

ERIE PRESBYTERY  
HAMILTON CONFERENCE, THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Regular, September 27, 2017

**THEME: "Gathered Blessings"**

The regular meeting of Erie Presbytery, Hamilton Conference, The United Church of Canada, was held on Wednesday September 27, 2017 at Old Windham Simcoe. A quorum was present.

Cathy Dilts, chair, thanked the court for the delay. Cathy then acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Traditional Territory of First Nations' Peoples.

**Constitution of the court:**

Cathy 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 Chair or secretary 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. **Correspondence** 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. Enabling Motions:

**Motion:** Ted Smith/ Vicky Aldersley that the enabling motions be accepted as printed in the agenda.

**CARRIED**

**Joys and Concerns**

- Joyce Starkey, long time presbytery rep passed away September 23
- Ted Smith is going to have another grandchild
- Anne Clause presbytery rep for Nations Uniting passed away.
- Cathy led in prayer for the families of Joyce and Anne.

**Welcome to Old Windham**

Dianne Elliott welcomed everyone and gave a brief history and overview of Old Windham.

**Introduction of Visitors/ Newcomers**

- Adrienne introduced her son Matthew Lindsay as the new rep for Bethel Stone Church.
- Ted Smith introduced Marie Mayo from Port Rowan St Williams
- Larry Dawson introduced Thom Davies as supply minister at Old Windham.

**Worship:** Worship was led by Jennifer Canning, beginning with a call to repentance. Chris Matheson spoke briefly of Martin Luther and the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 95 Theses on the door of Castle Church at Wittenberg Germany. Cathy Dilts gave the reflection "Gathered Blessings". Communion was then shared by all.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** Yvonne Wright/Adrienne Robertson that the minutes of June 14, 2017 meeting be approved with the inclusion of the name *Heritage* in the motion regarding the amalgamation of Sydenham-Heritage Pastoral Charge **CARRIED**

**Motion:** Kim Shantz/Adrienne Robertson that the executive minutes June 28, July 10, and September 13, 2017 be accepted as information. **CARRIED**

**Roll:****Ministry Personnel:**

Vicky Aldersley, Barrie Bain, Judy Barker, Murray Barnett Jennifer Bawden, Ted Black, Jennifer Canning, Thom Davies, Cathy Dilts, Nora Fueten, Lee Haughton, Robert Lawson, Randy MacKenzie, Chris Matheson, Gert van Rensburg, Adrienne Robertson, Kim Shantz, Stephen Shantz, Ted Smith, Kathryn Vance, Frank Walker.

**Lay Representatives:**

June Barnett, Mae Bedford, Marg Crawley, Larry Dawson, June Hibbert, Liz Hooper, Leah Anne Houser, Tom Hunt, Shelly Lefler, Matt Lindsay, Ian McMillan, John McNall, George Mulder, Sharon Mitchell, Elizabeth Newman, Allan Rey, Judi Rushton, Bob Stevenson, Sue Stevenson, Pat Tinney, Karen Tobey, Dorothy van Osch, Marg Walker, Odeyne Wodskou, Yvonne Wright

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

**Regrets:** Peggy Bartlett, Jane Baxter, Phyllis Buchner, Jennifer Budd, Stuart Budd, Jayne Carman, Jackie Childerhose, Norma Cronkwright, Paul Currie, Brian Elder, Joyce Gowan, Ross Gowan, Deb Hinksman, Lois Lockhart, Barbara Mabee, Dan MacLean, Debbie McMillan, Anne Reynolds, Lynne Shipton, LoriAnne Stetson, Harold Wall, Jim Wencil

**Guests:** Jayne Little, Marie Mayo

**Persistent Friend:**

Diane Matheson Jimenez:

- Strengthening Youth Ministry- Six week webinar series October to April, \$14.99 per webinar or \$74.99 if you register for the whole series [www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/youth-ministry-series](http://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php/youth-ministry-series)
- Remit Implementation Update power point presentation – (emailed to presbytery mailing list); spoke of the work of the Boundaries commission  
Information on the remit implementation process will be available on a regular basis at <http://www.united-church.ca/leadership/church-administration/remit-implementation>
- GC43 meets July 21-28, 2018 in Oshawa
- If GC43 decides to enact remits they will be effective January 1, 2019;
  - Pastoral Charge assessments will be sent out October 2018
- If you have any questions go to REMITS@UNITED-CHURCH.CA

**Five Oaks**

Jayne Little, a member of the board of Five Oaks brought greetings from and appreciation for the many years Erie Presbytery, have given Five Oaks. She was happy to be at the first Erie Presbytery meeting since Five Oaks Annual General Meeting where new plan for the future as an interfaith/intercultural centre was approved.

The staff has changed; Sharon Hull who resides in Bay of Quinte conference will administrate the traditional United Church of Canada programs through Oaten Institute, and Michael Shewburg as Operations Manager

Their partnership with Six Nations is one that excites as they look forward to hosting existing programs, but, also looking at new. <http://www.fiveoaks.on.ca/RGProgram.htm#/events>  
Exciting news around the new onsite restaurant "The Acorn". It is open for lunch daily from 11am to 2pm since Labour Day and is already looking at extending hours.

Consider booking your Advent gathering and enjoying lunch or dinner and booking a room for your social time. One example of news which is hard to accept, and which is part of the change for Five Oaks, is ...Tom Hunt is retiring Nov. 17. For Tom that is wonderful news, and of course, Tom's ministry to Five Oaks is known through all of the Five Oakians. Will be starting a search, encourage folk to watch for job advertisement and share it. Retirement celebration party is slated for Nov.19. Please watch for news on this item.

As United Church of Canada members and representatives of this region Five Oaks asks for support in letting people know that they are open and hope to see you at Five Oaks, whether to drop in for a walk of the labyrinth, or as part of the many programs or meetings on site.

Jayne Invited prayers for Five Oaks' future that it may be faithful to God's purposes in these times. She invited prayers for their future that it may be faithful to God's purposes in these times.

**SUPPER** Mae Bedford thanked Old Windham for the meal and their hospitality.

**Gathering Hymn** – Kumbaya

### **Sharing the Work of the Church**

- Ministry In Motion – still time for early bird registration fee – until October 15
- *Lift it Up* at St James Sat October 14, 7pm - free will donation
- (Oneida, Ryerson, Westdale) at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church November 19 – concert for Canadian Foodgrains Bank – free will offering
- Wesley UC Jarvis, October 13, offering free coffee and muffins to bikers on their way to port Dover
- The Syrian refugee family in Cayuga now settling in
- Jennifer Bawden thanked the executive and property committee and all those who facilitated in getting the grant for the new roof at Oneida
- Joan Willis is now returning to hospital in Hamilton

### **Discussion Groups - led by Diane Matheson**

Diane led discussion groups regarding transition:

What are the blessings Erie Presbytery bring to new relationship?

Blessings identified by members were placed in the basket.

### **Nations Uniting**

Vicky Aldersley reported that doing Blanket Exercises has shown that some people are unaware of Residential Schools.

Nations Uniting is currently offering a #59 Truth and Reconciliation workshop and will do another in the spring if enough interest shown.

Healing programs for residential school survivors are in progress now, running from September to May.

There will be a Sharing Circle October 16 10 am-12 noon at Woodland Cultural Centre.

September 29-30, at Woodland Cultural Centre, Healing journey program for residential school survivors: 'Moving Forward Together'.

Also, (free) virtual tours of residential school are being shown at Woodland Cultural Centre.

<http://woodlandculturalcentre.ca/>

**Committee Reports:****Pastoral Relations:**

**Motion:** Jennifer Canning/June Hibbert that Erie Presbytery declare a vacancy for Old Windham United Church for full time ministry personnel, starting immediately. **CARRIED**

**Motion:** Jennifer Canning/June Hibbert that Erie Presbytery approve the appointment of the Rev. Thom Davies, ordained minister, "F" category, to Old Windham United Church, part time, 30 hours a week, starting September 1st, 2017 to June 30th 2018. Salary \$35,058.80 plus 10% (\$3505.90), telephone \$500, continuing ed. \$858.80. Total: \$39,923.50. **CARRIED**

**Motion:** Jennifer Canning/June Hibbert that Erie Presbytery declare a vacancy for Scotland United Church, for 80% ministry personnel, starting immediately. **CARRIED**

**Motion:** Jennifer Canning/June Hibbert that Erie Presbytery approve the request of Janet Bush for a change in pastoral relationship in order to retire. **CARRIED**

**Motion:** Jennifer Canning/June Hibbert that Erie Presbytery approve the transfer of Wayne Beamer to Quebec Presbytery. **CARRIED**

**Motion:** Jennifer Canning/June Hibbert that Erie Presbytery support the request for mission support of \$37,660 from the Chapel of the Delaware/New Credit Pastoral Charge. **CARRIED**

**Education and Students**

Jennifer Bawdon reported that there will be a LLWL community and learning with Mary Jo Patterson and Renee Thomas Hill at October 21 at Five Oaks Centre

**Property**

Karen Tobey read Ross Gowan's report:

Since the June meeting of Erie Presbytery, the Erie Presbytery Executive Committee has approved several property-related actions. These include:

1. The sale of the Oakland United Church property
2. An application by Oneida United Church for a Church Modernization and Improvement grant from the United Church of Canada to assist with a major roof repair on their sanctuary
3. The sale of Cayuga United Church manse
4. The severance of the Oneida United Church manse property, in order that it can later be sold

Further to these actions already approved by EP Executive, the Trustees of Balfour Street United Church are requesting permission to complete the sale of the Balfour Street Church property. To that end the following resolution is hereby presented to the plenary meeting:

**Motion:** Ted Black/Randy MacKenzie that Erie Presbytery give its consent:

(1) To the sale of certain Real Property, the municipal address of which is 62 Balfour Street, Brantford, Ontario, N3T 1J7, pursuant to an agreement between the Board of Trustees of Balfour Street United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as seller, and Generations Church: West Brant, as buyer, dated the 22 day of August, 2017, and subject to presbytery approval, the terms of which are as follows:

The sale to Generations Church: West Brant, for \$200,000.00 with a deposit of \$5,000, and \$195,000 balance due on the closing date of November 15, 2017. This sale is conditional on the buyer’s satisfaction following inspection of the property, upon the buyer receiving financing, and upon both buyer and seller receiving judicatory approval, all conditions to be met by 30 September 2017. The financing agreed upon is being arranged through the Erie Presbytery Mission and Development Corporation as mortgage holder. The sale is “as is” including all chattels except for those of an archival or religious nature which the Trustees will remove prior to the closing date.

AND

(2) To the following disposition of the proceeds arising from the transaction:  
The proceeds will be held by the Balfour Street Pastoral Charge, with a view to making an application at a later date to Erie Presbytery, to allocate these proceeds. **CARRIED**

**Pastoral Oversight**

There was no report.

**Administration/Finance**

There was no report.

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

There was no report.

**Faith Formation**

There was no report.

**Human Resources**

There was no report

**Adjournment:**

Closing Hymn was *We Shall Go out with Resurrection*. Chair Cathy Dilts closed the meeting with a benediction and adjourned the meeting at ~8:30 pm.

**Next Executive Meeting: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:30 am at Five Oaks Centre**

**Next Regular meeting: Wednesday, November 22, 2017, at 5:00 pm, at Scotland UC,**

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Cathy Dilts, Chair

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Karen Tobey, Secretary