



Maritime Conference
The United Church of Canada

The 91st Annual Meeting
Sackville, New Brunswick
May 26-29, 2016

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

NINETY FIRST ANNUAL MEETING
OF
THE MARITIME CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

**FIRST SESSION – THURSDAY EVENING
May 26, 2016**

Time and Place and Constitution of the Court:

The 91st Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference, United Church of Canada, began at 6:25 p.m., on Thursday, May 26, 2016, in the Tantram Veterans Memorial Civic Centre, Sackville, New Brunswick. The meeting was called to order in the name of Jesus, the Christ, the Head of the Church, by the President, Rev. Matthew Fillier. The Christ candle was lit.

Constitutional Motions:

David Hewitt / Nan Corrigan moved that the constitutional motions as printed in Section 1, *Reports to the Conference 2016*, page 16-17, including the Conference Roll, Quorum and Bounds, agenda, adoption of minutes, and reports not requiring further action, including those in the registration package be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

Reference and Counsel:

David Hewitt / Steve Berube moved that Mary White and Rachel Campbell be named as Reference and Counsel for the 91st meeting of Maritime Conference 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

Introduction of Ecumenical Guests:

The Executive Secretary introduced the ecumenical and interfaith guests, Mr. Rick Haddad, Anglican Diocese of Fredericton, Rev. Lisa Vaughn, Anglican Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Rev. Jeffrey Lackie, The Presbyterian Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, Rev. Dr. Frank Guinta Jr., Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches, Rev. Charles Broderick, Moncton Archdiocese, and Rev. Deborah Blood, Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Introduction of General Council Office Representative:

The Executive Secretary welcomed Rev. Michael Blair, Executive Minister of the Church in Mission General Council, The United Church and Canada.

Introduction of the Atlantic School of Theology (AST) President:

The Executive Secretary welcomed Rev. Neale Bennet, President, Atlantic School of Theology.

Introduction of the Tatamagouche Centre:

The Executive Secretary welcomed Mr. Peter Hough, Chair of the Board of Tatamagouche Centre

Acknowledging the Land:

Rev. Dr. Andrew O'Neill, Member, Church in Action Committee, introduced Joe Michael, Sipekne'katik First Nation (Indian Brook), Coordinator of the Peace and Friendship Project at Tatamagouche Centre. Joe Michael addressed the court. He presented an eagle feather to

Matthew Fillier, President. Matthew Fillier shared *The 1986 Apology to First Nations Peoples* and Joe Michael shared *The 1988 Response*. Andy O'Neill addressed the court and offered prayer.

Introduction of Open Space:

Matthew Fillier and Laura Hunter introduced the Open Space Technology to the court. They encouraged the court to have conversations this evening thinking about the theme for our Open Space Technology: Gathering Strength... Scattering Light. What really matters? What are you being called to do, change or become?

Emma Hebb, Theme Speaker, addressed the court. Annika Sangster, on behalf of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, thanked Emma for sharing her light this evening.

Agenda:

It was agreed to keep moving forward with the agenda.

Maritime Conference Executive Accountability Report:

The President gave the Executive accountability report. He referred to the Decisions and Actions of the Executive and Sub-Executive report on pages 106-116 *Reports to Conference*. He reported on what has been happening around our Conference (appendix A).

Staff Committee:

Jane Johnson, Staff Committee, thanked and introduced the Maritime Conference staff. Lorraine Horyl and Sarah Wallace were celebrated for their years of service at Maritime Conference Office, 25 and 5 years respectively. A new portraits frame of Conference Archivists was unveiled. This will be added to the gallery of portraits on display in the Conference Office.

General Council Executive Report:

The President invited Sean Handcock and Pauline Walker to report on behalf of the General Council Executive. Pauline introduced Rev. Michael Blair, Executive Minister of the Church in Mission General Council, The United Church of Canada. Pauline and Sean reported:

Justice

- 746 Syrian Refugees sponsored by United Church Communities
- Moderator requests the government to live out its policy on Palestine and Israel
- Task group to discuss implementation of UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Living Apology to LGBTQI community

Finance

- 1.6 million dollar budget shortfall
- Conference Operating grants drop from 3.7 to 2.8 million in 2016
- 2 million cut from 2016 budget
- 8.5 staff positions cut
- M&S donations up at nearly 25 million
- Travel Reimbursement rate dropped to \$0.39
- Pension and Benefit administration moved from Aon Hewitt to McAteer
- Employees and Employers not utilizing the Pastoral Charge Payroll Service will now submit all payments via preauthorized bank transfer

- General Council office staff will now provide additional support to pastoral charges transitioning to New Compensation Model.

Administration

- Communications, Reconciliation, and Ministry Leadership named as Strategic Focus of the Triennium
- Relocation of General Council Offices to Bloor Street United delayed and under review
- General Council will end oversight of many incorporated ministries

Remits

- “Chasing the Spirit” initiative to be renamed at Skylight Festival
- GC42 to be recalled electronically if “three court model” remit is passed to establish task group that will determine number and boundaries of Regions
- GC43 to be organized as both a business meeting and a celebration of faith
- New processes are in development for discussion and decision making
GET OUT THE VOTE!

Sean Handcock invited Michael Blair to address the court.

Announcements:

Annika Sangster shared announcements.

Worship:

The service of worship was led by the Worship Planning team Rev. Ivan Gregan.

Service of Remembrance:

The Service began with stories of faith followed by the act of remembrance.

The Court then held a service of remembrance. Those remembered were Rev. Alastair Scott Anderson, Rev. Russell Burns, Mr. Douglas Dougherty, Mr. Stephen Fairweather, Mr. Eldon Archibald Gunn, Ms. “Nan” Annie V. MacDonald, Rev. Jackie (John Charles) MacDonald, Mr. James Ian MacDonald, Rev. George MacLean, Rev. Everett “Wayne” Mitton, Rev. Eugene Victor Moriarty, Mr. Roland “George” Routledge, Ms. Wendy Topolski, Mr. John Thomas Hilgrove “Peter” Trott, Mr. Ralph Bradford Welch, and Rev. Dr. Norman Whitney.

Recess:

The meeting recessed until 9:00 a.m. Friday morning.

The President’s Reception was held in the main level of the Civic Centre.

Matthew Fillier, President

David Hewitt, Executive Secretary

SECOND SESSION – FRIDAY MORNING
May 27, 2016

Gathering and Welcome:

The music team led in a time of musical worship at 8:50 a.m. to reconvene the 91st Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference in the second session.

Announcements:

Annika Sangster shared announcements.

Worship:

The gathering worship began at 9:00 a.m. led by the Worship Planning team Ivan Gregan, Ian Harrison and Mary White.

Nominations:

David Hewitt / Yvette Swan moved that nominations for President-Designate and alternate representatives to the General Council Executive be closed.

MOTION CARRIED

Stewardship:

Roger Janes, Stewardship and Gifts Officer, The United Church of Canada addressed the court. He noted that Maritime Conference gave \$2.8 million to M&S in 2015. He introduced the Congregational Giving Resource “Salt and Light” and discussed other Stewardship resources available.

Ministry Personnel and Education:

Steven Longmoore reported on behalf of the committee inviting them to read their committee reports printed in *Reports to Conference*. He highlighted some of the work done through the committee. He noted that an ongoing challenge is to find internship sites, and he reminded the Conference that funds have been set aside to be used for ministry learning sites (application can be found online).

Education and Students (E&S):

John Moses, Chair, Conference Education and Students Committee, referred to the E&S report printed on page 56 of *Reports to Conference*.

It is moved by John Moses / Steven Longmoore, that **Stephen Andrew Brown** be ordained at the Service of Celebration on Sunday, May 29, 2016.

It is moved by John Moses / Steven Longmoore, that **Alicia Cox** be ordained at the Service of Celebration on Sunday, May 29, 2016.

It is moved by John Moses / Steven Longmoore, that **Heather Ferrier** be ordained at the Service of Celebration on Sunday, May 29, 2016.

It is moved by John Moses / Steven Longmoore, that **Lesley Anne Hamilton** be ordained at the Service of Celebration on Sunday, May 29, 2016.

It is moved by John Moses / Steven Longmoore, that **Keith MacPherson** be ordained at the Service of Celebration on Sunday, May 29, 2016.

It is moved by John Moses / Steven Longmoore, that **Karen Ross** be ordained at the Service of Celebration on Sunday, May 29, 2016.

It is moved by John Moses / Steven Longmoore, that **Carol Smith** be admitted at the Service of Celebration on Sunday, May 29, 2016.

Church in Action:

The Church in Action Committee presented a “Newscast” sharing a story from Guatemala, legislation regarding Goldcorp, a story of olive trees and invited delegates to a gathering this evening.

Steve Berube offered thanks to Bev MacDonald for all her work.

Education and Students (E&S):

Ballots were distributed for the Ordinands and Admissionand.

The President declared the ballot be closed.

MOTION CARRIED

General Council Executive Alternate:

Alison Etter, incoming Chair, Nominations Committee, introduced the nominee for General Council Lay Alternate Shirley Cleave.

It was agreed that we acclaim Shirley Cleave as General Council Executive Lay Alternate.

General Council Executive Clergy Alternate nominees are Ivan Gregan and Wayne Smith.

The ballots for General Council Executive Clergy Alternate be distributed.

The President declared the ballot be closed.

President-Designate:

Alison Etter, incoming Chair, Nominations Committee, introduced the nominees for President-Designate, Richard Bowley. The President invited Richard to address the court.

It was agreed that we acclaim Richard Bowley as President-Designate.

Educational Presentation on the Remit Process:

The President welcomed Ross Bartlett who offered the court an educational process on remits.

Education and Students (E&S):

The Executive Secretary noted that the ballots have been counted for ordination (308 ballots) and the majority are in favour.

General Council Executive Alternate:

The Executive Secretary announced that the ballots (296) for General Council Executive Clergy Alternate have been counted and Ivan Gregan has been elected.

David Hewitt / Stephen Mills moved that ballots for ordination/admission and General Council Executive Clergy Alternate be destroyed.

CARRIED

Tatamagouche Centre:

The President invited Eric Tusz-King to the stage. Eric is currently working with the board of the Tatamagouche Centre to look at the future of the Centre. He has six months to work on a sustainability report for the Centre.

Atlantic School of Theology (AST):

The President invited Rev. Neale Bennet, President, Atlantic School of Theology, to bring greetings on their behalf. He shared three messages; first at AST we are proud of our association with Maritime Conference and The United Church of Canada; secondly if you are interested in exploring or deepening your faith we are your school; and thirdly we are in partnership with Pine Hill.

Nominating Committee:

Alison Etter, incoming Chair, Nominating Committee, thanked the committee members for all the work they have done over the last year. She also thanked all those who are serving on committees. She referred the court to the "Directory of Membership of Standing Committees" report printed on pages 64-72 of *Reports to Conference*. She noted that there are vacancies to be filled as seen in the report.

Alison Etter / Pauline Walker moved that the "Directory of Membership of Standing Committees" report (pages 64-72 printed in *Reports to Conference*) be received for information with permission to add as they are able and as necessary.

MOTION CARRIED

Alison Etter / Pauline Walker moved that the following names be added to the report: Rev. Keith Lyons and Ms. Shannon MacLean be named as Members at Large on the Church in Action Committee until 2019; Mr. Ross Cameron, Ms. Elaine Burrows and Rev. John Wilson be named as Members at Large on the Archives Committee until 2019; Rev. Helene Burns, Rev. Blair Lewis, Ms. Kay Dean, Mr. Bill Drysdale, and Mr. Barry Robertson be named as Members at Large on the Conference Interview Board until 2019; and New Delegates Coordinator position be considered vacant.

MOTION CARRIED

More Than Friends:

An introduction video for the "More Than Friends" project was shared and delegates were invited to stop by their display table.

Announcements:

Annika Sangster shared announcements.

Table Blessing:

The meeting was recessed for lunch by Matthew Fillier.

Matthew Fillier, President

David Hewitt, Executive Secretary

**THIRD SESSION – FRIDAY AFTERNOON
May 27, 2016**

Gathering and Welcome:

The President welcomed the delegates back to the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and reconvened the 91st Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference in the third session.

Open Space Technology:

Mat Whynott, Theme Speaker, addressed the court. Matthew Fillier and Laura Hunter opened the Open Space Technology sessions.

Announcements:

Annika Sangster gave announcements.

Recess:

The meeting was recessed for supper following a blessing.

Matthew Fillier, President

David Hewitt, Executive Secretary

**FOURTH SESSION – FRIDAY EVENING
May 27, 2016**

Gathering and Welcome:

The 91st Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference fourth session formed at 6:30 p.m.

Open Space Technology (OST):

Matthew Fillier and Laura Hunter continued the Open Space Technology sessions.

Point of Privilege:

Catherine Gaw spoke on a point of privilege to share a story of Pat Gilmour's dedication to Maritime Conference, and she thanked her for her years of service.

Settlement Committee:

Steven Longmoore, Acting Chair, Settlement Committee, referred to the Settlement Committee report printed on page 63 of *Reports to Conference*. He then presented the 2016 Settlement Committee report (Appendix B, pages 155 - 158).

Steven Longmoore / Brian DeLong moved that Sections A, B, C, D, E and G (Appendix B, pages 153 - 160) in the minutes of the Annual Meeting, be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED

Steven Longmoore / Brian DeLong moved that Section F, Applications To Be Left Without Pastoral Charge 2016-17, (Appendix B, page 160) in the minutes of the Annual Meeting, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

Steven Longmoore / Brian DeLong moved that Section H, Retirements, (Appendix B, page 160) in the minutes of the Annual Meeting, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

Steven Longmoore / Brian DeLong moved that we receive this report as a whole.

MOTION CARRIED

Announcements:

Annika Sangster shared announcements.

Recess:

The President closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting recessed until Saturday morning.

Matthew Fillier, President

David Hewitt, Executive Secretary

**FIFTH SESSION – SATURDAY MORNING
May 28, 2016**

Gathering and Worship:

The music team led the court in singing as people arrived for the day at 8:50 a.m.

The President welcomed everyone back to the fifth session of the 91st annual meeting.

Announcements:

Annika Sangster shared announcements.

Open Space Technology (OST):

Instead of hearing from a theme speaker the court was invited to reflect on hurtful attitudes particularly around age (younger and older members), and ways that we are called to notice those

who are being marginalized in our circles. This was a result of actions that took place on Friday during Open Space conversations and reporting back. For 30 minutes we confessed our shortcomings, and reflected on how to be more aware in the future.

Matthew Fillier and Laura Hunter opened the action planning sessions of Open Space Technology.

The morning closed the Open Space Technology process with groups reporting back on their action plans.

Announcements:

Annika Sangster shared announcements.

Blessing:

The meeting was recessed for lunch with blessing.

Matthew Fillier, President

David Hewitt, Executive Secretary

**SIXTH SESSION – SATURDAY AFTERNOON
May 28, 2016**

Gathering:

The President welcomed everyone back to the sixth session that reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Announcements:

Annika Sangster shared announcements and outlined a proposed process for the afternoon session.

Budget:

The President invited Mac MacLeod, Chair, Finance and Property Committee, and Alan Gray, Treasurer, to the stage. Alan presented the Financial Statements found on pages 39-55 of *Reports to Conference*. Discussion followed.

Mac presented the proposed Conference budget for 2017 found on pages 30-32 of *Reports to Conference*. He then presented a narrative budget for the 2017 proposed budget found on pages 33-34 of *Reports to Conference*. Discussion followed.

Mac MacLeod / Michael Ball moved that the proposed operating budget for the year 2017, with expenditures of \$1,248,481.90 and with revenues other than Allocations of \$313,522.00, an operating deficit of \$593.91, and a cash reserve of \$25,000 as a hedge against the projected total loss by 2018 of the General Council operating grant of approximately \$194,000 be approved.

David Hewitt / Robert Johnson moved that the budget motion be postponed definitely until after Proposal 1.

CARRIED

Point of Privilege:

Sarah Magie spoke on a point of privilege to ask the Conference to pray for Toronto Conference and Gretta Vosper.

Proposals:

The court welcomed Mary White, and Rachel Campbell, Proposals Unit to the stage. Mary White overviewed the proposals process.

Proposal 1

Title: Reduction in Maritime Conference Budget for 2017

Originating Body: Valley Presbytery

Intended Court for Action: Maritime Conference

Financial Implications: Reduction in Allocations

Staffing Implications: Unknown

Source of Funding: Pastoral Charges

Presbytery: Valley Presbytery Executive - with Concurrence

The Valley Presbytery proposes that the Maritime Conference reduce the Maritime Conference's budget for 2017 by 25%.

Background:

Balancing our financial obligations with the fiscal changes inherent in the restructuring of The United Church of Canada is a challenge that many congregations will have to deal with in the near future. It is estimated that if the remits are passed and The United Church goes ahead with its plans for restructuring so that we as a national church can live within our means, we can anticipate a 25% increase in our allocations.

Many of the small rural congregations within Valley Presbytery are struggling to stay alive as communities of worship, carrying our Christ's work in our communities. Dwindling attendance and a marked decline in givings make this an ongoing challenge. Fund raisers are the norm as congregations attempt to find the monies needed to maintain buildings and pay duly called and appointed clergy. It is not unusual for congregations to adopt deficit budgets at their annual meetings. Some of us live "so close to the bone" that any increase in expenditures may force a discussion about closure.

The steady increase in allocations to Maritime Conference, without going into the reasons for these increases, has become an annual tax that many of us can ill afford to pay. The allocation is resented and is felt to be an imposition on folks who in no way caused these allocations to be increased. And so it is in this climate of a much resented and poorly understood "taxation" that we expect a large

increase in our financial obligations to the greater church. This certainly will create a situation in which smaller congregations may be forced to close their doors.

Given that allocations continue to increase and given that many congregations in Valley Presbytery are currently unable or unwilling to pay the currently assessed allocations, Valley Presbytery is asking that Maritime Conference reduce its operating budget by 25%, thereby reducing its need to exact allocations and reducing the financial burden it places on struggling congregations. This will help all the congregations within Maritime Conference to live within their means.

Intermediate Court Action:

Mary White / Rachel Campbell moved the 91st Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference reduce the Maritime Conference 2017 budget by 25%.

MOTION DEFEATED

Point of Privilege:

Jim Webber Cook spoke on a point of privilege on Proposal 1 and the budget work.

Point of Privilege:

The Executive Secretary spoke on a point of privilege to apologize to the Conference and Valley Presbytery for not digging deeper for the question behind question.

Budget:

Mac MacLeod / Michael Ball moved that the proposed operating budget for the year 2017, with expenditures of \$1,248,481.90 and with revenues other than Allocations of \$313,522.00, an operating deficit of \$593.91, and a cash reserve of \$25,000 as a hedge against the projected total loss by 2018 of the General Council operating grant of approximately \$194,000 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

Mac MacLeod / Michael Ball moved that allocations for 2017 to synod/presbyteries totaling \$934,365.99, which is a zero increase over the 2016 allocation amount, and the Treasurer be authorized to strike the allocations according to the formula established at the 2014 Annual Meeting be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

Mac MacLeod / Michael Ball moved that the proposed capital expenditure for 2017 budget be approved at \$3,500.00.

MOTION CARRIED

Mac MacLeod / Michael Ball moved that Grant Thornton, CA, Moncton, NB, be re-appointed as auditors of the Maritime Conference Fund for the year ending December 31, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

Mac MacLeod / Michael Ball moved that we receive this report as a whole.

MOTION CARRIED

Proposals:

Proposal 2

Title: Syrian Refugee Sponsorship

Originating Body: PEI Presbytery

Intended court for Action: Maritime Conference

Financial Implications: None

Staffing implications: Executive Secretary

Source of Funding: None needed

The PEI Presbytery proposes that the Maritime Conference 2016 write a letter to the Federal Government expressing concern regarding the slowdown in processing applications for Syrian Refugees, which is squandering the goodwill of Canadians; and that the Executive Secretary do this on behalf of the conference.

Background:

Since 2011, the country of Syria has been dealing with a Civil War which has displaced millions of people. Many have fled their homes and are currently living in refugee camps in Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan.

In November 2015, when the new government came to power, a commitment was made to respond to the Syrian Refugee Crisis. The government committed to bringing 25,000 people to Canada by year's end and asked Canadians to consider sponsoring a family. This deadline was then extended to the end of February 2016. Canadians across Canada, and in particular the Maritimes responded to that call and formed groups to fundraise and prepare to help bring a Syrian refugee to Canada. These same groups have raised funds, found housing and are ready to support a family in the midst of the ongoing crisis.

Unfortunately, that process has not been an easy one. Many groups chose to sponsor a family using the Blended Office Visa-Referred Program (BVOR), which had the government paying half the costs to support a family for a year. Since the plea for sponsors began, this option has been either dysfunctional or halted all together, making it almost impossible for groups to connect with a family. For those who have made a match through either the BVOR route, or through Private Sponsorship, the process has become a slow one. Since the government reached its goal of 25,000 refugees at the end of February 2016, the application processed has slowed down. The government has scaled back resources from the camps, and many groups have been left waiting and wondering if they will even be able to connect with a Syrian refugee family. The effects of this slow down are many. First and foremost, it affects the refugees in camps who have been approved for re-settlement to Canada, but are left to face a long and unknown length of time, before being matched with a sponsor, or travelling to Canada. Children and families are left in dangerous, unhealthy and discriminatory situations. Second, many groups in the Maritimes and throughout Canada have raised funds out of a desire to respond to the Syrian crisis and to help a family. Many of these groups have not been connected with

a family, and those that have found a match, have been told it could be as long as nine months before the family arrives in Canada. Third, many sponsorship groups responded to the plea by securing rented properties and other household belongings with the expectation that a family would arrive imminently. This is no longer the case, which has left groups facing financial loss as they continue to hope for the arrival of a refugee looking for a new beginning. As the Syrian Crisis goes on, there is a need to respond to the concern that refugees in need will be forgotten, and that the goodwill of Canadians will be wasted, hampering the response that Canadians might have towards future crisis' that might emerge.

Intermediate Court Action:

Mary White / Rachel Campbell moved the 91st Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference write a letter to the Federal Government expressing concern regarding the slowdown in processing applications for Syrian Refugees, which is squandering the goodwill of Canadians; and that the Executive Secretary do this on behalf of the conference.

MOTION CARRIED

Proposal 3

Title: Taking Action in the church on Mental Health

Originating Body: Floor of Conference

Intended Court for Action: Maritime Conference

Financial implications: Unknown

Staffing implications: none

Source of Funding: Church in Action

The Mental Illness and God Group of the Open Space process proposes that the Church in Action committee establish a Mental Health/Illness Working Group.

Background:

It is the experience of the mental Illness and God group that the United Church has failed to take a serious position of the largely invisible Mental Illness issues

We want Maritime Conference to take a more structured view of Mental Illness in the Maritimes

The Mental Illness and God Group are aware that the Maritime Conference should be taking a strong, proactive stand on the issue by supporting this proposal

Intermediate Court Action:

Rachel Campbell / Mary White moved that the 91st Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference establish a Mental Health/Illness Working Group within the Church in Action committee and work with the Mental Illness and God Group of the Open Space.

Stephen Mills / Linda Winton moved and that financial implications be referred to the Executive of Maritime Conference.

MOTION DEFEATED

Rachel Campbell / Mary White moved that the 91st Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference establish a Mental Health/Illness Working Group within the Church in Action committee and work with the Mental Illness and God Group of the Open Space members.

MOTION CARRIED

Rendez-vous:

Rick Gunn, Youth Minister, Bedford United Church, is on the committee for Rendez-vous 2017 in Montreal. He shared information about Rendez-vous and encouraged those interested in youth and young adult ministry to attend.

Announcements:

Annika Sangster shared announcements.

Blessing:

The meeting was recessed for lunch with blessing be offered by Matthew Fillier.

Matthew Fillier, President

David Hewitt, Executive Secretary

**SEVENTH SESSION – SATURDAY EVENING
May 28, 2016**

Gathering and Worship:

The President welcomed everyone back to the seventh session that reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Introduction of Retirees:

Rev. Gloria Churchill, Past-President, introduced those members of the Conference who are retiring: Keith M. Adams, J. David Brewer, Katherine L. Clowater, Sylvia M. Fitzgerald, K. Ruth Gamble, William J. Gibson, Mark C. Hatfield, Elizabeth A. Stevenson, and Ross G. Wiseman.

Introduction of Jubilarians:

Rev. Gloria Churchill, Past-President, introduced those Jubilarians marking anniversaries of 50 years and above:

50 Years – James G. Crooks, James W. Forbes, R. Diane L. MacVicar, Norman C. Marple, Duncan E. Roach

55 Years – Carman G. Burns, G. Boyd Butt, David H. Hamilton, Neil F. MacDonald, Ian F. MacLean, Kenley M. MacNeill, S. Elroy McKillop, H. Martin Rumscheidt

60 Years – Waldo G. C. Elliott, Robert H. Mills, Douglas L. MacEachern, George A. Mossman, Donald F. Murray, Lester M. Settle

65 Years – Nathan H. Mair, Edward P. Thompson

70 Years – G. Earl Leard

75 Years – W. Lawrence Randall

Report from the Ecumenical Guests:

Frank Guinta, on behalf of the ecumenical guests, reflected on their time at this meeting.

President-Elect:

The Executive Secretary invited Richard Bowley, President-Designate, to address the court.

Education and Students (E&S):

Steven Longmoore introduced those who will be ordained at this year's annual meeting: Stephen Andrew Brown, Alicia Cox, Heather Ferrier, Lesley Anne Hamilton, Keith MacPherson, Karen Ross, and on behalf of Bay of Quinte Conference, Darin J. MacKinnon. We will also receive Carol Smith through the Admissions process. Sarah Goodfellow, on behalf of the United Church Women, made a presentation to the candidates, a gift to the Mission and Service Fund in each of their names.

Agenda

It was agreed that closing motions and courtesies be moved ahead on the agenda to close with Youth Forum and Intermediates at Conference worship.

Closing Motions:

David Hewitt / Richard Bowley that regrets received and requests to leave early be recorded in minutes.

CARRIED

Regrets were received from the following members of the Order of Ministry:

Jane Aikman (Chignecto), Brett Anningson (Woolastook), Peter Anthony (South Shore), Chesley Boutilier (Prince Edward Island), Grace Caines-Corkum (South Shore), Val Chongva (Chignecto), Marty Clark-Ettinger (Truro), Bill Drysdale (Chignecto), Derek Elsworth (Pictou), Jay Ettinger (Truro), Hugh Farquhar (Chignecto), Sylvia Fitzgerald (Sydney), Ron Frampton (South Shore), Ray A. Francis (Valley), Michael Goodfellow (Woolastook), Chris Hague (Saint John), David Hann (Halifax), Ian Harrison (Truro), Kelly Hudson-Lewis (Saint John), Valerie Kingsbury (Truro), Marion Lloy (Chignecto), David Lutes (South Shore), R. Marilyn MacDonald (Truro), David MacLachlan (Halifax), Robert Mills (Halifax), Carol Mullin (Chignecto), Joy Noble (Prince Edward Island), Ivan Norton (Valley), Nic Phillips (Sydney), Sheila Redden-Smith (South Shore), Nancy Ritchie (Sydney), Margaret Sagar (Halifax), Ali Smith (Woolastook), Galen Smith (South Shore), and Doug Stewart (Pictou).

Regrets were received from the following lay delegates to conference:

Linda Atkinson (Truro), Anne Cameron (Valley), Henry Ellsworth (Halifax), Janet Garnhum (Halifax), Eleanor Geldart (Woolastook), Mary Jo Harrison (Truro), Margaret Ingham (Bermuda), Susan MacDonald (Truro), Judith Norton (Valley), John Peach (Valley), Joan Schofield (Truro), Joan Schofield (Truro), Joan Stiles (Truro), Carolina Tucker (Valley), and Joanne Tucker (Bermuda).

Requests to Leave Early:

Joyce Bryenton (Prince Edward Island), Robert Christie (Woolastook), George Doughart (Prince Edward Island), Frances Fiddes (Truro), Kent Horsman (Woolastook), Glenda Kent (Truro), Raymond Kraglund (Miramichi), Cora Krommenhoek (Woolastook), Kenley M. MacNeill (Truro), Donald MacQueen (Truro), Ruth Miller (Prince Edward Island), Linda Moffat (Valley), Tony Orlando (Valley), Martin Reid (Truro), Terry Roane (Halifax), Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles (Woolastook), and Mary Steele (Valley).

David Hewitt / Richard Bowley moved that those who requested permission to leave early be listed in the minutes.

CARRIED

David Hewitt / Richard Bowley moved that the 92nd Annual Meeting of the Maritime Conference be in Sackville, New Brunswick May 25-28, 2017.

CARRIED

The proposed dates for the future conference annual meetings be May 24-27, 2018 and May 23-26, 2019.

David Hewitt / Richard Bowley moved that the 91st Annual Meeting of the Maritime Conference designate to the Executive power to act for the Conference in all matters except those excluded by the Manual and the adoption of the 2018 operating budget for the Maritime Conference Fund for the period following the benediction concluding the Service of Praise and Celebration of Ministry May 29, 2016 until the Constitution of the next Conference Annual Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Courtesies:

Annika Sangster, Annual Meeting Planning Committee, gave courtesies for this Conference Annual Meeting.

Youth Forum and Intermediates at Conference (IaC):

Youth Forum and Intermediates at Conference led the Conference in worship through stories, skits and music.

Evening Prayer and Recess:

The President closed the meeting.

Matthew Fillier, President

David Hewitt, Executive Secretary

EIGHTH SESSION – SUNDAY MORNING
May 29, 2016

Service of Worship and Holy Communion, Celebration of Ministry:

The members of the Conference gathered in the Tantramar Veterans Memorial Civic Centre, Sackville, New Brunswick, for the purpose of praise and celebration of ministry at 10:00 a.m., May 29, 2016.

Worship:

Worship was led by Rev. Matthew Fillier, President.

Ordination:

The Executive Secretary, Mr. David Hewitt, presented the following persons for ordination to the ordained ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care of The United Church of Canada: Stephen Andrew Brown, Alicia Cox, Heather Ferrier, Lesley Anne Hamilton, Keith MacPherson, Karen Ross, and on behalf of Bay of Quinte Conference Darin J. MacKinnon.

The President conducted the Ordination Service and was assisted by the Executive Secretary, the General Council representative, Ecumenical guest and representatives from the Presbytery, Pastoral Charge, and family of the ordinands in the laying on of hands and presentation of the stole. The President presented a Bible and parchment to each of the ordinands.

Reception of a Minister From Another Denomination:

The Executive Secretary, Mr. David Hewitt, presented the following person for admission in the Order of Ministry of The United Church of Canada: Carol Smith. The President conducted the Admission Service and was assisted by the Executive Secretary. The President presented a Bible and certificate.

Sacrament of Communion:

The President, assisted by the Executive Secretary, the Ordinands, the Admissionand and others conducted a service of Holy Communion.

Installation of President:

Rev. Catherine Stuart, President-Elect, was installed as President of the 92nd Maritime Conference by Rev. Matthew Fillier, President, and presented with the symbols of that office, including the Conference Bible, the President's stole, cane and gavel. Rev. David Luker presented a Bible to the newly installed President on behalf of the Bible Society.

Appreciation:

The newly installed President expressed thanks to the Conference for the privilege of serving and excitement in assuming the office. She then presented Rev. Matthew Fillier with a Past-President's stole.

Close of Conference:

The new President then declared the Ninety-first Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference officially closed with the pronouncing of the Benediction, with the members to meet again in 2017 in Sackville, New Brunswick.

Matthew Fillier, President

David Hewitt, Executive Secretary

Appendix A

President's Report

As we each make our annual pilgrimage to Sackville this year, many of us will arrive with a fire in our hearts and on our minds that's decidedly different than that of Pentecost: the wild fires of Fort McMurray. As people of faith, fire and light are often metaphors we employ about the presence of the Divine in our lives and our world. However, the fires of Pentecost didn't burn, they inspired. The burning bush was ablaze but not consumed. The light is a presence in the emptiness and it shall not be swallowed up. None of us would compare the fires of faith to a monster but our sisters and brothers in Alberta have certainly experienced one in the midst of this emergency.

The thing about such a wild fire is that it's a force beyond anyone's control. We watch as people heroically struggle to preserve what they can, even while knowing some things will not survive. We see evidence of heartbreaking loss, but also of people courageously discovering just how deep and divine our common humanity can become. Thank goodness our daily choices are not as stark as those facing so many fellow Canadians in Alberta.

I can't help but wonder if there's a small theological glimmer of our own experience of church to be seen here. In some ways, it feels as if we've been at the mercy of forces greater than our control that have been smoldering for a long time: economic struggle, demographic shifts, outmigration, secularization, multi-cultural/faithful/social orientation, spiritual evolution and revolution – our congregations have felt the heat of them all. And so has your Conference staff and your executive committees. Some of these forces have been refining fires of life and hope...others have brought a painful sense of loss.

In October, Dave and I, along with others who love MacLennan Memorial Camp, gathered around its hearth for the last time. With Linda's harmonica backing our brave little band, we sang songs of lament and loss as well as hope and thanksgiving for a place whose spirit continues to shine in many a heart both young and old.

Your sub executive has met six times to deal mainly with, you guessed it, property sales. For a complete list of those actions, please consult *Reports to Conference*, pages 106-116. So many trustees and presbyteries have given tirelessly so that congregations, both amalgamated and disbanded, can live into what God's tomorrow brings. I want to assure you that just as those congregations struggled

with those decisions, so did your executive committees and your Conference staff. We've tried to be consistent, fair, prudent, and faithful. I am deeply aware of how fragile and tender each of these decisions and their consequences can be for the communities involved and as such, we tried to handle them with unrelenting grace.

Over the last year, we've also continued to say goodbye and thank you to a generation of ministry leaders and their families. While the sense of loss is acute for everyone who has been touched by their ministry, there is also an overwhelming sense of gratitude and thanksgiving. With each goodbye, there is also the appreciation of just how much each leader and their family have sacrificed – many of whom have laid down the majority of their lives in countless hours of service on our behalf. As the good hymn says, such commitment “cools the heat and slows the pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, face to face”.

Just as the fires of uncertainty continue to burn for Albertans, we too, as we prepare to meet, are met with the question “what next?” Like many Canadians, I will be intrigued to see what emerges from the embers. Something new will rise: a light on a lampstand rather than heaps of ash if I know Albertans at all. *It will be different. It has to be.* No one would believe something new was coming in the midst of such loss even if they were told.

Maybe there's a theological glimmer for our church here too. As we wrestle with being at the whim of forces greater than ourselves, we are forced to feel the cut of our losses - but we're also saving the seeds of new growth for tomorrow. As a past president once remarked – the winds of change are blowin'...and that's still true today because change is not an anomaly. Change is the state of being alive in the world God has created and continues to create.

I felt that freshening breeze during my presbytery visits in Woolastook, Chignecto, Sydney and Pictou. For the privilege of experiencing the deeper and wider life of our church, I cannot say thank you enough. The dedication, passion, and commitment not only to deal with the present, but to dream of the future, was astounding. Don't think for one second there is only dust and ashes. In ways great and small, people aren't just dreaming of what's to come – they're making it happen. I saw it time and again: gathering in strength and scattering light.

I was so privileged to attend the annual meeting of Affirm United at St. Matthew's in Halifax Presbytery and witness the faith of the affirming church we're becoming. Talking about the love of God as deeper and wider than the measures of the mind is one thing, but seeing it in action is quite another. It was an honour to work with April Hart and our volunteers to celebrate our recognition of Affirming Ministry as a Conference. Each time I pass the Celtic knot filled with stones of every colour of creation – I am overwhelmed by the stories of courageous witness that form the grit of that proclamation: the light shines in the emptiness, and it shall not be swallowed up. I was also privileged to participate in Central United's recognition of Affirming Ministry in Moncton as the community of faith gathered to celebrate, to dream, and to take the future in their own two hands. Awesome!

In Bermuda, the fiery twinkle in the Methodist eye still burns brightly, even if the Synod lives with unique struggles and celebrations. I was heartened by the equal marriage workshop I was asked to hold at Wesley Methodist as dozens of folks, whether “out” or “in”, “for” or “against”, “stayed or left”, put down the labels for a night. Instead, they took up the Good News in their hearts and explored

what the Spirit might be saying to each and to all. I only wish more of us could experience the tenacity of the Bermudan spirit and given the recent executive action on the matter, that might be more possible than ever before. Awesome!

As we know, a crisis can crack us to pieces. Or, as people of The Way, it can reveal the Christ in us. I pray that as each of us makes the journey to the annual meeting, we gather in strength as a light to be scattered – but never consumed.

Appendix B

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA MARITIME CONFERENCE 2016 SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

LEGEND:

Time to Call = Search in Process

Call Pending = Call to take effect after July 1, 2016

Presbytery Supply

A. REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL TRANSFER COMMITTEE

Maritime Conference Candidates

Accepting a Provisional Call or Appointment

Within Maritime Conference

Brown, Stephen A.....	(Provisional Call – 70% Time)	Petitcodiac Pastoral Charge, Chignecto Presbytery (Jul 1/16)
Cox, Alicia D.	(Provisional Call – Full Time)	Margaree Pastoral Charge, Inverness-Guysborough Presbytery (Jul 1/16)
Ferrier, Heather E.	(Provisional Call – Full Time)	Riverport Pastoral Charge, South Shore Presbytery (Jun 1/16)
Hamilton, Lesley A.....	(Provisional Call – Full Time)	St. Stephen: Kirk McColl Pastoral Charge, St. Croix Presbytery (Jul 1/16)
MacPherson, Keith R.	(Provisional Appointment – Full Time)	Memorial Pastoral Charge, Prince Edward Island Presbytery (Jul 1/16 – Jun 30/17)
Ross, Karen A.	(Provisional Call – 1/2 Time)	River and Lakeside Pastoral Charge, Inverness-Guysborough Presbytery (Jul 1/16)

Candidate for Ordained Ministry

Assigned to Maritime Conference

(From Toronto Conference)

Constable, Alex.....	(Provisional Call – 75% Time)	Rivers of Grace Pastoral Charge, Valley Presbytery (Jul 1/16)
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**Ordained by Maritime Conference
On behalf of Bay of Quinte Conference**

MacKinnon, Darin J.(Provisional Call) Arden Pastoral Charge,
Four Winds Presbytery, Bay of Quinte Conference (Jul/16)

Candidate for Admission

Smith, Carol A.
From – The Presbyterian Church in Canada

TRANSFERS COMPLETED MAY 29, 2015 TO MAY 26, 2016**Transferred into Maritime Conference:**

Name	Eff. Date	From: Presbytery/Conference	To: Presbytery/Conference
Brehaut, L. Beth	Apr 20/16	Halifax/MAR	Red Deer/ANW
Coleman, Margaret	Feb 29/16	Sydney/MAR	Ottawa/M&O
Drake, Boyd	May 14/15	PEI/MAR	Ottawa/M&O
Elliott, M. Boyce	May 20/16	Sydney/MAR	West District/NFLB
Johnston, Leslie C.	Oct 13/15	Woolastook/MAR	Winnipeg/MNWO
MacDonald, David S.	Dec 2/15	PEI/MAR	Toronto Southeast/TOR
Marcotte, Linda	Nov 17/15	Saint John/MAR	Quebec-Sherbrooke/M&O
Matheson, R. Christen	Jan 13/15	Inverness-Guysborough/MAR	Erie/HAM
Scarlett, Eleanor	Sep 10/15	South Shore/MAR	Halton/HAM
Stone, Calvin D.	Jul 21/15	Bermuda/MAR	Hills & Shores/BQ
Strawbridge, Elaine F.	Sep 24/15	Woolastook/MAR	Middlesex/LON
Tingley, Mary	Nov 1/13	Woolastook/MAR	Niagara/HAM
Uhryniw, Jennifer L.	Dec 1/15	Saint John/MAR	Lakeridge/BQ
Van Binsbergen, Keltie	Nov 23/15	Halifax/MAR	Comox-Nanaimo/BC

Transferred out of Maritime Conference:

Name	Eff. Date	From: Presbytery/Conference	To: Presbytery/Conference
Aylward, Janice B.	May 13/16	Oxford/LON	Pictou/MAR
Brown, James E.	Nov 10/15	Kent/LON	Chignecto/MAR
Budge, Sarah (Sally) E.	Jan 27/16	Ottawa/M&O	Saint John/MAR
Hillier, Eric G.	Feb 16/16	East District/NFLB	Saint John/MAR
Lovelace, Donna M.	Oct 9/15	East District/NFLB	Inverness-Guysborough/MAR
Marcotte, Linda	May 27/15	River Bend/SK	Saint John/MAR
Stewart, Douglas A.B.	Jan 6/16	Montreal/M&O	Pictou/MAR
Szemok, Alice	Jan 12/16	Winnipeg/MNWO	Miramichi/MAR
Szemok, Geza	Jan 12/16	Winnipeg/MNWO	Miramichi/MAR
Tingley, Mary	Oct 14/15	Niagara/HAM	Woolastook/MAR

Transfers applied for and not yet complete:

Name	From: Presbytery/Conference	To: Presbytery/Conference
Crawford, Harry S.	Halifax/MAR	Four Winds/BQ
Mossman, George	South Shore/MAR	Ottawa/M&O
White, Susan P.	East District/NFLB	Miramichi/MAR

B. PASTORAL CHARGES

BERMUDA SYNOD

Emmanuel (1/2 Time)	Synod Supply
Grace Circuit.....	Synod Supply
Hamilton: Wesley (Full Time)	Time to Call
St. George's.....	Synod Supply

CHIGNECTO PRESBYTERY

Alma/Albert (15 hrs/wk)	(Retired Supply) Carol Mullin
Amherst: Trinity-St. Stephen's (Full Time)	(Interim Minister – Presbytery Supply) Nigel A.M. Weaver
Baie Verte/Port Elgin/Tidnish Bridge (1/2 Time)	(DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Wayne Jarvis
Bayfield/Little Shemogue (3/4 Time)	(DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) William Drysdale
Hillsborough (1/2 Time)	(Retired Supply) Carol Mullin
Jolicure (4 hrs/wk)	(DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Wayne Jarvis
McCully (12 hrs/wk)	Presbytery Supply
McKee's Mills (12 hrs/wk)	(United Supply) Claudia Keller
Moncton: Mountain View (1/2 Time)	(Retired Supply) Daniel Compton
Moncton: Mountain View (15 hrs/wk)	(DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) David Eagles
Moncton: Visions United (Full Time)	Shawn R. Redden (Feb 10/16)
Northumberland (1/2 Time)	Presbytery Supply
Parrsborough Shore (Full Time).....	Lloyd A. Bruce (May 2/16)
Petitcodiac (70% Time)	(Provisional Call) Stephen Brown (Jul 1/16)
Rexton (Full Time)	(Student Supply) Brian Curtis
Riverview: Bridgedale (1/2 Time)	(United Supply) Janice A. MacLean
Sackville (Full Time)	Presbytery Supply
Salisbury (3/4 Time)	(DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Simpson Rushton
Shediac (7 hrs/wk)	Presbytery Supply
Springhill (1/2 Time)	(Retired Supply) Wayne McCarther
Southampton (12 hrs/wk)	(Retired Supply) Elizabeth Davies

HALIFAX PRESBYTERY

Bedford (Full Time)	Time to Call
Bedford (Full Time)	Presbytery Supply
Bedford (1/2 Time)	(United Supply) Gloria E. Churchill
Crossroads (Full Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Dalhousie Campus Ministry (14 hrs/wk)	Presbytery Supply
Dartmouth: Harbourside (Full Time)	(United Supply) Michael Mugford
Dartmouth: Woodlawn (3M)(7/8 Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Elmsdale (Full Time)	(Interim Minister – Presbytery Supply) Catherine A. MacDonald
Halifax: Bethany (Full Time)	Kevin C. Little (Dec 12/15)
Halifax: Bethany (3/4 Time)	Presbytery Supply
Halifax: Brunswick Street (Part Time).....	(United Supply) Kevin C. Little
Halifax: St. Andrew's (15 hrs/wk)	(Retired Supply) M. Dale Chisholm
Halifax: St. Andrew's (Full Time)	Time to Call
Halifax: St. John's (Full Time).....	(Interim Minister – Presbytery Supply) Martha E. Martin
Halifax: St. John's (4 hrs/wk)	Presbytery Supply
Halifax: St. Paul's, Spryfield (Full Time)	Anne Hoganson (Feb 1/16)
Sambro-Jollimore (Full Time)	Helene F. Burns (Jul 1/16)
Sheet Harbour (6-10 hrs/wk)	Time to Call
St. John's & St. Paul's (1/2 Time)	Presbytery Supply

St. Luke's (Full Time)	Time to Call
St. Luke's (Full Time).....	(United Supply) Annika Sangster
St. Margaret's Bay (Part Time)	Presbytery Supply
William Black (14 hrs/wk)	Presbytery Supply

INVERNESS-GUYSBOROUGH PRESBYTERY

Eastern Guysborough (1/2 Time).....	(Shared Ministry with Mulgrave – United Supply) Heather Manuel
Margaree (Full Time).....	(Provisional Call) Alicia D. Cox (Jul 1/16)
Middle River/Baddeck Forks	Supplied from Baddeck
Mulgrave (1/2 Time).....	(Shared Ministry with Eastern Guysborough – United Supply) Heather Manuel
River and Lakeside (1/2 Time)	(Provisional Call) Karen Ross (Jul 1/16)
Saint John's (Full Time).....	(DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Margaret A. Plant
West Bay (Full Time).....	Donna M. Lovelace (Apr 30/15)

MIRAMICHI PRESBYTERY

Blackville (3/4 Time).....	(DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Kathryn J. McIntosh
Campbellton/Escuminac	Presbytery Supply
Millerton (12 hrs/wk)	(DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Wendell Gregan
Gaspé/Cap-aux-Os (Part Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Loggieville/Black River (Full Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Miscou (Part Time)	Presbytery Supply
New Bandon (Full Time)	Susan P. White (Apr 15/16)
New Carlisle (11% Time)	(Shared Ministry with New Richmond) Time to Call
Newcastle (Full Time).....	Alice Szemok (Feb 1/16)
New Richmond (89% Time)	(Shared Ministry with New Carlisle) Time to Call
New Richmond (1/2 Time)	(Retired Supply) Raymond O.C. Kraglund
Red Bank (Full Time)	Geza Szemok (Feb 1/16)
Upsalquitch (Part Time)	Presbytery Supply

PICTOU PRESBYTERY

Greenhill/Alma/Merigomish (Full Time)	Presbytery Supply
Stellarton (1/2 Time).....	(Retired Supply) Carolyn J. Nicholson

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND PRESBYTERY

Cavendish/Breadalbane (3/4 Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Charlottetown: Park Royal (Full Time)	(Team Minister) Time to Call
Charlottetown: Spring Park (Full Time)	Time to Call
Charlottetown: Spring Park (3/5 Time)	(Retired Supply) William M. MacLeod
Charlottetown: Trinity (Full Time)	Time to Call
Cornwall (Full Time)	(Transitional Ministry) Austin C. Jagoe
Kings United (3/4 Time)	Time to Call
Kings United (3/4 Time).....	(Retired Supply) Doreen E. Bird-Daley
Margate (Full Time)	Pix Butt (Aug 1/15)
Memorial (Full Time).....	Time to Call
Memorial (Full Time).....	(United Supply) Keith MacPherson
St. David's, Georgetown (1/4 Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Vernon Bridge (Full Time).....	Karen L. MacNeill (Oct 16/15)
Wellington (1/2 Time)	(Retired Supply) Chesley A. Boutilier
Winsloe (1/2 Time)	Presbytery Supply
York-Covehead (Full Time)	Barbara J. Cairns (Sep 1/15)

SAINT JOHN PRESBYTERY

Andrew Donald (10 hrs/wk) Time to Call
Apohaqui/Norton/Kings Kirk (1/2 Time) Time to Call
Lorneville (1/2 Time)..... Presbytery Supply
Millstream (3/5 Time)..... Time to Call
Millstream (3/5 Time) (Retired Supply) Pam Reidpath
Rothesay (Full Time) (DLM Staff Associate – Presbytery Supply) Alicia Walls
Saint Andrew’s Kirk (18-20 hrs/wk) Time to Call
Saint John: Carleton/Kirk (Full Time) (DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Christina J. Hague
Saint John: Glen View United Church (1/2 Time).. (Shared Ministry with Silver Falls) Steven Longmoore (Oct 1/15)
Saint John: Park Avenue (1/2 Time)..... (DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Vincent Galbraith
Saint John: Portland (Full Time) Sarah (Sally) Budge (Nov 15/15)
Saint John: Silver Falls (1/2 Time) (Shared Ministry with Glen View) Steven Longmoore (Oct 1/15)
Saint John: St. Andrew & St. David (1/2 Time) Time to Call
St. Martin’s (1/2 Time) Time to Call
Two Rivers..... (Retired Supply) Elizabeth Stevenson

SOUTH SHORE PRESBYTERY

Barrington (1/2 Time) Brenda McCurdy (Aug 1/15)
Blue Rocks-Stonehurst..... Supplied from Mahone Bay
Brooklyn (1/2 Time) Presbytery Supply
Caledonia (1/2 Time) (Ordained Supply) Carol A. Smith
Clyde/Carleton (Part Time) Presbytery Supply
First South (12 hrs/wk)..... (Retired Supply) G. Curtis McDonald
Lockeport (1/2 Time) Presbytery Supply
Mahone Bay (1/2 Time) (United Supply) Lee Simpson
New Germany (1/2 Time) Presbytery Supply
New West Pine (6 hrs/wk) Presbytery Supply
Port Mouton (1/2 Time) Presbytery Supply
Riverport (Full Time) (Provisional Call) Heather E. Ferrier (Jun 1/16)

ST. CROIX PRESBYTERY

Bocabec (Part Time)..... Presbytery Supply
Lawrence Station (Part Time) Presbytery Supply
McAdam (Part Time) Presbytery Supply
St. Andrews (3/4 Time)..... Shared Ministry with St. James
St. James (1/4 Time) Shared Ministry with St. Andrews
St. Stephen: Kirk McColl (Full Time)..... (Provisional Call) Lesley A. Hamilton (Jul 1/16)
Upper Mills United Church (Part Time) Presbytery Supply

SYDNEY PRESBYTERY

Boularderie (1/2 Time)..... (DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Dianne E. Kempt
Chalmers/Warden (1/2 Time) (United Supply) Carol Gillard
Donkin/Morien/Birch Grove (1/2 Time) (Retired Supply) Robert Biggar
Glance Bay: Newsom United Church (1/2 Time)..... (United Supply) Carol Gillard
North Sydney (Full Time) (United Supply) Nancy E. Ritchie
St. Peter’s/Grand River/Loch Lomond (1/4 Time) (Retired Supply) Carolyn V. MacLeod
St. Peter’s/Grand River/Loch Lomond (1/4 Time) (Retired Supply) Victor A. MacLeod
United Heritage (Full Time)..... Rosemary Godin (Jan 1/16)
United Heritage (Full Time)..... Time to Call

Waterview (Full Time).....(DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Nancy Whitney-Latham
Westmount (1/2 Time) (DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Norma M. Mills

TRURO PRESBYTERY

Harmony-Camden (1/3 Time)..... Presbytery Supply
Kennetcook, St. Paul's (6 hrs/wk) Presbytery Supply
Maitland (Part Time) Presbytery Supply
Onslow-Belmont (3/4 Time)..... Presbytery Supply
Rawdon (1/2 Time) Ruth A. Brown (Jul 1/16)
Truro: Brunswick Street-North River (1/2 Time) Time to Call
Truro: First (10 hrs/wk)..... Presbytery Supply
Upper Londonderry (1/2 Time)..... Time to Call
Upper Musquodoboit (Full Time) (Shared Ministry – Presbyterian) Michael Henderson
Upper Stewiacke-Springside (1/2 Time)..... (DLM in training - Presbytery Supply) W. Martin D. Clark-Ettinger

VALLEY PRESBYTERY

Aylesford (Full Time) John W. Moses (Nov 22/15)
Cornwallis (14 hrs/wk) Presbytery Supply
Kingston (Full Time)..... Presbytery Supply
Orchard Valley (1/2 Time).....(Retired Supply) Ivan L. Norton
Rivers of Grace (3/4 Time)(Provisional Call) Alex Constable (Jul 1/16)
Vaughans (Part Time) Presbytery Supply
Walton (Full Time) Presbytery Supply
William Black (12.5 hrs/wk)..... Time to Call
Windsor (Full Time)..... Presbytery Supply

WOOLASTOOK PRESBYTERY

Andover-Kincardine (1/2 Time)(Shared Ministry with Plaster Rock PC & Anglican Parish of Tobique) Time to Call
Boiestown (1/2 Time)(Shared Ministry with Doaktown) Presbytery Supply
Doaktown (1/2 Time)..... (Shared Ministry with Boiestown) Presbytery Supply
Edmundston (Part Time)(Shared Ministry - Anglican) Fran Bedell
Fredericton: Marysville-Penniac (1/2 Time)..... Call Pending
Fredericton: Nashwaaksis (1/4 Time) (Retired Supply) Frank Curtis
Fredericton: St. Paul's (Full Time)..... (Team Minister) Time to Call
Fredericton: St. Paul's (Full Time)..... (Student Intern Supply) Sarah Magie
Fredericton: Wilmot (1/2 Time)..... (Retired Supply) Ellen L. Beirsto
Kingsley/Birdton (16 hrs/wk)..... (Retired Supply) Joanne Barr
Lake View United Church (1/2 Time) Presbytery Supply
Nashwaak (Full Time)..... Yvette V.A. Swan (Nov 30/15)
Plaster Rock-Grand Falls-Riley Brook (1/2 Time)
..... (Shared Ministry with Andover-Kincardine PC & Anglican Parish of Tobique) Time to Call
Sheffield (1/2 Time)(Retired Supply) Robert Jones
Stanley (Full Time) (DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Wallace C. Ellis

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Grief Counselor..... (Woolastook Presbytery Recognized) Kelly D. Higgins
Campus Chaplain(Woolastook Presbytery Recognized) Brett A. Anningson

**C. TRANSFERS BETWEEN PRESBYTERIES
 2015 - 2016**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Presbytery From</u>	<u>Presbytery To</u>	<u>Date</u>
Brown-Hewitt, Robyn L.	Valley	Halifax	Nov 10/15
Brown, Ruth A.	South Shore	Truro	May 19/16
Butt, Pix	Halifax	Prince Edward Island	Oct 9/15
Finlayson, John	Sydney	Pictou	May 16/16
Hoganson, Anne	Truro	Halifax	Mar 15/16
Longmoore, Steven	Woolastook	Saint John	Nov 10/15
Macdonald, Iain T.M.	Halifax	Truro	Nov 10/15
MacNeill, Karen L.	Saint John	Prince Edward Island	Oct 15/15
Mills, Stephen R.	Inverness-Guysborough	Sydney	Nov 17/15
Moses, John W.	Prince Edward Island	Valley	Nov 10/15
Noble, Joy W.	Prince Edward Island	Truro	Oct 1/15
Noble, Joy W.	Truro	Prince Edward Island	Feb 22/16
Norton, Ivan L.	South Shore	Valley	Jan 6/16
Redden, Shawn R.	Saint John	Chignecto	Jan 14/16
Sangster, Annika L.	Valley	Halifax	Nov 10/15

**D. APPOINTMENTS FOR LONGER THAN ONE PASTORAL YEAR
 REFERRED TO SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>Pastoral Charge</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Period of Appt</u>
Churchill, Gloria E.	Halifax	Bedford	US	Jul 1/14 – Jun 30/17
Clark-Ettinger, W. Martin D.	Truro	Upper Stewiacke-Springside	DLM (in training)	May 15/16 – Jun 30/19
Curtis, Brian	Chignecto	Rexton	SS	Jul 1/14 – Jun 30/18
Gillard, Carol	Sydney	Chalmers-Warden	US	Oct 1/15 – Sep 30/17
Gillard, Carol	Sydney	Glace Bay: Newsom	US	Oct 1/15 – Sep 30/17
Jago, Austin C.	PEI	Cornwall	IM	Jan 1/15 – Dec 31/16
MacDonald, Catherine A.	Halifax	Elmsdale	IM	Jan 1/16 – Jun 30/18
Magie, Sarah	Woolastook	Fredericton: St. Paul's	SS	Jan 4/16 – Jan 4/18
Martin, Martha E.	Halifax	Halifax: St. John's	IM	Aug 15/15 – Aug 14/17
Mills, Norma M.	Sydney	Westmount-Leitches Creek	DLM	Jul 1/15 – Jun 30/18
Plant, Margaret A.	Inv-Guys	Saint John's	DLM	Jul 1/16 – Jun 30/19
Reidpath, Pam	Saint John	Millstream	RS	Jun 1/16 – May 31/18
Ritchie, Nancy E.	Sydney	North Sydney	US	Jan 1/15 – Dec 31/16
Smith, Carol A.	South Shore	Caledonia	OS	Sep 15/14 – Sep 15/16
Walls, Alicia	Saint John	Rothsay	DLM (Non-Rec)	Jan 1/16 – Dec 31/18
Weaver, Nigel	Chignecto	Amherst: Trinity-St. Stephens	IM	Sep 1/14 – Aug 31/17
Whitney-Latham, Nancy	Sydney	Waterview	DLM	Jul 1/14 – Jun 30/17

**E. APPLICATIONS TO BE LEFT WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE
 2015 - 2016
 Completed by Executive Action**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Archibald, Margaret J.	Woolastook	Continuing Education; Other Employment
Burrill, Gary	Sydney	Other Employment – Leader – NS New Democratic Party
Chant, Jeffrey M.	Halifax	Other Employment
Crooks, Catherine J.	Truro	Other Employment – Minister - Congregational Church

USA

Crump, Judy	Truro	Other Employment – NS Department of Justice
Edsall, Holly	Halifax	Other Employment – Nursing Home Chaplain
Goddard-Sheppard, Jennifer	Pictou	Other Employment
Greenwood, Lisa M.	Woolastook	Long-Term Disability
Harty, Rosemarie	Valley	Long-Term Disability
Hemming, Heather A.	Halifax	In Search of Call/Appointment; Other Employment – Social Worker
Hennigar-Shuh, John	Halifax	Other Employment – Heritage Foundation President
MacLean, Janice A.	Chignecto	In Search of Call/Appointment; Other Employment – Prayer Bench Ministry
Rushton, Carolyn A.	Truro	In Search of Call/Appointment
Zwicker, H.G. Kathleen	Halifax	

F. APPLICATIONS TO BE LEFT WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE 2016 - 2017

We recommend to Maritime Conference the following members of the Order of Ministry to be retained on the roll of Presbytery indicated for the Pastoral Year 2016 - 2017:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Greenwood, Lisa M.	Woolastook	Long-Term Disability
Higgins, Kelly D.	Woolastook	Other Employment – Grief Counselor
Morrison, Sandra	Sydney	Other Employment – Director of Pastoral Care, NS Hospital/Health Authority
Tingley, Mary	Woolastook	Continuing Education; In Search of Call/Appointment

G. PLACEMENT ON DISCONTINUED SERVICE LIST

There are none to report for this year.

H. RETIREMENTS

We recommend to Maritime Conference the following members of the Order of Ministry for retirement and attachment to the Presbytery indicated on the date of retirement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Adams, Keith	Chignecto	Oct 31/15
Brewer, David	Woolastook	Jul 1/15
Clowater, Katherine	Woolastook	Sep 30/16
Fitzgerald, Sylvia (DLM)	Sydney	Jun 30/16
Fraser, Meredith	Pictou	Jan 1/16
Gamble, K. Ruth (DLM)	Chignecto	Jun 30/16
Gibson, William	Valley	May 31/16
Hatfield, Mark	St. Croix	Jun 30/16
Stevenson, Elizabeth	Saint John	Jun 30/16
Wiseman, Ross	Miramichi	May 31/16
Correction from 2015 Settlement Report:		
MacDonald, M. Gayle	Chignecto	Jul 1/15

Appendix C

John Thomas Hilgrove “Peter” Trott 1944-2016

John Thomas Hilgrove “Peter” Trott passed away on 20 May 2016. He was born at his home on Jubilee Road, Devonshire on 13 October 1944 fourth to Thornton (Harry), Madeline, Chesterfield and older sibling to Brenda (Polly). His first permanent job after finishing school was at the Telephone Company where he started as a draftsman and reached the position of Manager of Engineering of the Outside Plant Department. Peter was very involved with his church family during his lifetime. He spent time at the Atlantic Christian Training Center in Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia to further pursue his passion for youth ministry work. Many of the friends there are still some of his close friends today including Keith Smith, Munroe Smith and the “Tyros” to also include Joe Trott and Clayton Busby from Grace Church. Peter was an active member at Grace Church up until the late 80’s when he made the decision to move with his family to Wesley Methodist Church where he has been an active member ever since. He did a lot of travelling with the church. He travelled to Sackville, New Brunswick many times to the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada where again he made many friends that he has kept in touch with over the years. With Peter’s passion for his ministry work and his love for traveling all at a young age, little did he know that his relationship for the church and the Maritimes was soon to develop in to something even more dear to his heart. After a very brief retirement, Peter then started working at Wesley Church as the Christian Education Coordinator and also some light custodial work. It was during this time he was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease. The disease progressed while working at Wesley and he gradually came to a point where he was unable to carry out his job as he would have wanted and so retired. He was the beloved husband to Rosemary Trott, son of the late Charles and Gertrude Trott, loving father to Nathan (Deann) and Sarah Trott, brother to Charles "Harry" Trott (Vera), Brenda Marshall (Sam), and the late Madeline Trott and Chesterfield Trott, loving grandfather to Jonah and Hailey Trott, in his 72nd year. Also surviving are brother-in-law Tom (Barry) Townsend; sisters-in-law Natalie (Allan) Wellwood, Myrna (Bob) MacEachern; nieces Lisa, Kristen, Elsa; nephews Timothy, Cory, Stephen, Keith; special family and friends Andrea Pitcher, June Simons and families, Mary and Dan Harwood, Wesley Church family and numerous other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life was held at Wesley Methodist Church, Hamilton, 27 May 2016.