

**PRESBYTERY OF HALTON
FULL COURT, APPLEBY UNITED CHURCH**

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“To strengthen congregations to be Christ for the world”

ROLL:

MINISTRY PERSONNEL: Michael Brooks, Chris Cheung, Bruce Dickson, Gordon Dunbar, Sarah Fanning, Don Gibson, Tim Graham, Meg Grieve, John Hogman, Orville James, Barry King, Evelyn McLachlan, Barbara Morrison, Morar Murray-Hayes, Joyce Pearce, Allison Playfair, Dale Skinner, Neville Smith, Kathy Toivanen, Darrow Woods (20)

RETIRED MINISTRY PERSONNEL: Peter Hoyle, Bob Nicholls, David Walker (3)

LAY MEMBERS: John Allan, Dianne Allum, John Ashfield, Shirley Bottaro, George Bradley, Nancy Brodie, Keith Buxton, Eleanor Christie, Peter Curran, John Fargey, Don Featherstone, Marian Ferguson, Lloyd Freel, Norm Graham, Amy Hill, Moffat Hill, John Hurst, Amber Ing, Jean Keenleyside, Jim Keenleyside, Kim Mackenzie, Russell Martin, Ernie Noch, Gretchen Greene O'Brien, Bob Panabaker, Ruth Parkinson, Mary Patterson, Elizabeth Pitt, Patt Robinson, Pat Skinner, Sandy Skinner, Sue Stephen, Cathy Stevenson, Ed Swinton, Liz Tarczy, Con Walker, Phyllis Walker, Harold Walton, Bill West, Jean Wilson, (40)

CANDIDATES & GUESTS: Margot Feyerer, Carol Hennigar, Jack Klassen, Marilyn Parsons, Lloyd Paul, Carol Wood

REGRETS: John Allsop, Shirley Bainbridge, John Benham, Diane Blanchard, Ken Boulton, Lexie Chamberlain, Peter Hancock, Lorna MacQueen, Morgan Perigo, Maryann Skinner, Cynthia Stretton, John Tapscott, Jeff Vannan, Mary Jane Ward, Howard Wills,

HALTON PRESBYTERY PERSISTENT FRIEND:

The 4th at 4 this evening with Rev. Dr. Dale Skinner

Futuring' the Faith: Ministry to a Post-Modern World

At this month's "4th at 4," Rev. Dr. Dale Skinner shared some of what he learned during his doctoral studies at Drew University. Focusing on the subject of Christian 'Futuring,' Dale offered a theological basis for pointing churches toward the future and suggested alternative directions regarding church planning. Attention was given to common stumbling blocks churches and leaders face as they move into the future. Topics for discussion were: ways in which the Bible views the future; trend tracking; planning; and learning the "post-modern" mindset. Dale hoped this will help provide an optimistic, transformative, postmodern theology of "becoming" rather than mere stylistic tinkering, and a practical "operator's manual" to the future.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT – Don Gibson, Chair Halton Presbytery

NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS:

Visiting, but will become the new Representative from Munn's United, Sue Drodge.

Elizabeth Pitt, new Representative from St. John's United.

Rev. Stephen Mabee newly appointed to Cawthra Park United, Mississauga

Lloyd Paul visiting from the General Council office working in Men's Ministry.

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Please keep ALL our sisters and brothers in our prayers and continue to surround them with our love.

- Howard Wills is home after a fall which resulted in surgery on his elbow, he will be having home care.

- Kathy Toivanen was named for her good works as "Companions of the Centre" of Christian Studies – congratulations.

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WELCOME: A welcome to Appleby United Church was given by Shannon van Veen Chair of Official Board. Shannon has spent her whole life at Appleby and the family history goes back to her grandparents. Appleby has just celebrated 185 years as a congregation and the 50th Anniversary of the current building. The Appleby congregation has done changes to the Chancel and Kitchen with additional lighting and Audio Video System in the sanctuary to be completed. Appleby is a happening place with groups from the community as well as the congregation busy at work most days. In January 2009, 46 members participated in a fundraiser that took them to the west Caribbean on a cruise to help raise money for the renovations. Appleby actively participates in the Wesley Urban Ministries, the Family to Family organization and contribute weekly to the Burlington Foodbanks. In the past a team went to Guatemala to provide aid and education to the peoples of Timushan. Presbytery involvement from Appleby is strong with three lay representatives, have, and are sponsoring ministry students with the possibility of two more candidates who are in the stages of considering their future studies. Appleby continues to reach out to the community beyond and strive to meet the needs of the congregation within.

WORSHIP: Halton Presbytery Worship Team

The Court took part in a re-Covenanting Service, Covenanting Service of John Wesley. David Walker, Darrow Wood, Amber Ing, Ernie Nock and Jean Keenleyside on the piano/organ

CAMPUS CHAPLAINCY PROGRAMS: Marilyn Parsons (McMaster) Margot Feyerer (Guelph) Peter Curran introduced our guests and affirmed that we in the United Church have supported these Chaplaincies and have for many years. Hamilton Conference has reduced its funding of Chaplaincy Ministry this year, not because the need is less, but because of insufficient funds. Marilyn Parsons is a member of Port Nelson United Church and a member of the Chaplaincy Council at McMaster University. The Rev. Carol Wood shared some of her work experiences, the needs of students and faculty at McMaster which include:

- Confidential personal counseling and pastoral direction
- Study groups and retreats
- Seasonal ecumenical worship and weekly Catholic Mass
- Thursday dinner discussions and informal lunch discussions
- Outdoor activities – dog sledding, back packing, rock climbing etc.
- Advocacy for marginalized groups and individuals with needs,
- Bereavement support
- Non-violence and peacemaking initiatives
- Weddings, memorials, prayer services etc.

Rev. Margot Feyerer explained her role as chaplain at Guelph University and the challenges that she faces, also what she is learning in this infancy role at the University.

Margot thanked each one of us for our support and to ask for prayers for the Chaplaincy Ministries.

Peter Curran thanked our guests and presented them with a token of our appreciation for their Chaplaincy.

SECRETARY'S TIME:

MOTION: Marian Ferguson/Bill West

That the minutes of November 24th, 2009 be approved as received and that the Executive minutes of December 1st, 2009 and January 5th, 2010 received for information only with a change to Executive minutes page 09-117 just before the last motion – allegation should read allocation. Full Court of Nov. 24th page 09-107 1st paragraph eliminate the ed in e-mail and Executive of Jan. 5th page 10-001 correspondence #9 Dec. 2009.

CARRIED

MOTION: Marian Ferguson/ Lloyd Freel

That the Enabling Motions & Consent Docket be approved for this January meeting of Presbytery. This document can be found on the Halton Presbytery web site.

CARRIED

1. Workshops: **CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS – Dealing with Difficult People** <http://www.achievecentre.com/winterspring10/ontario.html> along with **CREATING WORK-LIFE BALANCE**, same web site.

CORRESPONDENCE: from January 6th through January 26th, 2010

1.	Hamilton Conference letter of deep regret to Hamilton Mountain Mosque re the firebombing	to File
2.	Retreat & Lecture series with Amy-Jill Levine	to Exec & PC
3.	Conflict Resolution & Work-Life Balance Workshop	to File
4.	Moderator Prepares to Deliver Climate Change Message to Canadians	to File
5.	Pastoral Oversight minutes of November 1, 2009	to File
6.	Tansley Annual General Meeting of Tansley Park Community Homes	to File
7.	General council News Release/Moderator's Climate Change Letter	to Exec
8.	United Church Launches Emergency Appeal for Haiti	to Exec
9.	Anticipation Grows for Moderator's Climate Change Message	to Exec
10.	General Secretary's weekly letter Jan. 15 th , Jan. 22, 2010	to Exec & PC
11.	HamPack January 2010	to File
12.	"Where is the Hope after Copenhagen" from the Moderator of the United Church of Canada	to File
13.	Leadership Training Opportunities	to Reg & FF&O
14.	Foresight – Pension Newsletter, Issue 13, January 2010	to File
15.	United Church Camps – Special Edition 2010 – 2010 Awareness Campaign	to File
16.	Faith Formation & Outreach Committee minutes January 2010	to File
17.	HUCEC Officers and Directors	to File
18.	HUCEC minutes of November 18, 2009	to File
19.	Halton Presbytery Chair report to Hamilton Conference	to File

Persistent Friend: Neville Smith reported for Lorna McQueen.

- A reminder of the Haiti disaster and the United Church appeal – do your best!

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

- **Network Day Brochures** have been sent to Pastoral Charges and they have been asked to print copies for their congregation and distribute. Please get your registration in to the Presbytery Office before the Network Day to be held **February 20th at Eden United Church from 8:00 A.M. to 12:55 P.M.** We are looking for your registration!

- **Vocation School Project** – very soon each Pastoral Charge will receive information about the Vacation Bible School Project for 2010.

- Faith Formation & Outreach Committee is to have a ½ workshop on “Discipleship” to be held on Saturday April 17th 2010 – details will be coming soon. Please mark the date in your Dairy!

❖ **TREASURER:** John Hurst

1. **Assessments:**

Assessments for 2009 have all been received and Hamilton Conference has been paid in full for 2009 and all cheques processed.

2. **Payroll and Remittances:**

Payroll cheques and remittances to the Receiver General have been paid up to December 31, 2009. The remittance confirmation for December has been received. Rev. Pete Hoyle is now being paid via ADP (the paymaster for the United Church).

3. **Current Financial Position:**

The December 31 net loss is \$45,090 compared to a budgeted loss of \$73,572 and a surplus last year of \$18,708. The December 31st balance sheet shows \$12,900 in cash, \$989,000 in short term investments, \$100,000 in long term investments, and small amounts of receivables and payables. The balance sheet remains strong. The books for 2009 have been submitted to Withey Addison for auditing and Financial Statement preparation.

4. **2010 Budget:**

The 2010 Budget was approved by the Full Court at its November meeting. The National Church office has confirmed the total number of Resident Members that we used. A letter was sent to each congregation with their assessment for 2010. Invoices for the first quarter will be mailed on or about February 1, 2010.

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5. Other:

As the world of technology moves on, I have changed my computer to Windows 7 Professional. The only version of QuickBooks that runs on Windows 7 is QuickBooks Pro Version 2010 or higher. I have changed both Halton Presbytery and HUCEC ledgers to this new version and this upgrade is not reversible to a prior version. Then next Treasurer will have to be current and adept with QuickBooks.

MOTION: John Hurst/Jim Keenleyside

That this Treasurer's report be received for information only.

CARRIED

At the December 1, 2009 Executive Meeting, we passed a motion that Halton Presbytery follow its normal past practice of paying 50% of the amount requested for Mission Support Grants.

MOTION: John Hurst / Patt Robinson

That Halton Presbytery follow its normal past practice of paying 50% of the amount requested for Mission Support Grants, those amounts being as follows:

Mississauga Chinese	\$ 6,900
Lakeshore Centre	\$ 8,500
St. Paul's Milton	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
Total	\$ 30,400

CARRIED

Note: At the Executive meeting, there was another motion to top up the grant to Mississauga Chinese, but that was an Executive motion and made no mention of coming before Full Court. If we pass the above motion at Full Court, Executive still has the power to increase a specific grant.

❖ **Remit #3 Transfer and Settlement to be Optional:** Don Gibson

In August 2009, the 40th General Council authorized six remits to be sent to presbyteries. One of these remits will also go to pastoral charges. The first two remits were dealt with late in 2009, we will deal with Remits #3 this evening. Don expressed the hope that all members have read the remit (posted on the Presbytery website).

Question: Does the Presbytery agree that Candidates for the Order of Ministry ought to be able to choose either to agree to transfer and settlement, or to seek a call or an appointment:

And that the Basis of Union should be amended to reflect this policy.

Vote: YES

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

All announcements to be posted on the Halton Presbytery web-site unless pertaining to this evening.

- The leadership teams of Christ Church and Port Nelson will be meeting with Kennon Callaghan in June, Peter Hoyle asked for a showing of hands of those in Ministry who would like an opportunity to meet with him on Tuesday June 15th 2010. Peter will make the arrangements.

- The Church community is being challenged again to build another Habitant building, the planning is beginning. All church communities have something that they can do, contact Morar Murray-Hayes for more information.

- Lloyd Paul, who works for the General Council in Men's Ministry joined us this evening to Announce an event at Appleby United Church "The Dondi Project" on March 6th, 2010 from 7-9:00 P.M.

Halton has 24 men's ministries within their congregations at the present time.

Our church partner in Angola, The Evangelical Congregational Church (IECA), is sharing the good news of hope and justice among the people of Angola as they rebuild after a long civil war. "The Dondi Project" invites us to work along with IECA to rebuild the Lutamo School, part of the Dondi Mission.

We see this as a powerful opportunity to engage the men in our churches and communities in a life-giving project of hope and transformation. Together we will raise \$1 million dollars to rebuild essential education in Angola and contribute up to \$100,000 to our Mission and Service Fund.

Lloyd appointed Tim Graham as the official enthusiast for "The Dondi Project" in Halton.

ALL PURPOSE BREAK: Thanks to the congregation of Appleby United Church

❖ **Pastoral Relations:** Norman Graham**MOTION:** Norman Graham/Chris Cheung

That Halton Presbytery approve a **CHANGE IN PASTORAL RELATIONS** for Jeff Crittenden OM of Glen Abbey pastoral charge effective July 1, 2010 for the purpose of accepting a CALL in Middlesex Presbytery, London Conference.

CARRIED**Mission Development Officer/Best Practices:** Peter Hoyle and Sarah Fanning

Peter Hoyle interviewed Sarah Fanning on her Movie Ministry at St. Paul's United in Milton.

1. How did you get interested in Movies?

Sarah: "I've been a movie junkie since high school, when an English teacher allowed me to use my love of Disney movie's to show how good and evil were portrayed in film. During university, my love of film expanded to include a number of genres, including science fiction, romance, and comedy. While at theological college, we were often encouraged to use film to do theological reflection. It's rare these days for me to see a film and not find some theological theme that I can talk about in a sermon or children's time."

2. What movies have you used?

Sarah: "The Faith & Film group at St. Paul's was two 6 week sessions (so 12 total) held on Tuesday nights last year (2009). It was a way to combine my love of movies with an adult education and discussion group, and we had a lot of fun. Over the 12 weeks, we discussed the themes of sacrifice, truth, memory, temptation, disappointment, envy, suffering, forgiveness, gratitude, repentance, acceptance, and empathy. The movies we saw portions of included: Saving Private Ryan, Contact, A River Runs Through It, Quiz Show, The Music Box, Amadeus, Shadowlands, Smoke Signals, American Beauty, Dead Man Walking, The Prince of Tides, and To Kill a Mockingbird."

3. What are some of the results of a 'Movie Ministry'?

Sarah: "We had some great discussions and were introduced to films that many in the group hadn't seen before. People who didn't typically come out to Bible study came to this group, and were able to read together portions of scripture that pertained to each theme, talk about it, their faith, their lives, and how the themes were portrayed in the film."

4. Could you give some suggestions about how to get started or how to extend the ministry?

Sarah: "Getting started is fairly simple. Your church needs a license (available through Conference Office) to show films for public performance. You need a DVD player and a TV (or a computer with a DVD drive and a projector). I brought 4 great books (available through UCRD) about faith & film and different formats one can use with a group.

(Alternately, a group of interested people can go out together to see a film at the movie theatre and then meet to discuss it afterwards. This is more challenging because the film isn't always fresh in people's minds!)

In terms of extending this, I would love to open it up further to the community by setting up in a bigger space, having it once a month in the early evening or a weekend and advertising well. There is so much that is powerful in films and in the group experience of watching it together and then discussing how it relates to our lives, our beliefs and our faith."

Some books that might be helpful are:

- 1) "Finding Faith at the Movies" by Barbara Mraz
- 2) "Faith & Film - a guidebook for leaders" by Edward N. McNulty
- 3) "Scripture on the Silver Screen" by Adele Reinhartz
- 4) "Jesus, the Gospels, and Cinematic Imagination - a handbook to Jesus on DVD" by Jeffrey L. Staley & Richard Walsh

Licensing through Conference office is based on average Sunday attendance and covers two major Film licensing firms (which licenses most major films for use in sermons, Sunday school, small groups and such). Lorna McQueen is our main contact for this, and we simply keep track of the films we use and when, and reporting is done every few months.)

Peter thanked Sarah for sharing her story.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:❖ **Strategic Mission Development: Communications Policy and Strategies:**

Kim Mackenzie introduced Carol Hennigar who is a member of First Church and a member of the Strategic Mission Development Committee. Carol made a power point presentation relating to the report from Andy McCormick on Communications Policy and Strategies that had been distributed electronically to all Presbyters. Carol referred to courageous conversations Mr. McCormick had in doing the job he was commissioned to do. Carol observed that qualitative research often leads to surprises.

- ✓ Surprises can be **energizing** or **frightening** – What will you choose?
- ✓ Surprises can trigger **action** or **paralysis** – What will you choose?

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Carol presented our mission statement **To Strengthen Congregations to be Christ for the World:** as being > forward thinking, > action oriented and > positive and inviting. We should align all that we do with the Mission and use it as the driving force within our Courts. She encouraged creation of a Communications and Technical Committee and asked the meeting to think 'new year', 'new decade', 'new vitality'. Carol asked that we prayerfully consider the recommendations in this report and to "come onboard".

❖ **Stewardship:** Bill West

Please make sure that all Mission & Service Funds for the year 2009 have been sent in before the books for 2009 close on Monday, February 1st, 2010.

Nationally to date:

the fund has received \$26,200,000. - \$3,500,000. or 12% less than received in 2008.

Hamilton Conference to date:

has contributed \$3,350,000. - \$490,000. or 13% less than contributed in 2008.

Halton Presbytery to date:

has contributed \$939,900. - \$15,600. or 1.6% less than contributed in 2008.

13 Pastoral Charges in Halton Presbytery have contributed **MORE** to date than in 2008.

6 Pastoral Charges have contributed at the **SAME LEVEL** as in 2008 or within 3% of it.

14 Pastoral Charges have contributed **LESS** to date than in 2008 (more than 3% less).

If your congregation has more to give, please send it in as-soon-as-possible so that it can be credited to 2009.

❖ **HUCEC:** Sandy Skinner

HUCEC is an Independent body with its Officers and Directors approved by Halton Presbytery.

HUCEC will move hand in hand with Halton Presbytery when the need arises.

HUCEC has been assembling capital to go back into the land business and has close to \$900,000.

The areas of greatest need are in north Oakville and south Milton as they are the fastest growing areas.

❖ **Nominating:** Morar Murray-Hayes

Please discern your calling and help Morar fill the vacancies within the committee structure of Halton Presbytery. Co-Chairs for the Candidacy & Vocations Committee are needed plus members for several other Committee's.

NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Amy Hill and Dale Skinner are on the Conference Committee that looks for intern sites within our Presbytery. If your congregation would like to be an "Intern Site" for 2010 please contact Amy Hill or Dale Skinner, now is the time to get the paper work started.

4th at 4 is Lois Wilson in February

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: to adjourn by Evelyn McLachlan at 9:30 P.M.

CARRIED

Tim Graham closed with prayer.

Don Gibson, Chair

Marian Ferguson, Secretary

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: February 2nd 2010 7:00 PM at Palermo United Church

NEXT FULL COURT MEETING: February 23rd 7:00 P.M. at St. John's United Church, Oakville

