

**Minutes of the
SUB-EXECUTIVE OF HAMILTON CONFERENCE**

October 16, 2013



"Trust God; Trust the Body"

Authority

The Sub-executive of Hamilton Conference met by teleconference call on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

Calling Of The Roll

Peter Hartmans called the roll:

Present:	Peter Hartmans	Executive Secretary
	Keith Reynolds	President
	Ted Smith	President Elect
	Christina Paradela	Past President
	Gerry Hofstetter	Chair, Bruce Presbytery
	Aaron Miller	Chair, Erie Presbytery
	Alison Nicholson	Chair-Elect, Halton Presbytery
	Bob Brunner	Chair, Hamilton Presbytery
	Jenny Stephens	Personnel Minister
Regrets:	Ken Pettigrew	Chair, Niagara Presbytery
	Heather Davies	Chair, Ministry Personnel and Education Committee
Recording Secretary:	Barbara Hampson	

Constitution

The President welcomed everyone and constituted the Court in the name of Jesus Christ to deal with the business that might rightfully come before it.

Worship

The President opened the meeting with a pause to pay attention to the land around us and invited participants to be grounded in the land we share with First Nations with gratitude and respect. He offered prayer.

Agenda

Motion: Bob Brunner/Ted Smith

That the updated agenda be approved: CARRIED

Sub-Executive Minutes

Motion: Christina Paradela/Aaron Miller

That the Hamilton Conference Sub-Executive approve the minutes of the June 13, 2013 meeting of the Sub- Executive of Hamilton Conference. CARRIED

Hamilton Conference Interview Board

Jenny Stephens provided back ground information and answered questions.

Motion: Gerry Hofstetter/Christina Paradela

That the Sub-Executive of Hamilton Conference accept the recommendation of the Hamilton Conference Interview Board that the Reverend Kwan-Cheol Oh, an applicant in the admissions process, be considered fit for appointment in the United Church of Canada. CARRIED

Motion: Bob Brunner/Aaron Miller

That the Sub-Executive of Hamilton Conference accept the recommendation of the Hamilton Conference Interview Board that the Reverend Gary Knarr, an applicant in the admissions process, be considered fit for appointment in the United Church of Canada. CARRIED

Discontinued Service List (Voluntary)

Motion: Gerry Hofstetter/Aaron Miller

That the Sub-Executive of Hamilton Conference approve the request of the Reverend Dale Massender that his name be removed from the roll of Hamilton Presbytery and his name be placed on the Discontinued Service List (Voluntary). CARRIED

Motion: Ted Smith/Christina Paradela

That the Sub-Executive of Hamilton Conference approve the request of the Reverend Christine D.W. Ewing-Weisz that her name be removed from the roll of Hamilton Presbytery and her name be placed on the Discontinued Service List (Voluntary). CARRIED

Jenny Stephens offered prayer for the candidates in the admissions process and for the ministers leaving the roll of the United Church.

Correspondence for Information

Peter Hartmans reported having received the following:

- Applications for the licensing of a Diaconal Minister for Administration of the Sacraments from Rock Chapel United Church and Lynden United Church for Christian Paradela. Both were singed by Ross Hibberd, Secretary of Hamilton Presbytery and by Heather Davies, Chair of the Division of Ministry of Ministry Personnel and Education.
- An application for a license to solemnize marriages for Lynne Wilson, Candidate Supply for Lucknow United Church, singed by Lillian Gohn, Secretary of Bruce Presbytery and by Heather Davies, Chair of the Division of Ministry of Ministry Personnel and Education.

Queens Bush Rural Ministries By-laws

Peter provided background information.

Motion: Gerry Hofstetter/Ted Smith

That the Sub-Executive of Hamilton Conference table the approval of the final draft of By-Law No. 1 until further conversations between Bruce Presbytery and Queens Bush Rural Ministries have taken place.

CARRIED

Moderator's Visit Update

Peter provided information regarding the Moderator's plans to visit Waterloo Presbytery and reminded Chairs of an invitation from John Lawson to think about how the Moderator might visit other Presbyteries The Moderator has offered to lead an Easter service and a Good Friday service in one of our Presbyteries.

Next Meeting:

The Executive of Hamilton Conference will meet at Hamilton Conference on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

The President invited Christina Paradela to offer a closing prayer and declared the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Keith Reynolds, President

Peter Hartmans, Executive Secretary

To: Hamilton Conference Executive
From: Hamilton Conference Interview Board
Re: The Rev. Kwang – Cheol Oh

The Rev. Kwan-Cheol Oh has applied to have his ordination recognized by the United Church of Canada. Presently he is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church of Korea. Rev. Oh has had his credentials checked by General Council and his ordination is in good standing.

He brings the gifts and understandings that are needed for ministry in Korean Churches of the United Church of Canada and is sensitive to the challenges that face immigrant churches that now span several generations. He has a wide breadth of experience and study and is looking forward to testing his new learnings in a congregational setting. He has a deep interest in Christian Spirituality and is dedicated to his own spiritual practices and hopes to enrich the spiritual life of the congregation he will serve, teaching and leading by example.

Throughout the interview the team sensed that he was authentic in his call to ministry and noted a sincere humility in his person.

Rev. Oh is aware of the need to become part of the wider church and gain more knowledge of United Church polity and policy so that he can help the church he will serve in Hamilton become more aligned with the practices of the United Church.

The Hamilton Conference Interview Board recommends to the Executive of Hamilton Conference that the The Rev. Kwang-Cheol Oh, an applicant in the admissions process, be considered fit for appointment in the United Church of Canada.

Sincerely,

Claudia Adams Chair, Hamilton Conference Interview Board.

Appendix A - Correspondence

To: Hamilton Conference Executive
From: Hamilton Conference Interview Board
Re: The Rev. Gary Knarr

The Rev. Gary Knarr has applied to have his ordination recognized by the United Church of Canada. Presently he is an ordained minister in the Mennonite Church. Gary has had his credentials checked by General Council and his ordination is in good standing.

He brings twenty years of ministry experience, including a recent time as an intentional interim minister, and has experience teaching in a university setting. He is a life-long learner, constantly searching for ways to improve his ability to minister effectively. He entered into his interview conversation with integrity, answering questions with clarity and honesty. He has an authentic presence in his ministry, is articulate, flexible and open to new challenges. With his many abilities and strengths he still exhibits a heart -warming humility.

Rev. Knarr appreciates that there are many areas where he will need to make adjustments as he enters into a different congregational culture within the United Church.

He is hoping for a long term ministry position in the United Church but having taken the training for Interim Ministry he would be open to serving in that way also.

The Hamilton Conference Interview Board recommends to the Executive of Hamilton Conference that the The Rev. Gary Knarr, an applicant in the admissions process, be considered fit for appointment in the United Church of Canada.

Sincerely,

Claudia Adams, Chair, Conference Interview Board.