

ERIE PRESBYTERY  
HAMILTON CONFERENCE, THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Regular, June 14, 2017

**THEME: "Threads of Hope"**

The regular meeting of Erie Presbytery, Hamilton Conference, The United Church of Canada, was held on Wednesday June 14, 2017 at Bethel Stone Church. A quorum was present.

**Constitution of the court:**

Nora Fueten, Chair, duly constituted the court in the name of Jesus Christ the only head of the church, and the meeting open for the business set out to come before it. She welcomed everyone.

**Enabling Motions:**

1. **ATTENDANCE** those members on the Roll, registered for this meeting.
2. **AGENDA** as printed, be the order of business subject to changes that are recommended by the Agenda & Worship convener or (approved by the court) or approved by the court itself.
3. **CORRESPONDING MEMBERS** - visitors will be made corresponding members for the meeting (allows one to speak but not vote).
4. **CIO;R RESPONDENCE** acknowledges acceptance of correspondence and the assignation of same as printed with the minutes.
5. **REPORTS** all reports are to be legibly written or typed and handed to the secretary prior to the presentation of the report.
6. **EXECUTIVE** grants the power of the Presbytery to the Executive between the regular meetings of Erie Presbytery.
7. **ADJOURNMENT** the Presiding Officer has the authority to recess the Presbytery when business, as ordered, is complete.

**Motion:** Brian Elder/Yvonne Wright that the enabling motions be accepted as printed in the agenda.

**CARRIED**

**Welcome**

Don Caron Chair of the Board welcomed us to Bethel Stone and their new facility. He said it still feels new and not home yet. Adrienne thanked Don for bringing to the board a visioning process for the future.

**Visitors/Newcomers were introduced:**

Paul Currie introduced Larry Dawson recent new presbyter from Old Windham. Yvonne Wright introduced the new minister at Sydenham-Heritage, Gert van Rensburg. Adrienne introduced Ross Gowan who has agreed to take on the role of Property Committee Chair.

**Motion:** Adrienne Robertson/Stephen Mabee that Ross Gowan be made a member at large **CARRIED**

Brian Elder introduced his wife Mary as guest for the evening.

**Worship:** Worship was led by Robert Lawson, Jennifer Budd, and Chris Matheson with Norma Cronkwright accompanying the singing of hymns. Chris read scripture: Matthew 9: 35-38. Jennifer Budd spoke of St. Clement and a homily "The Antependium". Members of LLWL participated as well.

**Roll:**

**Ministry Personnel:**

Barrie Bain, Peggy Bartlett, Jennifer Bawden, Jennifer Canning, Paul Currie, Cathy Dilts, Brian Elder, Barbara Fullerton, Nora Fueten, Lee Haughton, Stephen Mabee, Dan MacLean, Randy Mackenzie, Chris Matheson,

Debbie McMillan, Mary Jo Patterson Adrienne Robertson, Stephen Mabee, Stephen Shantz, Art Tobey, Kathryn Vance, Gert van Rensburg, Frank Walker, Jim Wencel.

**Lay Representatives:**

Lorraine Balberman, Jane Baxter, Mae Bedford, Jennifer Budd, Stuart Budd, Jayne Carman, Marg Crawley, Norma Cronkwright, Larry Dawson, Paul Doughty, Joyce Gowan, Ross Gowan, June Hibbert, Liz Hooper, Leah Anne Houser, Carol Knuth, Robert Lawson, Lois Lockhart, Shelly Lefler, Ian McMillan, George Mulder, Sharon Mitchell, Elizabeth Newman, Barb Paterson, Dan Paterson, Anne Reynolds, Allan Rey, Judi Rushton, Lynne Shipton, Bob Stevenson, Sue Stevenson, Pat Tinney, Karen Tobey, Marg Walker, Odeyne Wodskou, Yvonne Wright

**Persistent Friend:** Diane Matheson-Jimenez for Peter Hartmans.

**Regrets:** Vicky Aldersley, Phyllis Buchner, Judy Barker, Sheena Marini, Joan Minns, Ted Smith, Harold Wall, Dorothy van Osch

**Visitors/Guests:** Brian Cronkwright, Mary Elder, Dave Jagger, Heather King, Sandy Sinden, Joyce Stover, Alex Stover

**Persistent Friend:**

Diane Matheson Jimenez:

- Asked churches to send remit responses
- Spoke regarding the extreme hunger appeal being matched by the federal government until June 30<sup>th</sup>
- spoke to the call for participants Canada-Australia Reconciliation Dialogue March 2018  
the website is at <http://www.united-church.ca/opportunities/canada-australia-reconciliation-dialogue-australia-visit>
- Said that she and Peter Hartmans will share the role of persistent friend to Erie Presbytery. Starting September Diane will attend plenary meetings and Peter will attend the executive meetings

**David Jagger, Stewardship and Gifts Officer for Hamilton and London Conference:**

- Explained that he helps congregations and United Church ministries do God's mission.
- He said three components of M&S are invite, inspire, and thank
- He said churches can use the Minute for Mission and DVDs and books. He encouraged us to view the [www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca](http://www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca) website
- Reported that as of June 1st, Erie Presbytery M&S givings were up 6.7% over same time last year
- Showed two brief videos one from David Armour "We sing Thanksgiving", and another from moderator Rt. Rev. Jordan Cantwell.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** Brian Elder/ Jennifer Budd that the minutes of April 26, 2017 meeting be approved with the addition of the name Vicky Aldersley to the roll. **CARRIED**

**Approval of Executive minutes:**

**Motion:** Adrienne Robertson/Debbie McMillan that the minutes of executive meeting of May 10, 2017 be accepted as information. **CARRIED**

**Correspondence:**

Secretary Karen Tobey read the Circulation List of Members seeking Admission and Readmission to the United Church of Canada - see Appendix A page 25

**Nations Uniting**

There was no report.

### **Five Oaks**

Norma Cronkwright read a brief message from Rafael Vallejo Director of Five Oaks who was unable to attend due to a board meeting this evening. He reminded everyone to buy a membership and attend the Annual General Meeting June 17, 2017.

### **Grand River Book Store**

Norma read a brief account of Jackie's' success in book sales during the conference annual meetings. She also mentioned some bestselling books that Jackie is recommending: *The Reason You Walk* by Wab Kinew; *If Darwin Prayed* by Bruce Sanguin; and children's book *Who Counts* by Amy Jill Levine & Sandy Eisenberg Sasso. All children's books are discounted 20%.

There will be 10% (discount) Tuesdays in the summer (except it might not be on Tuesdays, call before visiting to make sure Jackie is there or which day it will be)

**SUPPER** Robert Lawson gave the blessing.

Randy Mackenzie expressed thanks to the cooks for the dinner.

### **Matthew Lindsay**

Matthew Lindsay expressed his thanks to the presbytery for financial support on his upcoming trip to Leipzig Germany as a steward at the World Communion of Reformed Churches. Matthew will be one of seventy stewards.

### **Gathering Hymn** – Common Thread

### **Joys and Celebrations**

- South Cayuga's Syrian family arrived last night
- Brantford Mosque is holding a breaking of the fast (end of Ramadan) Saturday June 17 and interested parties should check it out
- There will be an ecumenical gathering 10:30 Saturday June 17 at Grand River Health Centre
- There will be Strawberry Social and a play "Writer's Block" 6:30 pm Thursday June 22 at Harmony UC

### **Licensing of Lay Worship Leaders**

Jennifer Bawden began by reading from 1 Corinthians Chapter 12.

**Motion:** Jayne Carman/Randy Mackenzie-Whereas the Education and Students' Committee of Erie Presbytery interviewed the Licensed Lay Worship Leaders on May 6, 2017:

Be it hereby resolved that Erie Presbytery hereby affirm the following Licensed Lay Worship Leaders for the 2017/2018 worship year and their licenses be signed by the Secretary of Erie Presbytery:

Mae Bedford, Phyllis Buchner, Jennifer Budd, Heather King, Barb Paterson, Sandra Sinden, Joyce Vince-Stover

**CARRIED**

### **Retirees and Jubilands**

The two retirees and three Jubilands have been in ministry for a total of more than 230 years.

Barb Fullerton introduced retiree Paul Currie with some interesting stories. Paul then spoke briefly about his 40 year ministry and that he was glad to be retiring from Erie Presbytery close to his roots in Paris.

Barrie Bain introduced retiree Brian Elder whom he had met in Chatham where he appreciated Brian for his role in the community, especially scouting. Brian spoke of his partner in crime wife Mary, and all the support

she has been for him. He said that twenty nine (29) of his forty one (41) years in ministry have been in Erie Presbytery.

Nora presented both retirees with a certificate and plaque from the presbytery.

Nora then presented the three Jubilands, each for Fifty Years since ordination, with gift certificates; Stephen Mabee, Stephen Shantz, and Art Tobey.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Pastoral Relations:**

**Motion:** June Hibbert/Jennifer Canning that Erie Presbytery approve the re-appointment of Jennifer Bowden Miller, recognized designated lay minister, "D" category, to Canfield United Church, full time starting July 1st, 2017 until June 30th 2020. Salary: \$51,577, telephone: \$624, con.ed. \$1400. Total: \$53,601. (This appointment is shared equally by Oneida for the first year, with an option to renew annually). **CARRIED**

**Motion:** June Hibbert/Jennifer Canning that Erie Presbytery approve the re-appointment of the Rev William MacKinnon, retired ordained to Sydenham-Heritage United Church, part time, 16 hours a week, starting July 1st, 2017 until Dec. 30th 2017. Salary: \$25,670.85, telephone: \$421, con.ed. \$549.60, health benefit@40% \$247.49. Total: \$26,888.94 **CARRIED**

**Motion:** June Hibbert/Jennifer Canning that Erie Presbytery approve the re-appointment of the Rev. Randy Mackenzie, retired supply, to St. Andrews, Brantford, part time, 12 hours a week, starting Sept 1st, 2017 until June 30th 2018. Salary: \$18,613 (for 10 months), telephone: \$1000, con.ed. \$330. Total (for 10 months) \$19,943. **CARRIED**

**Motion:** June Hibbert/Jennifer Canning that Erie Presbytery approve the re-appointment of the Rev. Debra Hinksman, retired ordained, to Delhi United Church, part time, 30 hours a week, starting July 1st, 2017 until June 30th 2018. Salary: \$42,070, telephone: 400, con.ed. \$1030. Total: \$43,501. (This appointment also covers Lynnville United Church on a contract basis). **CARRIED**

**Motion:** June Hibbert/Jennifer Canning that Erie Presbytery approve the re-appointment of Robert Lawson, candidate supply, to Harmony United Church, part time, 30 hours a week, starting July 1st, 2017 until June 30th 2018. Salary: \$34614 plus 8.8% (\$3355), telephone: \$600, con.ed. \$1031. Total: \$39,600. **CARRIED**

**Motion:** June Hibbert /Jennifer Canning that Erie Presbytery declare a vacancy for Caistorville Pastoral Charge, for a half time ministry personnel, starting immediately. **CARRIED**

**Motion:** June Hibbert/Jennifer Canning that Erie Presbytery approve the following pastoral charge supervisors: the Rev. Bob Thompson for Old Windham starting June 1st, the Rev. Brian Elder for Oakland and Scotland pastoral charges, starting July 1st, and Peggy Bartlett for Jarvis-Garnet pastoral charge during the minister's medical leave. **CARRIED**

**Motion:** June Hibbert/Jennifer Canning that Erie Presbytery support the request from St. Andrews, Vittoria for Paul Doughty, candidate supply, to perform the sacraments. **CARRIED**

### **Faith Formation**

There was no report.

### **Human Resources**

**Motion:** Adrienne Robertson/Brian Elder that the nomination report be approved.

**CARRIED**

Adrienne expressed thanks to June Hibbert for several years as Pastoral Relations chair, and to Paul Currie for his service as chair of the Property Committee.

See - Appendix B page 26 for the complete Human Resources report.

### **Pastoral Oversight**

Diane Matheson explained to the court the background on the motion from the April 26, 2017 plenary meeting amalgamating the Sydenham and Heritage churches. Both churches are legally designated Pastoral Charges and as such, a motion to amalgamate needs to reflect that.

**Motion:** Barrie Bain/Stuart Budd that Sydenham Street Pastoral Charge and Heritage Pastoral Charge amalgamate as Sydenham-Heritage Pastoral Charge as of January 1, 2017, at the Sydenham site.

**CARRIED**

### **Administration/Finance**

Norma Cronkwright reported that host churches are in place until January 1, 2018. Any interested churches please be in touch with Administration Committee.

**Motion:** Norm Cronkwright/Brian elder that Erie Presbytery receive the Financial Review for 2016 as circulated by email.

**CARRIED**

**Motion:** Norma Cronkwright/Brian Elder that Erie Presbytery approve the financial reviewer for the 2017 year to be Tom Pierce Accounting.

**CARRIED**

The Canada Revenue agency Form T3010 – Registered Charity Information Return with the appropriate attachments has been filed. It is due June 30, 2017.

### **Mission & Outreach/Life and Public Witness:**

There was no report.

### **Property**

Paul Currie explained that as property committee chair he was also on the administration committee. He brought a red box case with the presbytery's data projector, computer, appropriate wires to 'make available' for a new tech support person to hold as he was retiring. Adrienne Robertson took the case.

**Motion:** Paul Currie/Stephen Mabee that Erie Presbytery give its consent for the following properties to be listed for sale:

1. - Balfour Street United Church, 62 Balfour Street, Brantford, and
2. - 22 Munsee Street South, Cayuga - the former Manse of Cayuga United Church.

**CARRIED**

**Motion:** Paul Currie/Randy Mackenzie that Erie Presbytery give its consent for Oakland Church to be listed for sale.

**CARRIED**

Note: Paul informed the court of a website for charities and non-profits [www.techsoup.ca](http://www.techsoup.ca) where software can be purchased at reduced prices for those who qualify; i.e. "Donor Perfect" through techsoup.ca a \$1300 value for \$84.

### **Mission & Development**

Randy Mackenzie spoke to the court about the role of the council: to extend the ministries of Erie Presbytery and to make loans at low interest rate. This year the council has given money to Ryerson Camp and Caribbean Workers Outreach. The council of about sixteen people meets once a year, the twelve directors more frequently. The priority this year is to extend the membership. The goal is to get ONE member from each congregation.

He asked presbyters to go back to their churches and ask who might be interested in extending ministries in Erie Presbytery.

### **Education and Students**

**Motion:** Jayne Carman/Ted Black, whereas the Education and Students Committee of Erie Presbytery met with three Candidates for Ordained Ministry and reviewed their progress over the past year;

Be it hereby resolved that Erie Presbytery hereby confirm the status of the following persons as Candidates for Ordained Ministry, and that Forms 206 be completed for each of these candidates and signed by the Secretary of Erie Presbytery:

Paul Doughty

Alison Miculan

And that interviews for new Candidates Robert Lawson and Caitlin Mackenzie be held at a later date.

**CARRIED**

**Motion:** Jayne Carman/Ted Black, whereas the Education and Students Committee of Erie Presbytery met with Janice Pow, Applicant for Designated Lay Ministry on May 17, 2017 and reviewed her progress over the past year;

Be it hereby resolved that Erie Presbytery hereby confirm the status of Janice Pow as an Applicant for Designated Lay Ministry and that Form 506 be completed and signed by the Secretary of Erie Presbytery.

**CARRIED**

### **Closing Worship and Installation of Chair**

Nora led the worship and installation of Chair Cathy Dilts.

Cathy read from scripture the story of feeding the five thousand and spoke on her theme "looking forward".

### **Covenanting with Committee Chairs**

Cathy then covenanted with the new committee chairs. Committee chairs then wove together felt pieces which Jennifer Budd will braid into a fabric to be used at our meetings in the next year.

**Adjournment:** Chair Cathy Dilts closed the meeting with a responsive benediction and adjourned the meeting at ~8:40 pm.

**Next Executive Meeting: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 9:30 am at Five Oaks Centre**

**Next Regular meeting: Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at 5:00 pm, at Old Windham, Simcoe**

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Nora Fueten, Chair

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Karen Tobey, Secretary

**CIRCULATION LIST**

May 17, 2017

In accordance with the requirements of the admission/readmission policy of the United Church these names are circulated to each of the Presbyteries/Districts to be:

- read at the next meeting of your Presbytery/District for information.
- recorded in the minutes of your Presbytery/District.

This does not require a vote.

**MINISTERS SEEKING ADMISSION**

FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS TO THE ORDER OF MINISTRY IN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Name	Denomination	Conference
Yong-Seok Baek	Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea	Saskatchewan
Karlene Ingrid Brown-Palmer	Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Americas	Manitoba & NW Ontario
Limon Daka	Reformed Church in Zambia	Manitoba & NW Ontario
Eunkyu Ji	Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea	Saskatchewan
Velvet John	Church of South India	Saskatchewan
Mojalefa Mosa Khechane	Apostolic Faith Mission, South Africa	Hamilton
MiYeon Kim	Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea	Alberta North West
Tammy Lindahl	Presbyterian Church USA	British Columbia
Lennox Omar Scarlett	United Church in Jamaica and Cayman Islands	Hamilton
Young Seo	Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea	Saskatchewan
Thomas (Tae Sung) Shin	Korean Methodist Church	Toronto
Gert Tait van Rensburg	Renaissance Church in South Africa	British Columbia

**MINISTERS SEEKING READMISSION**

Name	Conference, Presbytery
Mark Giuliano	London Conference, Middlesex Presbytery

## HUMAN RESOURCES NOMINATION REPORT: 2017-2018

<b><u>Office</u></b>	<b><u>Incumbent</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
*Chair	Cathy Dilts	2018
*Chair Elect	Kim Shantz	2018
*Past Chair	Nora Fueten	2018
*Secretary	Karen Tobey	2018

### **CONVENORS:**

*Administration	Harold Wall 2018	
*Faith Formation	Sheena Marini 2018	
*Education & Students	Jayne Carman/Ted Black	2019
*Finance/Treasurer	Norma Cronkwright	2018
*Human Resources	Adrienne Robertson	2018
*Mission/Outreach/Life/PublicWitness	Barbara Fullerton	2018
*Pastoral Relations	Jennifer Canning	2019
*	Bob Thompson	2018
*Pastoral Oversight	Barrie Bain	2018
*Stewardship	VACANT	2018
Property	Ross Gowan 2019	

### **CONFERENCE:**

Mission Strategy/Support	Peggy Bartlett, VACANCY	2018
Interview Board	Yvonne Wright, Barb Fullerton	
Philanthropy/Stewardship	VACANT (2 positions)	
Group Pensions	Art Tobey	2018
CIES	Yvonne Wright	2018
	Marion Brown	2018
	Barb Fullerton	2020

*(Conference Internship and Educational Supervision Committee)*

### **Members at Large**

Mae Bedford (UCW President)  
 Sue Stevenson UCW Dorothy van Osch UCW Jayne Carman (Chair of E&S)  
 Harold Wall (Chair of Admin)  
 Ross Gowan (Chair, Property)  
 Director of Five Oaks (if membership is with Erie)  
 Grand River Education and Resource Center Board Representatives:  
 Randy Mackenzie, Sheena Marini

\*Serves on the executive