 –1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. First United Church

April 21 , 2009 ----*Full Presbytery meeting* –Aylmer, – 4 p.m.

May 21, 2009 –1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. First United Church

June 16, 2009 – 1 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. First United Church

#### Committees within the Team

*Pensions* — Hazel Sims

*Internship*– Jo Ann Day

*Pastoral Relations* – Rev. Henry Marissen

*Pastoral Oversight* — Don Macpherson

*Education and Students* — Rev. John Brown

Education and Students Report— It was moved and seconded to renew Lay Worship Leader's license for Bob Karn for 2009

**CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery recommends that Barbara Dawson be recognized by London conference as a Designated Lay Minister

**CARRIED**

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery confirms the status of Wendy Noble as a candidate for Ordered Ministry.

**CARRIED**

Pastoral Relations Report — It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery accept Barbara Dawson's request for change of Pastoral Relations effective January 15, 2009

**CARRIED**

Letter received from Rev. Jim White stating that he will not stand for reappointment as of June 30, 2009.

West Lorne Pastoral charge wishing to form a JNAC in the near future.

It was moved and seconded that barb Furneaux be appointed Designated Lay Minister to First United Church July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011 pending Police Check.

**CARRIED**

#### **SHOW ME THE MONEY TEAM**

No report.

#### **JUSTICE TEAM**

No report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

November 5, 2008 Moderator, David Guliano will be in Elgin Presbytery at Central United Church. Gathering Time: 5:30 p.m. Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Troy Van Ginkel is requesting pictures from each congregation of church activities to be put on a CD to be played during dinner.

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#### **NEXT MEETING**

**The November meeting of Elgin Presbytery will be held at St. Andrew's November 21, 2008 5:30 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting closed with prayer.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

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(Joan Golden, Chairperson)

(Ellen Palmer, Secretary)