

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

January 9, 2014



"Trust God; Trust the Body"

Authority

The Sub-executive of Hamilton Conference met by teleconference call on Wednesday, January 9, 2014 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
	Alison Nicholson	Chair-Elect- Halton Presbytery
	Ken Pettigrew	Chair, Niagara Presbytery
	Greg Case	Chair Waterloo Presbytery
	Jenny Stephens	Personnel Minister
	Bob Tschanz	Chair, Staff Committee
	Sybil Wilson	Past-Presidents Committee
Regrets:	Aaron Miller	Chair, Erie Presbytery
	Bob Brunner	Chair, Hamilton Presbytery

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 properly come before it.

Worship

The President opened the meeting with prayer.

Members of Sub-Executive

Motion: Gerry Hofstetter/Ted Smith

That Sybil Wilson be made a corresponding member for this meeting of Hamilton Conference Sub-Executive:

CARRIED

Agenda

Motion: Alison Nicholson/Gerry Hofstetter

That the updated agenda be approved:

CARRIED

Sub-Executive Minutes

Motion: Ted Smith/Gerry Hofstetter

That the Hamilton Conference Sub-Executive approve the minutes of the November 20, 2013 and November 27, 2013 meetings of the Sub- Executive of Hamilton Conference.

CARRIED

Hamilton Conference Interview Board (Appendix)

Jenny Stephens provided back ground information.

Motion: Greg Case/Christina Paradela

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

CARRIED

Update from the Past Presidents' Committee

Peter Hartmans provided background information on the work the Past-Presidents Committee has been doing.

Motion: Bob Tschanz/Christina Paradela

That the Hamilton Conference Sub-Executive authorize the Executive Secretary to apply for a Federal Grant to partially cover the cost of possible accessibility renovations to the Conference Office building.

CARRIED

Sybil Wilson, Bob Tschanz, and Jenny Stephens left the call.

Moderator's Visit Update

Presbytery Chairs provided updates on planned upcoming events with the Moderator.

Comprehensive Review

The General Council Comprehensive Review Committee will be asking for time on Presbytery meeting agendas in the winter or spring of 2014. Peter asked Presbytery Chairs to watch for the letter and encouraged Presbyteries to make the time on their agendas for this important work.

General Council Commissioner Nominations

Because of the Comprehensive Review, General Council has asked the Executive Secretaries to work towards electing commissioners at 2014 annual meetings so there can be a more fulsome preparation for the next General Council.

Five Oaks By-laws

Peter provided background information.

Motion: Ted Smith/Alison Nicholson

That the Sub-Executive of Hamilton Conference approve the final draft of By-Law No. 1 of Five Oaks. **CARRIED**

Queens Bush Rural Ministries By-laws

Gerry Hofstetter notes that Bruce Presbytery's concerns about the by-laws have been appropriately addressed.

Motion: Gerry Hofstetter/Christina Paradela

That the Sub-Executive of Hamilton Conference approve the final draft of By-Law No. 1 of Queens Bush Rural Ministries. **CARRIED**

Next Meeting:

The Executive of Hamilton Conference will meet at Hamilton Conference on **Thursday, February 13, 2014** at 9:30 a.m. (Snow Date: February 27, 2014).

Ted Smith offered prayer for the work of the Sub-Executive, Five Oaks, and Queens' Bush Rural Ministries; Gary Patterson's leadership and the leadership of our President; and the work of updating the Conference building.

Adjournment

The President thanked participants and declared the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

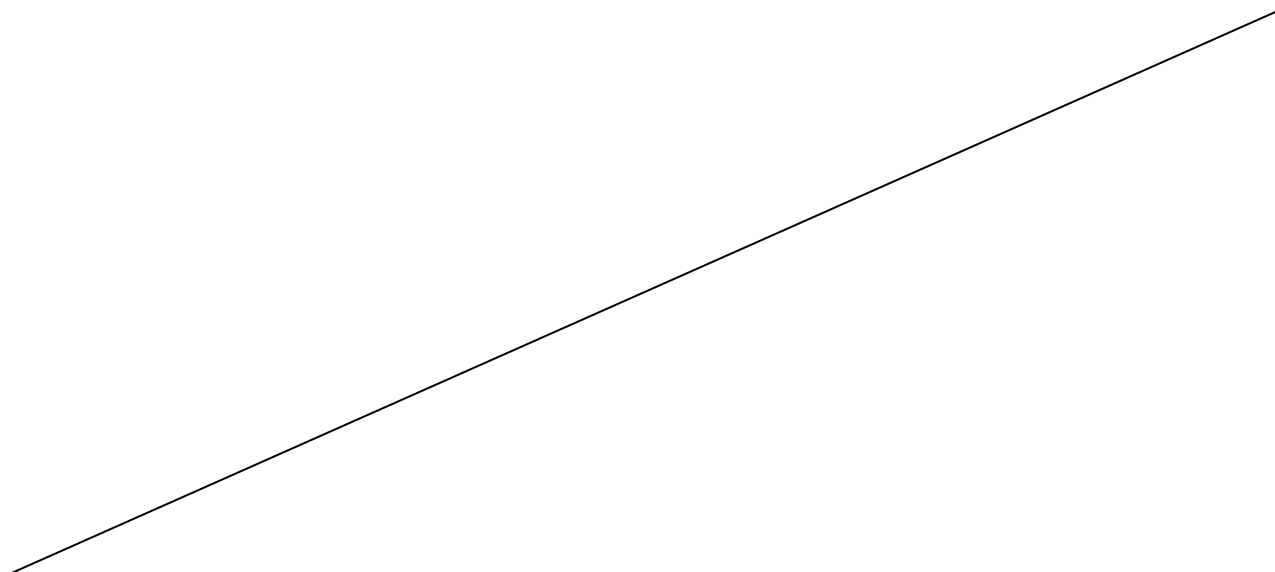
FUTURE MEETINGS

Spring Meeting: Thursday, April 24, 2014, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Hamilton Conference Office

Annual Meeting: May 24-25, 2014
CAW-Canada Family Education Centre
115 Shipley Avenue
Port Elgin, Ontario

Keith Reynolds, President

Peter Hartmans, Executive Secretary



To: Hamilton Conference Executive
From: Hamilton Conference Interview Board
Re: The Rev. Simon Muwowo

The Rev. Simon Muwowo has applied to have his ordination recognized by the United Church of Canada. Presently he is a full time minister of word, sacrament and pastoral care with the United Church of Zambia. Rev. Muwowo has had his credentials cleared by General Council. He was interviewed by a team from the Conference Interview Board on December 17, 2013 through Skype.

The interview team found that Rev. Simon Muwowo was passionate about ministry and clear about the importance of congregations ‘bearing fruit’. He is excited about the inclusive stance of the United Church of Canada, particularly around sexual orientation. He is aware that pastoral authority is very different within our two denominations and welcomes the opportunity to exercise his authority in partnership with lay leaders. He was able to give examples of where he has adapted to different cultural expectations and assumptions and the team is confident that while the adjustments will be challenging Rev. Muwowo will be able to adapt. They saw it as important that a companion be appointed once he has found appointment.

The team were intrigued by Rev. Muwowo’s image of being a lynch pin for those on the margins trying to find a place to accept God’s love, to grow in faith and develop a prayer life, exercising their ministry where they find themselves. Simon has several degrees and has taught at the University of Pretoria as well as the Zambian Open University. He is articulate and clear about his call and the call of the church.

Simon, his wife and three children are ready for the move and are willing to go anywhere in Canada, as they were in Zambia when settled following his ordination.

The Hamilton Conference Interview Board recommends to the Executive of Hamilton Conference that The Rev. Simon Muwowo, 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