

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

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MISSION & PURPOSE

“To strengthen congregations to be Christ for the world”

- Growing disciples -

ROLL CALL:

Blair Corcoran, Peter Curran, Harold DeVenne, John Fargey, Marian Ferguson, Peter Hancock, John Hogman, Peter Hoyle, John Hurst, Orville James, Lorna McQueen, Dale Skinner, Sandy Skinner, Kathy Toivanen, Mary Jane Ward, Bill West

REGRETS: Diane Blanchard, Barbara Morrison, Neville Smith

GATHERING

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME – Chair, John Hogman opened with prayer.

PERSONAL JOYS, CONCERNS and SORROWS:

Members of the Executive shared their personal joys and concerns.

WORSHIP:

 Blair Corcoran

Read from Ecclesiastics 3: “A time for every purpose under heaven:”

A new year to reflect on the time we are in?

Executive Retreat:

 Peter Hoyle

We reviewed the tasks from Executive minutes of Dec. 6th – page 11-080/81.

Improve Congregations Ability to Raise Funds:

Peter Curran is prepared to assist in appointing a Task Group to identify ways and means to improve congregations ability to raising Funds other than through M&S.

Funding New Congregations:

It was suggested that we form Task Groups for different area’s – to look at ways of funding new ministries in their area’s – collaborating periodically. North Oakville area discussion group – some discussion will happen in the next couple of months.

Agenda Planning:

 Kathy Toivanen/John Hogman

Nothing to report

Persistent Friend:

 Lorna MacQueen

“Effective Leadership and Healthy Pastoral Relations” flyer identifying opportunities to discuss this Report.

The report can be found at www.united-church.ca/files/communications/news/general/111130 .

Mission Development Officer:

 Peter Hoyle

Has anyone heard of or used “Natural Church Development”?

Helping congregations to recognize their needs, this is something that Peter Hoyle will be promoting with existing congregations.

Peter drew attention to a 2010 book by Brian McLaren called “A New Kind of Christianity”.

What do we do about the church? Brian writes...”The church exists to form Christ-like people, people of Christ-like love. The church exists to save them from the great danger of wasting their lives, becoming something less than and other than they were intended to be?”

What do we do about the church? We must rethink our core mission.

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ALL PURPOSE BREAK: Thanks to John Fargey for refreshments.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Secretary's Time:

MOTION: Marian Ferguson/Sandy

That the Minutes of December 6th 2011 be approved as received.

CARRIED

Correspondence from December 7th through January 3rd, 2012

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| 1. | General Council Office – Longing for Leadership at COP17 | to File |
| 2. | General Secretary's weekly letter – Dec. 16 th , 2011 | o Exec, PC |
| 3. | Members of Presbyteries serving in General Council Roles | to Chairs |

Business Arising:

No business arising from the December 6th Executive meeting.

Chair Person's Time: A letter was received from the Chair of the Board of Christ Church re Assessment, the chair will respond.

❖ **Treasurer's Report:** John Hurst

Assessments:

Assessment invoices for the fourth quarter were mailed October 31 and showed a due date of November 15. Assessment payments have been received from 33 pastoral charges and 2 payments remain outstanding (\$4,900) as of December 30, 2011. St. John's in Oakville and Applewood have not paid their assessments

Payroll and Remittances:

ADP Payroll and Remittances have been completed for 2011.

Current Financial Position:

The deficit for 2011 currently stands at \$23,400 compared to a deficit at the same time last year of \$75,500. All bills in my possession have been paid as of December 30, 2011. Cash and investments total \$894,800 as compared to \$917,800 at the same time last year. The decrease is small and relates to the planned deficit for 2011.

2012 Budget:

The Budget for 2012 was approved in November and Assessment Invoices will be mailed out in mid-January.

Financial figures on page 12-005/6/7

Proposal to re-allocated Equity Accounts - Background

1. Halton Presbytery has received a request from Westminster United Church to treat its loan from Presbytery in the same manner as their VIM loan. This loan originated from the disposition of Bethesda assets and was given to Presbytery as the only Court with resources to deal with it.
2. Mission has become a part of ongoing operations and funded from the operating account. There is no longer a need for separate Mission and Operating Funds.
3. Elsewhere in our Conference, reserves have been used up as the result of legal and salary continuance costs. Halton Presbytery has not had any such incidents, but we also have no reserve for such costs.

Proposal

1. Accept the Westminster proposal to restructure their loan to us as loan that would be payable only on the sale of the Church. The existing loan would be written off our books, and the loan would be inflated at 3 percent per year to a maximum value of twice the initial loan.
2. Combine funds in the Mission Fund with Church Growth and eliminate the Mission Fund.

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3. Establish a Reserve Fund of \$200,000.
4. Allocated \$600,000 to the Church Growth Fund.
5. Maintain an Operating Fund of approximately \$100,000.

The Treasurer will bring this proposal to the February Full Court of Presbytery.
A lengthy discussion followed the presentation of the proposal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

❖ **Strategic Mission Development:** John Fargey

John had electronically circulated a statistical spread sheet for year 2010 that compared selected data from all Halton pastoral charges. Also, a Halton Presbytery statistical trend sheet with 2010 figures added. The two sheets were supplemented by a page of comments intended to help readers understand the content. A hard copy of the one comparing PC data was handed out with rankings included. Both of the schedules and the comment page are available to anyone interested, just ask John Fargey.

MOTION: John Fargey/Harold DeVenne

That an e-mail message from the Presbytery Secretary be sent to the leadership of each Pastoral Charge reminding them of the importance of timely and accurate submission of the Information and Statistical Reports to the National Office.

CARRIED

❖ **U.C.W.:** Mary Jane Ward – Nothing to report

❖ **Faith Formation & Outreach:** Neville Smith

Halton Presbytery Network Day – Feb. 24th at Eden United Church. The Brochure will be ready this week, it will be e-mailed to congregations for distribution and to all Presbytery members. There will be a **M&P Workshop** led by Halton Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee, **Spiritual Practices for Youth** led by Lorna McQueen and Debbie Siertsema, **Natural Church Development** led by Bill Bickley, **The Go Project** led by Rachel Playfair-Simons and Katie Smith, **Mission Trips** led by Allison Playfair and Peter Hoyle. Watch for your copy and talk this event up in your congregation.

❖ **Education & Students:** Harold DeVenne/Dale Skinner – nothing to report

Regeneration: Orville James

- The committee met in December to begin planning for the workshops/theme of Ministry in Motion for the fall of 2012 – meeting again next week.
- The Ministry clusters are continuing and hoping to gather the Champions (cluster leaders) together in the next month.

❖ **Finance & Property:** Peter Hancock

Finance & Property are continuing to meet with members of St. Paul's Milton congregation. St. Paul's will be looking for Council approval in Principle January 31st for building in the second quarter of 2012, and Presbytery approval March 6th, 2012.

Statistical Trends

I have done some trend analysis with the figures from John to determine what was happening over a period. I summarized the numbers for Resident Members, Households Under Pastoral

Care and Financial Supporters for the years 2003, 2006 and 2010 so I could get a better perspective was what was happening in each church in Halton Presbytery. I further subdivided

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my numbers by region, i.e. Burlington, Oakville and Mississauga. From 2003 to 2010 Halton Presbytery is **down** by category as follows;

Resident Members - 18% Households Under Pastoral Care - 14% Financial Supporters – 20%

Within this every church is different and there is at least one church in each region whose numbers are bucking the trends and increasing. For example in Burlington it is Lowville, in Oakville, Maple Grove and Munn's lead the way and in Mississauga Cooksville leads the way. Those falling behind over the seven year period are led by Wellington Square, Tansley, Trinity and Westminster.

The numbers need a lot more analysis. I plan to share them with the Finance and Property, Strategic Mission Development and Pastoral Oversight Committees.

I have a hard copy with me tonight if any of you would like to see them. Alternatively I can e mail the numbers as they now stand.

- ❖ **Communication & Technology** – Peter Curran – nothing to report
- ❖ **Pastoral Oversight** – Blair Corcoran – nothing to report
- ❖ **Stewardship** – Bill West
Bill gave a verbal report showed some increase in giving as of December 21st, 2011.
Nationally – 5.9% lower than last year;
Hamilton Conference – 9.2% down from previous year;
Halton – 4.5% from last year.
As of December 21st two congregations within Halton have submitted no M&S contributions for 2011, St. Stephen in Burlington and Trinity in Oakville.
- ❖ **HUCEC:** Sandy Skinner – nothing to report – meeting on the 18th of Jan.
- ❖ **Pastoral Relations:** Barbara Morrison/Diane Blanchard – regrets from both
MOTIONS: Harold DeVenne/John Hurt
That Halton Presbytery approve the **TRANSFER of Sarah Fanning OM** from Halton Presbytery, Hamilton Conference, to Calgary Presbytery, Alberta/Northwest Conference effective January 1, 2012. **CARRIED**
- MOTION:** Harold DeVenne/John Hurst
That Halton Presbytery request the **TRANSFER of Karen Henderson OM** from Hamilton Presbytery, Hamilton Conference, to Halton Presbytery, Hamilton Conference for the purpose of being retained on the roll. **CARRIED**
- ❖ **Nominating:** Peter Curran – Nothing to report

New Business:

Closing and Adjournment: 9:05 P.M.

Harold DeVenne moved to adjourn

Blair Corcoran closed with prayer.

Chair, John Hogman

Secretary, Marian Ferguson

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NEXT MEETINGS:

EXECUTIVE MEETING – February 7th, 2012 at Palermo United Church 7:00 P.M.

**FULL COURT – January 24th 2012, 7:00 P.M. at St. Paul's United, Oakville
Vital Congregations – Leadership with Judith Gilliland
London Conference**

Profit and loss for 12 months

	<u>Jan - Dec 11</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 10</u>
Income		
5100 · Interest Income	9,775.74	28,240.91
5200 · Assessment Income	251,728.74	206,349.63
5300 · Other Income	0.07	11.25
5400 · Bursary Income	1,712.52	3,033.00
5500 · Project Income	0.00	0.00
Total Income	<u>263,217.07</u>	<u>237,634.79</u>
Expense		
6000 · Operating Expense	34,192.30	31,752.04
6300 · Mission Fund Exp	122,570.83	148,580.30
6400 · Hamilton Conference	124,994.04	131,794.00
6500 · Bursary Fund Expense	0.00	1,000.00
6600 · Project Expenses	4,797.36	0.00
Total Expense	<u>286,554.53</u>	<u>313,126.34</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-23,337.46</u></u>	<u><u>-75,491.55</u></u>

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Balance Sheet as at December 30, 2011

	Dec 31, 11	Dec 31, 10
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Chequing/Savings		
1000 · Cash in Banks	2,628.53	15,277.15
1100 · Investment Accounts	892,163.97	902,489.28
Total Chequing/Savings	894,792.50	917,766.43
Accounts Receivable		
1200 · Accounts Receivable	4,863.16	3,395.17
Total Accounts Receivable	4,863.16	3,395.17
Other Current Assets		
1300 · Loans to H.P Pastoral Charges	100,000.00	105,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	100,000.00	105,000.00
Total Current Assets	999,655.66	1,026,161.60
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
2000 · Accounts Payable	0.00	2,470.05
Total Accounts Payable	0.00	2,470.05
Other Current Liabilities		
2050 · Accounts Payable - Other	4,300.00	4,000.00
2500 · Sales Taxes	-998.43	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	3,301.57	4,000.00
Total Current Liabilities	3,301.57	6,470.05
Total Liabilities	3,301.57	6,470.05
Equity		
3010 · Church Growth Fund	824,638.00	824,638.00
3020 · Bursary Fund	6,644.00	6,644.00
3030 · Mission Fund	74,576.00	74,576.00
3040 · HP Operating Fund	113,833.55	113,833.55
3900 · Retained Earnings	0.00	75,491.55
Net Income	-23,337.46	-75,491.55
Total Equity	996,354.09	1,019,691.55
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	999,655.66	1,026,161.60

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Summary

	Budget 2012	Total 2011	Total 2010	Total 2009	Total 2008	Total 2007
Revenue						
Congregation Assessments	319,850	251,729	206,350	186,638	188,870	244,327
Donations	4,000	1,712	3,033	3,802	6,136	3,599
Interest Income	5,000	9,776	28,252	37,670	65,300	25,502
Total Revenue	328,850	263,217	237,635	228,110	260,306	273,428
Expenses						
Assessment paid to Ham Conf	147,800	124,994	131,794	110,509	108,665	112,555
Paid to Ministry Candidates	4,000	0	1,000	4,700	5,000	4,600
Committee Expenses	10,000	6,438	6,905	6,721	5,668	4,008
Presbytery Office	23,000	23,297	20,759	17,258	16,979	19,809
Annual Audit Fee	4,300	4,458	4,088	4,351	2,400	
Mission Support						
Mississauga Chinese	15,000	15,000	13,800	7,250	8,000	8,000
Allocated	15,000	15,000	27,500	7,365	57,409	58,250
Unallocated (Contingency)	14,500					
Total Mission Support	44,500	30,000	41,300	14,615	65,409	66,250
HUCEC Grant	5,000	5,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Communications Consulting				19,010		
Ministry in Motion		4,797				
Mission Development Officer	90,000	87,571	92,280	81,036	22,477	13,809
Total Expenses	328,600	286,555	313,126	273,200	241,598	236,031
Net Income / Loss	250	(23,338)	(75,491)	(45,090)	18,708	37,397
Church Growth Fund	30,000					
Total Income / Loss	(29,750)	(23,338)				
Assessments						
Conference	29.00	23.90	13.70	11.25	10.50	10.25
Presbytery Operating Assess.	7.50	7.00	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75
Presbytery Mission Fund	27.00	17.25	5.00	5.00	5.00	9.25
Total Assessment	63.50	48.15	21.45	19.00	18.25	22.25
Members/Allocator	5,037	5,228	9,620	9,823	10,349	10,981
Total Assessment Amount	319,850	251,728	206,349	186,637	188,869	244,327