

Do We Dare?



**MINUTES OF 92ND ANNUAL MEETING
BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE**

Wesley United Church, Calvin United Church, and Zion Evangelical United Church
in Pembroke, Ontario

**FIRST SESSION – Friday, May 27, 2016, 9:45 a.m.
Wesley United Church**

GATHERING

The Music Team led the Court in Singing as we gathered for the meeting in Wesley United Church.

WELCOME

President Maxine Reid welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PRESENTATION OF STOLE

Bill Smith presented the President with a new Bay of Quinte Conference stole, which was made to replace the 20-yr old stole formerly worn by presidents. The stole was made by Judith Tamsley, Peterborough, and contains the following four symbols: United Church crest, Bay of Quinte crest, Affirming logo and the Alpha and Omega. The presentation concluded with prayer.

WORDS OF CONSTITUTION

The President then constituted the meeting with the following words: “In the name of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, I declare this 92nd Annual Meeting of the Bay of Quinte Conference constituted and able to deal with any business that may be brought before it.”

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TERRITORIES OF THE ALGONQUIN AND ANISHINABEK

Maxine Reid then acknowledged the land on which we were meeting, traditional lands of the Algonquin and Anishinabek people.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND GREETINGS

The President introduced some special guests who brought greetings to the meeting:

- Sherrylyn Sarazin (White Deer) of the Pikwakanangan First Nations, who gave a history of her people in this area and ended
 - Mayor Michael LeMay, of Pembroke, who brought greetings from the city and wished us success in our meeting
 - Upper Valley Presbytery Chairperson, Sheryl McLeod brought greetings on behalf of our host presbytery.
 - Linda Fuller, minister at Wesley United Church who welcomed us on behalf of her congregation.
 - John Young, Executive Minister, Theological Leadership, United Church of Canada General Council Office, who will be our theme speaker for the Conference.
 - Maggie McLeod, our General Council representative
 - The Venerable Rob Davis, our Theological Reflector and minister at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Pembroke
- Maxine then introduced the Parliamentarians, the Stewards, the Chaplains, and the Friends at Conference.

The President then referred the Court to the Behavioural Covenant found on page 1 of Volume 1, which we will use for our meeting.

OPENING BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

The Opening Business Resolutions are found on pages 52 to 54 of Volume 1. Bill Smith noted the following corrections:
Pg. 52 - Part A - Add Calvin United Church and Zion Evangelical United Church to the places where conference is meeting.

Pg. 53 - Minutes - should read 91st not 92nd

Pg. 54 - Nominations - remove (a) and "and Clergy Representative to General Council Executive" from part (b). Also note that nominations are to be given to Ryan McNally no later than 9:30 a.m., Saturday, May 28, 2016.

MOTION **92nd.16.01** **Bill Smith/Susan Genge**

"That the Opening Business Resolutions as found on pages 52-53 of Volume 1, be accepted as amended."

~ CARRIED

WORSHIP

The Music and Worship team led us in singing several hymns. President Maxine Reid addressed our theme, "Dare to Dream", which is based on Wanda Stride's hymn by the same name, written for last year's General Council. Communion was celebrated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary McKay, Local Arrangements Committee, gave an orientation to the building including what to do in case of fire, Wi-Fi connections, and elevator accessibility.

Maxine Reid also made announcements regarding where to find the Business Office and asked for prayers for Nancy Wilson on the death of her mother. Travel Claim Forms are due by noon on Saturday and may be left on the box at the Business Table. Dancing the Circle of Right Relations will hold a First Nations ceremony at Waterfront Park at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday.

BOOK ROOM

Suzette Mungal gave an introduction to some of the books available in the Book Room.

LUNCH

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. after Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro offered grace in Armenian and in English.

SECOND SESSION - Friday, May 27, 2016, 1:00 p.m.

MUSIC

The Music Team welcomed us back to the Court, and sang "Christ Will Raise You" by Mark Arnill, in addition to other songs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Smith reminded us that our theme, "Dare to Dream" is not connected to the Remits and proposed changes in The United Church. It is, rather, talking about our faith commitment and living our faith day by day.

On a happy note, it was announced that Sheryl McLeod has just become a grandmother for the first time.

THEME SPEAKER

The President introduced to the Court, John Young, Executive Minister, Theological Leadership, General Council Office.

John's address was based on our Conference theme song, written by Wanda Stride, and based on Joshua 3 and 4 and Deut. 30. He talked of the relevance of the images the song and the Scripture provoke in us. His plan for the three lectures is to focus on the following:

- The gift of the land
- Trusting in the promise of God's providing and abiding presence
- Identity and community in challenging times

In this lecture, John focused on "the gift of the land", its' meaning in the time of Joshua and beyond. He reminded us that the land is a gift from God to us and that we are stewards of the land. We were also reminded of the violence that occurs throughout the book of Joshua and asked what we do with a Scripture that promotes violence and destruction. How do our indigenous brothers and sisters hear these stories, which are so similar to their own? He reminded us that we owe it to the church and to ourselves to wrestle with these texts.

The President thanked John for his presentation.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES - PART 1

In the absence of the Chair of 4C (Conference Candidacy Co-coordinating Committee, Sheryl McLeod reported. She introduced this year's candidates for Ordination, Commissioning and Admission. Each candidate spoke briefly to the Court. Following his or her address, the first verse of the favorite hymn of each candidate was sung.

- Jackie van't Voort - a candidate for Diaconal Ministry
- Kevin Moratz - a candidate for Ordained Ministry
- Darin MacKinnon - a candidate for Ordained Ministry. Darin was not in the Court. He is at Maritime Conference and, should we approved him, will be ordained there on our behalf.

FINANCIAL REPORT - PART 1

Don Willmer, Chair of the Finance Committee, took the Court through the Review Engagement Report, which included "Statement of Financial Position", "Statement of Operation", and "Schedule of Restricted Funds". This document is found in the Addendum to Volume 1. He then referred the Court to the Finance Committee Report, found on pages 86 - 88 of Volume 1.

MOTION 92nd.16.02 Don Willmer/Kristine Kilburn

"That the reviewed financial statements for the Bay of Quinte Conference as at December 31, 2015, be received for information."
~ CARRIED

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES - PART 2

Sheryl McLeod returned to present the remaining candidates to the Court.

- Eleanor James - candidate for Ordination
- James Grunden - candidate for Admission from the United Methodist Church. James was not in the Court and will be Admitted at the Annual Meeting of Alberta & Northwest Conference on behalf of Bay of Quinte, should he be approved.

At the conclusion of these presentations, Bill Smith reminded the Court that the candidates are introduced on one day and we will vote on them tomorrow as per Conference policy.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Don Willmer referred the Court to pages 92 and 93 of Volume 1, which contain the proposed budget for 2017. He reminded us that General Council grants will cease in 2018, and that the Conference has gradually been budgeting each

year for less in preparation for this.

He then answered questions regarding the closing of Five Oaks and our financial assistance to them, as well as what we do with our surplus.

The committee is proposing a budget of \$823,181. for 2017.

MOTION 92ND.16.03

Don Willmer/Christine Kilburn

“That the Bay of Quinte Conference approve an expenditure budget for 2017 of \$823,181., and presbytery assessments for 2017 of \$552,409., any operating shortfall to be covered out of accumulated surplus.”

MOTION 92ND.16.04

Paul Reed/Richard Hollingsworth

“That a decision on the budget be postponed until we have had a chance to receive the reports of the various committees.”

- CARRIED

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Paul Sales, Financial Officer for Bay of Quinte and Montreal and Ottawa Conferences, presented on behalf of the Stewardship Committee. He reminded us of the 5 “T’s” of Stewardship:

- Time
- Talent
- Treasure
- Tissue (organ donation)
- Terrain

Mary Smiley presented a video, “Called to be the Church”.

Paul announced that Carol Cunday is retiring as Chair of the Stewardship Committee and thanked her (in her absence) for all the work she has done in this position.

Stewardship month is October and resources are available on-line from www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca.

WORSHIP

The Worship Team led us in worship based on Joshua 24:17-18. Worship concluded with prayer and a request that we pray for the family of the Rev. Dr. Helen Hobbs who has died in Vancouver.

THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION

The President introduced to the Court The Venerable Rob Davis, minister at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Pembroke, our theological reflector for the Conference. Rob thanked us for the invitation reminding us that we are one church, one body of Christ. He reflected on the work of the day, and concluded that we do not know where we are going; we are not travelling randomly; we are not on our own, and that together we are on this amazing pilgrimage.

WORKSHOPS

The Court recessed to participate in a number of workshops as listed below:

- Narrative Budget
- The Art of Stillness
- The Presence Project
- Equity – Accessibility
- God, Drama and Young Adults
- TRC
- Hosting Sacred Conversations

THIRD SESSION – Friday, May 27, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

RETIREES BANQUET

A banquet took place at Zion Evangelical United Church to celebrate the ministries of those retiring from active service this year. This year's retirees are: Ann Austin-Cardwell, Jim Feairs, Caroline Giesbrecht, Elizabeth Macdonald, John McManimam, James Young-Key Min, and Wayne Reed. The retirees and their spouses were led into the dining hall with a musical flourish provided by bagpiper, the Rev. Jamie York. All enjoyed a roast beef and turkey supper. The meal was followed by music performed by the Music and Worship Team and remarks from the retirees who were presented. Each was then given a prayer shawl, a stained glass hanging of the Conference logo, and a certificate.

Biographies of each of the Retirees are found on pages 12 to 18 of Volume 1 and in the Addendum.

FOURTH SESSION – Saturday, May 28, 2016, 8:45 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

The Worship Team sang us into the Court with music as we gathered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ryan McNally, Chair of the Business Table, announced some changes to the agenda:

- Budget was moved to the afternoon session
- Settlement Committee report was moved to Sunday

MOTION

92ND.16.05

Ryan McNally/Don Willmer

“That we approve the changes to the agenda.”

~ CARRIED

The President announced that travel claims must be submitted no later than noon today. She also encouraged the members of the Court to drink plenty of water today because of the heat.

Bill Smith reminded us that those using the microphones should identify themselves and their presbytery before speaking. He also announced that Mark Arnill, from the Worship Team, has CD's of his music for sale.

WORSHIP

Jean Wilson introduced the other members of the Worship Team: Wanda Stride, Stephanie Klaassen, Bill Smith, Maxine Reid, and Edward (Ned) Wells.

Worship was based on Luke 4:14-21 and Jean invited us to think with a new perspective. Do we dare to see our church in a new perspective?

David Timpson then presented the annual memorials for those in ministry who have died since our last Conference meeting:

Ray Ashford
Michael Begbie
Fred Clappison
Jim Cullen
Clifford Evans

Memorials are found on pages 7 to 11 of Volume 1.

David also announced that in the past week Mark Ferrier, a Past President of Bay of Quinte Conference, and Wes Mitchell have both died.

An offering for the Mission and Service Fund was taken.
The worship service ended with prayer and singing “Be Thou My Vision”.

NOMINATIONS

Maxine Reid announced that nominations for President-Elect are now closed.

THEME PRESENTATION

John Young continued his exploration of Joshua and invited us to consider Joshua 1.

He noted that he had not asked Wanda Stride for an interpretation of her son, “Do We Dare?”. He then offered his own thoughts:

- The change from all the land belonging to the king to the land as a gift from God for the people
- While today we believe that we have what we have because we have worked for it, God gave the land and we are to be stewards of it.

John also talked about the importance of remembering through the erection of monuments, both in Joshua’s time and now.

Maxine Reid thanked John for his presentation.

BREAK

A ten-minute nutrition break was announced. The Court reconvened at 10:55 a.m. and resumed business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maxine Reid announced the following:

- Kawartha Highlands Presbytery will meet at noon for 30 minutes at the front of the sanctuary.
- The Book Room will start packing up at 1:00 p.m. Please pick up your books and pay your bill.
- The Mission and Service Offering from this morning totaled \$3,010.00

On behalf of the Chaplains, Bruce Fraser announced that Jim McGregor had died on May 10th.

NOMINATIONS REPORT

Phil Hobbs, Chair of Nominations announced that there was only one candidate for President-Designate. Therefore, Wanda Stride has been acclaimed as President-Designate.

Wanda spoke briefly to the Court, thanking us for the acclamation and talked briefly about the need for us to be visionary and faith filled so that we might take the right path, the path to which God is calling us.

Phil Hobbs referred the Court to his report found on page 85 of Volume 1. He also encouraged us to consider using our gifts for the benefit of the Conference by serving on a Conference Committee. Expression of Interest forms are found in our docket and in Volume 1.

MOTION

92ND.16.06

Phil Hobbs/Lynda Price

“That Ronald Carter be appointed to the Conference Assessment Board.” - **CARRIED**

VOTING ON CANDIDATES

Maxine Reid asked the Stewards to distribute the ballots. We were reminded wait to vote until after the motion is read.

MOTION 92ND.16.07 **Sheryl McLeod/Patti James**

“That Jacqueline van’t Voort be Commissioned to the Diaconal Ministry of Education, Service, and Pastoral Care in The United Church of Canada at the Annual Meeting of Bay of Quinte Conference at Calvin United Church, Pembroke on May 29, 2016, all conditions of The Manual 2013 having been met.”

MOTION 92ND.16.08 **Sheryl McLeod/Patti James**

“That Darin MacKinnon be Ordained to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care in The United Church of Canada at the Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference on behalf of Bay of Quinte Conference, on May 29, 2016, all conditions of The Manual 2013 having been met.”

MOTION 92ND.16.09 **Sheryl McLeod/Patti James**

“That Kevin Moratz be Ordained to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care in The United Church of Canada at the Annual Meeting of Bay of Quinte Conference at Calvin United Church, Pembroke on May 29, 2016, all conditions of The Manual 2013 having been met.”

MOTION 92ND.16.10 **Sheryl McLeod/Patti James**

“That Eleanor James be Ordained to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care in the United Church of Canada at the Annual Meeting of Bay of Quinte Conference at Calvin United Church, Pembroke on May 29, 2016, all conditions of The Manual 2013 having been met.”

MOTION 92ND.16.11 **Sheryl McLeod/Patti James**

“That the Rev. James Grunden be admitted to the ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care in The United Church of Canada at the Annual Meeting of Alberta & Northwest Conference, on behalf of Bay of Quinte Conference on June 5, 2016.”

The Stewards collected the ballots and retired to count them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President reminded those participating in the Celebration of Ministry service that they must attend the rehearsal tonight at Calvin United Church at 6:30 p.m.

She then introduced to the Court Maggie McLeod, our General Council representative for this meeting. Maggie spoke briefly bringing greetings on behalf of the Moderator, General Secretary and staff at the national office. She concluded her brief remarks by saying it is very good to see the church at work.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATIVES

Norma Thompson and Judith Evenden referred the Court to their report on Volume 1 on pages 35 to 39 of Volume 1. They then brought us an update on what has happened since that report was written.

- The spring meeting of GCE took place electronically for the first time. There was time for table group discussions during the meeting. This format saved money and time for all concerned. One challenge was the inability to see each other as they spoke.
- There was a decision re Remit #1 (to move the church to a three-council model). If it is approved, the 42nd GC will be recalled to meet in September of 2017 to determine the number and boundaries of regional councils.
- Start date of the 43rd GC will be July 21, 2018.
- Proposed budget for 2016 was approved with an operating deficit of \$2.34M and a net deficit of \$1.41M after investment gains.
- The church plans to achieve a balanced budget by 2018.
- Re the budget:
 - o Chasing the Spirit funding was increased from \$250,000 to \$750,000.
 - o Aboriginal ministry and right relations will be maintained at the current level of \$4.2M

- Travel and meeting costs were reduced 25 – 50% by moving to more electronic meetings.
- GC43 will be broken into two events:
 - Formal business meeting for commissioners only
 - Informal and inclusive gathering, a celebration of faith.

The report concluded with a reminder for all to participate in the Remit process.

STAFFING REPORT

Mary Smiley, Chair of the Staffing Committee, introduced the rest of this committee to the Court: Norma Thompson, Wanda Stride, and Ian Miller (who was unable to be present).

She then referred the Court to the Staffing Committee report found in the Addendum. The report was delayed because Mary-Jane Hobden, Conference Minister MEPS had submitted her resignation and the Executive had accepted it. Since Mary-Jane's resignation, the committee has met with Bill Smith to explore options for the Conference. They have checked with other Conferences and the national office and decided that the best way to proceed at this time is to leave the position vacant until we know more about the future of the Conference. Mary-Jane's workload will be divided among the three remaining Conference Ministers. They plan to continue offering training in different areas but the training will likely be done via webinars or gathering several groups together rather than offering individual group training. The Conference staff will continue to be available to help and to answer questions when needed. The Staffing Committee will monitor the workload of each remaining staff member.

Bill Smith then addressed the redistribution of the workload and changes to job descriptions. Because The United Church grant to Conference will end in 2018, they decided not to replace staff at this time so that Presbytery assessments would not have to be raised.

Workshops on Racial Justice and Boundaries will continue to be offered.

David Timpson will do the Candidacy Pathways work

Pastoral Care must continue and it is the hope that this work will be shared between Conference and the individual Presbyteries.

Pastoral Relations work will be done in the same way. Conference staff will be available but it is hoped that presbyteries will do what they can.

Judy will take over the Forms as she already does much of the work.

Bill noted that General Council has approved the changes in job descriptions.

The Staffing Report concluded with the staff singing a rousing song to the tune of Old Macdonald's Farm.

This unique presentation was greeted with much applause.

Mary Smiley and Don Stiles, incoming President of Conference, then presented Mary-Jane gifts on behalf of the Conference.

Mary-Jane thanked everyone for his or her support and best wishes for her as she moves on to a ministry position at Newcastle United Church. She will miss her work with students the most.

In response to some concerns raised on the floor, Bill Smith reported that the Conference would hire on a contract basis from time-to-time if needed.

RESULTS OF BALLOT ON CANDIDATES

Maxine Reid joyfully announced that all candidates had been unanimously approved.

MOTION

92ND.16.12

Gene Rafausse/Bill Sheaves

"That the ballots be destroyed."

~ CARRIED

LUNCH BREAK

Bruce Fraser, one of the Chaplains, offered grace and the Court recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

FIFTH SESSION – Saturday, May 28, 2016, 1:30 p.m.

WORKSHOPS

Members of the Court reconvened at 1:30 p.m. to attend various workshops. The workshops included:

- Praying through Music
- Spirit Grooves
- The Art of Stillness
- Building Collaborative Ministry
- Messy Church
- Dwelling in the Word
- Affirming Ministries
- Equity-Accessibility
- Playful Faithfulness
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
- Not Your Mother's UCW

GATHERING AND MUSIC

The Worship Team welcomed us back to the plenary session with music at 3:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maxine Reid welcomed us back to the Court and announced that the children and youth had now joined us. Travel Claim cheques are ready for pick-up from Nicola.

Bill Smith reported that he had phoned Maritime Conference to tell them of the positive vote for Darin MacKinnon for ordination tomorrow at their meeting. He also called Alberta-Northwest Conference to confirm James Grunden's approval.

REPORT OF THE UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Nancy Sutherland, incoming President of the National UCW reported. We were then entertained and educated by a presentation entitled, "How Do You Know You are UCW?"

"Jeff Foxworthy" gave an enlightening recitation of "You know you're UCW if.....".

We are very proud of the work of the UCW in our Conference and across the country. The Conference UCW report is found on page 99 of Volume 1.

SUPERVISED PASTORAL EDUCATION

Kathy Edmison, Chair of SPE, outlined the SPE program, which runs every other year in the Conference. There will be a program in 2016 and 5 of the 6 spaces have been filled. If you are interested in attending, contact Ruth Wood, Secretary of SPE as soon as possible.

We then watched a video on the program in which the most recent graduates spoke of the value of the program in their

lives and their ministry.

DANCING THE CIRCLE OF RIGHT RELATIONS REPORT

Members of the committee presented this report: Bronwen Harmon, Elaine Kellogg, Rodney Smith-Merkley, and Dixie Schilling.

Elaine told of attending the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission last year and hearing the many, many stories from survivors of the residential schools and families of survivors. She encouraged everyone to read the recommendations of the TRC and consider what their church plans to do about them.

We then saw, and heard about, the beautiful painting by Maxine Noel, done in honour of Aboriginal women. Prints of it are for sale at Curve Lake, and part of the proceeds from the sales will go to the cause of missing Aboriginal women.

Dixie Schilling, daughter of Murray Whetung, then reminded us that this is the 30th anniversary of The United Church apology to First Nations people. Members of the Court then stood to repeat together the original apology.

Rodney Smith-Merkley talked about the upcoming “Travel Towards Right Relations” canoe trip for young people – both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal - to take place this year June 29 to July 1st. It will involve feasting; drum making, camping and singing. He asked people to take this information back to their churches and encourage their youth to consider participating.

In answer to a question from the Court, Maggie McLeod agreed to find out how many of the residential schools were run by the United Church and report back to Bill Smith. The information will be in Volume 2. She also noted that there is information on the “Remember the Children” website.

PARTNERING IN MISSION REPORT

Aruna Alexander reported on behalf of the committee. She began by thanking Jackie Harper, Conference Minister, for her support and hard work with the committee. She also thanked the members of the various committees. Aruna then reported on the following:

- Planning is underway for the annual Fall Advance. It will be hosted by the Equity Committee and take place Oct. 14 and 15, 2016 at Providence Centre in Kingston. The theme is “Equity, Justice, Respect: Confronting our Privilege, Confronting our Ignorance”. There will be presentations from a member of Queen’s University Equity Committee, an Imam and a Rabbi.

Interchurch-Interfaith Committee is planning a trip to India, Oct. 21 to Nov. 6, 2016. Call Aruna Alexander if you are interested in participating.

The full Partnering in Mission Report is found on pages 65 to 81 of Volume 1.

Maxine Reid thanked Aruna for her report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Because of the lateness of the day, Bill Smith announced a change in the agenda. We will do the following in order: Worship, Budget, and Theological Reflection.

MOTION

92nd.16.13

Bill Smith/Judith Evenden

“That all those in the Court be made corresponding members.”

~ CARRIED

WORSHIP

The Court was then led in worship by an enthusiastic group of 65 youth and children. Theme for the worship was Do

PRESENTATION OF STOLE

Maxine Reid reminded us that major changes are coming to the structure of our church in 2018 and the future of conferences is unknown at this time. In anticipation of some changes, and wanting to honour Bill Smith with a memento of Bay of Quinte, she had asked all eight Presbyteries to contribute to making a stole for Bill. It has on it the names of all the presbyteries, the United Church crest, the Bay of Quinte crest, the Affirming flag and the Alpha and Omega. She then presented the stole to Bill.

Bill thanked the Court, noting that this is his fifth CAM and echoing earlier words about love, commitment, standing side by side and reminding us that we are the body of Christ. He will wear the stole with pride at the Celebration of Ministry service tomorrow. Whatever happens, he said, the Spirit will continue to be in the Bay of Quinte.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maxine Reid reminded us that the Court would reconvene tomorrow morning at 9:15 a.m. at Calvin United Church.

DINNER BREAK

Prior to recessing for dinner, Elizabeth Boehm-Wilson offered grace. The session adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

SIXTH SESSION – Sunday, May 29, 2016, 9:15 a.m. Calvin United Church, Pembroke

GATHERING MUSIC

The Worship Team led the Court in singing as we gathered at Calvin United Church. The President opened this session with prayer and we returned to the business of the Court.

SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Bonnie Davidson, Chair of the Settlement Committee reported that she had attended the National Transfer Meeting via conference call on April 9th. For the first time there were no candidates seeking settlement and no pastoral charges seeking a candidate via settlement.

She noted that this committee has a responsibility to sign all forms relating to calls and appointments. The Settlement Committee meets twice a year and more if needed to review all calls and appointments. It is important that all eight presbyteries have one lay and one clergy at these meetings.

Bonnie thanked David, Mary-Jane, and Judy for their support and help regarding forms. She also thanked the Pastoral Relations Chairs and the committee secretary, Lynda Price.

Bonnie noted that a copy of the Settlement Report that is used for the directory is available to check, although it has already been vetted by the Conference staff, pastoral relations chairs and herself.

MOTION

92ND.16.15

Bonnie Davidson/Steve Coles

“That the report of the Settlement Committee be received for information.”

~ CARRIED

BUDGET

Don Willmer reported. Proposed Amendment #3 was then presented to the Court.

3rd AMENDMENT TO MOTION

92ND.16.3

Max Ward/Janet Stobie

“That the budget be amended that \$100,000.00 from undesignated funds be set aside to assist presbyteries to create new full-time or near full-time Supervised Ministry Sites and further that it be referred to the Executive of the Conference to determine the terms and reference to support the objective.”

Max Ward spoke of an initiative in Kawartha Highlands Presbytery where they are attempting to put together part-time ministries to create a full-time position.

Considerable discussion ensued. Some of the concerns raised were:

- A large number of students will be seeking SME sites
- A lack of plan as to how this money might be used
- Concern about raising presbytery assessments to do this.
- Concern that pastoral charges might have objection to the money being spent on something for which it was not originally intended
- We may have transition costs associated with the changing structure of the church and should be careful with the money we have.
- This is not a sustainable model.
- Doing this would leave out students enrolled in the Atlantic School of Theology program

Don Willmer reported that this amendment would mean the creation of a new unrestricted fund, but would not mean any changes in the total budget. He noted that as of December 31, 2015 we had \$389,518. in unrestricted fund balances.

Maxine Reid then asked that we take a moment of silent prayer before calling for the vote.

3rd AMENDMENT TO MOTION 92ND.16.3 was

- DEFEATED

Don Willmer then returned to the original budget motion, noting that it will now read:

MOTION

92ND.16.3

Don Willmer/Mary Margaret Boone

“That the Bay of Quinte Conference approve an expenditure budget for 2017 of \$831,181., and presbytery assessments for 2017 of 552,409.”

Motion 92nd.16.3 was

- CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Smith happily reported that Larry Doyle is now Dr. Doyle. He then invited Larry to come forward for the next item of business.

LOOKING AHEAD

Bill Smith announced that Larry Doyle is Chair of the Planning Committee for the upcoming 43rd General Council, which will be held in Bay of Quinte at University of Ontario Institute of Technology in Oshawa in July 2018. Presbyteries will need to appoint Commissioners to the GC43 at next year's CAM. We will use the same formula as in the past. If there are proposals coming forward, it would assist the planning committee if they were done in 2017 so that similar ones can be grouped in preparation for GC43.

This General Council will be co-hosted by Bay of Quinte and the All Native Circle Conference. This is a first for GC and for ANC. A total of 250 volunteers will be needed, at least 50% of them coming from Bay of Quinte. Michelle Brotherton will Co- Chair the Local Arrangements Committee along with someone from ANC.

The Planning Committee is meeting for the first time in June and, as information becomes available, Larry Doyle will share it with us.

MOTION

92ND.16.16

Ryan McNally/Jean Wilson

“That the Conference Executive be given authority to explore changing the length of the 93rd Conference Annual Meeting.”

- CARRIED

ORDER OF THE DAY

Maxine Reid noted that we had reached an Order of the Day. Regretfully, there is no time for ‘thank-you’s’.

CLOSING MOTIONS

MOTION 92ND.16.17 **Bill Smith/Ryan McNally**
“That all reports as printed in the Record of Proceedings be received.” ~ **CARRIED**

MOTION 92ND.16.18 **Bill Smith/Ryan McNally**
“That all business that arises between now and the meeting of the Bay of Quinte Conference in 2017 be handled by the Executive of the Bay of Quinte Conference.” ~ **CARRIED**

MOTION 92ND.16.19 **Bill Smith/Ryan McNally**
“That the 93rd Annual Meeting of the Bay of Quinte Conference be held within the bounds of Four Rivers Presbytery at a place and time to be determined.” ~ **CARRIED**

MOTION 92ND.16.20 **Bill Smith/Richard Hall**
“That the Bay of Quinte Conference be adjourned following the closing benediction of the Celebration of Ministry Service to be held following this session.” ~ **CARRIED**

SEVENTH SESSION – Sunday, May 29, 2016, 11:00 a.m.

The Celebration of Ministry service, including the ordination of Eleanor James and Kevin Moratz and the Commissioning of Jacqueline van’t Voort took place in the sanctuary of Calvin United Church, Pembroke. Maggie McLeod was the guest preacher and communion was celebrated.

A gift was presented to the outgoing President Maxine Reid and Don Stiles was installed as the new President.

Maxine Reid, President

Bill Smith, Executive Secretary