

## **OTTAWA PRESBYTERY MEETING, JANUARY 10, 2017**

The Ottawa Presbytery was called by the Chair, Phyllis MacRae, to meet on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at Woodroffe United Church, Ottawa, Ontario.

### **THE FOLLOWING REGISTERED THEIR ATTENDANCE:**

**Order of Ministry:** Anthony Bailey, Karen Boivin, Steve Clifton, Ed Gratton, Jane Griffiths, Anne Montgomery, Hilary Merritt, Robert Merritt, Steve Moore, Janet Nield, Stan Parkhouse, Kathryn Peate, Ken Robinson, David Sherwin, Whit Strong, Susan Taylor. (16)

**Lay:** Margaret Armstrong, Eileen Ball, Rick Balson, Charles Barrett, Alice Black, Janice Burroughs, John Douglas, Dietlind Gardell, Bryan Giffin, Kirsten Gracequist, Beth Gutsell, Trish Hassard, Brian Irvine, Marilyn Joseph, Peggy Kinsley, Charles Knight, Kimberly Lavoie, David Lee, Lorrie Lowes, Phyllis MacRae, Norma McCord, George Neville, David Patterson, Janice Peron, Kay Porteous, Al Quirt, Barbara Reynolds, Doug Robinson, Joy Ruttan, Ron Scharfe, Joe Smarkala, Heather Smith, Maureen Stark, Sara Surjadinata, Beth Sweetnam, Tom Tanner, Margaret Torrance, Keith Vodden, Joyce Williams, Ev Zytveld (40)

**Candidates:** Natalie Istead, Patricia Power

**Corresponding:** Wendy Mather, Bob Richards

**Guests:** Rev. Mead Baldwin, Ralph Curtis

**Regrets:** Rev. Nancy Best, Reg Best, Rev. Isabel Black, Rev. Susan Butler-Jones, Rev. Dianne Cardin, Margaret Coughtrey, Rev. Gail Christy, Molly Colwell, Rev. Ted Colwell, Rev. Nancy Colton, Rev. Jacques deReland, Rev. Paul Dillman, Dietlind Gardell, Bill Giggie, Rev. Christine Gross, Joan Heyland, Rev. Richard Hollingsworth, Jackie Kearns, Gail Kirkconnell, Rev. Grant McNeil, Rev. Caroline Penhale, Rev. Stanley Ralph, David Stafford, Ruth Sword, Sandra Thompkins, Rev. Kim Vidal, Jim Watchorn

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Phyllis MacRae, Chair of the Ottawa Presbytery, called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. Charles Knight served as Parliamentarian.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** (Rick Balson/Norma McCord) that the agenda be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

### **WELCOME TO MEMBERS OF THE COURT AND GUESTS**

Chair Phyllis welcomed any guests present to the meeting. The following people were introduced:

- Rev. Mead Baldwin, President of Montreal & Ottawa Conference; and
  - Ralph Curtis, Vice-Chair of Council, Woodroffe United Church.
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**Motion:** (Kathryn Peate/Ed Gratton) that Rev. Mead Baldwin and Ralph Curtis be made corresponding members of Ottawa Presbytery for this meeting.

**Carried**

### **WORDS OF WELCOME FROM HOST CONGREGATION**

Ralph Curtis, Vice Chair of Council, welcomed presbyters to Woodroffe United Church on such a snowy evening. He noted that Woodroffe will soon be celebrating the one-year anniversary with their refugee family from Syria. He outlined some of the weekly activities at Woodroffe and stated that the first meeting of the Woodroffe Revitalization Team with Bob Richards from EDGE will be held on Sunday, January 15, 2017.

### **WORSHIP**

Worship was led by Rev. Kathryn Peate and Trish Hassard from Woodroffe United Church. Sara Surjinadata was the pianist. Following the Call to Worship the court sang, *Will You Come and See the Light* (VU #96). The scripture reading was from Genesis 1. The responsive reading was from "The Church Year" in *Reaching for Rainbows*, by Ann Weems. Banners from throughout the church year were shown during the reading. Worship concluded with a prayer and the singing of *The Church is Wherever God's People* (VU #579).

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** (Ev Zytveld/Margaret Armstrong) that the minutes of the December 13, 2016 meeting of Ottawa Presbytery be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

### **PASTORAL RELATIONS REPORT**

**On January 4, 2017, the Pastoral Relation Ministry Team, working as a Commission, passed the following motions:**

#### **Église Unie de la Grace United Pastoral Charge: Appointment of the Rev. Boyd Drake**

**Motion:** (David Bell/Barbara Reynolds) that the Ottawa Presbytery transmit with approve the request of Église de la Grace United Pastoral Charge for the appointment of the Rev. Boyd Drake as retired supply, effective January 2, 2017 to April 17, 2017, part time (30 hrs. per week) with the following terms, prorated as appropriate: basic salary of \$59,291 plus 10% (total salary \$65,220.10), office phone, cell phone and internet supplied to \$250 per month; continuing education of \$1374.00; minimum four weeks (5 Sundays) vacation leave; three weeks study leave; administrative assistance described at 5 hours per week; travel expenses reimbursed at the minimum General Council rate (currently 39 cents per kilometer). As this is a temporary appointment, both parties agree that either party may give two weeks' notice. Category F, COL3.

**Carried**

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**Bristol: re Brian Thompson**

**Motion:** (Bryan Giffin/Beth Sweetnam) that the Ottawa Presbytery approve the request for a change in pastoral relations of Brian Thompson, Student, from the Bristol Pastoral Charge to return to full-time study at the Atlantic School of Theology, effective December 13, 2016, waiving the required 90 days' notice.

**Carried**

**Rideau Park Pastoral Charge: Reappointment of the Rev. Georgina Fitzgerald #1**

**Motion:** (Beth Sweetnam/Barbara Reynolds) that the Ottawa Presbytery transmits with approval the request of the Rideau Park Pastoral Charge for the reappointment of the Rev. Georgina Fitzgerald effective July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 as retired, part time (24 hrs. per week) with the following prorated terms: basic salary \$37,452 plus 26.235% (total salary \$47,278); Telephone supplied; Continuing Education of \$1,359; three weeks study leave in the Pastoral Year; one month Vacation in the Pastoral Year; administrative assistance; reimbursement of travel as logged at the minimum General Council rate, currently 41 cents per kilometer. Category F COL 4.

**Carried**

**Rideau Park Pastoral Charge: Reappointment of the Rev Georgina Fitzgerald #2**

**Motion:** (Beth Sweetnam/Barbara Reynolds) that the Ottawa Presbytery transmits with approval the request of the Rideau Park Pastoral Charge for the reappointment of the Rev. Georgina Fitzgerald effective January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 as retired, part time (14 hrs. per week) with the following prorated terms: basic salary \$22,107 plus 26.235% (total salary \$27,882); Telephone supplied; Continuing Education of \$1,374; three weeks study leave in the Pastoral Year; one month Vacation in the Pastoral Year; administrative assistance; reimbursement of travel as logged at the minimum General Council rate, currently 39 cents per kilometer. Category F COL 4.

**Carried**

**Parkdale: Appointee to JNAC**

**Motion:** (Barbara Reynolds/Beth Sweetnam) that the Ottawa Presbytery appoints Robert Merritt as Pastoral Relations representative to the Parkdale Pastoral Charge Joint Needs Assessment Committee.

**Carried**

**Motion:** (Barbara Reynolds/David Lee) that Ottawa Presbytery receive the report of the Pastoral Relations Ministry Team working as a Commission from December 14, 2016 –January 10, 2017.

**Carried**

**YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAYA)**

Rev. Hilary Merritt, Presbytery YAYA Minister, stated that she had had a wonderful sabbatical and thanked Kirsten Gracequist and the YAYA Ministry Team for all the work they had done while she was away. Kirsten has designed a new website for YAYA; the website address is [www.ottawayayauc.com](http://www.ottawayayauc.com). Hilary highlighted the items included in the January 2017 *Spotlight*: Worshiplude; Experiences Canada Youth Exchange 2017 - Fort Resolution, NWT; Rendez-vous

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2017 in Montreal, QC; Camp Awesome Job Opportunities - the application deadline for Camp Counsellors is February 17, 2017; Open Table on January 29, 2017; and Zambia 2018. .

### **MINISTRIES IN FRENCH**

This item was deferred until a future Presbytery meeting.

### **MISSION STRATEGY MINISTRY TEAM**

**Motion:** (Ed Gratton/David Lee) that (i) Ottawa Presbytery approve the application for funding from Stittsville United to financially support their innovative Sparks Program for Worship and Christian Development. The request is for \$5,000.00 from the Mission Strategy Fund.

\$1,000 for technological upgrades;

\$3,000 for an Honorarium for the co-ordinator of the program; and

\$1,000 for Spark activities, supplies and materials;

and that (ii) Stittsville United report on this innovative ministry to the Presbytery within a year.

**Carried**

### **REGENERATION OF FAITH COMMUNITIES**

Phyllis MacRae and Ed Gratton reminded the court of the November Presbytery program meeting during which Randal Goodfellow from Faith and the Common Good, Bob Richards from EDGE Network and Larry Séguin from Église Unie de la Grace United Church each responded to the question: “What does it look like when faith communities undertake to regenerate their mission?” These presentations were followed by small group discussions. Following these discussions, the facilitators of each group were asked to submit reports. Ed Gratton highlighted the collated responses. A workshop will be held on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> for congregations that want to explore ideas and issues of regeneration in greater detail. Invitations to the workshop will be sent out from the Presbytery office. Ed concluded by thanking Phyllis for her inspiration and leadership on this theme.

### **MISSION SUPPORT MINISTRY TEAM**

**Motion:** (Norma McCord/Anne Montgomery) that Ottawa Presbytery receive the report of the Mission Support Ministry Team for information.

**Carried**

### **UPDATE ON THE HAVEN CAMPAIGN**

Phyllis MacRae gave an update on The Haven Campaign. \$23,770.95 has been raised to date. Some of the fundraising efforts of congregations were highlighted. Riverside United Church is hosting a Trivia Night in support of the campaign on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Presbyters and members of congregations are invited to come to this event as individuals or teams. Presbytery itself will be hosting a gala event on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> in the new community room at The Haven. Volunteers are required for the Steering Committee for The Haven Campaign and also for organizing the May 13<sup>th</sup> event. Anyone able to help was asked to contact Phyllis MacRae or the Presbytery office.

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**MINISTERS SEEKING ADMISSION TO THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

Rev. David Sherwin read the names of the ministers seeking admission from other denominations to the Order of Ministry in The United Church of Canada.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Denomination</b>	<b>Conference</b>
Benjamin Adekunle Adeniyi	African Church in Nigeria	Newfoundland & Labrador
Joel Saavedra Aguirre	Cordillera Southern Baptist Churches Ministries	Toronto
Demanya Kofi Akoussah	Eglise Evangelique Presbyterienne Togo	Montreal and Ottawa
Milton Basil	Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist	Toronto
Moses Bogatsu	Dutch Reformed Church in Botswana	Newfoundland & Labrador
James Philip Brown	Mennonite Church Eastern Canada	Hamilton
Epe Kamta (Florence) Bukam	Evangelical Church of Cameroun	Montreal and Ottawa
Michael Brandon Carter	Southern Baptist Convention	Toronto
Yuan-Tai (James) Chang	Non-denominational Church	Montreal and Ottawa
Hosuk Chung	United Methodist Church	Toronto
Andrew Nicholas Forrester	United Church in Jamaica	Hamilton
Richard Hamilton	Free Methodist Church in Canada	Bay of Quinte
Youngho Jang	Korean Methodist Church	Montreal and Ottawa
Christian Kakez-A-Kapend	United Methodist Church	Alberta North West
Jin Soo (Joshua) Kang	Presbyterian Church in Canada	Manitou
Kurt William Katzmar	Church of Christ USA	Alberta North West
Yong Shik Kim	Presbyterian Church of Korea	Toronto
Yun Jung (Julia) Kim	Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea	Toronto
Frederick Aaron Kitonga	Methodist Church in Kenya	Toronto
Andrew Kinoti Lairenge	The Methodist Church in Kenya	Alberta North West
Pieter Andre Le Roux	Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa	British Columbia
Kun Young (Andrew) Lee	Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea	Toronto
Kamta Isaac Makarios	Eglise Evangelique du Cameroun	Montreal and Ottawa
Zachariah Mandara	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania	Bay of Quinte
John Azam Masih	Presbyterian Church of Pakistan	Toronto
Grace Mercy Tsitsi Mazhandu	Methodist Revival Church	Saskatchewan

Mizeki Mndola	Church of Central Africa Presbyterian	Saskatchewan
Samuel Mpereh	The Methodist Church Ghana	Toronto
Floyd Hati Mvundura	Canadian Baptists of Western Canada	Alberta North West
Schalk Willem Naude	Dutch Refomred Church	Alberta North West
Amos Ndhumbi	Methodist Church in Zimbabwe	Saskatchewan
Lloyd Nyarota	United Methodist Church	Alberta North West
John Calvin Jr. Rhoad	Presbyterian Church USA	Alberta North West
George John Rowaan	Christian Reformed Church	London
Donald Selvanayagam	Congregational Church in America Samoa	Alberta North West
Donald Schmidt	United Church of Christ USA	British Columbia
Kumar Thangarajah	Methodist Church of Sri Lanka	Toronto
Kari Pekka Tolppanen	Hattula Pentecostal Church, Finland	Hamilton
David Cameron Watts	Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec	Toronto
Jean-Daniel Williams	Cooperative Baptist Fellowship	Montreal and Ottawa
Chiung hao (Moses) Wu	Taiwanese Presbyterian Church	Toronto
Pierre Claudel Zephyr	Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Americas	Hamilton

The covering letter from the Program Coordinator, Ministry Vocations, The United Church of Canada states that any Presbytery wishing to raise an objection must follow the procedure for handling objections found in the appendix of the resource, Admission to the Order of Ministry found on the United Church website [www.united-church.ca](http://www.united-church.ca). Concerns are not to be raised publicly at Presbytery meetings. The deadline for objections to be raised is 6 months after the names are read at the presbytery meeting.

The letter also notes that there are more names than usual because the General Council Executive approved a change to the timing of the circulation of names. Names of admission applicants are now to be circulated to the presbyteries/districts within the year following the initial Conference interview, component 2 of the Admission process. For this reason names of all those in the Admission process who have completed the initial Conference interview are being circulated. These individuals may or may not be serving in an appointment in a pastoral charge.

### **PRESBYTERY MINISTER'S REPORT**

Rev. David Sherwin advised the court that he would be having the first of three joint replacement surgeries on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Executive and the Staff Ministry Team have been planning for coverage of the Presbytery Minister position while David is recovering.

David Lee wished David Sherwin all the best through his surgeries and recovery and noted that he would be in the presbytery's thoughts and prayers. Presbyters showed their support through a round of applause.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Norma McCord stated that she is to give a report to the Refugee Advisory Group on sponsorship by congregations within the Ottawa Presbytery. The Presbytery office will be distributing documents requesting information about sponsors' involvement in welcoming refugees to the Ottawa/Gatineau Area. Completed forms should be emailed to [nemccord@sympatico.ca](mailto:nemccord@sympatico.ca) or brought to the February 14<sup>th</sup> Presbytery meeting.

On behalf of Ottawa Presbytery, Rev. Jenni Leslie thanked Norma McCord for all her work and leadership with respect to refugees.

### **MOTION TO GIVE FULL POWERS TO THE EXECUTIVE**

**Motion:** (Barbara Reynolds/David Lee) that the Presbytery Executive be given the full powers of the Presbytery in all matters including property between now and the next meeting of Presbytery.  
**Carried**

### **CLOSING WORSHIP & THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION**

Rev. Mead Baldwin, President of Montreal & Ottawa closed the meeting with a theological reflection and prayer, noting that we are on a journey of hope at the beginning of 2017.

### **CONCLUSION BY CHAIR**

Chair Phyllis MacRae closed the meeting at 8:30 pm.

*Next regular meeting of Ottawa Presbytery is called for Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at Knox United Church; the Executive next meets on Thursday, January 26, 2017.*

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Phyllis MacRae  
Chair

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Rev. David Sherwin  
Presbytery Minister

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Wendy Mather  
Recording Secretary

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