

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING Presbytery of Grey Bruce Maitland**

Knox, Walkerton, September 11, 2018

The Presbytery of Grey-Bruce-Maitland, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, met in regular session on September 11, in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen, at Knox Presbyterian Church, Walkerton, at 5:30 pm for supper and 6:30 for the meeting.

### **Constitution**

Moderator Rev. Megan Purdy opened and constituted the Court with prayer.

### **Induction**

Before proceeding with the induction, Rev. Megan Purdy thanked Presbytery for the privilege to serve our Presbytery as Moderator.

Rev. Megan proceeded with induction of the 2018-2019 Moderator Elect, Rev. Larry Skinner.

Moderator Larry began by thanking Rev. Megan and Randy for the worship this evening. He then thanked Megan for her wonderful leadership over the past year. We have been well served by Megan and it is very much appreciated.

Larry next introduced himself in regard to the manner in which he hopes to serve with Presbytery this coming year. In part, Larry shared that he is a consensus person, and believes very much in the wisdom of the Court. He encouraged us all to participate and contribute.

### **Acknowledgement of First Nations Traditional Territories**

As recommended to Synods, Presbyteries and Sessions at the 2016 General Assembly, Moderator Larry began by acknowledging the traditional territory upon which we are gathered. For many thousands of years, the Chippewas of Nawash and Saugeen Ojibway Nations have sought to walk gently on this land. They offered assistance to the first European travellers to this territory and shared their knowledge for survival in what was at times a harsh climate. Today we seek a new relationship with the original peoples of this land, one based on honour and deep respect.

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Moderator Larry next constituted the Court with prayer.

**Attendance**

Ministers: Randy Benson, David Chang, Kathy Fraser, Carel Grundlingh, Jim Johnson, Anne-Marie Jones, Owen Kim, Chuck Moon, Megan Purdy, Larry Skinner, Bonnie Sutherland.

Elders: Donna Clark, Walter Dickie, Ken Farrar, Willa Faust, Joan Haldane, Gordon Hedges, Fay Harrison, Elizabeth Lamont, Cathy Messer, Carol Mackowski, Jan Middelkoop, Ray Mills, Diana Simpson, Eileen Simpson, Arnold Taylor, Lesley Weiler.

Clerk: John Gilbert

Others: Brenda Calder, Peggy Kinsman, Doug Lennox, James Wyllie.

**Regrets**

Dana Benson, Doug Conley, Ruth MacLean, Peggy Kipfer, Susie Furlong, Bob Reich, Andy Burgess.

**Permission to Withdraw**

None.

**Visitors**

Don Leatham, Eileen Simpson, Bruce Graham (Sound Engineer), Wray Lamont

**Adoption of Docket**

The docket was presented to the court. **Moved** by Megan Purdy and seconded by Jim Johnson, that the docket be accepted, as presented. Carried.

**Minutes**

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Minutes for the Regular meeting of June 19, 2018 were considered. **Moved** by Megan Purdy and seconded by Willa Faust that the minutes be accepted as presented. Carried

Minutes for the Special meeting of July 31, 2018 were considered. **Moved** by Kathy Fraser and seconded by Donna Clark that the minutes be accepted as presented. Carried

### Correspondence

The following correspondence was presented to the court and directed as indicated:

1. June 20, 2018: Email from Frances Hogg, PCC, requesting submission of Changes Affecting Professional Church Workers report. Directed to Clerk for reply.
2. June 21, 2018: Email from Liane Maki, PCC Pension and Benefits, following up on whether the requested change to the terms of the Call to Rev Anne-Marie Jones was approved at our June Presbytery meeting. Directed to Clerk for reply (already replied to).
3. June 25, 2018: Email from Don Muir, PCC, to advise that Lloyd Murdock, one of our ministers and the husband of Shirley Murdock, died last week, providing contact information for Shirley and the obituary. Directed to Clerk for general distribution (already forwarded by email).
4. June 27, 2018: Email and letter from Jennifer Cameron, Presbytery of Kingston, advising that their Presbytery did not re-certify Mr. Herbert Borger as a candidate for the ministry or word and sacrament. Directed to Clerk for general distribution (already forwarded by email).
5. June 27, 2018: Kin-Tales June 2018 Newsletter. Directed to Clerk for general distribution (already forwarded by email).
6. June 29, 2018: PCCConnect Summer 2018 eNewsletter. Directed to Clerk for general distribution (already forwarded by email).

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7. June 29, 2018: Email from Terri-Lee Hamilton looking to locate memorials minutes for Donald Hanley and James Weir. Directed to Clerk for response.
8. July 6, 2018: Letter from John Henderson, n Henderson, Clerk of Synod, seeking names of Commissioners to Synod from Presbyteries.
9. July 16, 2018: Email and letter from Linda Doll, Clerk of Session, St. Andrew's Southampton, forwarding formal request by their Session that Presbytery increase Randy Benson to full time, thanking Timothy Ferrier and wishing him well, and asking that Presbytery consider looking at other options when it comes to covering vacant churches with Interim Moderators, asking Presbytery consider creating a new position in which a minister would be hired specifically to act as an Interim Moderator for all of the vacant congregations within the Presbytery – they would each pay this person a fair stipend along with benefits and mileage etc. Directed to Care of Ministers and Admin. Committees (already forwarded by email).
10. July 17, 2018: Email from Eric MacLeod, Clerk of Session, St, Andrew's Chatsworth, advising that their Session passed a motion to request that Randy Benson be immediately moved to full time Stated Supply. Directed to Admin. and Care of Ministers Committees (already forwarded by email).
11. July 18, 2018: Email from Kathryn Muir, GA Office, PCC, forwarding June 208 Changes to the Rolls. Directed to Clerk for general distribution (already forwarded by email).
12. July 19, 2018: Email from PWS&D regarding an Urgent Appeal for African Relief, Directed to Clerk for general distribution (already forwarded by email).
13. July 19, 2018: Email from Diana Veenstra PCC, forwarding invoice for General Assembly Commissioners Meal Plan cost. Directed to Treasurer for payment (already forwarded by email).

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14. July 23, 2018: Email from Will Elliott, Latona PC Dornoch, forwarding copy of Minutes from their Meeting of Session, July 8, 2018, including a motion passed to request Presbytery change Randy Benson's appointment to full time. Directed to Admin. and Care of Ministers Committees (already forwarded by email).
15. July 24, 2018: Letter from Anne-Marie Jos, forwarding copy of updated police check (Police Vulnerable Sector Check), issued by OPP July 10, 2018. Directed to Clerk for recording and filing.
16. July 24, 2018: Email from Don McAllister, Clerk of Session, Geneva PC, advising they would like to have Rev. Benson installed as full time minister for the Co-op. Directed to Care of Ministers (already forwarded by email).
17. July 25, 2018: Email from Debbie Rae, Clerk of Session, Knox Walkerton, advising that as of Sept. 1, 2018, Rev. Megan Purdy will be moving into Manse, acknowledging this constitutes a change in the terms of her call, and seeking direction on how to proceed. Forwarded to Admin. and Care of Ministers Committees (already forwarded by email).
18. July 31, 2018: Email from Diana Veenstra, PCC GA, forwarding revised General Assembly Meal Plan Invoice. Directed to Treasurer for payment (already forwarded by email).
19. August 2, 2018: PWS&D e-Newsletter August 2018. Directed to Clerk for general distribution (already forwarded by email).
20. August 7, 2018: Email from Terri-Lee Hamilton, PCC GA, forwarding information regarding the A&P, Book of Forms, etc. CD distribution planned for September. Directed to Clerk.
21. August 9, 2018: Email from Liane Maki, PCC Pension and Benefits, seeking information regarding transition and change to Randy Benson's stated supply position. Directed to Clerk for reply (preliminary initial reply already sent, pending finalization by Care of Ministers of renegotiation and implementation of a change

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to the terms of Rev. Dr. Randy Benson's Stated Supply Agreement with the Co-op).

22. August 9, 2018: Email from Mae Raynard advising Walter Dickie from South Kinloss will be acting as Presbytery Rep Elder starting on September 11, 2018, will sit on the SPARK committee at Presbytery, and Mae will it as alternate elder in the event that Walter is unable to attend. Directed to Clerk.
23. August 15, 2018: PWS&D Champions for Change newsletter. Directed o Clerk for general distribution (already forwarded by email).
24. August 16, 2018: Email from George Potter, Clerk of Session, Knox Tiverton, inquiring about preservation of congregational Session Minutes. Directed to Clerk for reply (already responded to).
25. August 16, 2018: Email and attachment from Rev. Megan Purdy, submitting the Kincardine Visitation Report for consideration at our September meeting of Presbytery. Directed to Care of Congregations (already forwarded by email).
26. August 16, 2018: Email and attachment from Heather Card, ad graduate research student, referred to Presbyteries by Canadian Ministries Jen de Combe, seeking participation in her research by our church ministers and elders. Directed to Admin. Committee for discussion regarding referral to ministers and elders (already forwarded by email).
27. August 28, 2018: Email and two attached letters from Knox Meaford, regarding their request to change the terms of the Call to Anne-Marie Jones to 7/8. Directed to Admin. and Care of Ministers Committees (already forwarded by email).
28. August 28, 2018: Email from Kathryn Muir PCC, enclosing information for Clerks of Presbyteries and Clerks of Session regarding follow-up items relating to the 2018 General Assembly, enclosing the following six memos:
  - a. Notification of the nomination for Moderator of the 145th General Assembly deadline;

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- b. Notification of the deadline to name commissioners to the 145th General Assembly;
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- d. 2018 Remit Package;
- e. Memo outlining the 2018 General Assembly Referrals; and
- f. Memo outlining actions of the 2018 General Assembly for the Attention of Sessions.

Direct to Clerk for general distribution (already forwarded by email).

29. August 29, 2018: Email from John Henderson, Clerk of Synod, further to letter of July 6, 2018 (No. 8 above), seeking submission of Presbytery Commissioners to Synod. Directed to Admin. Committee and Nominations Committee (C. Moon) (Already forwarded by email).

30. August 30, 2019: Email from Jennifer Astop PCC Canadian Ministries, forwarding reminders to Clerks of Presbyteries regarding the approach of various grant program application deadlines, including: Supporting Ministry Grants, the Avondbloem Experimental Fund, the Special Projects Fund, the Chisholm Fund and the McBain-Barker Small Community Capital Fund; and to advise of the upcoming Transform Leadership Conference, November 8-11, 2018, a leadership and stewardship conference designed to help ministry leaders revitalize your sense of purpose, co-hosted by Canadian Ministries and Stewardship & Planned Giving. Directed to Clerk for general distribution (already forwarded by email).

31. August 31, 2018: Email from Jackie Czegledi PCC, forwarding memo outlining the names of candidates who will be applying to the November, 2018 Education and Reception Committee, requesting any information regarding the candidates' professional or personal conduct which the committee may not be aware of. Directed to Clerk for general distribution (already forwarded by email).

32. September 5, 2018: Email and Memo from Kathryn Muir, PCC, clarifying that our Presbytery is eligible to send "YARs" (Young Adult Representatives) to the

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145th 2019 General Assembly in Waterloo. Directed to Clerk for general distribution and to Nominations Committee (already forwarded by email).

33. September 5, 2019: Email from John Henderson, reminding Presbyteries to send their Minutes for attestation, either by mail or to Synod with the Commissioners. Directed to Clerk.
34. September 6, 2018: PWS&D Champions for Change Reminder Newsletter. Directed to Clerk for general distribution (already forwarded by email).
35. September 6, 2018: Receipt of letter mail dated August 30, 2018 from Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk, General Assembly, advising that our 2017 Overture 17, regarding congregations wishing to leave the denomination and unity within the church (graceful dismissal); Clerks of Assembly, Recommendation No. 1 (A&P 2018, p. 254, 36), was referred by the Assembly to Assembly Council. Directed to Clerk for general distribution (already forwarded by email).
36. September 7, 2018: Camp Kintail Newsletter - Kin-Tales September 2018. Directed to Clerk for general distribution (already forwarded by email).
37. September 7, 2018: Email and letter from Rev. Megan Purdy regarding housing and utilities allowance question. Directed to Care of Ministers Committee (already forwarded by email).
38. September 10, 2018: Email and letter from Eric McLeod, Clerk of Session, St. Andrew's Chatsworth, submitting an Overture Re: Interim Ministry Policy. Directed to Admin. Committee and Care of Ministers (already forwarded by email).
39. September 10, 2018: Email from Canadian Society of Presbyterian History, Re: 2018 Annual Conference September 29, 2018. Directed to Clerk for general distribution (already forward by email).
40. September 10, 2018: Email from Rev. Jan MacInnes, regarding her completion and certification of the Interim Ministry Course, requesting it be forwarded to



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Care of Congregations. Directed to Admin. and Care of Congregations (already forwarded by email).

41. September 11, 2018: Email from Maggie Leung, PCC, forward our Presbyterians Sharing Report to the end of August 2018. Directed to Clerk for general distribution (already forwarded by email).

**Moved** by Chuck Moon and seconded by Lesley Weiler, that the correspondence be distributed as indicated. Carried

### **Adjournment for Standing Committee Meetings at 7:25**

Larry invited Chuck forward to confirm that this is the second year of the 2 year Standing Committee rotation, advised that members of the Court will for the most part sit on same committees this year as they did last year, and advised what changes were made. Chuck highlighted who were the conveners of the standing committees. Chuck concluded by inviting retired ministers or ministers without charge to approach him if they desire to participate on a committee.

**Adjourned** for thirty minutes, to Committee Meetings at 7:25. Megan next advised the Committees where they will meet.

### **Reconvened at 8:05**

The court reconvened following the committee meetings.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Administration Committee**

##### Business Arising from General Assembly:

Report provided by Megan Purdy. First thanked Kathy for her work in leading the committee is past year.

Congregations and Sessions are encouraged to study and respond to the document, "On the Question of Unity and Diversity" and to submit responses to the General Assembly Office by January 31, 2019. The report can be accessed online at:

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<http://presbyterian.ca/gao/ga2018/2018referrals/>

Sessions and Presbyteries are requested to study the proposed amendments to the Book of Forms sections 108 and 108.2 and to respond by January 31, 2019. This can likewise be found at: <http://presbyterian.ca/gao/ga2018/2018referrals/>

### Reception / Consideration of Correspondence – Change in Procedure:

At the June Meeting a notice of motion was made regarding the reception of Correspondence. This motion will constitute a change in the Standing Orders of our Presbytery.

**Moved** by Megan Purdy and seconded by Owen Kim that correspondence be submitted in writing, to the Clerk no less than 10 clear days before a meeting, so it can be considered at the Admin. Committee meeting before Presbytery; failing which, any correspondence not received at least 10 days before a meeting may not be dealt with until the next subsequent regular meeting of Presbytery. Carried.

At the suggestion of Walter Dickie, the Clerk agreed to include a “Correspondence Cut-Off Date Notice” on future Notice & Dockets, in addition to the following meeting date notes included at the bottom under the present format.

### Nominations Committee:

#### *Synod Commissioners and Committee Structure*

We now have a responsibility to send 4 members to Synod (2 ministers and 2 elders). Will be working on developing a rotation, but did not have time to do so for this year. Friday Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> is the date of meeting. We have 2 volunteers for this year (Megan and Gord), but need 2 more (1 minister and 1 elder). Kathy Fraser agreed to see if she can attend. Jan said he would go.

**Moved** by Megan and seconded by Chuck that Presbytery appoint Megan, Gord, Kathy and Jan be appointed as Commissioners to Synod and that the Clerk send the same to the Clerk of Synod.

#### *Southampton Request Re: Interim Moderators*

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In response to a letter received from Linda Doll, Clerk of Session St. Andrew's Southampton (No. 9), the Admin. Committee has begun conversation and consideration of how our Presbytery might handle vacancies more effectively and creatively. We will communicate with the court on this matter at a later date.

### Directory Update

At an Admin. Committee meeting late last year, it was agreed that retiring Admin. Committee Conveners would not be asked to sit as a Convener on a standing committee for at least a year, given their having just served as Moderator for a year, followed by Admin. Committee Convener for a year.

In light of the need to keep our Presbytery Directory up to date, however, it was decided that each retiring Admin. Committee convener will undertake the task of updating and maintaining the Presbytery Directory for one year. To that end, please send in current names and contact information for Presbytery reps (and alternates) ASAP to Rev. Kathy Fraser.

### Committee Directory

Rev. Chuck Moon, Convener of Nominations Committee, has updated Committee Lists, which are being distributed tonight.

### **Transitions Committee**

#### Appointing Interim Moderators

Regarding the departure of Rev Timothy Ferrier, and further to Presbytery having granted Transitions Committee power to issue to appoint an Interim Moderator for the Co-op, Owen confirmed that Rev. Megan Purdy has been appointed Interim Moderator of the Cooperative Ministry.

**Moved** by Owen Kim and seconded by Jan Middelkoop that Presbytery appoint Rev. Dana Benson as Interim Moderator to St. Paul's Wiarton, effective August 5th, 2018. Carried

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### Re: Exit Interview

Exit Interview team of Transitions Committee met with Rev Timothy Ferrier on Thursday 1 pm, August 2, 2018. The Committee is planning to see each session and congregation of the Co-op Ministry this fall and bring the whole report by the November meeting.

### **Interim Moderator Reports - Emergent Only**

#### Ashfield / Ripley:

Ruth MacLean is away, her report was read to Presbytery by the Clerk.

Ruth shared that Ashfield Church held its 170th anniversary celebration on June 17, with former ministers participating, followed the next and last Sunday with two baptisms. She also noted that Ashfield is preparing to dissolve as a congregation with the Presbytery service expected to be held in October.

Ripley is continuing worship at present.

#### Co-op Ministry: Chatsworth, Chesley, Dornoch & Southampton:

Megan Purdy reporting. Megan shared that she will meet with the Coop Ministry Council on Thursday Sept. 20 to get the lay of the land and to begin discussing how to proceed with the process of calling Rev. Randy Benson to the coop as their minister.

#### Dundalk / Swinton Park:

Anne-Marie Jones reporting.

Anne-Marie shared that they are having a session meeting soon again, and noted they have a regular rotation of pulpit supply, and this seems to be quite satisfactory for the congregations at this time.

There was a very successful strawberry social at Swinton Park. Their Sunday School had their awards ceremony and is planning again for a play.

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Dundalk is holding and preparing the sale of the manse. All is well at this time.

Lucknow / South Kinloss:

Owen Kim reporting.

Owen shared that assessor elders, Doug Conley and Andy Burges, completed their wonderful work bringing new perspectives and prayerful supports to the Lucknow session throughout a year. As recommended by the assessor elders, this fall SPARK and Care of Congregations Committees will be meeting with the church leaders to discuss a better future of the congregations; October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Owen also noted that a Search Committee was appointed in June by the sessions and Committee Meetings were held two times in July, working on the Congregational Profile. The Committee is closely working with the Sessions and Boards. Hopefully, the congregational profile will be approved by the Presbytery at November Meeting.

Finally, Owen noted pulpit supplies have been scheduled mostly until November for both congregations. The Lucknow congregation keeps running Messy Church Ministry and looking for the best way of sale of the manse.

Markdale / Feversham:

Jim Wyllie reporting. Diligence.

Normanby Holstein Dromore:

Peggy Kipfer is away, her report was read to Presbytery by the Clerk.

Peggy shared that the manse in Holstein has been sold and closed in August. She also reports that the three congregations enjoyed several joint services over the summer and hosted a highly successful Vacation Bible Camp at the Holstein Park.

Owen Sound:

Chuck Moon reporting.

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Chuck shared that Things at Owen Sound are moving along and continue to ask your prayer for the congregation.

He indicated that during this first year, the focus of the interim work has been to educate and strengthen the leadership group/groups of the church. During the past year, the board of managers was reconstructed/reconstituted and new elders were elected and inducted.

Chuck noted that the congregation still has few issues to deal with, but they and he are much more hopeful and encouraged today than a year ago. The biggest task for the coming year is to come up with an overall picture of the congregation's direction and ministry structure. They need to acknowledge their reality, but also identify and dream the future they might achieve. Undertaking long term planning.

Good things are happening, and Chuck asks that we keep St. Andrew's in our prayers.

Chuck said he is willing to serve as Interim Moderator for one more year, and would welcome anyone else considering moving on from there.

Paisley / Tara:

Randy Benson reporting.

Westminster Paisley

Westminster Paisley continues to be a warm, worshipping fellowship of Jesus Followers under the gifted worship leader of Mr. Jim Gowan. This past summer Westminster celebrated her anniversary in early June at which they were joined by the congregation of Cornerstone Tara. As has been its custom, Westminster closed for four Sundays in August. One of those Sundays they carpooled to Cornerstone Tara and joined with them in Worship. September 10 we ordained Margaret Jones to serve as ruling Elder.

Cornerstone Tara

Cornerstone Tara continues on with vibrancy under the gifted worship leadership of Mr. Jim Gowan. They celebrated Westminster Paisley's Anniversary in June. The

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bad news, Cornerstone suffered significant damage to its basement, roof, and fellowship hall due to heavy rains in July. The really good news, during August the Session was very diligent in inviting adherents to become members. They will show significant growth in membership on this year's statistical report.

### Priceville:

Jim Johnson reporting. Things have gone well at St. Andrew's Priceville over the summer months, and we are doing well as a Presbyterian congregation in a growing Mennonite population.

I have noticed with the number of churches relying solely on Interim Moderators and pulpit supply it is getting increasingly difficult to obtain pulpit supply even 4 to 6 months in advance. I think that almost half of the Interim Moderators are in a permanent position and the congregations are not seeking to fill their pulpits. I believe that as a presbytery, we need to take a serious look at what I see is a growing problem, and I look to the Presbytery for guidance. Walter suggested seeking a student from Knox College (as they did in the past).

### Stokes Bay:

Alan Barr not present.

### Wiarion:

Dana Benson reporting. Dana advised that she has no report for Wiarion for this meeting. She will be meeting with the session in a couple of weeks, and will have a report for the November meeting.

Larry next offered prayer for our Interim Moderators.

## **Care of Congregations**

### Kincardine Visitation

Bonnie shared that on April 12, 2018, the Visitation Team of Rev. David Chang, Rev. Megan Purdy, elders Ron Collins and Mae Raynard had the privilege of conducting the regular visitation at Knox in Kincardine, and noted they reported

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leaving the visitation feeling excited and encouraged for the life and ministry of this congregation.

Bonnie then shared the following recommendations as made by the Visitation Team in their report:

Having met with and heard from the various groups within the congregation of Knox Kincardine, we would make the following recommendations:

1. That the minister, Session, Board of Managers and congregation of Knox Kincardine be commended for their consistent and biblical life, ministry, and witness in their community.
2. That the Session and Board of Managers be encouraged to revisit the methods by which they communicate to the congregation, and the frequency of that communication, making improvements where possible.
3. That the minister, Session, Board of Managers and congregation be encouraged to continue thinking creatively about ministry in a changing context.

A question was posed by Rev. Kathy Fraser as to why Presbytery is asked to accept a report that has not been read in full to the Court. Rev. Chuck Moon shared that it has long been the policy of Presbytery to only share the recommendations, as there can sometimes be information within the report that should be kept confidential, except with the Minister and Session.

Rev. Kathy Fraser shared that she and her Session were very thankful that the Visitation Team's report was shared with them, for their review and comment, well in advance of this report to Presbytery.

**Moved** by Bonnie Sutherland and seconded by Lesley Weiler that Presbytery accept the report as received and commended to the congregation, and that the recommendations be accepted by Presbytery as presented. Carried

### Other Visits

- Durham: will be held September 30<sup>th</sup>; Bonnie is looking for pulpit supply for that date;
- Teeswater / Kinlough: was held May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and will be reported.
- SPARK meeting with Lucknow South K Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>



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Lake Charles

**Moved** by Bonnie Sutherland and seconded by Lesley Weiler, that a service of dissolution for Lake Charles be held no later than Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Carried

Dunblane

Bonnie noted that this matter is still in process.

Ashfield

Bonnie noted that on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ashfield made the decision to close. She then shared that the following Mission Plan has been submitted to Care of Congregations for consideration and approval by Presbytery:

\$10,000 to Camp Kintail to purchase a room;

\$5,000 to Knox College to support students training for ministry; and

Any additional monies to go to Camp Kintail.

Moderator Larry noted that the closing service has now been scheduled for Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

**Moved** by Bonnie Sutherland and seconded by Kathy Fraser that the Mission Plan as proposed and submitted by Ashfield PC be accepted. Carried

Sale of Teeswater Manse

Bonnie shared that this matter is in process as well.

**Care of Ministers**

Donna Clark reporting.

Change in Call to Anne-Marie Jones

Donna outlined what process has taken place to date, in seeking to change the terms of the Call to Anne-Marie from 3/4 to 7/8 time.

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**Moved** by Fay Harrison and seconded by Cathy Messer, that the change in the terms of the Call be approved by Presbytery, with the exception that the mileage / car allowance be adjusted to reflect the current rate (currently \$0.45 per Km.), retroactive to January 1, 2018; a letter to go from the Clerk of Presbytery to the Clerk of Session confirming same. Carried

### Change to terms of Randy Benson from Stated Supply to full Time

Donna reports their Committee is still awaiting materials from 4 congregations, and that this will be presented to Presbytery in November, and will be moved to be approved retroactive to September 1, 2018.

### Presbytery Interim Moderator Suggestion

Donna acknowledged the request made to Presbytery by Linda Doll, clerk of Session, St. Andrew's Southampton (Correspondence No. 9), and advised the Court that their Committee is investigating and considering the proposal. She shared that more particulars and their understanding of the concept still needs to be fleshed out.

### Request from Clerk of Knox Walkerton

Donna next reported that there is a pending change to the terms of the call to Rev. Megan Purdy, at Knox Walkerton. Larry shared further particulars of the request, in that it involves Megan having transitioned from formerly living in a private residence to now occupying the manse. Larry also shared that there has been a letter received from Megan, asking whether the terms of her original Call should be continued until there is Presbytery approval of any changes to the terms of the Call.

**Moved** by Donna Clark and seconded by Willa Faust that the Clerk of Presbytery advise the Clerk of Session of Knox Walkerton as to the proper procedure. Carried

Noted: Rev. Megan Purdy abstained from the vote.

### **SPARK Committee**

Brenda Calder and Randy Benson reporting.

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### November Educational Component:

Brenda shared that Rev. Dr. John Vissers, Principal of Knox College is unable to come in November for Educational Component. Will ask him if he could come Jan. 15 in Hanover or in March for usual Ed. Component scheduled. We will be flexible to accommodate his schedule.

Brenda noted they are still looking into other ideas for November, and solicited suggestions.

### Lucknow / South Kinloss:

Brenda next noted that following Presbytery's receipt of two Assessor Elder reports in June of this year, Presbytery has directed Care of Congregations and SPARK to meet with the congregational leaders of this pastoral charge to openly discuss their future. They are scheduled to meet October 9 at 6 pm at Lucknow church.

### Co-op Report:

Randy shared an update regarding the Co-op, by first noting that "Timothy has moved on to better hunting and fishing grounds." This has resulted in the Co-op becoming a one minister 4 church situation. He explained the Sunday morning 4 week rotation model they are presently using; with worship teams doing the services with materials that Randy provides on one side of the Co-op, while Randy leads service on the other side; plus use of pulpit supply. He underlined how difficult getting pulpit supply is becoming. Randy is having to prepare a week or two ahead at present.

Pastoral care is more than Randy can do by himself, especially considering the geography and distances involved, so they are also working toward developing Pastoral Care Teams for each congregation. To this end, Angela Schmidt is coming on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> to Chatsworth, to lead a workshop on pastoral care. If anyone outside the Co-op is interested in attending, please get hold of Randy

### **Worship & Missions Committee**

David Chang reporting.

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### Youth Camp Presbytery Reps

David shared that he is seeking volunteers to be Presbytery representatives to Camp Kintail and Huron Feathers. Chuck Moon shared that in former years we used to send 2 Reps to Huron Feathers and 1 to Camp Kintail. Given that Rev. Ted and John Gilbert are presently serving at Huron Feathers, he suggested David contact Ted for his input and suggestions.

Kathy shared that she has been serving on Kintail board for the past 2 years, at their request, but not as Presbytery rep.

### Planning for Worship Services

David noted and expressed thanks for the fact that Worship for this September meeting was taken care of by Megan, Larry and Randy. He also noted that the November meeting worship service is also already planned.

David further mentioned that he would appreciate volunteers, both for any music ministry contributions or for leading a service. If interested please contact David.

It was also discussed that we are not at present sure about how many committee meetings we are going to need / have under the new reduced meeting model. It was shared by Moderator Larry that it will be discussed at Admin. in November, with a view to coming up with a recommendation to Presbytery at the November meeting. Agreed that we will, for the time being, commit to having both committee meetings and an Educational Component at the November meeting.

**Moved** by Jim Johnson and seconded by Gord Hedges that Presbytery accept the reports of all the Committees, as reported. Carried

### **Sharing the Good News & Announcements**

David Chang shared that Glammis will be celebrating their 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary Sept. 30th

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Eileen Simpson noted there will be two special events coming to St. Paul's Glammis:

- Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> special music event, Bob MacKenzie's group "Old Friends & Fiddles" 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Free will donation. Refreshments to follow and all are welcome.
- As also shared by David, on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> they will be celebrating their 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 11 am service with Rev Shelly Butterfield-Kocis as guest speaker. Allan Thompson will present a historical slide show and there will also be special music provided by CMC from Walkerton. Lunch and cake will be available after the service.

Donna Clark shared that over the summer the Durham Presbyterial 5 church VBC was very successful, having between 80 to 90 children registered; about half of them un-churched.

Owen Kim shared that Knox Teeswater enjoyed hosting 40 children at their VBS this past summer.

**Adjournment**

On **Motion** of Megan Purdy, Moderator Rev. Larry Skinner adjourned the court with prayer and called it next to meet in regular session on November 13, 2018 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Thornbury, at 10:00 am. for the meeting, with lunch at noon as usual.

Administration to meet on November 6, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in Walkerton.

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Moderator

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Clerk