

## Minutes of the SUB-EXECUTIVE OF HAMILTON CONFERENCE

July 15, 2014



# *"Let's Go Down into the Valley"*

### Authority

The Sub-Executive of Hamilton Conference met by teleconference call on July 15, 2014 at 9:35 a.m. A quorum was present.

### Calling of the Roll

Jenny Stephens called the roll:

<b>Present:</b>	Jenny Stephens	Acting Executive Secretary
	Ted Smith	President
	Gord Dunbar	President Elect
	Keith Reynolds	Past President
	Joyce Osborne	Chair, Bruce Presbytery
	Alison Nicholson	Chair, Halton Presbytery
	Heather Davies	Chair of Div. of MP&E
<b>Regrets:</b>	Dan MacLean	Chair, Erie Presbytery
	Robin Wilkie	Chair, Hamilton Presbytery
	Margaret Blewett	Chair, Niagara Presbytery
	Greg Case	Chair, Waterloo Presbytery

**Recording Secretary:** Sue Duliban

### 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 reflection on Jesus feeding the 5,000, which he called a summery tale.

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## Sub-Executive Minutes

***Motion: Alison Nicholson/Keith Reynolds***

*That the Hamilton Conference Sub-Executive approve the minutes of the **June 17, 2014** meeting of the Sub- Executive of Hamilton Conference. **CARRIED***

## Hamilton Conference Interview Board

Jenny Stephens provided background information.

***Motion: Gord Dunbar/Heather Davies***

*That the Sub-Executive of Hamilton Conference accept the recommendation of the Hamilton Conference Interview Board that the Rev. Dr. Kari Tolppanen be approved for appointment in the United Church of Canada: **CARRIED***

## Interim Ministry Committee

Jenny Stephens provided background information.

***Motion: Heather Davies/Joyce Osborne***

*That the Sub-Executive of Hamilton Conference accept the recommendation of the Interim Ministry Committee that the Rev. Paul Miller (OM, Niagara) be designated an Interim Minister in the United Church of Canada: **CARRIED***

## Ministry Personnel and Education Report – For Information

Heather Davies spoke to the Ministry Personnel and Education Report, provided for information.

***Motion: Alison Nicholson/Keith Reynolds***

*That the Sub-Executive of Hamilton Conference receive the Ministry Personnel and Education Report for information purposes only. **CARRIED***

## 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 9:52 a.m. and closed the meeting with prayer.

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Ted Smith, President

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Jenny Stephens, Acting Executive Secretary

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June 26, 2014

To: Hamilton Conference Executive  
From: Hamilton Conference Interview Board  
Re: Rev. Dr. Kari Tolppanen

The Rev. Dr. Kari Tolppanen has applied to have his ordination recognized by the United Church of Canada. Presently he is an ordained minister in the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. Kari has had his credentials checked by General Council and his ordination is in good standing.

The interview team very much appreciated the time they spent with Rev. Tolppanen. He was easy to talk to, responding to questions honestly and with integrity and offered an authentic presence. He is genuinely interested in people and brings strong pastoral skills to his ministry. With all of his strengths and abilities as pastor, teacher, lecturer and fluency in several languages, he exhibits a heart-warming humility. He recognizes some of his own shortfalls and openly explained his attempts to overcome them.

Rev. Tolppanen is a theological thinker, looking at things logically and thinking them through. He names his own conservative theology but in his diplomatic approach to building relationships is respectful of the positions of others. He understands and appreciates that the United Church of Canada embraces a wide spectrum of theologies.

When Rev. Tolppanen is able to find an appointment with a UCC congregation he does not feel that his service as “minister” will be very different from his previous denomination. However there will be a need to become familiar with different styles of worship, new liturgies and a different governance structure. He knows he has a lot to learn and willingly accepts the challenge. For this reason the Conference Interview Board strongly suggests that whatever Presbytery he is connected with ensures that he have a mentor who is willing to be in regular contact to offer the guidance and support that will be necessary.

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

Sincerely,

Claudia Adams, Chair, Conference Interview Board.

**Appendix A - Correspondence**

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**Ministry Personnel and Education Report to Conference Sub-Executive  
July 15, 2014 – FOR INFORMATION**

During the month of June, the Division of Ministry Personal and Education has had three email polls regarding applications of ministry personnel to facilitate Sacraments and Marriages.

An application came from Lion's Head/Pike Bay Pastoral Charge to appoint Kim McKellar as a Sacramental Elder from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 or until the vacancy at the pastoral charge is filled. A sacrament elder may celebrate the sacraments within the bounds of the pastoral charge. Rev. Gerry Hofstetter of Sauble Beach Pastoral Charge is to be the mentor. (The Manual 2013 p 179-180 I-2.4 and Sacraments Elder Workbook)

-Approved- June 27, 2014

An application for Sacramental privileges from Doug Brown DLM, for the new Bruce Presbytery Co-operative ministry effective July 1, 2014. Doug has previously held Sacramental privileges for many years. Privileges are extended throughout Bruce Presbytery.

-Approved- July 4, 2014

An application for the Solemnization of Marriages for Brad Inglis, Student Supply, Tobermory Pastoral Charge, citing exceptional circumstances. The special circumstances are that the Pastoral Charge is in an isolated community, and there is a lack of availability of other qualified ministers. Brad has been the sole minister at Tobermory since 2011. He has completed his internship and we expect him to be ordained in 2015. Rev. Ed Laksmanis is the Pastoral Charge Supervisor.

-Approved- July 4, 2014

The applicants have been notified and the paperwork sent to Conference Office.

Respectfully Submitted

Heather Davies, Chair, Division of M.P.&E.