

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

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“To strengthen congregations to be Christ for the world”

ROLE:

MINISTRY PERSONNEL: John Allsop, Diane Blanchard, Chris Cheung, Blair Corcoran, Bruce Dickson, Gord Dunbar, Sarah Fanning, Don Gibson, Meg Grieve, Steve Huntley, Orville James, Evelyn McLachlan, Barbara Morrison, Kim Shantz, Dale Skinner, Kathy Toivanen, Heather Weaver-Orosz, (17)

RETIRED MINISTRY PERSONNEL: Peter Hoyle, Dora MacCallum Sadler, Bob Nicholls, Jewitt Parr (4)

LAY MEMBERS: John Allan, Dianne Allum, John Ashfield, Shirley Bainbridge, Shirley Bottaro, Ken Boulton, George Bradley, Nancy Brodie, Keith Buxton, Judy Chartrand, Eleanor Christie, Peter Curran, Harold DeVenne, Sue Drodge, John Fargey, Marian Ferguson, Lloyd Freel, Norman Graham, Tory Handford, Amy Hill, Moffat Hill, John Hurst, Jean Keenleyside, Jim Keenleyside, Russell Martin, Gretchen Greene O'Brien, Frank O'Byrne, Bob Osser, Bob Panabaker, Ruth Parkinson, Morgan Perigo, Elizabeth Pitt, Patt Robinson, Al Salmi, Connie Salmi, Pat Skinner, Sandy Skinner, Mary Speck, Sue Stephen, Cathy Stevenson, Ed Swinton, Liz Tarczy, Jeff Vannan, Con Walker, Phyllis Walker, Mary Jane Ward, Bill West, Jean Wilson, (48)

CANDIDATES & GUESTS: Vicky Aldersley, Steve Carver, Jean Gresham, Charlie Hogg, Heather Joy James, Rev. Dr. Jean Stairs, Joanne Walker, Donalee Williams,

REGRETS: Lynda Appleby, John Benham, Lexie Chamberlain, Don Featherston, Peter Hancock, Barry King, Mary Patterson, Maryann Skinner, Neville Smith, Walter Sowa, Cynthia Stretton, Margaret Vannest, Howard Wills, Darrow Woods

HALTON PRESBYTERY PERSISTENT FRIEND: Lorna MacQueen

If you have enjoyed the 4th at 4 events over the past year you are really must have enjoyed this one. Halton Presbytery is blessed with some wonderful youth leaders who are doing amazing ministry with our young people. These youth leaders led us at the 4th at 4 to better understand the existing and developing culture of the youth of our communities. Through multi-media, panel presentation and small group discussion we were challenged to learn more about ministry with the young.

Approximately 50 members of presbytery attended this event and enjoyed a wonderful supper prepared for us by the ladies of Carlisle United Church.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT at 7:00 P.M. – Don Gibson, Chair Halton Presbytery

NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS:

Bob Osser, new representative from St. Paul's Milton.

Tory Handford, a new representative from St. Paul's Milton.

JOYS & CONCERNS:

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

- Ian Nott, passed away on April 14th. Ian was Treasurer for Halton Presbytery from 1996 through 2002.
- Shirley Bainbridge has a new grandson, grandchild number four.
- Lorna MacQueen informed the Court that Fred Monteith will be back in the Conference Office May 10th.
- Evelyn MacLaughlan is being married June 10th at 1:00 PM at Eden United Church – you are all invited, but please let the ladies at Eden know if you are planning on attending. Thanks
- Dale Skinner informed the Court that Albion Wright is undergoing Chemo – please keep him in your prayers.
- Vicky Aldersley informed the Court that at the Annual Service of Celebration at the Centre for Christian Studies in

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March, Kathy Toivanen was awarded Companion of the Centre for her commitment to the Centre and Diaconal Ministry.

- Charlie Hogg announced that Howard Wills is in Hospital with a severe infection in his leg and has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Jewitt Parr, who attended this evening, has been a member of Halton Presbytery for 50 years – Congratulations.

WELCOME: A welcome to Carlisle United Church was given by Dave Walker Chair of the Official Board. Carlisle is an active, community church with different groups using the church facilities almost every night. Carlisle runs a Food Bank – hold many fundraisers which include a festival each year – a community event where many enjoy a chicken BBQ. Carlisle hosts two migrant dinners each year – one in the spring and one in the fall with most of the food being donated, clothing is also collected for them. Carlisle sponsors lunched at the Westley Urban Centre also each year. It seems money is always being raised for one Outreach Project or another. Welcome and thanks for coming to Carlisle.

WORSHIP: Candidacy & Vocations Committee celebrating Ministry Candidates

Worship this evening was led by Amy Hill and Kim Shantz, Co-Chairs of the Candidacy & Vocations Committee. We heard from Heather James a Candidate from Wellington Square United who is doing her Internship at present and from Donalee Williams from Westminster United who has been approved for Ordination June 2010. Lynn Hamilton from West Plains United has also been approved for Ordination June 2010 and is being transferred to Montreal Conference. Heather and Donalee were presented with a small token of Good Wishes.

Rev. Dr. Jean Stairs, Principal and Associate Professor of the Practice of Ministry, Queen's Theological College in Kingston. Jean shared some information about the challenges facing the church and theological schools, and some of the ways the UCC and QTC are responding.

Some Stat's:

- Halton and Ottawa Presbyteries produce the most Candidates for Ministry.
- There has been a decline of 6% in enrolment for ministry in each of the last 5 years.
- Candidates are predominantly mid-life and as a second career.
- The trends are showing young adults are interested in studying religion but not in Ordination.
- Only 14 of 2700 United Church of Canada ministers are under 30 years of age.
- Only 2.6 under the age of 35
- 50% of ministry will be 65 years of age in the next 5 years.
- 70% of all Candidates come from Ontario.

The Candidacy model is an issue, the years of study are not enticing.

The General Council "Calling Congregations" is hoped congregations will tap people on the shoulder and encourage a Call to Ministry. The "New Candidacy Pathway" proposed by General Council was referred for further study. Queens became a "School of Religion" last May QSR and have revised their Theology Curriculum.

Signature Programs at Queens:

Future Quest Program – August 7-21, 2010

Shaw Transformational Leadership Program for Clergy – April 26-30, 2010

Restoration Justice Diploma – May 3-21, 2010

"God is Still Speaking" – October 18-20, 2010 with Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel

Sabbatical Fellowship opportunities with Flora Jane Baker

- up to 4 awards annually to clergy
- valued from \$6,000. to \$10,000. per fellowship
- Sabbatical time and Continuing Education

We watched a 2 minute video from Queens Theological College.

SECRETARY'S TIME:

MOTION: Marian Ferguson/Norm Graham

That the minutes of February 23rd 2010, be approved as received and that the Executive minutes of March 2nd and April 6th, 2010 be received for information only with a change on page 10-032 of the Executive minutes under Communications Policy and Strategies update: should read that Kim and Blair are prepared with a

“process for the court to enter into conversation and reflection regarding how the mission statement can be lived out in our communities.” Also add Sandy Skinner to the Role of Executive April 6th.

CARRIED

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Bruce Dickson voiced his concerns with the report on Conference and Presbytery relationship (page 10-032) and that it suggests that conference staff be accountable to presbytery. Don Gibson assured the Court that no action has been taken and that these concerns will be brought to the Executive.

MOTION: Marian Ferguson/Jim Keenleyside

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

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1. **I have Registration’s for the Annual Meeting of Hamilton Conference being held** June 4-5, 2010 in Elmira, Ontario “Rekindling the Fire”
2. **We need one more Scrutineer from Halton to assist at the Hamilton Conference Annual meeting, please speak to me if you are able to help,** I have additional information that I can send you.
3. **President Elect Nominations** – I have the Nom. Forms and Job Description etc that I can send you.

CORRESPONDENCE: from April 6th through April 27th, 2010

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| 1. | 2009 Statistical Forms Return – report 1 | to File |
| 2. | HamPack 0 April 2010 | to File |
| 3. | “Ian for Haiti” Music Tour | to PC |
| 4. | General Secretary’s weekly letter Mar. 24 th , Mar. 31 st , Apr. 9 th , Apr. 16 th , 2010 | to Exec. PC |
| 5. | BackCheck Update | to File |
| 6. | Bruce Presbytery minutes Feb. 16 th and Executive March 9 th , 2010 | to CD |
| 7. | Point of Clarification-Confirmation of Declaration update from BackCheck | to File |
| 8. | Correspondence re Nominations Committee of the General Council | to File |
| 9. | 85 th Anniversary – Making Connections follow-up e-mail | to File |
| 10. | List of correspondence, Hamilton Conference Executive – Winter 2010 | to File |
| 11. | Planning for the Future Grounded in Faith and Action - Report | to Exec. Rep’s |
| 12. | Pastoral Oversight minutes Feb. 10 th and March 10 th , 2010 | to File |
| 13. | Conflict Resolution & Assertive Communication workshop – Toronto | to File |
| 14. | Annual Report – St. Paul’s Milton (3) | to F&P, OS, Office |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Orville James –

‘More Franchises Than Tim Hortons’ – registrations are open and they need to pour in.

The best leaders and preachers in our denominations will be present – best in the country!

If you register 5 people from your congregation you get one free and so on.....

For more information go to The United Church website www.united-church.ca and track down “More Franchises Than Tim Hortons”

Mission Development Officer/Best Practices:

Peter Hoyle and John Allsop – “Transitions” will take place on June 8th, 2010

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

Neville thanks all those congregations for sending in their Vacation Bible School dates.

There will be a workshop for Vacation Bible Schools 2010 to be held at Appleby United Church on Saturday May 29th from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. with a purpose to improve Vacation Bible School experiences. Please contact Sherry Fugard fugards@vaxxine.com or Neville minister.cuc.church@bellnet.ca how many persons will be attending this event.

Kathy Toivanen shared two handouts with the Court - Policy decision on “Water: Life before Profit”

That the 39th General Council 2006:.....

Documentaries & Internet Videos on Water & Bottled Water

Other sources of information – www.kairoscanada.org www.polarisinstitute.org and

Kathy is hoping that you will encourage your congregation to get involved and possibly spend some time at a later meeting to engage in some discussion. March 10th was Bottled Water FREE day.

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❖ **Pastoral Relations Committee:** Diane Blanchard

MOTION: Diane Blanchard/Cathy Stevenson

That Halton Presbytery approve the request for a **CHANGE OF PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP** effective August 31, 2010 for Heather Weaver-Orosz ending her covenanted time with Wellington Square United Church, to be retained on the roll of Halton Presbytery in order to accept an offer from the Toronto School of Theology. (Heather has accepted a placement in the ThD program at Emmanuel College in the Pastoral Department [Homiletics], to begin in September of this year.) **CARRIED**

MOTION: Diane Blanchard/Barbara Morrison

That Halton Presbytery declare a **VACANCY** for a part-time (10 hr/wk) order of ministry personnel at Christ Church Pastoral Charge from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. **CARRIED**

❖ **Stewardship Committee:** Bill West

Bill West provided a Stewardship report as a handout with the year 2009 final figures.

Across Canada	\$28,924,168.	Down 2.7% from 2008
Hamilton Conference	\$ 3,667,226.	Down 4.5% from 2008
Halton Presbytery	\$ 972,591.	Up 1.8% from 2008

What's particularly wonderful about the contributions from Halton Presbytery is not only that they were up as compared to the previous year, but that contributions were received from **every single pastoral charge** in our presbytery.

The Stewardship Committee would also challenge each pastoral charge to seriously promote givings by P.A.R.

❖ **Treasurer's Report:** John Hurst

The Treasurer's report can be found on the Halton Presbytery web site.

John also said that although our Mission Assessment was reduced several years ago, this will not go on forever – you are being forewarned!

❖ **U.C.W.:** Jean Wilson

The United Church Women are still a vibrant and vital part of this United church of Canada. Some women say they are U.C.W., some say they are a fellowship group, a study group or a craft group, but whatever, we are all women of the United Church – hence United Church Women.

Halton Presbyterial held its Annual meeting at St. Paul's in Oakville with 97 attendees. Our women learned that Bible Study can be fun and were informed about the Iona Community in Scotland, reminded of the abuse through fraud that is affecting our seniors in particular and of the continuing contribution and work of our Mission and Service Fund.

We were pleased also to host the Conference U.C.W. Annual gathering at Tansley United this month.

Our United Church Women continue to "Seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God".

❖ **Candidacy & Vocations:** Kim Shantz

MOTION: Kim Shantz/Sarah Fanning

That Halton Presbytery on the advice of the Candidacy & Vocations Committee confirms the status of Charlie Hogg, Port Nelson United Church Burlington as a candidate for Ordained Ministry. **CARRIED**

MOTION: Kim Shantz/Gordon Dunbar

That Halton Presbytery on the advice of the Candidacy & Vocations Committee confirms the status of Brian Vickers, Wellington Square United Church Burlington, as a candidate for Ordained Ministry. **CARRIED**

MOTION: Kim Shantz/Gordon Dunbar

That Halton Presbytery on the advice of the Candidacy & Vocations Committee recommends Munn's United Church Oakville, as an Internship site with Rev. Meg Grieve as onsite Supervisor. **CARRIED**

ALL PURPOSE BREAK: Thanks to the ladies of Carlisle United Church.

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Vital Congregations: Kathy Toivanen and Judy Chartrand
HALTON PRESBYTERY LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE TO BUILD VITAL CONGREGATIONS
Timeline: September 2010 – June 2011

The Proposal

“Strengthening Congregations” through a focus on congregational development

- a. Leadership Development
- b. Strategic Development
- c. Discipleship Development
- d. Use of Technology

This multi-year development proposal comes in response to the concerns expressed at the Leadership Consultations held in June 2009 across Halton Presbytery. There were hundreds of observations and ideas expressed that roughly fit into the above categories. This proposal would help congregations become more vital as they learn and grow together in a Presbytery initiative to strengthen congregations. .

Who?

The proposal would invite ministry personnel, lay representatives to Presbytery and other congregation leaders appropriate to the topic discussed.

When?

We would suggest the following for 2010 and 2011

Tuesday October 26, 2010 from 7 pm to 9:30 pm at St. Paul’s, Oakville

Tuesday January 25, 2011 from 7 pm to 9:30 pm at St. Paul’s Oakville

Tuesday March 29, 2011 from 7 pm to 9:30 pm at St. Paul’s Oakville

Proposed Topics

October topic – Taking Discipleship Seriously

- how to move from membership to discipleship.
- invite leaders involved in adult CD, faith formation or small group development to participate with ministry personnel and lay reps.

January topic – Effective Leadership

- Through an analysis of tools and resources like Strengths Finder we will analyze how to develop strong leaders for our congregations
- Invite Congregation Chairs to join ministry personnel and lay reps

March – Stewardship for Vital Congregations

- How can we move from “just enough” giving of self to a true response to the love of God attitude in congregations
- Invite Stewardship Chairs to join ministry personnel and lay reps.

Typical Programme

Each evening programme would include: Exciting worship

- A Presentation by a known “expert”
- Time for congregations to confer
- Time for lay and ministry personnel to interact
- Time for ministry personnel to share
- Time for laity to share.

How Much?

A budget of \$ 3000 (in the 2011 budget) would be needed to cover the costs of speakers, rent advertising and other resources.

Organizing Group: Kathy Toivanen, Judy Chartrand, Mavis O’Neil, Mike Parker, Pete Hoyle

A Motion presented by Kathy Toivanen and Judy Chartrand

(members of the Leadership Development Task Group appointed by the Regeneration Task Group in 2009):

Whereas a Leadership Consultation was held in May/June 2009 in Halton Presbytery to provide an opportunity for pastoral charges to voice their needs for Leadership Development and

Whereas the findings of the consultation revealed the following areas as vital for strengthening congregations:

1. Leadership Development
2. Strategic Development

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3. Discipleship Development

4. Use of Technology and

Whereas the proposed mission statement of Halton Presbytery is the "Strengthening of Congregations to be Christ for the World".

MOTION: Kathy Toivanen/Judy Chartrand

That in the place of 3 regular meetings of Halton Presbytery during the 2010/11 year, 3 presbytery meetings be devoted to strengthening congregations in the areas of Leadership Development, Strategic Development, Discipleship Development and Technology; and that these meetings be open to all Presbyters and to intentionally invite lay leaders of pastoral charges in Halton.

CARRIED

Table Group Discussion: Mission Statement: Kim Shantz

Purpose: To initiate a process to invite presbyters into conversation regarding the proposed Mission Statement for Halton Presbytery

Goals: 1) to offer a time of reflection and discussion regarding Halton Presbytery Mission Statement.

2) to provide opportunity for Presbyters to begin the process of ownership and participation regarding the Halton Presbytery Mission Statement.

3) to share wisdom and insight into how this Mission Statement will be lived out in our communities/ministries.

Process:

- Divide into groups of 5/6 from various churches.
- Have 3 people in each group read the Mission Statement aloud, giving a moment of silence between readings.
- Sit in silence for a moment and then share with each other the word that stood out for you.
- When you are ready, discuss and record on a flip chart How you believe this mission statement may be lived out in the context of your own congregation/ministry.
ie a) *What is the mission statement of our congregation and how is our congregation mission statement congruent with that of Presbytery?* b) *How is the mission and purpose of Presbytery, as presented, different from what we have been doing?*
- After approximately 15 minutes One word from each group was shared with the Court.
- The Flip Charts will be collected, compiled and made available at a later date.

COMMITTEE Reports:

❖ Strategic Mission Development Committee: John Fargey

John reminded the court that as a result of action prescribed in February he was now presenting motions as Chair of SMDC who had given careful consideration to what is being presented. John noted he liked the consultant's line "The mission answers what is done, the purpose answers why."

NOTICE OF MOTION(S) At Presbytery in February a motion was presented asking the court to sustain a motion passed by the Executive earlier in the month. The motion also asked that Presbytery become more committed to bringing the 'mission' **alive**.

After some discussion it was decided to send the motion back to the Executive with instructions that it come to the April meeting as a motion of the full court and not as a recommendation. As a result the executive agreed that a) Kim Shantz and Blair Corcoran would work out a process for bringing about discussion among Presbyters on April 27th, b) Strategic Mission Development Committee would provide motions for consideration at that meeting and c) these motions would be made known to attendees prior to the meeting.

Against this modest background; the Strategic Mission Development Committee is pleased to provide the following three motions that will be presented on April 27th.

1. MOTION: John Fargey/Allan Salmi

Whereas: in spring 2009 Presbytery approved a communications project, and

Whereas: a report was delivered to Presbytery in December 2009, and

Whereas: the Strategic Mission Development Committee has given the report careful and thoughtful attention, and

Whereas: all Presbyters have received an electronic copy of the report, and

Whereas: a presentation was made to Presbytery in January 2010, and

Whereas: Presbyters are expected to be now familiar with content of the report, particularly the recommendations, and

Whereas: the executive, which includes the chair of all committees, have indicated their support, and

Whereas: the consultant rather emphatically encourages Presbytery to embrace the statement.

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Therefore be it resolved That Halton Presbytery affirm the mission statement which appears on the Halton Web site as, “**Strengthening Congregations to be Christ for the World**”, and, further resolve to intentionally mould/develop a supporting organization, a structure and a culture that will help make the mission a reality.

CARRIED

Yes - 34 No - 19 Abstention 5

2. MOTION: John Fargey/Judy Chartrand

Whereas: The report, Communications Policy and Strategies, has been shared with all members of Halton Presbytery, and

Whereas: the report suggests that; in addition to having a mission statement, there must be an answer to “why are we here?” and the report makes Biblical reference thereto, and

Whereas: the report suggests acceptance of the two elements of mission and discipleship provides a clear focus of what to do, and

Whereas: recommendation 3:2 in the report calls on Presbytery to establish “**Growing Disciples**” as the primary purpose of all that is done, and

Whereas: “the purpose in many ways is almost a result of faithfully living the mission”.

Therefore be it resolved:

That Presbytery endorse recommendation 3:2 in the Communications Policy and Strategies report and accept **Growing Disciples** as its primary purpose in support of the mission statement.

MOTION TO AMEND: Bruce Dickson/Gord Dunbar

Remove the work “Endorse” and replace with “**Make**” and remove completely the words “**and accept**”.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

CALL FOR MOTION AS AMENDED: CARRIED

3. MOTION: John Fargey/Shirley Bainbridge

Whereas: The Manual Section 381 identifies a Communications Committee as a standing committee in the organization of Presbytery, and

Whereas: The Communications Policy and Strategies Report recommends a committee such as this would help Halton Presbytery to strengthen congregations in their mission, and

Whereas: The Strategic Mission Development Committee has drafted a proposed mandate and identified at least some of the skill-sets, knowledge, experience, background that such a committee would need in order to fulfill its mandate, and

Whereas: The latter committee has developed some thoughts on how to recruit staff (volunteers) to serve the church in this manner.

Therefore be it resolved: That Halton Presbytery: a) establish a standing Communications and Technology Committee, b) assign this committee the responsibility of addressing recommendations **3.4** through **3.8** in the Communications Policy and Strategies Report and c) assign the Strategic Mission Development Committee the task of identifying suitable membership candidates for the Communications and Technology Committee and of making recommendations thereto to the Nominating Committee, with a view to having the members duly appointed by 30 June, 2010”.

MOTION TO AMEND: Norm Graham/Peter Hoyle

To read b) assign this committee the responsibility of “**studying recommendations 3.4 through 3.8 in the Communications Policy and Strategies report and other communications and technological issues and**”
c).....

AMENDMENT CARRIED

CALL FOR MOTION AS AMENDED: CARRIED

John ask the chair’s indulgence to say how pleasing it is to have discussion and agreement reached. He emphasized “**they are not just motions passed**” but represent a commitment of the Presbytery and its committees to function differently. He made reference to a paper from Nora Sanders, prepared for the General

Council Executive meeting this weekend, and noted the congruity of our motions with some of the content in that paper.

NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS:

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ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Harold DeVenne

To adjourn at 10:05

CARRIED

Diane Blanchard thanked everyone for coming this evening and closed with prayer.

Don Gibson, Chair

Marian Ferguson, Secretary

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: May 4th 2010 7:00 PM at Palermo United Church

NEXT FULL COURT MEETING: June 8th 6:00 P.M. at St. Stephen's on-the-Hill, Mississauga
Supper meeting at 6:00 P.M. – PLEASE RSVP