

ERIE PRESBYTERY  
HAMILTON CONFERENCE, THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Executive, March 14, 2018

**THEME: “Gathered Blessings”**

The Executive meeting of Erie Presbytery, Hamilton Conference, The United Church of Canada, was held on Wednesday March 14, 2018 at Five Oaks Centre. A quorum was present.

**Constitution of the court:**

Chair Cathy Dilts called the meeting to order at 9:37 am in the name of Jesus Christ the Head of the Church and the meeting open for the business to come before it.

**Worship:**

Ted Black led us in worship beginning with a reading from Colossians: become stronger in your faith as you were taught. Ted also read two passages from ‘*The Road to Donaguile: A Celtic Spiritual Journey*’ by Herbert O’Driscoll.

**Roll:** Barrie Bain, Ted Black, Jennifer Canning, Norma Cronkwright, Cathy Dilts, Nora Fueten, Ross Gowan, Sheena Marini, Bob Thompson, Karen Tobey, and Harold Wall.

**Regrets:** Jayne Carman, Barbara Fullerton, Kim Shantz

**Approval of the Agenda:**

**Motion:** Nora Fueten/Norma Cronkwright that the agenda be approved. **CARRIED**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** Ross Gowan/Sheena Marini that the minutes from the January 10, 2018 executive meeting be accepted as written. **CARRIED**

**Correspondence**

There was none.

**Persistent Friend – There was no report.**

**Business arising from the previous minutes**

There was nothing.

**New Business:**

Chair Cathy led us through the Boundaries Commission Transitions Checklist as to what courts of the church are to do when, for the anticipated change coming January 1, 2019. Cathy will compile a list and other suggestions from members to be added as received.

**Committee Reports:**

**Pastoral Relations:**

Jennifer said a motion will be coming forward to the plenary meeting regarding ‘Fresh Start’ and Ted Smith and Adrienne Robertson.

She also reported that Gert van Rensburg has now completed his two years pre-admission to the United Church of Canada.

**Motion:** Jennifer Canning/Bob Thompson that Erie Presbytery approve the appointment of Kathryn Vance, Diaconal Minister, to Caistorville Pastoral Charge, part time (20 hours per week) from January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018. Salary \$14,220; Telephone \$271.20; Cont. Ed. \$348.25; for a total of \$18,439. **CARRIED**

The JNAC at Harmony UC is complete;

**Motion:** Jennifer Canning/Bob Thompson that Erie Presbytery post a full time vacancy at Harmony UC commencing July 1, 2018. **CARRIED**

Jennifer Canning said the committee will meet again next week.

### **Human Resources**

There was no report.

### **Admin/Finance**

For Norma's full report – see Appendix A page 15.

**Motion:** Nora Fueten/Ted Black that Erie Presbytery Executive accept the report of the Finance Committee. **CARRIED**

### **Property – Ross Gowan**

Concerning Balfour St UC Pastoral Charge:

**Motion:** Ross Gowan/Harold Wall that Erie Presbytery Executive affirm that the remaining assets of Balfour St United Church Pastoral Charge be transferred to Hamilton Conference and be distributed in accordance with the Conference Asset Distribution Formula for pastoral charges with a view to cease to exist, and that Harmony United Church Pastoral Charge, Brantford, be designated as the Successor Congregation for the distribution of a portion of these funds. **CARRIED**

Concerning Garnet United Church (Jarvis-Garnet Pastoral Charge):

**Motion:** Harold Wall/Norma Cronkwright that Erie Presbytery approve the application by Garnet United Church for a Technology Support Grant from the United Church of Canada, for a \$737 grant to purchase a projector, screen, speaker, and related wiring, and forward the approved application to Hamilton Conference for their consideration and approval. **CARRIED**

Ross declared a conflict of interest on this motion, and abstained from voting.

Concerning Wilsonville United Church Pastoral Charge:

**Motion:** Ross Gowan/ Harold Wall: that Erie Presbytery Executive accept the recommendation from the admin committee that the Trustees of Wilsonville United Church Pastoral Charge be authorized to sever the church cemetery from the church property according to the terms defined in the Wilsonville United Church Trustee Resolution dated Feb 28 2018 as attached.

And further that following the severance, provided that all requirements stipulated in the Trustees Resolution dated Feb 28, 2018 are fulfilled, the Wilsonville United Church Trustees be authorized to sell the severed church building and grounds to the St. Barnabas Anglican Mission Inc. for the amount of \$1. **CARRIED**

**N.B.** For background information on the Wilsonville United Church motion above see Appendix B page 16.

**Pastoral Oversight:**

Barrie reported that the committee is responding to a concern from leadership at Bethel Stone UC.

**Education & Students**

Ted Black reported that concerns brought from South Cayuga re: Chris Hoover are being addressed by the committee.

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

There was no report, but Barbara says she hopes to convene the E.R.I.E. (Erie Refugee Information Exchange) group in April.

**Faith Formation:**

Sheena said that she is meeting later today with Ted Smith and Diane Matheson later today re: CAYTS.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned 11:09 and Chair Cathy closed with prayer.

**Next Executive Meeting:      Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 9:30 am at Five Oaks Centre.  
Worship: Adrienne Robertson**

**Next Regular meeting:      Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at 5:00 pm, at Mount Pleasant  
UC**

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Cathy Dilts, Chair

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Karen Tobey, Secretary

Finance Report to Erie Presbytery Executive  
Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Currently Erie Presbytery holds three GICs in the amount of \$50,000.

#5 - \$15,000 April 10, 2014 to April 10, 2019. In April of 2018 we will be entering the fifth year of investment and the interest rate for this final year will be 2.65%. (approx. \$397.50)

#6 - \$15,000 April 10, 2015 to April 10, 2020. In April of 2018 we will be entering the fourth year of investment and the interest rate for this year will be 1.4%

#9 - \$20,000 April 10, 2017 to April 10, 2020. In April of 2018 we will be entering the second year of investment and the interest rate for this year will be 1.35%

The Administration Committee recommends that we cash #6 and #9 GICs on their anniversary date of April 10, 2018 and reinvest them in short term GICs cashable on the 15th of each month, until such time as Erie Presbytery accepts a proposal about the distribution/transfer of its assets on Dec. 31, 2018. We will allow #5 to continue until its maturity date of April 10, 2019.

- a) Erie Presbytery has not come to any decision as to the distribution of its assets on or before Dec. 31, 2018. Hopefully we will see the wisdom of allowing this asset (GIC #5) with perhaps the addition of some others to flow into Region 9.
- b) The United Church of Canada has suggested that Presbyteries keep their financial books open for at least 6 months after the Jan 01, 2019 implementation date for restructuring takes effect. The maturity of this GIC will fall well within that time frame.

**WILSONVILLE UNITED CHURCH**

**TRUSTEE RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH THE TRANSFER (SALE) OF THE  
WILSONVILLE UNITED  
CHURCH TO THE ST. BARNABAS ANGLICAN MISSION INC.**

**(FEBRUARY 28, 2018)**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Trustees of the Wilsonville United Church hereby agree to proceed with the transfer (sale) of the church, the barn and the property on which the church and barn are situated upon at 435 Concession 3, R.R. # 1 Wilsonville, Ontario to the St. Barnabas Anglican Mission Inc. subject to the following agreed to conditions:

1. The purchase price to the St. Barnabas Anglican Mission Inc will be \$1.00 in Canadian funds
2. All costs associated with the transfer (sale) of the property will be assumed by the St. Barnabas Anglican Mission Inc. including, but not limited to the following:
  - (a) The cost of a survey of the property.
  - (b) The cost associated with the approval of the existing septic system or of a new septic system if required by the County of Norfolk.
  - (c) All legal fees associated with the transfer of the property.
  - (d) All application costs for the severance and associated costs to fulfill the conditions of the severance stipulated by the County of Norfolk.
3. A decision on the property line between the church property and the cemetery property will be agreed to between the St. Barnabas Anglican Mission Inc. and the Wilsonville Cemetery Board, such agreement will be in writing.
4. A written agreement, register on title will be made between the St. Barnabas Anglican Mission Inc. and the Wilsonville Cemetery Board granting each party mutual use of a driveway between the St. Barnabas Anglican Mission Inc, church property and the Wilsonville Cemetery Board property.
5. The approval of this resolution is subject to the approval of the Presbytery of the United Church of Canada.

**THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE  
WILSONVILLE UNITED CHURCH:**

**ERIC D'HONDT  
ROGER POSS  
HOWARD RIDDLE**

**MILDRED POSS  
JANET POSS  
BONNIE RIDDLE**

**SIGNED THE 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY IN 2018**