



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 93rd GENERAL MEETING

**UNIFOR Centre  
Port Elgin, ON  
May 25-27, 2018**

**Theme: “*Changing Seasons*”**

*The full Record of Proceedings will be available in the Fall.*

1. Worshipped under the leadership of the worship team and President Heather Leffler, focusing on her theme “Changing Seasons”
2. New Ministries Celebrated:  
**Ordained:** Robert Thomas Lawson, Andrew Macpherson  
**Admitted:** Gert Janse van Rensburg

3. Received offerings of \$2400.00 for the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada.
4. Celebrated the presence of 14 Youth Forum participants and their leaders.
5. Enjoyed a Worship service lead by five CAYTS participants.
6. Received the Settlement Committee report and the Nominations report and approved the Nominations proposal.
7. Appreciated the work of Pat Gilmour in the bookroom.
8. Visited eight displays sponsored by Conference committees, networks and other groups.
9. Participated in Fresh Start Workshops.
10. Marked the retirement of ministry personnel:  
Vicky Aldersley, Marilyn Burnard, Lynn Godfrey,  
Kate Gregory, Brian Howell, Donna Howlett, Lark Kim,  
Ken MacDonald, Bill MacKinnon, Paul Miller,  
Morar Murray-Hayes, Gary Patterson, Mary Jo Patterson,  
Pegi Ridout, Jeeva Sam, Mary Savage
11. Celebrated the **25 years** of ministry since commissioning or ordination of: Judy Bowman, Sheila Burns, Mary Hyatt, Robert Johnson, Douglas Moore, Stanley Stainton, Jenny Stephens, and Jane Wyllie; **50 years of Ministry of:** Dale Allison, Wayne Irwin, Alan Minarcik, Gary Quart, Kenneth Welch; **55 years of Ministry of:** Merrill Graham, John Griffin, Marilyn Hunter, Donald Johns, William Lord, Frank Rutledge; **60 years of Ministry of:** Allan Johnston; and the **65 years of** Louis Aday, Bruce McLeod, Donald Parr, and Arthur Waters.
12. Remembered those ministry personnel in Hamilton Conference who passed away since the last annual meeting: Rev. Mel Rose, Jackie Childerhose, Rev. Betty Shupe, Rev. Hans Gruppe, Rev. Mary Hamilton, Rev. Ian L. Lynk, Rev. John F. Bunner, Rev. Robert C. Putman.
13. Remembered those churches that have closed or amalgamated::  
**Halton Presbytery:** Nelson United Church, **Hamilton Presbytery:** Olivet United Church, Rock Chapel United Church, **Waterloo Presbytery:** St. John's on the Hill & First Cambridge Amalgamation to form Cedar Hill United
14. Nominated three Youth Commissioners to the General Council 43.
15. Nominated four people to the pool of those to be chosen to serve on the Executive of the New Denominational Council.