

## EXECUTIVE MINUTES

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### MISSION & PURPOSE

*“To strengthen congregations to be Christ for the world”*  
*- Growing disciples -*

### ROLL CALL:

Peter Curran, John Fargey, Marian Ferguson, Peter Hancock, John Hogman, Peter Hoyle, John Hurst, Orville James, Allison Playfair, Sandy Skinner, John Tapscott, Kathy Toivanen, Mary Jane Ward, Bill West,

**REGRETS:** Diane Blanchard, Harold DeVenne, Sarah Fanning, Lorna MacQueen, Barbara Morrison, Neville Smith

### GATHERING

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

### PERSONAL JOYS , CONCERNS and SORROWS:

#### CONCERN/JOYS:

Members of the Executive shared their personal joys.

#### WORSHIP: John Tapscott

Reflecting on our gratitude at this Thanksgiving time, John referred to the passage from Matthew – story of the master paying the workers in the vineyard at the same rate.

Generosity of God, how God gives more than we can possibly earn or deserve and yet we receive the fullness of God. God deals with us generously – and thru that generosity we should be open handed to others. John closed with prayer.

#### Executive Retreat/Mission Development: Peter Hoyle

#### Chapter 2 – Funding New Congregations:

We talked about HOW and were left with some questions:

- What kind of staff time is needed for the ministry?
- Can the money from the sale of church buildings be diverted to establish new congregations?

At the 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 on September 4<sup>th</sup> we heard from Harry Oussoren and Jim Cairney on New Congregations. Firstly, Peter told of the new Annex being formed and operating in the Milton area.

1. What stood out for us at the 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 meeting on New Congregations?
  - Sharing ministries among all smaller churches – could be that ministries specialize in different areas – collaborating!
  - We tend to think geographically.
  - Ministry support is essential, is there more stress in trying to change the old versus starting anew.
  - You need a solid core to start anew congregation or satellite ministry.
  - Who has a heart for these kind of ministries? Where does funding come from?
2. What can we do about North Oakville and Churchill Meadows?
  - The issue of money is a difficult one – is it land/building or ministries.
  - What is sacred space?

- The Key is leadership – an acre won't make a church!

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**Agenda Planning:** Kathy Toivanen/John Hogman

1. Next month Executive we are looking at a time for discussion following 'Ministry in Motion'. An invitation will go out with the Executive Agenda to join together for dinner prior to the regular Executive meeting to discuss 'Ministry in Motion' and possible followup.

**Persistent Friend:** Lorna MacQueen - regrets

**Mission Development Officer:** Peter Hoyle – Nothing further to report

**ALL PURPOSE BREAK:** Thanks to Bill West for refreshments.

### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**Secretary's Time:**

**MOTION:** Marian Ferguson/Sandy Skinner

That the Minutes of September 6<sup>th</sup> 2011 be approved as received.

**CARRIED**

### Correspondence from September 28<sup>th</sup> through October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Infopac Directory – September 2011</li> <li>2. New Aboriginal Theological School Created</li> <li>3. Learning Circles about Lay Worship Leaders and Amalgamations</li> <li>4. Emmanuel College Continuing Education – Newsletter October 2011</li> <li>5. HamPack October 2011 <a href="http://www.hamconf.org/hampack.html">www.hamconf.org/hampack.html</a></li> <li>6. Annual Reports Maple Grove (3)</li> </ol> | <p>to File</p> <p>to File</p> <p>to PR &amp; PO</p> <p>to PC</p> <p>to File</p> <p>to F&amp;P,OS,Office</p> |
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### Business Arising:

- **Chair Person's Time:** Nothing to report

❖ **Treasurer's Report:** John Hurst

No formal report this evening.

As of this evening the budget will be presented as distributed September 27<sup>th</sup> at the November meeting of the Full Court.

**MOTION:** Peter Hancock/John Hurst

That an exchange of land of no commercial value between Erindale United Church and Credit Valley Golf and Country Club be approved.

**CARRIED**

- John Fargey provided the executive with a two page spreadsheet headed Hamilton Conference showing a trend of data for each of ten years ending December 31, 2009, explanatory notes, and supplementary information. He made reference to June minutes of Halton Presbytery Executive and other information that has attracted his attention. John emphasized his contention that the four court structure of the United Church as currently organized is not financially sustainable.
- **MOTION:** John Fargey/John Tapscott  
That the paper "Hamilton Conference, a trend of selected statistical information", presented by John Fargey, be received for study by members of the executive with a view to challenging the Conference assessment as being too onerous and further that the paper be referred to the Finance Committee of Conference for their review.

**The motion was split into two parts:**

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- a) That the paper "Hamilton Conference, a trend of selected statistical information", presented by John Fargey, be received for study by members of the executive.  
**CARRIED** and
- b) That the paper be referred to the Finance committee of Conference for their review.  
**DEFERRED** to the next Executive meeting November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

Be it noted that Sandy Skinner abstained from voting.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ❖ **Education & Students:** Sarah Fanning/Harold DeVenne - regrets
- ❖ **Regeneration:** Orville James
  - Orville drew out attention to 'Nudge' a book written by Leonard Sweet.
  - Saturday night October 22<sup>nd</sup> lecture at Wellington Square – Leonard Sweet will speak about his new book "Nudge" – 7:00 PM. – bring friends and members of your congregation.
  - Some conversation is taking place about a possible Conference event next year.
- ❖ **Finance & Property:** Peter Hancock  
**MOTION:** Peter Hancock/John Hurst  
That Halton Presbytery Executive approve Mission Support Grants of \$15,000. each for the calendar year 2012 to the Mississauga Chinese United Church and St. Paul's United Church Milton, Satellite Ministry. **CARRIED**
- ❖ **Communication & Technology:** Peter Curran - Nothing to report
- ❖ **Pastoral Oversight:** John Tapscott – nothing to report  
Many visits are schedule for the coming year.
- ❖ **Stewardship:** Bill West – Nothing to report
- ❖ **Nominating:** Peter Curran – nothing to report
  - A **NEW co-Chair** will be needed for Education & Students Committee.
- ❖ **Pastoral Relations:** Diane Blanchard/Barbara Morrison - regrets
- ❖ **Strategic Mission Development:** John Fargey  
John provided his usual written report. Readers can find the Strategic Mission Development Committee annual report on the Presbytery website [www.haltonpres.org](http://www.haltonpres.org) . The September meeting reviewed a spreadsheet of possible issues and opportunities which the committee uses as a tool for keeping their mandate in focus.
- ❖ **HUCEC:** Sandy Skinner – nothing to report
- ❖ **U.C.W.:** Mary Jane Ward – nothing to report

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❖ **Faith Formation & Outreach:** Allison Playfair

Next meeting is the 12<sup>th</sup> of October to discuss Vacation Bible School and other issues.

- During his Sabbatical, Rev. Neville Smith did some reflections on Worship. A booklet, sixty pages in length, entitled "Reflections on Sunday worship," is the result of this and will soon be available and shared with ministers in Halton Presbytery and other interested persons.

**New Business:**

1. Peter Hoyle was looking for information as to where in the process are the following congregations – East Plains United, Eden United, Appleby United and St. Paul's United Oakville -  
– have they all formed their Joint Search Committee's?

**Closing and Adjournment: 8:55 P.M.**

John Hogman closed with prayer.

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Chair, John Hogman

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Secretary, Marian Ferguson

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING – November 1<sup>st</sup> at Palermo United church 7:00 P.M.**

**FULL COURT – November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011, 7:00 P.M. at Christ Church, Mississauga**

**4<sup>th</sup> at 4 – The Edge of Future Ministries**

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An e-mail poll was conducted in October 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 to deal with the following Pastoral Relations motions.

The following executive responded:

Diane Blanchard, Blair Corcoran, Peter Curran, Harold DeVenne, John Fargey, Marian Ferguson, Peter Hancock, John Hogman, Peter Hoyle, John Hurst, Orville James, Barbara Morrison, Allison Playfair, Neville Smith, Kathy Toivanen, Mary Jane Ward

**MOTION:** Diane Blanchard/Barbara Morrison

That Halton Presbytery approve the **TRANSFER** of John Benham OM from Halton Presbytery, Hamilton Conference to Waterloo Presbytery, Hamilton Conference effective July 1, 2011.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Diane Blanchard/Barbara Morrison

That Halton Presbytery approve the **TRANSFER** of Gaylyn McLean OM from Halton Presbytery, Hamilton Conference to Waterloo Presbytery, Hamilton Conference effective August 1, 2011.

**CARRIED**

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Co-Chair, John Hogman

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Secretary, Marian Ferguson