

Minutes of the SUB-EXECUTIVE OF HAMILTON CONFERENCE

December 1, 2016



"Holy Shift!"

Authority

The Sub-executive of Hamilton Conference met by teleconference call on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

Calling of the Roll

Peter Hartmans called the roll:

Present:	Peter Hartmans	Executive Secretary
	Gord Dunbar	President
	Ted Smith	Past-President
	Heather Leffler	President Elect
	Gail Clarkson	Chair, Bruce Presbytery
	Nora Fueten	Chair, Erie Presbytery
	Deborah Laforet	Co-Chair, Halton Presbytery
	Jane Wyllie	Chair, Hamilton Presbytery
	John Lawson	Co-Chair, Waterloo Presbytery

Recording Secretary: Barbara Hampson

Constitution and Welcome

President Gord Dunbar welcomed members of the Sub-Executive to the meeting and constituted the Court in the name of Jesus Christ to deal with the business that might properly come before it. He opened the meeting with a reading from Romans 15:1-6, reflection, and prayer.

Agenda

Motion: Gail Clarkson/John Lawson

That the agenda be approved as circulated and amended:

CARRIED

Executive Minutes

Motion: Heather Leffler/Jane Wyllie

*That the Hamilton Conference Sub-Executive approve the minutes of the **September 29, 2016** meeting of the Sub-Executive of Hamilton Conference as distributed: **CARRIED***

Presbytery Reports Schedule for 2016

Peter Hartmans thanked presbytery chairs for their reports at the October Executive meeting and suggested that we continue the practice of verbal reports at the February meeting. Chairs will be asked for written reports for the spring meeting.

Wesley Urban Ministries

Motion: Heather Leffler/Deborah Laforet

*That the Hamilton Conference Sub-Executive approve the list of directors for Wesley Urban Ministries (Appendix A, E 56). **CARRIED***

Formal Hearing Committee – Barry Pridham

Peter Hartmans provided background information.

Motion: Ted Smith/Nora Fueten

*That Hamilton Conference Sub-Executive appoint John Lawson, Lynne Bandy, Sybil Wilson and Stephen Huntley to the Formal Hearing Committee to review the fitness for ministry of Dr. Barry Pridham: **CARRIED***

One Abstention: John Lawson

Motion: Peter Hartmans/Heather Leffler

*That one spot on the Formal Hearing Committee to review the fitness for ministry of Dr. Barry Pridham remain open until no later than April 30, 2017: **CARRIED***

Remit Conversation

Peter Hartmans noted that he has received reports on which congregations have voted on which remits. Peter asked how much direction chairs of presbyteries would like around congregational voting. Discussion followed. It was agreed Peter would forward reports to presbytery chairs and secretaries as he received them.

Remit Letter from London Conference

Peter Hartmans provided background information and asked for direction from the Sub-Executive as to whether or not to participate in the proposed conversation (Appendix B, E 58). Discussion followed.

Motion: Heather Leffler/Nora Fueten

That President Gord Dunbar communicate in writing to London Conference that Hamilton Conference is willing to be part of a conversation, however we suggest that the conversation be held following the results of the remit vote on the three court model:

CARRIED

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Gail Clarkson/John Lawson

CARRIED

President Gord closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

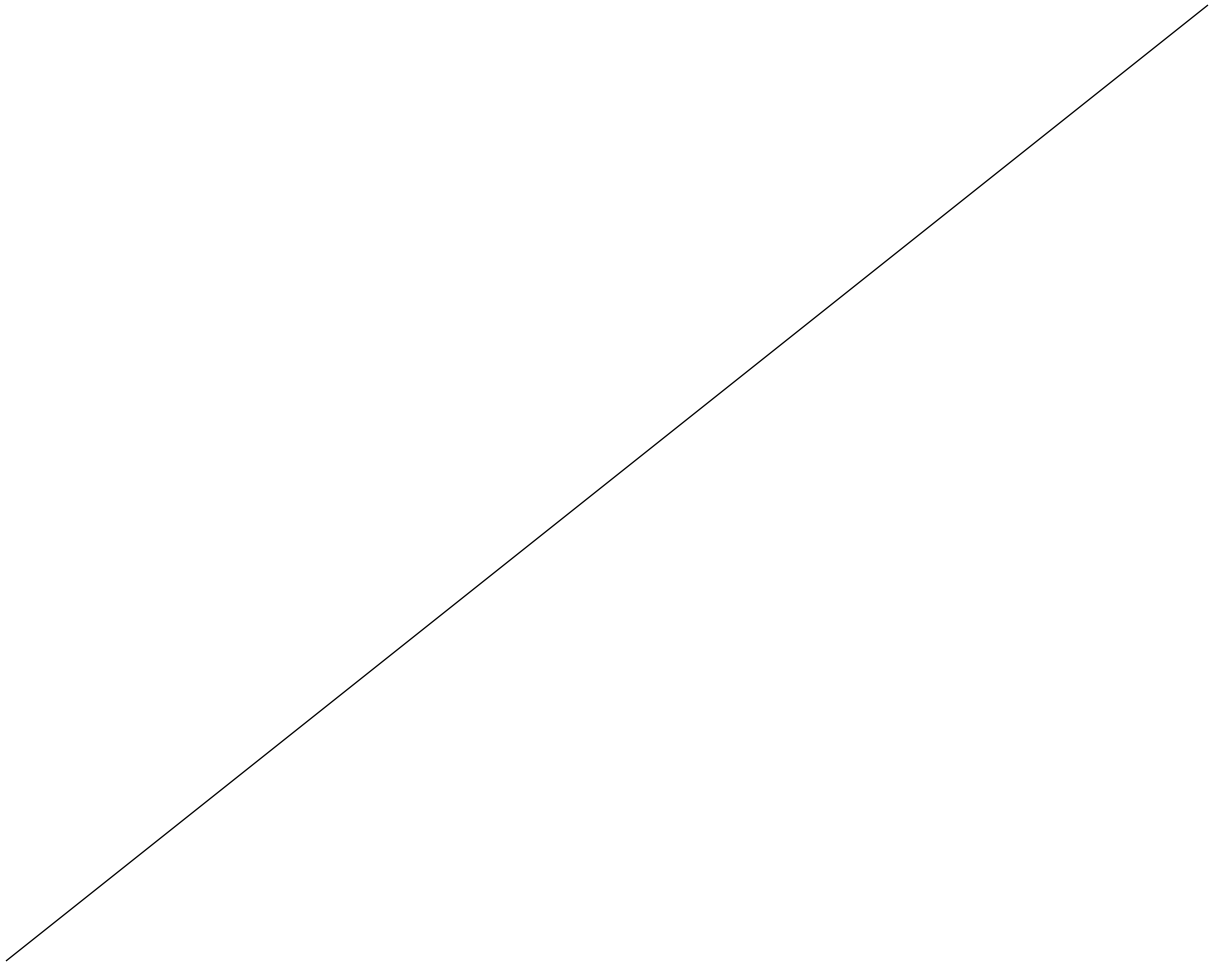
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Nous sommes ici pour célébrer, éduquer, encourager et servir. We are here to celebrate, educate, encourage and serve.

November 23, 2016

Dear Presidents/Leading Elders and Executive Secretaries/Speaker of Conferences in Ontario:

We know that there will be change in our future either because Remit 1 passes or because operating grants from the General Council to the Conferences cease in 2018. A likely outcome of these changes is that current Conference boundaries will shift.

The Executive of London Conference is aware of the anxiety of our northern presbytery, Algoma, who are concerned changes might further distance them from Conference/Regional connections. We understand that some conversations between Conferences have already started. London Conference Executive wondered if it might be helpful for all of us to gather to discuss what makes a Conference/Region: ministry context, financial viability, geography, capacity, etc.


On the Executive's instruction, we are writing to inquire if there is interest in gathering on March 28th, possibly into the 29th, to start this conversation. We understand that the Caretakers are already working with All Native Circle Conference and Aboriginal Ministries Circle. We want to ensure all are aware of and welcome to attend this gathering.

Please advise Cheryl-Ann at c-a@londonconference.ca if you are interested. We are asking for suggested locations and confirmation of the proposed date. While Toronto is easy to reach, being in the northern Ontario context would inform and inspire our visioning. We would recommend that travel costs be pooled and divided among the participating conferences with each covering their own accommodation and meals.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Peace,


Rev. Kenji Marui
President


Rev. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa
Executive Secretary