

**DIGEST OF ACTIONS:  
Hamilton Conference Executive and Sub-Executive,  
2016–2017**



**SUB-EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CALL – May 19, 2016**

1. **Interim Ministry Committee:** Accepted the recommendation that the Rev. **Lorna MacQueen** (OM, Hamilton) and the Rev. **Jim (James) Brown** (OM, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada) be designated Interim Ministers in the United Church of Canada.

**SUB-EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CALL – June 8, 2016**

1. **Five Oaks:** Accepted the recommendation of the Five Oaks Board of Directors that the Board of Directors be authorized to proceed with the disposition of the real property, the settlement of the corporation's liabilities, and the distribution of the corporation's assets.
2. **Five Oaks:** Accepted the recommendation of the Five Oaks Board of Directors that the Board of Directors be authorized to proceed with the dissolution of the corporation by the filing of an Application for Surrender of Charter/Termination of Corporate Existence.
3. **Grand River Bookstore:** Granted permission to the Board of Directors of Grand River Spiritual and Educational Resources to recommend to the Annual General Meeting of the members of the corporation that the Directors and Officers be authorized to proceed with the settlement of the corporation's liabilities and the distribution of the corporation's assets.
4. **Grand River Bookstore:** Granted permission to the Board of Directors of Grand River Spiritual and Educational Resources to recommend to the Annual General Meeting of the members of the corporation that the Directors and Officers be authorized to proceed with the dissolution of the corporation by the filing of an Application for Surrender of Charter/Termination of Corporate Existence.
5. **Interim Ministry Committee:** Accepted the recommendation that the Rev. **Rienk Vliestra** be designated an Interim Minister in the United Church of Canada, and that the Rev. **Deborah Deavu** be re-designated as an Interim Minister in the United Church of Canada.

**SUB-EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CALL – September 29, 2016**

1. **Conference Interview Board:** Accepted the recommendation that the Rev. **Lennox Scarlett** be approved for appointment in the United Church of Canada.
2. **Corporation Boards:** Approved the list of directors for Glenco Nursing Home, Halton Presbytery Extension Council, and Hamilton Presbytery Extension Council.
3. **Wesley Urban Ministries By-Laws and Letter Patent:** Approved proposed changes to Wesley Urban Ministries By-Law and Letter Patent.

4. **Interim Ministry Committee:** Accepted the recommendation that the designation of Rev. **Wayne Beamer** as an Interim Minister in the United Church of Canada be continued until September 12, 2021.

### **EXECUTIVE MEETING – OCTOBER 27, 2016**

1. **Commissioners to General Council Policy:**
  - a. Changed “*One lay and one ministry personnel Commissioner position shall be reserved*” to “*Two lay and two ministry personnel Commissioner positions shall be reserved*” (in the year prior to General Council).
  - b. Removed Past President from those who shall be elected as commissioners during their term of office. (The Past President *may* be elected but is not automatically elected.)
  - c. Removed “*one from the ministry personnel category and one from the lay category*” from the election of Youth and Young Adult commissioners.
2. **Discontinued Service List (Voluntary):** Approved the request of Waterloo Presbytery that the Rev. **John Markvart** be placed on the Discontinued Service List (Voluntary).
3. **Formal Hearing:**
  - a. Approved the request of Erie Presbytery Executive to initiate a formal hearing into the fitness for ministry of Dr. Barry Pridham and consider whether to place Dr. Barry Pridham on the Discontinued Service List (Disciplinary).
  - b. Directed the Executive Secretary to select a formal hearing committee chair.
  - c. Set a budget limit for the formal hearing committee of not more than \$15,000 (without approval from the executive or sub-executive), and set October 30, 2017 as the date of completion.
4. **Five Oaks:** Approved the list of directors for Five Oaks.
5. **Nominations:** Approved the recommendation to appoint the following people to the stated positions:
  - a. **Meg Grieve** (OM) Waterloo Presbytery and **Ken MacDonald** (OM) Hamilton Presbytery to the Interim Ministry Committee
  - b. **Jennifer Canning** (OM) Erie Presbytery and **Anita Spiller** (OM) Niagara Presbytery to the Sexual Abuse Prevention & Response Committee.
  - c. **Marilyn Rogers** (L) Bruce Presbytery to the Internship & Educational Supervision Committee as Secretary.
6. **Mandatory SAPR Boundary Training:** Accepted the recommendation of the Sexual Abuse Prevention & Response Committee that the mandatory SAPR Boundary Training for Order of Ministry Personnel be changed from every three years to every five years effective January 1, 2017.

### **SUB-EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CALL – December 1, 2016**

1. **Wesley Urban Ministries:** Approved the list of directors for Wesley Urban Ministries.

2. **Formal Hearing Committee:** Appointed John Lawson, Lynne Bandy, Sybil Wilson, and Stephen Huntley to the Formal Hearing Committee to review the fitness for ministry of Dr. Barry Pridham.

### **SUB-EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CALL – February 2, 2017**

1. Formal Hearing Committee: Appointed Roslyn Campbell as chair of the Formal Hearing Committee to review the fitness for ministry of Dr. Barry Pridham.
2. Interim Ministry Committee: Accepted the recommendation of the Interim Ministry Committee that the Rev. **Mel Rose** be designated as an Interim Minister in the United Church of Canada.
3. Conference Interview Board: Accepted the recommendation that the Rev. **Mojalefa Khechane** be approved for appointment in the United Church of Canada.

### **SUB-EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CALL – February 14, 2017**

1. Received and approved the request from Newfoundland Labrador Conference to provide support and oversight of an Administrative Investigation on behalf of Newfoundland Labrador Conference.
2. Approved all expenses related to the Administrative Investigation by Hamilton Conference being reimbursed by the General Council or Newfoundland Labrador Conference.

### **EXECUTIVE MEETING – February 16, 2017**

1. **Service of Covenant:** Held a service of covenant for Personnel Minister Diane Blanchard.
2. **Nominations:** Approved the recommendation to appoint the following people to the stated positions:
  - a. **Barbara Fullerton** (OM) Erie Presbytery to the Conference Interview Board
  - b. **Charlie Hogg** (OM) Halton Presbytery to the Archives Committee.
3. **Affirm Mission Statement and Policy:** Passed a motion to recommend that the 92nd meeting of Hamilton Conference approve the proposed Hamilton Conference mission statement and policy brought forward by the Affirm Network.
4. **Social Media Guidelines:** Approved the Social Media Guidelines for Hamilton Conference.

### **EXECUTIVE MEETING – April 27, 2017**

1. **Annual Reports:** Received the annual reports from standing committees, networks, educational institutions, corporations, presbyteries, and Conference staff.

2. **Interim Ministry Committee:** Accepted the recommendation that **the Rev. Eleanore Scarlett** (OM, Halton) and **The Rev. Hugh MacDonald** (OM, Halton) be re-designated as Interim Ministers in the United Church of Canada until March 22, 2022.
3. Received the nomination of Deborah Laforet for President-Designate.
4. Passed a motion to recommend to the 92nd meeting of Hamilton Conference that President-Elect Heather Leffler's one-year term be extended by up to one year if remit #1, three court model, is approved through presbytery and congregational voting.
5. Passed a motion to recommend to the 92nd meeting of Hamilton Conference that the maximum assessment for 2018 be \$651,376.
6. Directed Peter Hartmans, Hamilton Conference Executive Secretary, to negotiate and complete the documents for a separation of Erin Mills Youth Centre, in response to their request to sever their relationship, administratively, from the United Church of Canada.
7. Directed Peter Hartmans to send to the Executive the information from General Council about which pastoral charges have or have not voted on remits, as Peter deems appropriate, before the next presbytery meetings.
8. Directed Peter Hartmans to contact the General Secretary and encourage her to consider writing a letter to the whole church regarding remit voting.