

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

June 17, 2014



"Let's Go Down into the Valley"

Authority

The Sub-executive of Hamilton Conference met by teleconference call on Tuesday, June 17 2014 at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

Calling of the Roll

Peter Hartmans called the roll:

Present:	Peter Hartmans	Executive Secretary
	Ted Smith	President
	Gord Dunbar	President Elect
	Keith Reynolds	Past President
	Gerry Hofstetter	Past-Chair, Bruce Presbytery
	Aaron Miller	Past-Chair, Erie Presbytery
	Alison Nicholson	Chair, Halton Presbytery
	Robin Wilkie	Chair, Hamilton Presbytery
	Ken Pettigrew	Past-Chair, Niagara Presbytery
	Greg Case	Chair, Waterloo Presbytery
	Jenny Stephens	Personnel Minister
	Marion Brown	Chair of Erie Presbytery Education and Students
	Committee	

Regrets:	Dan MacLean	Chair, Erie Presbytery
	Heather Davies	Chair, M P & E

Recording Secretary:	Barbara Hampson
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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 a reading from Jeremiah and prayer.

Agenda

Motion: Gerry Hofstetter/Aaron Miller

That the agenda be approved:

CARRIED

Hamilton Conference Interview Board (Appendix A – E4-5)

Marion Brown provided back ground information. Jenny answered questions.

Motion: Alison Nicholson/Gord Dunbar

That the Sub-Executive of Hamilton Conference accept the recommendation of Erie Presbytery that the name of Rev. Jeffery Smith be removed from the Discontinued Service List (voluntary) in order that he may seek a call or appointment within the United Church of Canada:

CARRIED

Jenny Stephens provided background information on the two candidates for admission.

Motion: Aaron Miller/Gerry Hofstetter

That the Sub-Executive of Hamilton Conference accept the recommendation of the Hamilton Conference Interview Board that the Rev. Ryan Kim, be approved for appointment in the United Church of Canada:

CARRIED

Motion: Aaron Miller/Ken Pettigrew

That the Sub-Executive of Hamilton Conference accept the recommendation of the Hamilton Conference Interview Board that the Rev. Timothy Kennedy be approved for appointment in the United Church of Canada:

CARRIED

Aaron Miller offered prayer for Jeff Smith, Ryan Kim and Timothy Kennedy.

Appointment of Appeal Committee

Peter Hartmans provided background information.

Motion: Gerry Hofstetter/Robin Wilkie

That the Sub-Executive of Hamilton Conference appoint Arthur Hills, Ken Pettigrew, and Sybil Wilson to an Appeal Committee, and that Sybil Wilson serve as Chair and Ken Pettigrew serve as Secretary:

CARRIED

Abstentions: Alison Nicholson, Ken Pettigrew

Appeal Committee Budget

Peter Hartmans provided background information.

Motion: Gerry Hofstetter/Keith Reynolds

That Hamilton Conference will cover the expenses related to the Appeal Committee itself including travel and related expenses of the committee members and the committee's legal counsel:

CARRIED

Abstentions: Alison Nicholson, Ken Pettigrew

Next Meeting:

The Executive of Hamilton Conference will meet September 10-11, 2014, at Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre

Adjournment

The President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 and closed the meeting with prayer.

Ted Smith, President

Peter Hartmans, Executive Secretary

May 28, 2014

To: Hamilton Conference Executive
From: Hamilton Conference Interview Board
Re: The Reverend Ryan Kim

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

Rev. Kim brings with him a world view of the church because of his experience serving the church in South Africa and from his Korean experience of church. He feels that the United Church of Canada would honour this wider view because of its respect for diversity, its willingness to engage in dialogue with others and its willingness to be involved in social issues. Rev. Kim believes that social justice is one of the most important missions that God has given us. He has a deep faith and presents it in an honest and authentic way. He has a solid understanding of leadership and a good sense of humour, which always helps. He is a servant leader who supports members of the congregation in whatever activity would be beneficial to the church and promote Christian values and understanding.

English is not Rev. Kim's first language and he has been taking formal weekly lessons with a professional language tutor and also has an instructor from the Literacy Council to improve his colloquial use of English. We commend Rev. Kim for understanding the importance of a proficiency in English and recommend that he continue with this work. Since he would like to be able to serve within the whole Canadian context and not only in a Korean language setting this continued personal growth will be necessary.

His references indicate that he has an intellectual and theological depth, can communicate with all ages and has a deep love for Christ and his people. He is a devoted pastor with a compassionate spirit and looks after his flock with care and commitment.

The Hamilton Conference Interview Board recommends to the Executive of Hamilton Conference that the Reverend Ryan Kim, an applicant in the admissions process be considered fit for appointment in the United Church of Canada,

Sincerely,

Rev. Claudia Adams, Chair, Conference Interview Board

Appendix A - Correspondence

May 28, 2014

To: Hamilton Conference Executive
From: Hamilton Conference Interview Board
Re: The Reverend Timothy Kennedy

The Reverend Timothy Kennedy has applied to have his ordination recognized by the United Church of Canada. Presently he is an ordained minister serving in the United Methodist Church. Timothy has had his credentials checked by General Council and his ordination is in good standing. We interviewed him on May 22, 2014 by Skype.

Rev. Kennedy brings with him a wide range of experience in ministry from university chaplaincy, service to a variety of congregations, urban and rural, to teaching experience in a university setting. He is a good communicator adapting his style to the context of the moment, articulating a well discerned personal theology and a deep Christian faith. . He has a passion for working with people and joining them on their spiritual journey. He has a keen interest in organizational development and using this interest and his skills to help faith communities.

His references shared that he navigates administrative duties and challenges with dignity and wisdom and offers attention and a ministry of presence to any who need him. He is an engaging and challenging preacher and seeks to advocate for the poor and marginalized from the pulpit and in his daily life.

Rev. Kennedy has a mature self-awareness and an authentic presence. He is a life-long learner and looks forward to the course work that will be required as part of his admissions process. He has thought through and understands the differences in our two denominations and how these might affect his practice of ministry. He is prepared and has the skills to serve in either an urban or rural setting. Any congregation would be blessed to have him in ministerial leadership.

The Hamilton Conference Interview Board recommends to the executive of Hamilton Conference that The Reverend Timothy Kennedy, an applicant in the admissions process be considered fit for appointment in the United Church of Canada,

Sincerely,

Rev. Claudia Adams, Chair, Conference Interview Board