

FIRST SEDERUNT - - MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015, 7:00 PM

At Moncton, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Monday the nineteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen at seven in the evening, the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces began its annual meeting with worship.

WORSHIP

Worship was conducted by the Moderator of the 141st. annual meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, the Rev. Jeffrey Murray and the Host Minister, the Rev. Dr. Martin Kreplin. The Meditation, "A Steady Diet," was given by the Synod Moderator. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated.

CONSTITUTION

Following the communion, the Moderator, J. Murray, led in a commissioning prayer and declared the meeting constituted.

ROLL OF SYNOD

The Clerk described the process used for determining the Roll of Synod and reported that to the best of his knowledge it was complete and accurate. The Clerk noted that the registration constituted a quorum of the Synod. (¼ of the members of the roll or 15, whichever is smaller).

Presbytery of Cape Breton

Marion Barclay MacKay, Robert Lyle, Andrew S. MacDonald, Peter D. MacDonald, Lydia MacKinnon, Brian D. MacLeod, R. Ritchie Robinson, Corrie Stewart, Ministers; Donald Cameron, Robert Ferguson, Charles Greaves, George Hayes, Alexander (Sandy) MacCalder, Diane MacEachern, Shane MacFarlane, Debbie MacLean, John C. MacLeod, William MacLeod, Angus MacVicar, Winston Nicholson, Victor Ravanello, Wesley Stewart, Enid Stuart, Representative Elders.

Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg

Tim Archibald, Cynthia Chenard, Michael Henderson, Michael Koslowski, Jean MacAulay, Beth Mattinson, D. Laurence Mawhinney, P.A. McDonald, Kenneth Stright, David Sutherland, Michael Veenema, Ministers; Murray Alary, Sandra Cameron, Marilyn Clyde, Maudie Haley, Audrey Kruisselbrink, William Jardine, Wilson Lang, Murray MacDonald, Linda MacKinnon, Frances Perrin, Cindy Shea, Ann Taylor, Cheryl Weeks, Representative Elders.

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Kim Barlow, Douglas E. Blaikie, Anne J. Boudreau, Kent E. Burdett, Charles Cook, John Crawford, Justin K.W. Kim, Erik W. Kraglund, Martin Kreplin, Cheryl MacFadyen, Wendy MacWilliams, Jeffrey Murray, M. Glen Sampson, (Sandy) A.D. Sutherland, Ministers; Netta Chase, Eugene Craig, Nils Dickie, Dallas Davis, Mona Harris, Sylvia Harris, Daryl Hood, Jessie Kelly, Jim Lockerbie, Ivan MacDonald, Stanley MacDonald, Marlene Phillips, Merrit Scott, Joe Sheasgreen, Lewis Smollett, Carol Stymiest, Fred Thorburn, Ray Williston, Representative Elders.

Presbytery of Newfoundland

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Cynthia Chenard (assessor), Jonathan Dent, Derek Krunys, Beth Mattinson (assessor), Ian S. Wishart, Ministers; Betty Barrett, Murray MacDonald (assessor), Kathy McKay, Jennifer Whitfield, Representative Elders.

Presbytery of Pictou

Greg Dickson, Mary Anne Grant, Gail Johnson Murdock, Jeff Lackie, Iona MacLean, Kenneth MacLeod, Glen Matheson, Charles McPherson, Lara Scholey, Bonnie Wynn, Ministers; Murray Hill, Bob Hunsley, Larry Ingham, Earl Johnson, Helen Jordan, Bonnie Langille, Joann Langille, Frank MacLeod, Angus Moser, David Munro, Adrian Pearson, Susan Robinson, Allison Ross, Wendy Ross, Marshall Smith, Don Sutherland, Cliff Wood, Representative Elders.

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

Brad Blaikie, Mark Buell, Dawn Griffiths, Paula Hamilton, Tom Hamilton, Amanda Henderson-Bolton, Roger MacPhee, Patricia MacLean, Douglas Rollwage, Steven Stead, Alan Stewart, Pamela Stewart, Stephen Thompson, Ministers; Gus Banfill, Linda Cousins, Stephen Hardy, Nancy Harvey, Doug LeBlanc, Scott MacDonald, Watson MacDonald, Jean MacIntosh, Dail Smith, Sterling MacRae, Doris MacWilliams, Gavin Richardson, Alana White, Representative Elders.

	Ministers	Representative Elders	
Cape Breton	8	15	
Halifax and Lunenburg	11	13	
New Brunswick	14	18	
Newfoundland	5	4	
Pictou	10	17	
Prince Edward Island	13	13	
	61	80	Total 141

Motion: On motion by M. Kreplin, and C. MacFadyen, Helen Humphries was seated in place of Netta Chase as the Representative Elder for Grace Church, Saint John, NB. Motion carried.

Motion: On motion by J. Lackie, seconded by G. Sampson, Linda Barron was seated in place of Marilyn Clyke as Representative Elder for St. James and St. Paul's, Truro, NS. Motion carried.

Motion: It was moved by D. W. K. Sutherland, seconded by J. Dent, that the Roll be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

REGRETS

Regrets were received from the following: Sandra Cameron, Evelyn Carpenter, Greg Dickson, Robert Ferguson, Paula Hamilton, Tom Hamilton, Mike Henderson, Scott MacDonald, Jean MacIntosh, Lydia MacKinnon, Brian MacLeod, Ritchie Robinson, Doug Rollwage, Richard Sand, Wes Stewart, Gerald Thompson, Stephen Thompson, Michael Veenema, Ian Wishart, Bonnie Wynn.

THE DOCKET

On motion by J. Dent, seconded by A. Sutherland, the Docket was adopted as circulated.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Clerk read the following memorial of a Minister who had died since the 2014 Synod meeting:

Rev. Dr. Murdock J. MacRae, Murdock passed away on August 14, 2015 with his family at his side. He was born in Wreck Cove, Cape Breton, graduated from Acadia University and the Presbyterian College in Montreal. He served his forty years in ministry in the Presbytery of Cape Breton being minister at St. James Big Bras d'Or and Knox Ross Ferry, St. Giles PC North Sydney, and in his retirement he served the Grand River Pastoral Charge part-time. Serving on many Synod and Presbytery Committees, he also gave of his time to serving in his community. A gifted carpenter and craftsman, various churches in the Synod have benefited from his talent in items he built and donated. He leaves behind his wife of fifty-two years, Ruth, three children, six grandsons and two great-grand children. His memorial service was held in St. Giles PC on August 19, 2015. The Presbytery of Cape Breton has lost a mentor, a worker and a dear friend.

The Clerk read the following memorials of Ruling Elders who have died since the 2014 Synod meeting:

Mr. John A. Kerr, died 1 November 2013 (age 92). After his family, John's first love was his beloved St. Andrew's PC, North River, where he was a very active and a generous supporter of all aspects of the church's life and mission. He was an active elder for 29 years and a member of the choir for 50 years.

W. T. MacAulay, passed away October 24, 2014. William Thompson MacAulay was ordained as an Elder of the Presbyterian Church on May 27, 1962 and since that time has served the church diligently until his passing on October 24, 2014. Toss served his church as a member of the Men's Choir and Senior Choir, he organized and contributed to many Anniversary Services over the years. His wisdom was appreciated as he took part in discussion of many matters which came before Session, and has been a strong outreach to those in his Elder's District. Toss served both his church and his country, having served overseas as a member of the Armed Forces, and he was an active member of the local Legion.

Mr. Jack Stagg, a member of St. Giles PC North Sydney since 1938, died November 12, 2014 at the age of 93. Jack was elected an Elder in 1976 and served faithfully in that capacity as well as on the Board of Managers. He was a member of the choir for over fifty years and a member of the St. Giles Quartet. His presence is missed by all at St. Giles.

Gerald Hayman Reid, 91 died on November 24, 2014. Gerald served faithfully as an elder of First Church, Stellarton for over 53 years. He worked for the Power Board for 38 years. A kind and gentle man, his honesty and industry were only outweighed by his love of God, the Church of Jesus Christ and his wonderful family. He always offered friends and strangers alike a kind and generous welcome to the church. His presence is deeply missed. He is survived by his wife, Isabel, sons Gerald and Philip and daughter Sheila.

Robert (Bob) Nelson Scott (1933-2014) Born in Saint John, NB, Robert (Bob) Nelson Scott was a professor of electrical engineering who founded the University of New Brunswick's Institute of Biomedical Engineering, which achieved world leadership in development of electronic control systems for artificial limbs. For many years, Bob was an active member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Fredericton and in 1972 was ordained as an elder. He would later serve many years as organist and elder at St. James Presbyterian Church in Hanwell. On November 4, 2013, St. James Presbyterian Church granted Bob the designation Elder Emeritus. Bob also served one term as moderator of the former Presbytery of St. John. Bob died on December 22, 2014.

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Dr. Andy den Otter, He has faithfully served St. David's Church as a Ruling Elder for many years, and often would take the service and speak when the Minister was away. He has faithfully served the Presbytery of Newfoundland as Moderator from 1999 to the end of December 2014. He also served as Moderator in the Atlantic Synod in 2012. He used his skills as a Historian throughout his service to the Church and especially in the national church on the History Committee, and also served on the Life and Mission Agency. He willingly and positively took up all the positions in the many Committees in which he served throughout his working career and into his retirement. He also served in ecumenical groups such as the St. John's and Area Council of Churches, where he served as Secretary. Andy brought grace and a strong conviction to all that he undertook. It is a tribute to him that many within his family also serve the Church in leadership positions.

Earle Patterson, a devoted member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Harvey Station, N.B. passed away on January 11, 2015. Earle was an Elder for many years and was given the designation of Elder Emeritus in 2007. He enjoyed being with his family, bowling, going for drives and fish and chips. His presence has been missed by his church family and community.

Carole Christine Trites, Hantsport, N.S. was ordained as an elder in St. John's Presbyterian Church, Windsor, N.S. on November 24, 1996. She served faithfully until her death 18 years later on January 21, 2015 at age 75. Carole was a woman of deep faith who devoted her life to her family and over a 55-year career in the nursing profession. She will be deeply missed.

Mr. Roy Kerr, died 26 February 2015 (age 70). Elder at St. Andrew's PC North River for 18 years (1995-2013) and Clerk of Session for 11 years (1999-2010). Roy's quiet, firm leadership helped to successfully guide the congregation through the amalgamation of four churches. He was also a highly valued member of the Board of Managers for many years.

James William Paynter, died March 3, 2015. James was ordained as an Elder at Summerside Presbyterian Church in 1983 and served on Session until 2008. During his time on Session, he was a member of the Nurture Committee and the Leading with Care Committee and when his term as a member of Session was completed, he continued to be active as a Pastoral Care visitor. He was a very willing volunteer and a "people-person", a gift which earned him the title of "SPC greeter".

Hugh Sharkey, died on April 23, 2015. He was a well-loved, dedicated elder of Kings Church, New Minas, where both he and his wife, Betty, played key roles on session during the early establishment of the congregation. Born in Glasgow, Scotland, High emigrated to Canada following the Second World War and was active for many years in Mimico Presbyterian Church (Toronto) before retiring to the Annapolis Valley in 1990. For many years Hugh served faithfully at the Fundy Inter-Church Food Bank in New Minas.

Ralph Shaw, passed away May 11, 2015. Ralph served the congregation of Bethel Church, Sydney from the time he became a member, contributing to the Sunday School and Youth Group and later as an Elder of Bethel. Ralph's presentation of Scripture was always a lesson in itself as he explained the setting of the verses, often including his own experiences traveling in the Holy Land. His contributions were always greatly appreciated until he moved to Ontario to be with family.

Mr. Chris Corkum, an Elder in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lunenburg for 39 years; passed away on May 17, 2015 at the age of 69. He was active in his church and community and had served as Church School Superintendent for a number of years.

Olive Ruth Clark, age 82 of Halifax passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. Olive was employed by Great West Life and later with Immigration Canada, retiring after 22 years of service. She served faithfully and well for many years on the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Saint David.

Wade Smith, age 68 died on June 27th, 2015. A long-time resident of Hopewell, NS he was a member of First Presbyterian Church Choir, Chairman of the Board of Managers and member of Session of First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Smith also sang with the Stellarton Male Choir, Barber Shoppers and other groups. He worked incredibly hard in all his endeavours and lives with a passion for God, family and friends. He will always be remembered for his "never give up" personality.

Robert Grant Mollison, died July 29, 2015. Grant was ordained as an Elder at Summerside Presbyterian Church in 1993 and served as a member of Session until 1998, when poor health necessitated his resignation. Prior to being a member of Session he was active in the work of the Board of Managers. Grant served in a quiet, unassuming manner and had a smile for everyone.

Karen Elizabeth Moores, 1955-2015 Karen passed away suddenly on Sunday March 8th at the age of 59. At the time of her passing, Karen was Clerk of Session at St. Andrew's, following in the footsteps of her grandfather and her father. Professionally Karen was a well-respected Social Worker and willingly gave her time and talent to philanthropic outreach organizations, Karen served on the Board of Bridges to Hope Food Aid Centre (An outreach of the Presbyterian and United Churches in St. John's) becoming Chair of the Board. Karen will be missed.

William Elton, March 6, 1935-June 19, 2015 Bill was a member of the Board of Managers, a faithful Elder, former Boy Scout Leader, generous contributor St. Andrew's, St. John's, Nfld. Bill was the Owner of Colonial Garage and Distributors and was known as "Mr. Bill" by all of his employees. He was very successful in business, respected by all; and everyone knew he belonged to the Kirk. Even in the past year as his health deteriorated; he insisted on being kept up to date on "Church News." Bill's family continue his legacy. Bill is survived by his wife Faith, two daughters and their families. His passing has left a void in our "Church Family".

John Peters Henderson died June 29, 2015. John Henderson was an active member of St. Andrew's Church, St. John's, becoming an Elder in 1959 at the age of 32. He was a member of the Presbytery of Newfoundland, holding the office of Treasurer. He was Representative Elder and attended Synod in that role many times. In his professional life John was an engineer - first with Montreal Engineering, then NL Light & Power and finishing his career with NL Hydro. Always involved in all aspects of Kirk life; John will be remembered for his gentle presence and dependability. John is survived by his wife Faith, five sons and their families.

John A MacDonald passed away July 28, 2015. John MacDonald served Bethel Church, Sydney throughout his life, including playing an active role in Youth Group. John was ordained as an Elder in nineteen hundred and ninety-four (1994) and served on many Session Committees, as well as serving as Bethel's Representative Elder, and he served as Moderator of Presbytery of Cape Breton for a term. John also served the Congregation as Secretary and then Convenor of the Board of Managers. His dedication to the Congregation and the Denomination was greatly appreciated and valued by all who worked with him in serving God.

Dr. Carl MacDonald, died 10 August 2015 (age 79). Elder at St. Andrew's PC North River for 4 years (2006-2010), choir member since retiring to North River in 1995, also served on Board of Managers. His many years of experience as a physician translated into compassionate care and understanding for members of the congregation and he was affectionately known for his "choir room clinic."

Honourable John McNab (Jack) Davison (1935-2015) died on September 1st, 2015 at the age of 79. Jack was appointed a Justice of The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, Trial Division in March, 1987 and remained on the bench until his retirement in 2008. He retired as an elder of the Presbyterian Church of Saint David in 2001.

Dr. John Paul Schaefer died October 2, 2015. Paul was ordained as an Elder at Summerside Presbyterian Church in 1977 and he served as a member of Session until 2004. Paul had a heart for mission and for helping anyone who needed assistance of any kind. This was evidenced in his professional life as he made many trips to Canada's far North, offering his services as a surgeon even after his official retirement. Paul was a member of the church choir and he will be remembered for his sense of humour and for his enthusiastic and generous support of the mission and ministries of the church.

The members of the court sang "O saints in splendour sing."

The Moderator led the court in a prayer of thanksgiving and commemoration.

APPRECIATION

The Moderator expressed thanks to Laurie Kammerman, Organist, the Rev. Dr. Martin Kreplin, Minister, and all who assisted in the leadership of worship during this sederunt.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Moderator invited the Clerks of Presbytery to introduce new members from their respective presbyteries: The court welcomed the following new members to the court: from the Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg, Cindy Shea, representative elder from the Elmsdale-Hardwoodlands Pastoral Charge; from the Presbytery of Pictou, the Rev. Dr. Joon Ki Kim of St. Andrew's, New Glasgow and Carolyn MacKenzie, representative elder for the Scotsburn –West Branch Pastoral Charge; from the Presbytery of Cape Breton, the Rev. Corrie Stewart of the new North Shore- Grand River Pastoral Charge; from the Presbytery of Newfoundland the newly inducted minister of St. Andrew's, St. John's, the Rev. Derek Krunys; from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Alberta Cooke representative elder from the newly created Charlotte County Pastoral Charge.

WELCOME TO GUESTS

The Moderator extended a welcome the Rev. Dr. Dorcas Gordon, Principal, and Seta Ghougassian from Knox College, the Rev. Dr. Glenn Davis from Presbyterian College, Members of the Teen Challenge Moncton, Johnthin Lichty, Matthew Comeau and Jakub Stoppa.

REPORT OF SYNOD COUNCIL (Recommendations 1-6)

The Moderator called upon Frances Perrin, Convener of Synod Council, to bring the Synod Council Report. The following recommendations were presented to the court:

Recommendation 1: Concerning consideration of this report. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by B. Blaikie. Motion carried.

Recommendation 2: Concerning the Proposed Docket and the following as the Order of Business for the 1st Sederunt The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by B. Blaikie. Motion carried.

Recommendation 3: Concerning the schedule of sederunts. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by B. Blaikie. Motion carried.

Recommendation 4: Concerning power to issue for the Registration Committee for requests for leave to withdraw. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by B. Blaikie. Motion carried.

Recommendation 5: Concerning the Synod Guests. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by B. Blaikie. Motion carried.

Recommendation 6: Concerning Leadership for Morning Worship. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by B. Blaikie. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF THE MODERATOR

The Rev. Jeffrey Murray, the Moderator of the 141st annual meeting of the court called upon the Synod to choose a Moderator to preside over the deliberations of this 142nd annual meeting. The Clerk reported one nomination was received from presbyteries: The Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg nominated the Rev. Jeff Lackie of Union, Thorburn and Sutherland's River Pastoral Charge, N.S.

P.A. McDonald spoke on behalf of the Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg in the nomination of J. Lackie.

Motion: It was moved by Derek Krunys, seconded by Glenn Matheson, that nominations cease. Motion carried.

The Moderator declared the Rev. Jeff Lackie elected as Moderator for the 142nd meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces.

REPORT OF THE OUTGOING MODERATOR

The Moderator presented the following report:

First, I thank the court for the honour of serving as your Moderator.

This past year I was delighted to bring greetings on your behalf during the anniversary services of St. Andrew's Church, Dartmouth and St. Andrew's Church, Fredericton. They were joyful occasions, marking faithful witness within their communities. I am grateful for the warm welcome I received in both churches. I also received an invitation from the Atlantic Mission Society to offer greetings on your behalf at their 139th Annual meeting. While offering greetings, I also offered the Synod's thanks to the AMS for their prayers and financial support for the various missions within our Synod, including support for our youth and camping ministries.

During this past year we lost two former moderators: Dr. Andy den Otter and Mrs. Davida Stewart. Condolences were sent on your behalf to their spouses and family, expressing our sympathies and our thanksgiving for their faithful service to Christ's church and the Synod. Condolences were also sent to the family of the Rev. Dr. Murdock MacRae.

Just before the camping season, I was invited to lead a staff commissioning service at Camp Geddie; this service included the celebration of the Lord's Supper. I would also note, that following the camping season, our Camping and Youth Consultant got married. In celebration of this occasion I sent congratulations and best wishes on your behalf to Whitney and Christopher Canning.

As my time as Moderator comes to a close, I wish to thank the Synod Council for its counsel throughout the year. Thank you also, to the members of the Synod who have been and continue to be faithful to the work of our Synod.

THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MODERATOR

C. Weeks, Past Moderator, expressed the court's thanks to the outgoing Moderator.

INSTALLATION OF THE MODERATOR

J. Lackie was conducted to the chair by the Moderator, the Rev. Jeffrey Murray, who then asked the Moderator-elect, J. Lackie, the appointed questions and installed him as Moderator of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces. He led in prayer and extended the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the court.

THANKS

The Moderator offered his thanks to the Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg and the kind words of its Clerk.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTE BOOKS

The Moderator called for the presentation of the minutes of the several Presbyteries and of the Synod. These were brought forward by the Clerks of the Presbyteries and Synod.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The Moderator called for notices of motion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Moderator called for announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. It was moved D. Krunys, seconded J. Murray, and agreed that the court adjourn.

CLOSING

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer and benediction and announced that the court would gather again in the sanctuary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Moncton, New Brunswick on Tuesday, the 20th day of October 2015, at 9:00 in the morning for worship followed by the business of the Synod.

The Rev. Jeffrey R. Lackie,
Moderator

The Rev. Dr. D.W.K. Sutherland,
Clerk

SECOND SEDERUNT – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015, 9:30 A.M.

At Moncton, New Brunswick, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Tuesday the twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, at nine-thirty in the morning, the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces met for the second sederunt of its annual meeting.

WORSHIP

The gathering of Synod began with worship led by the Rev. Marion Barclay MacKay

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator called the court to order at 9:30 am and led in prayer.

GUEST SPEAKER

The Moderator called upon T. Archibald to introduce The Rev. Dr. Graham Standish.

Dr. Standish is pastor of Calvin Presbyterian Church in Zelienople, Pennsylvania. He has a background as a therapist in a psychiatric hospital, as a therapist in a pastoral counseling agency, as a drug and alcohol therapist, and an internship as a hospital chaplain. He holds a Ph.D. in formative spirituality from Duquesne University, a Master of Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh, and a Master of Divinity is from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Dr. Standish is an adjunct professor at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Doctor of Ministry Program and Certificate in Spiritual Formation Program, and at Tyndale Theological Seminary in Toronto, Ontario, focusing in the areas of spirituality and congregational leadership.

Dr. Standish identified a common contrast in the choice of guest speakers. In Presbyterian circles we invite those who have studied those who do something. In American Evangelical circles they tend to choose "the doers themselves." He spoke from his studies and practice at Calvin Presbyterian Church, Zelienople, PA.

In Calvin, the primary congregation he serves, he traced a series of transformations with a focus on grounding the life of the church in prayer and discernment. One of his books, *Becoming a Blessed Church*, describes how congregations can be transformed by becoming more open to the Holy Spirit. "God, what are you calling us to do to reach out to the people you are calling us to reach out to?"

In the tradition of "decently and in good order" we were challenged to get back to the Biblical model, to that deeply rooted openness to the Spirit as in Acts 2. Moving beyond "formal religion," we were challenged to

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learn again how to “be a Hebrew to the Hebrews, a Greek to the Greek, a slave to the slave.” (1 Corinthians 9:19-22) What is God calling us to do?”

Highlighting the theories of Fr. Adrian van Kaam, Dr. Standish identified a four quadrant paradigm of the dimensions of life: 1. Spiritual (Our aspirations to connect with that which is beyond us), 2. Mental (the function of organizing and giving order (theology)), 3. Physical (how we embody the spiritual and the mental for example in art and symbol), and 4. Relational (how we connect to all around us). “You cannot be spiritual alone.” “The spiritual is organized by the mental, manifested by the physical, and comes alive with the relational dimension.”

Standish suggested that in the North American culture we have cut off the spiritual dimension. This is too easily true in our churches. When the mental dimension dominates, then gaining and wielding power become central in the life. It makes us rigid about change. We want to maintain what has always been. When the physical dominates our focus becomes satisfying desires and urges. In churches this is expressed in a preoccupation of looking perfect with nothing out of place. When the relational dimension dominates we no longer develop our own individual personality.

Dr. Standish closed with some provocative questions. We were asked to reflect on what dimensions of life are most dominant in our churches and what can we do about it? To what extent in our church and personal life is discerning what God is calling us to do? How do we make decisions?

BREAK

The Moderator declared a 10 minute break.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Moderator called upon Alexander Sutherland for the report of the Business Committee.

Motion: moved by A. Sutherland, seconded by M. MacDonald, that the report of the Business Committee be received and considered.

The Convener, A. Sutherland, presented the following business for the sederunt:

	Worship
	Constitution
9:35	Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Graham Standish
11:10	Business Committee
	Correspondence
	Treasurer's Report
	Registration Committee
11:30	Canadian Bible Society Presentation
11:35	Ecumenical Guest: Rev. Pierre Ily (Chinese Alliance Church)
11:40	Ecumenical Guest: Pastor Raoul Maniania (Christ en Action)
11:45	Presbyterian College – The Rev. Dr. Glen Davis

AMS Report
CGIT Report
Notices of Motion
Announcements
Adjournment

Motion: It was moved by A. Sutherland, seconded by M. MacDonald that the above proposed agenda be the order of business for the sederunt. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Moderator called for the Report on Correspondence. The Clerk presented the following:

February 5	from First Church, Pictou copy of letter to Assembly re: Synods
February 20	From Mac, Mac, and Mac – final settlement of Winnifred Bean Estate.
March 10	from Presbytery of Hfx/Lun. Presbytery rep. on Synod Committees
March 11	from Presbytery of PEI - Presbytery rep. on Synod Committees
March 14	from A. Ecumenical Council exec. – planned dissolving of Council 2016
March 24	from Atlantic Ecumenical Council – Annual meeting May 9
April 7	from Presbytery of PEI -request for an increase in camping grant
April 8	from Presbyterian College – Ad for Continuing Ed. May 19-22
April 11	from Presbytery of PEI -report on 2014 grants (8b)
April 16	from Presbytery of Nfld Presbytery rep. on Synod Committees
April 15	from Atlantic Ecumenical Council – Annual Meeting May 9 at AST
April 27	To Presbytery of NB – outstanding allocations
May 21	Atlantic Ecumenical Council Annual Meeting Minutes
June 5	Camp Geddie Committee: The Demolition of Smith House
Aug. 3	E. Barrett, General Assembly Referrals for Synods
Aug. 3	E. Barrett, Changes to the Roll
Aug. 14	M. MacLeod Notice of Rev. Dr. Murdock J. MacRae's death
Aug. 17	R. Houtby Information of Synod Bits and Bites
Sept. 10	L. Scholey, P.W.S.D. update
Sept. 10	E. Kreplin Atlantic Presbyterian Women's Retreat request
Sept. 13	R. Gardiner Synod Website/ Synod Bits and Bites
Sept. 17	Offer from First Stellarton to host Synod 2016
Sept. 18	Nancy Harvey Mountain Bursary closed
Sept. 23	Halifax and Lunenburg Nomination of the Rev. Jeff Lackie as Synod Moderator
Sept. 23	Ian Ross-McDonald – grants
Oct. 18	E. Kreplin Atlantic Presbyterian Women's Retreat Information

Motion: After presenting an overview of the correspondence, the Clerk, D.W.K. Sutherland, moved, seconded by N. Harvey, that list be spread in the minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

C. Weeks noted that the printed copies of the "2015 to Date" statement were available. She presented information about receipts and expenditures to date for 2015.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Moderator called for the Report of the Registration Committee.

Motion: Moved by D.W. K. Sutherland, and duly seconded, that the Convener, Harold Wilson, be invited to speak to the court. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilson reported the registration of:

39 Ministers
37 Representative Elders
9 Guests
6 Others
92 persons

The Convener presented the following requests for leave to withdraw: Nancy Harvey after the second sederunt, Cynthia Chenard after the third sederunt, and David Munroe after the fourth sederunt.

Motion: It was moved by G. Sampson, seconded by J. Dent, that the above requests for leave to withdraw be granted. Motion carried.

CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY PRESENTATION

The Moderator invited the Representative of the Canadian Bible Society to come forward at this time. The Rev. Don Shephard presented a copy of the Scriptures to the Moderator.

ECUMENICAL GUESTS

The Moderator called upon the host minister, the Rev. Dr. Martin Kreplin to introduce the guests representing some of the multicultural ministries in the Moncton area.

Rev. Pierre Ily (Chinese Alliance Church)

The Moderator welcomed the Rev. Pierre Ily and invited him to address the Synod.

Mr. Ily had studied and lived in Switzerland for over 30years. In 2013 he graduated from Tyndale Seminary with the Master of Divinity degree in Toronto, Canada. In 2014, he came to Moncton to establish a church for the Chinese community, at which time he was ordained as Senior Pastor of the Moncton Chinese Alliance Church.

Pastor Raoul Maniania (Christ en Action)

The Moderator welcomed Pastor Raoul Maniania and invited him to address the Synod.

Raoul is a Congolese pastor, married and the father of two sons. He converted at the age of 14. He left the Congo to join his wife in Canada. Arriving here he is grateful to the Lord for the peace, for the organization of the institutions, in the way that Canada works, and its resources.

In Congo Pastor Raoul received the state diploma, two additional years of law school and a graduate degree in theology in the Art of Ministry. Christ in Action Church in Moncton is an independent extension of Christ in Action Montreal affiliated with the International Assembly of God of Canada.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

The Moderator welcomed the Rev. Dr. Glen Davis and invited him to address the Synod.

This is the 150th Anniversary of the College. Secularization has rapidly changed the situation of the Christian Church around the world. Facing the challenges of leadership in this changing context, the college has introduced a number of new initiatives. A video introduced them. The M.Div. program will be enhanced. There is a new program of continued mentorship of new graduates. There is a young adult program to help young people integrate their Christian faith into their vocations. He also introduced the financial campaign "Leap of Faith."

AMS REPORT

The Moderator welcomed Bonnie Langille and invited her to bring the AMS report.

Motion: It was moved by B. Langille, seconded by B. Mattinson, that the AMS Report be adopted. Motion carried.

CGIT REPORT

The Moderator invited the Clerk to bring the CGIT report.

The Clerk highlighted the report submitted by Chris MacDonald of Pictou.

Motion: D.W.K. Sutherland moved, seconded by C. MacFadyen that the report of the C.G.I.T be adopted and spread in the minutes. Motion carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The Moderator called for notices of motion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Moderator called for announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by C. Chenard, duly seconded, that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

CLOSING

At 12:20 p.m. the Moderator announced that the court would reconvene at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Moncton, New Brunswick on Tuesday, October 20, 2014, at 1:30 in the afternoon for the business of the Court.

The Rev. Jeffrey R. Lackie,
Moderator

The Rev. Dr. D.W.K. Sutherland,
Clerk

THIRD SEDERUNT- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015, 1:30 PM

At Moncton, New Brunswick at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Tuesday the twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, at one-thirty in the afternoon, the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces met for the third sederunt of its annual meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER:

The Moderator invited Dr. Graham Standish to address the court.

His second address focused on two questions: How do we transform how we make decisions in our churches? How do we transform those who make decisions?

For those who are close to God and God centered, the significant question is "God, I know you are out there, What is your call to me?" This can be distinct from analysis or the taking things apart to see what is wrong. Discernment is more like "panning for gold." Discernment involves sifting through all the possibilities you can imagine to identify together the direction God would have us go. Discernment can identify initial steps that might be part of the journey. When you start in a direction, things can fall in place.

Discernment is built on the belief that God directs. The key to discernment is to believe and see, believe and you will hear. The early church discerned. "The contemporary church analyzes, debates, and deliberates." How to discern? It is a matter of sifting through possibilities.

Everything in discernment is subjectivity but it includes prayer, and it is prayer that keeps us connected. Objectivity is the language of analysis. Discernment admits subjectivity but I will do this prayerfully with the belief that God can direct me in prayer. You keep asking if this is what God wants each step of the way. Failure directs us to consider other possibilities.

You talk to others. You cannot discern by yourself. Discernment is communal and complex. He pointed to the Dialogical discernment (Hegelian dialectic: thesis (idea), antithesis(new idea) , synthesis (if you stay in the

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clash long enough you will develop a hybrid). In communal discernment, God is in the thesis, in the antithesis, and the synthesis. God is in the clash –then you listen to one another as part of listening to God. Listen for a possibility even in the person who is just trying to stop a possibility. In discernment you ask people to step outside of themselves to seek what God would have us do.

Dr. Standish provided examples of practice and patterns of discernment agendas for his Sessions and Presbytery. He noted that the goal is not majority decision but consensus. “If we come to roadblocks, we pray.” He noted the challenge and importance of teaching leaders to be not only functional but spiritual in their participation. Choice of leadership gives priority to the question “Is this someone who is committed to seeking God’s will?”

He suggested the following seven basic principles of leadership in developing discernment:

1. In every meeting take time (silence) for centering so that leaders can listen for God’s voice.
2. The question asked is going to determine your discernment. “All who sense this may be God’s will, vote yes.”
3. Seek unity and unanimity rather than passage and winning. If there is objection, then ask if that person is willing to trust the discernment of others on the question. If not, postpone for prayer.
4. Rarely make rushed decisions. When in doubt, slow down.
5. Encourage people to listen to how God is speaking through others.
6. Remember that every discernment is provisional. We can always come back to re-discern.
7. Practice trust limitation and delegation (with the use of committees and task forces).

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator, Jeffrey Lackie, called the court to order and led in prayer.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Moderator called for the continuation of the Report of the Business Committee.

1:30	Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Graham Standish Constitution Business Committee Report Synod Council Report (Rec.7-14) Mission Committee
3:45	Ecumenical Guest: Rev. Sam Lee (Moncton Korean Church)
3:50	Ecumenical Guest: Dr. Gbenga Adenuga (Redeemed Church of God in Christ) Programme Committee Camp Geddie Synod Council (Rec. 15, 16)
4:30	Knox College
4:50	ADC D. Min Program

Synod Representative on Assembly Council
Report of Assessor Presbyters to Newfoundland

Synod Council (Recommendation 17-21)
Notice of Motion
Announcements
Adjournment

Motion: Moved by A. Sutherland, seconded by J. Dent, and agreed that the above proposed agenda be the order of business for the sederunt.

SYNOD COUNCIL (Recommendations 7-14)

The Moderator called for the continuation of the report of the Synod Council.

Recommendation 7: Concerning students under the care of presbyteries. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by B. Blaikie. Motion carried.

Recommendation 8: Concerning a Bursary for Glynis Faith for 2015. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by B. Blaikie. Motion carried.

Recommendation 9: Concerning a Bursary for William Grace for 2015. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by B. Blaikie. Motion carried.

Recommendation 10: Concerning Committees of Synod. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by B. Blaikie. Motion carried.

Recommendation 11: Concerning power to issue to Synod Council for further nominations. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by B. Blaikie. Motion carried.

Recommendation 12: Concerning the report of the History Committee. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by B. Blaikie. Motion carried.

Recommendation 13: Concerning the Synod Hospital Visitor to address the court. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by B. Blaikie. Motion carried.

The Moderator invited Lindsay Rankin to speak to the court. Mr. Rankin highlighted the pastoral care of patients and their family and loved ones. He noted the new location for the pastoral care offices at the Camp Hill site. He asked the clergy of synod to alert him of patients from their area who are in the Halifax hospitals. He expressed thanks for the support that makes his ministry possible.

Recommendation 14: Concerning the Synod Youth and Camping Consultant to address the Court. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by B. Blaikie. Motion carried.

Whitney Canning reported an introductory year of learning and sharing. She reported on the Spring Youth PAYS Event in May at Calvin Church, Halifax. She reported a successful summer ministry at Camp Geddie.

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She shared some transformative moments enabled in the special environment that camping ministry provides. "There is something about this place that is different than the rest of my life." She also reported on the Fall Youth PAYS Event at St. Andrew's, Moncton.

ORDER OF THE DAY (3:45) ECUMENICAL GUEST: Rev. Sam Lee (Moncton Korean Church)

Pastor Lee is a graduate of Seoul Theological University in Korea, (B.A. & M.Div.) as well as Briercrest Seminary (M.A. in Organizational Management. He was ordained in 2000 in the Korean Holiness Evangelical Church (KHEC). From 2002 on, the KHEC has been in partnership with Knox College.

The Moncton Korean Church was established in 2006, and Pastor Lee has been its Pastor since 2010. It is a congregation of 150 members. Many Koreans, about one-third of the congregation each year migrate to larger centres for meaningful employment opportunities. The congregation is seeking prayer for a new worship space and the next generation.

ORDER OF THE DAY (3:50) ECUMENICAL GUEST: Dr. Olugbenga Adenuga (Redeemed Church Of God In Christ)

Pastor Olugbenga Adenuga was ordained a Pastor of the Redeemed Christian Church of God as a confirmation of the call of God to preach the gospel and raise people with vision and purpose. He was the founding Pastor of RCCG Overcomer's parish, Hlatikulu Swaziland. He relocated to Moncton, New Brunswick in 2003 and during his 5 years stay at Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church, served variously supporting the leadership and ultimately as a member of the Board of Deacons. He was also part of the Medical missionary team to Senegal in 2007.

As a dedicated teacher, Pastor and speaker, his primary focus is to equip the body of Christ with power to pursue their purpose with the kind of passion and perseverance that he exemplifies. He lives with the love of his life, A/P Olabisi and their children in Moncton and continues to practice as a Certified Family Physician in the community. Pastor Adenuga is also the District Superintendent for the church zone spanning Montreal to Nfld. and covering 12 churches and the convener of the yearly RCCG Men of Valor conference.

MISSION COMMITTEE:

The Moderator called upon Alexander Sutherland for the report of the Mission Committee.

Following a review of the report by Alexander Sutherland, the following recommendations were presented:

Recommendation 1: That Synod grant the Synod Mission Committee a budget of \$3,500.00 for 2016.

Moved by A. Sutherland and seconded by B. Barrett. Motion carried.

Recommendation 2: That the remaining funds in the Mission Committee's operating budget for 2015 be sent to "Syrian Refugee Relief" through PWS&D. Moved by A. Sutherland and seconded by B. Barrett.

Motion carried.

Recommendation 3: That the donation to the Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf be maintained at \$2,000.00 for 2016. Moved by A. Sutherland and seconded by B. Barrett. Motion carried.

Recommendation 4: That the 2016 donation to Coverdale remain at \$6,000.00, to be equally divided between Coverdale, Halifax, NS and Coverdale, Saint John, NB. Moved by A. Sutherland and seconded by B. Barrett. Motion carried.

Motion: A. Sutherland and seconded by B. Barrett that the report of the Mission Committee be adopted. Motion carried.

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

The Moderator called for the report of the Programme Committee.

Stephen MacKay presented the report highlighting the visit of the Rev. Dr. Herb Gale and the national Presbyterian Women's Event in Ontario. The theme is "Rooted in Love".

S. MacKay moved and seconded by M. Phillips that the report of the Programme Committee be adopted. Motion carried.

ORDER OF THE DAY: KNOX COLLEGE The Rev. Dr. Dorcas Gordon

The Moderator welcomed Dr. Gordon and invited her to address the court.

Dr. Gordon spoke (and highlighted with slides) a review of the past, a description of the future ambitions of Knox College. This past year two milestones were celebrated: the 170th anniversary of the college and the 100th anniversary of the building. There are now 150 students in the various academic programs. A Master of Pastoral Studies will be introduced in the fall of 2016. Into the future Knox has planned building renewal, faculty expansion, facility upgrading for online education. To finance these plans Knox has initiated a \$15 million capital campaign which has already received \$5 million through donations and pledges. She asked for the support of the whole church including every congregation.

ORDER OF THE DAY: ACADIA DIVINITY COLLEGE D. Min Program The Rev. Dr. Stephen McMullin

The Moderator welcomed Dr. McMullin and invited him to address the court.

Dr. McMullin introduced Acadia Divinity College as the Faculty of Theology at Acadia University and an accredited member of the Association of Theological Schools. He highlighted the Doctor of Ministry program. "Learning once one has been in ministry is different than learning in preparation for ministry." He noted the global and ecumenical diversity in both faculty and students in the program. The student is free to choose an advisor from within his/her own denomination. Acadia has striven to make the program affordable and accessible. He offered further information at their website (<http://www.acadiadiv.ca>).

CAMP GEDDIE REPORT

The Moderator called upon P. A. McDonald for the report of the Camp Geddie Committee.

Dr. McDonald acknowledged the interest and support of the Synod Council, the Personnel Committee in their support for the Executive Director. He congratulated Whitney Canning on her wedding this past year. He expressed appreciation for the giftedness and dedication of the camp committees. He acknowledged with thanks the generosity of individuals, groups and congregations.

He noted that after prayerful consideration and much deliberation the decision was made to demolish Smith House. It has become a matter of faithful stewardship of the resources.

He noted plans for a 70th Anniversary in August, 2016.

Recommendation 1: Concerning the Camp Geddie Budget. It was moved by P.A. McDonald and seconded by J. Murray that the budget, which includes a grant of \$48,500 for the Operating Fund and \$6,500 for daily checks of the property to meet insurance requirements, be approved. Motion carried.

Motion: PA McDonald moved, seconded by G. Johnson Murdock, that the report as a whole be adopted. Motion carried.

SYNOD COUNCIL (Recommendations 15, 16)

The Moderator called for the continuation of the Synod Council Report.

Recommendation 15: Concerning Current Camping Strategy. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by B. Blaikie. Motion carried.

It was agreed that an acknowledgement of the significant financial commitments of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island for Camp Keir be included in the statement.

Recommendation 16: Concerning Current Camping Strategy. The outline be included in the minutes each year. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by B. Blaikie. Motion carried.

SYNOD REPRESENTATIVE ON ASSEMBLY COUNCIL:

The Moderator called upon Cheryl Weeks for the report of the Synod Representative.

C. Weeks reported on the spring meeting. A report of the committee to review standing committees asks the council to explore a new membership structure, which would move to members at large particularly gifted with the skills needed in the council's report.

REPORT OF ASSESSOR PRESBYTERS TO THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

The Moderator called for a report from the Assessors appointed to the Newfoundland Presbytery.

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Murray MacDonald reported. He noted an openness to advice and to dialogue on issues presented. One assessor C. Chenard is now Moderator of the Presbytery. The other two Assessors are part of a visitation team to St. Andrew's Church. Various options concerning the status of the presbytery have been explored. They are now in the prayerful consideration in the three Sessions of the Presbytery.

SYNOD COUNCIL (Recommendation 17-21)

The Moderator called for the continuation of the Synod Council Report.

Recommendation 17: Concerning Assessor Presbyters. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by J. Murray. Motion carried.

Recommendation 18: Concerning Assessor Presbyters. The Appointment of a third Assessor. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by J. Murray. Motion carried.

Recommendation 19: Concerning the revised terms of reference for Assembly Council. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by J. Murray. Motion carried.

Recommendation 20: Concerning proposed legislation for Overtures and Petitions. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by J. Murray. Motion carried.

Recommendation 21: Concerning Prayerful Consideration. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by J. Murray. Motion carried.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Moderator called for the continuation of the report of the registration committee.

Mr. Wilson reported 6 requests for leave to withdraw:

Stephen MacKay, Merrit Scott, Audrey Kruisselbrink, Martin Kreplin, and Tim Archibald requested permission to withdraw early on Wednesday.

Doris MacWilliams requested permission to withdraw after the third sederunt.

Motion: On motion by C. Stewart, seconded by M. MacDonald, the above requests were granted.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The Moderator called for notices of motion. There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Moderator called for announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by D. Krunys, seconded by A. MacDonald and agreed that the court adjourn.

CLOSING

At 5:30 p.m. the Moderator announced that the court was adjourned to reconvene at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Moncton, New Brunswick on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at 9:00 o'clock in the morning for worship followed by the business of the Court. He then closed the meeting with prayer.

FOURTH SEDERUNT- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014, 9:30 AM

At Moncton, New Brunswick in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Wednesday the twenty-first day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, at nine o'clock in the morning, the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces met for the fourth sederunt of its annual meeting.

WORSHIP

The gathering of Synod began with worship led by the Rev. Charles McPherson of First Church, Stellarton.

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator called the court to order and led in prayer.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Moderator called for the continuation of the Report of the Business Committee.

Motion: Moved by A. Sutherland, seconded by M. MacDonald , that the proposed agenda be the order of business for the fourth sederunt. Motion Carried.

9:00 am	Worship
9:30	Constitution
	Business Committee
	Memorial
	Clerk's Report
	Report of the Commission on Unfinished Business
	Registration Committee
	Synod Council Report (Recommendations 22-31)
	Committee on Presbytery Minutes
	Committee on Synod Minutes
	Resolutions Committee
	Appointment of Commission on Unfinished Business
	Adjournment

MEMORIAL

The Moderator called the court to stand as the Clerk read the following memorial missed in the opening sederunt:

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Art Brown, Iona Presbyterian Church: Art passed away at the age of 77 on January 2, 2015 at the Dartmouth General Hospital. Art was the eldest son of Arthur and Irene Brown and was born and raised in Hopewell, Nova Scotia. He served twenty years in the Royal Canadian Navy and later worked ten years at Canada Post. Art was a proud member of Iona Presbyterian Church, serving as an elder and on many church committees for several years. Over the years, he had been active in the Freemasons, the Royal Arch, Philae Shrine, Scottish Rite and Royal Order of Scotland. In 2000/ 2001 Art served as the Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia.

The Moderator led the court in a prayer of thanksgiving and consolation.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Moderator called for the Clerk's Report

The Clerk presented the following Statistical Report:

	Ministers	Elders	Appendix
Cape Breton	7	14	4
Newfoundland	2	4	2
Pictou	11	20	9
Halifax-Lunenburg	13	13	14
New Brunswick	16	18	11
Prince Edward Island	14	13	16
Total 2015	61	80	56
Total 2014	63	82	58
Change	-2	-2	-2

He also reported on changes to the Synod Website and identified the new address:

<http://pccweb.ca/synodap/>

Additonal Motion: It was moved by C. Wood, seconded by A. Sutherland, that a letter of thanks be sent to Rick Gardiner for his development and care of the original Synod website. Motion carried.

Motion: It was moved by D.W.K. Sutherland, seconded by D. Krunys, that the report as a whole be adopted. Motion carried.

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing to report

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Moderator called upon Harold Wilson for the final report of the Registration Committee,

Mr. Wilson reported the final registration statistics for this gathering of the Synod as 40 Ministers, 37 Representative Elders, and 15 Others for a total attendance of 92.

He also reported the following requests for leave to withdraw before the end of the fourth sederunt: Corrie Stewart and Murray MacDonald.

Motion: On motion by C. Weeks, seconded by B. Mattinson the permissions to withdraw were granted and the report was adopted.

SYNOD COUNCIL (REC. 22-31)

The Moderator called for the continuation of the Synod Council Report:

Recommendation 22: Concerning financial statements for 2014. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by D. Krunys and seconded by F. Perrin. Motion carried.

Additional Motion: It was moved by M. MacDonald, and duly seconded, that Synod write the Presbytery of New Brunswick to request they visit the congregations in arrears and report back to the Synod Council by April 15th. Motion carried.

Recommendation 23: Concerning the Synod Budget for 2016. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by D. Krunys and seconded by F. Perrin. Motion carried.

Recommendation 24: Concerning Presbytery Camp reports including financial statements. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by D. Krunys and seconded by F. Perrin. Motion carried.

Recommendation 25: Concerning rate for Synod dues. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by D. Krunys and seconded by F. Perrin. Motion carried.

Recommendation 26: Concerning the appointment of the Auditor for 2015. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by D. Krunys and seconded by F. Perrin. Motion carried.

Additional Motion: It was moved by D. Krunys, and duly seconded, that Synod grant the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island a special support of \$5000 for debt relief. Motion carried.

Recommendation 27: Concerning Regional Resourcing Grants consideration of this report. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by D. Krunys. Motion carried.

Recommendation 28: Concerning reports from presbyteries concerning projects. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by D. Krunys. Motion carried.

Recommendation 29: Concerning the location of the Synod Meeting in 2016. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by D. Krunys. Motion carried.

Recommendation 30: Concerning the Guest Speaker for the Synod Meeting in 2016. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by D. Krunys. Motion carried.

Recommendation 31: Concerning the report as a whole. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by F. Perrin and seconded by D. Krunys. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESBYTERY RECORDS

The Moderator called upon Jeffrey Murray for the report of the Committee on Presbytery Records.

Recommendation 1: J. Murray moved, seconded by A. MacDonald, that the minutes of the Presbyteries of Pictou and Prince Edward Island be attested as neatly and correctly kept and that the minutes of the Presbyteries of Cape Breton, Halifax and Lunenburg and New Brunswick be attested as neatly and correctly kept with notes. Motion carried.

Recommendation 2: J. Murray moved, seconded by A. MacDonald, that the Synod Council be given power to examine the minutes of the Presbytery of Newfoundland. Motion carried.

Motion: Moved by J. Murray, seconded by A. MacDonald, that the report as a whole be adopted. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW SYNOD MINUTES

The Moderator called upon Charles McPherson for the report on the review of Synod Minutes.

He reported that the Minutes of the 2013 meeting have been corrected as noted in the General Assembly attestation.

Recommendation 1: C. McPherson moved seconded by A. MacDonald, that the Minutes of the 2014 meeting be adopted as neatly and correctly kept. Motion carried.

Motion: Moved by C. McPherson, seconded by A. MacDonald, that the report as a whole was adopted. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSION ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion: It was moved by C. McPherson, seconded by C. Stewart, that the Commission on Unfinished Business consist of the Moderator, the Clerk, and the Convener of the Synod Council. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Moderator called upon Wendy MacWilliams to present the report of the Resolutions Committee under a consent agenda.

Recommendation 1. Regarding Worship.

Recommendation 2. Regarding Speakers.

Recommendation 3. Regarding the Hosting of the Business Meetings.

Consent: The Synod agreed to the adoption of the report as a whole with its recommendations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Moderator called for announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by M. Kreplin, seconded by D. Krunys, and agreed that the court adjourn.

CLOSE OF SYNOD

The Moderator called the Synod to meet next within the bounds of the Presbytery of Pictou and within First Presbyterian Church, Stellarton, Nova Scotia on Monday October seventeenth, two thousand and sixteen at seven o'clock in the evening. The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

The Rev. Jeffrey Lackie
Moderator

The Rev. Dr. D.W.K. Sutherland,
Clerk

APPENDIX A
Draft Docket Synod 2015

October 19, 7:00 p.m. Service of Word and Sacrament St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Moncton, NB

1. Constitution of the Court during worship
2. The Roll of the Synod
3. Regrets
4. Memorials
5. Report of the Synod Council
6. Report of the Registration Committee
7. Welcome of guests
8. Election of Moderator
9. Report of the retiring Moderator
10. Welcome new members of Synod
11. Installation of new Moderator
12. Presentation of Presbytery and Synod minutes
13. Notices of motion
14. Report of the Committee on Business
15. Orders of the day
16. Ecumenical Visitors
17. Treasurer's Report
18. Presentation from the Bible Society – Rev. Don Shephard
19. Report of the Camp Geddie Committee
20. Report of the Atlantic Mission Society
21. Report of the Mission Committee
22. Report of the Programme Committee
23. Report of Assessor Presbyters
24. Report of the Commission on Unfinished Business
25. Report of the Committee on Presbytery Records
26. Report of the Committee on Synod Records
27. Greetings or Presentations
28. Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Graham Standish
29. Representative of Knox College – The Rev. Dr. Dorcas Gordon
30. Representative of Presbyterian College – The Rev. Dr. Glen Davis
31. Representative from the D.Min. Prog. of Acadia Divinity College: The Rev. Dr. Stephen McMullin
32. Correspondence
33. Clerk's Report
34. Report of Committee on Resolutions
35. Appointment of Commission on Unfinished Business
36. Adjournment

APPENDIX B
Synod Council Report

Recommendation 1 Adopted p. 7

That the report of the Synod Council be received and its recommendations considered.

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS:

Recommendation 2 Adopted p. 7

That the order of business for the first sederunt be:

Constitution of the Court during worship
The Roll of the Synod
Regrets
Registration Committee
Docket
Memorials
Welcome new members of Synod
Welcome of guests
Report of the Synod Council (1-6)
Election of Moderator
Report of the retiring Moderator
Installation of new Moderator
Bible Society Presentation
Presentation of Presbytery and Synod minutes
Notices of motion
Announcements
Adjournment

Recommendation 3 Adopted p. 7

That the schedule for sederunts be as follows:

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| a. | First Sederunt - Monday, October 19 | - closing communion hymn to the end business |
| b. | Second Sederunt - Tuesday, October 20 | - 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 noon |
| c. | Third Sederunt - Tuesday, October 20 | - 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. |
| d. | Fourth Sederunt - Wednesday, October 21 | - 9:30 a.m. to noon |
| e. | Fifth Sederunt - Wednesday, October 21 | - 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (if necessary) |
| f. | Sixth Sederunt - Wednesday, October 21 | - 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (if necessary) |

Recommendation 4 Adopted p. 7

That the Registration Committee be granted power to issue with respect to requests for leave to withdraw, and make a complete report during the final sederunt.

Recommendation 5 Adopted p. 7

That the following guests addressing the Court be Orders of the Day:

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| 1. | Synod Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Graham Standish | Tuesday 9:35 to 11:00 am
Tuesday 1:35 to 3:00 pm |
| 2. | Presbyterian College The Rev. Dr. Glen Davis | Tuesday 11:50am |
| 3. | Knox College The Rev. Dr. Dorcas Gordon | Tuesday 4:30 pm |
| 4. | Acadia Divinity College The Rev. Dr. Stephen McMullin | Tuesday 4:50 pm |

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| 5. | Rev. Pierre Ily - Chinese Alliance Church | Tuesday 11:35 am |
| 6. | Pastor Raoul Maniania – Christ en Action | Tuesday 11:40 am |
| 7. | Rev. Sam Lee – Moncton Korean Church | Tuesday 3:45 pm |
| 8. | Dr. Gbenga Adenuga – Redeemed Church of God in Christ | Tuesday 3:45 pm |

Recommendation 6 Adopted p. 7

That morning worship for the Synod be led by the Rev. Marion Barclay MacKay on Tuesday and the Rev. Charles McPherson on Wednesday.

STUDENTS:

Recommendation 7 Adopted p. 16

That the following students under the care of the various presbyteries within the bounds be commended to the members of the court for prayerful support.

Cape Breton

Pictou	Katie Hubley- MacIntosh	PC – Year 1
	Bonnie Langille	AST - Year 3
New Brunswick	Nick Mitivler	Knox –Year 2
	Cathy Scott	PC – Year 1
Prince Edward Island	Glynis Faith	Knox College on-line stream Year 3

Recommendation 8 Adopted p. 16

That Glynis Faith be awarded a bursary of \$500 to be drawn from the Dr. Frank Baird and Dr. E.H. Bean Bursary funds.

Recommendation 9 Adopted p. 16

That William Grace be awarded a bursary of \$500 to be drawn from the Margaret MacDougall, Hon. David Wark, and Dr. E.H. Bean Bursary funds.

WORKING COMMITTEES OF SYNOD:

Synod gave the Synod Council authority to name the working committees of Synod – those who conduct their business during Synod that directly relates to the business of the Court. (2006, p.1,15). The following have agreed to serve on the working committees of this meeting of Synod, with the first named to be convener:

1. Committee to examine Presbytery Minutes:
Convener: Rev. Jeff Murray
PEI Presbytery: Rev. Derek Krunys, Cliff Wood
New Brunswick: Rev. Tim Archibald, Maudie Haley
Newfoundland: Rev. Kim Barlow, Dawna Foreman
Cape Breton: Rev. Lorne MacLeod, Bill Jardine
Halifax-Lunenburg: Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton, Doris MacWilliams
Pictou: Rev. Andrew MacDonald, Ernest Wiesner
2. Minutes of Synod 2014: Rev. Charles McPherson, David Munro
3. Ecumenical Visitors: Rev. Dr. Martin Kreplin
4. Resolutions Committee: Rev. Wendy MacWilliams, Frances Perrin
5. Business Committee: Rev. Sandy Sutherland, Rev. Dr. Jonathan Dent, Murray MacDonald
6. Registration Committee: Harold Wilson, Rosalyn Flanagan, Pauline MacDonald, Cheryl Weeks

STANDING COMMITTEES OF SYNOD:

Synod established a policy directing that if people named to a committee do not attend meetings for a year and do not send regrets, it will be assumed that they do not wish to serve and the Nominating Committee shall put forward the names of others to take their places. (2002, p.8, 22)

The full membership of the various Standing Committees is listed for the information. AMS, presbytery and committee appointees are named by the respective bodies. The official nominees of Synod are listed in bold type.

Recommendation 10 Adopted p. 16

That Synod appoint the people whose names appear in bold type in the lists below to the respective positions on Synod's Standing Committees:

Synod Council: Frances Perrin, (2011-14) (2014-17), Convener (2013-16) Frank MacLeod (2014-17); Derek Krunys (2011-14) (2014-17); Brad Blaikie (2012-13) (2013-16); Glen Sampson (2013-16); **Marion Barclay MacKay** (2012-15)(**2015-18**); **Don Sutherland** (2012-15)(**2015-18**)

Membership: 6 persons, appointed by Synod, two in each of the three years (the Convener to be nominated in addition to the 6 persons), plus the following members: Officers of the Synod (Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer), conveners of Standing Committees, President or delegate of AMS, and a representative from the Presbytery of Newfoundland.

Camp Geddie: Sandy McDonald (2010-14), **Convener** (2015-16); Brenda Butler (2014-16); Wendy Ross (2011-14),(2014-17); Carl Williams (2014-17); Greg Fraser (2009-12, 2012-15)(**2015-16**); **Steven MacLellan** (2009-12, 2012-15)(**2015-16**); **Joon Ki Kim (2015-18)**; **Ian Watson** (2014-15) (**2015-18**); **Colleen McPherson** (2012-15)(**2015-18**); Kent MacLeod (2012-13), (2013-16); Chris MacDonald (2013-16); Debbie Stewart (2013-16).

Membership: 12 persons appointed by Synod, four in each of the 3 years (the Convener to be nominated from among these), plus the following members: Geddie Treasurer, 1 from each of the Presbyteries of Halifax & Lunenburg, New Brunswick, 2 from Pictou Presbytery (appointed by Presbyteries), 1 by correspondence from the Presbyteries of Newfoundland, Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island (appointed by Presbyteries), Camp Geddie staff, as applicable, one AMS representative (appointed by AMS), youth representative:

Mission Committee: Dawn Griffiths (Convener 2014-17), Wendy MacWilliams (2014-17), Charles Greaves (2014-17), **Alexander Sutherland** (2012-2015)(**2015-2018**) – **Interim-Convener 2015-16**).

Membership: 3 persons appointed by Synod, one in each of the 3 years (the Convener to be nominated in addition to these persons) plus the following members: 1 representative from each Presbytery (appointed by Presbyteries), 2 representatives from AMS (appointed by AMS), youth representative, Synod staff, as applicable.

Programme Committee: Bonnie Wynn (Convener, 2013-16), Lydia MacKinnon (2013-16), **David MacKay** (Co-convener 2013-15), (**2015-18**), Stephen Mackay (2014-17), **Amanda Henderson-Bolton** (**2015-18**), **Peter MacDonald** (2012-15), (**2015-18**).

Membership: 6 members appointed by Synod, two in each of the 3 years (the Convener to be nominated from among these), plus the following members: 1 representative from AMS (appointed by AMS), 1 representative from the Presbyteries of Pictou, Cape Breton, Halifax & Lunenburg, New Brunswick and PEI (appointed by Presbyteries), 1 representative from Presbytery of NL by correspondence, Synod staff, as applicable, youth representative.

Personnel Committee: Jeffrey Murray (Convener: 2012-15) (**Convener: 2015-16**), Laurence Mawhinney (2012-13) (2013-16), Iona MacLean (2014-17).

Membership: 3 members appointed by Synod, in each of the 3 years, plus the following members: 1 representative from each Synod Standing Committee (appointed by the standing committees); 1 representative from AMS (appointed by AMS.)

Recommendation 11 Adopted p. 16

That Synod Council be given power to issue in naming additional members to committees as the need arises.

REPORT OF THE HISTORY COMMITTEE

Over the past decade the Synod Archives have been housed in First Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow, NS and it has been my privilege to serve as archivist and researcher. Each year I am amazed at the interest other regions in Canada have in the early work of congregations in the Atlantic region.

The shelving units and file cabinet purchased by Synod are at present adequate for the material on hand, so I do not request any funds for the coming year.

NEEDED: Please consider donating a copy of any congregational histories to the Archives, as well as copies of bulletins/newspaper clippings about any significant events – opening, closing or amalgamation of congregations, or any material that may be valuable for researchers in the coming generations.

Glen Matheson
Convener

Recommendation 12 Adopted p. 16

That the report of the History Committee be received for information.

SYNOD STAFF

Synod Personnel Committee Report

The Synod Personnel Committee met regularly with the Camping & Youth Consultant. We received periodic reports from the support committee for the Hospital Visitor. We provided oversight for our Synod Staff in evaluating their ministry in the previous year and review goals set for the next year. The committee is thankful for the many ways our Synod Personnel share their gifts in ministry.

HOSPITAL VISITOR:

Recommendation 13 Adopted p. 16

That Lindsay Rankin, Synod Hospital Visitor, be given permission to address the court.

CAMPING & YOUTH CONSULTANT: Adopted p. 16
Recommendation 14

That Whitney Pyche Melanson, Camping and Youth Consultant, be given permission to address the court.

Camping Ministry Strategy :

A special task force, established by Synod Council during its May meeting, was asked to address the request for a camping ministry strategy for the Synod including a historical overview of camping ministry within the Synod, and a rationale for funding and accountabilities. The following report focuses on three camps within the bounds of the Synod: Camp Geddie, Camp MacLeod, and Camp Kier. As part of our initial report we offer a brief history presenting the original purpose and reasons for establishing a camp. Following this, summary notes are given regarding funding and accountably. Finally, a summary of the Synod's current camping strategy is offered.

Historical Overview:

Camp Geddie:

In 1943, a special committee for Sabbath Schools and Young Peoples Society was appointed by the Synod to discuss the formation of a Synod Camp believing that camping was an effective means of Christian Education and spiritual growth for youth. The first Synod Camp was held at Camp Roderick at Sunnybrae, Nova Scotia in 1944. In that same year a former lobster factory/dance hall and 5 acres were purchased in Ponds, Nova Scotia (the heart of the current site of Camp Geddie). Children and youth attended from all over the Synod.

The ministry context of these decisions was a growing vision to augment the Sabbath School and Congregational youth programmes with camping experiences. That vision also gave birth to congregational camps throughout the Atlantic Provinces in places like Campbellton, Sunny Corner, and St. John, New Brunswick, St. John's, Newfoundland and Sunnybrae, Nova Scotia, to name a few. Presbytery camps also developed in Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton.

The facilities have seen significant development over the years with the building of individual and double cabins and the Margaret McDougall A Frame Lodge through the completion of the Irwin Lodge in 1989, a new crafts hall, a new washing facility, a new infirmary, new cabins, and a new marina to host the canoe programme. In 1990 an additional 10.5 acres were purchased.

With the completion of the winterized Irwin Lodge in 1989 a new phase of ministry was opened in winter retreats for organizations and congregations of the Synod. During this period and into the next two decades the focus of staffing at the camp changed. Young people, aspiring to further education were seeking paid employment and were not available for volunteer positions. Gradually government grants became available to assist with this expense but there was also a need to increase the financial commitment of the Synod to address this need.

In the late 1990's the need for an executive director was identified. This grew into an inclusion of this responsibility within the ministries of Synod Staff and eventually the Synod Youth and Camping Consultant.

Camp MacLeod:

It was during the post-war period (around 1945) that at least one minister in the Presbytery of Cape Breton advocated for a camp for Presbyterian young people within the Presbytery. By the early 1950s a camp was purchased from a Sydney service organization who had run the facility as a camp for under-privileged children. The first camp was held in either 1952 or 1953 under the Presbyterian banner. The camp has operated under the Presbytery of Cape Breton from its

inception to the present.

A significant driving force for the creation of the camp was to provide a Christian camping experience for Presbyterian youth of the Presbytery that could be easily accessed. Realistically today, the campership, and staff, is made up participants from a variety of denominational backgrounds, and even no church background. Part of its current philosophy is to be an outreach in Christian community and faith to those who attend.

In these times few youth have available parents or guardians who are willing to drive to Camp Geddie from Cape Breton so this seems to be "a barrier" for participation at Camp Geddie.

Camp Keir:

Presbyterians have led the way in regards to camping ministry on the Island. While the Island currently has 5 Christian camps, Camp Keir is the longest running.

It had its origins in 1947 when Rev. Jim McGowen, who was serving in Kensington at the time, bought some property in French River for the purposes of establishing a Presbyterian camp for our young people here on the Island. At the time, it was felt that sending our youth to Camp Geddie was not a feasible option for Island parents. The reasons for this were two-fold: first the travel and expense of transporting children back forth was unrealistic, and at the time Geddie was always running near full capacity.

As the years progressed, things began to change. A change in the ocean currents resulted in a much less appealing swimming situations and the numbers of those enrolling in our camps continued to decline.

These challenging circumstances caused presbytery to re-examine its camping ministry. It was proposed by some that a change of location might be the catalyst to breathe new life into our camping ministry. Land was purchased in Canoe Cove. During this period the Canoe Cove Church and the Charge of Central Parish really took hold of things and were integral in the operation and on going maintenance of the new building(s).

Funding and Accountability:

Camp Geddie:

The camp is owned and operated by the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, with oversight provided by the Synod's Camp Geddie Committee, which reports to the Synod council and the Synod. The camp is accountable to the Synod, which receives annual reports of its ministry and finances. While funding for the camp comes from various sources the Synod does contribute a significant portion to support its camp.

Camp MacLeod:

Financially, each congregation is assessed by the Presbytery on a per household formula on an annual basis. There are also opportunities to make special contributions. The last several years the camp committee has initiated a pantry drive for designated food items. Last year there was a "wish list" circulated among the congregations for needed up grades to equipment at the camp. Some congregations provide camperships for their youth to attend; the camp does have a campership fund that was initially set up through a bequest at Bethel, Sydney. We acknowledge the considerable financial support the Presbytery of Cape Breton provides for Camp MacLeod. It is the Presbytery that oversees the operation of this camp.

Camp Keir:

The Camp does its own fundraising. Congregations are encouraged to support it as well by mean

of fundraising and donations. We acknowledge the considerable financial support the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island provides for Camp Keir.

It is the Presbytery that oversees the operation of this camp.

Synod's Current Camping Strategy:

All the Camps within the Synod grew out of a calling to augment and support Christian Education among our young people. It is clear that while this focus on Christian Education continues, the camps note that this calling includes more than "our" Presbyterian young people as the camps offer Christian witness to young people from different denominations and from no church affiliation.

As stated in the historical overview the synod founded, and continues to own and operate, Camp Geddie to be a means of Christian education, spiritual growth and leadership training for our young people coming from various presbyteries, denominations and non-church back grounds within Atlantic Canada. The Synod also offers a camping experience to young people in presbyteries that do not have a presbytery camp. The Synod also offers an opportunity for young people to camp with people from other presbyteries, an experience which is continued in our synod youth events.

The Synod employs a Camping and Youth Consultant who serves as Executive Director of Camp Geddie to oversee and participate in the operation, administration, and promotion of the Synod Camp. The Executive Director provides direction and pastoral care to the campers and staff to promote the building up of young people in their relationship with Christ and each other. Given that it is not feasible in many cases for young people from PEI and Cape Breton to attend Camp Geddie these presbyteries have "filled a gap" by offering a more accessible means for Christian education through camping within their bounds. While Camp Keir and Camp MacLeod are not owned by nor held directly accountable to the Synod the Synod offers support to these camps recognizing their vital role in extending the camping opportunity in locations more accessible and feasible.

To offer support to Camp Keir and Camp MacLeod the Synod includes within its budget a grant for each camp. Furthermore, the Synod has assigned to its Camping and Youth Consultant the tasks of promoting camping ministry to the Synod, which would be inclusive of Synod and Presbytery Camps. The Synod also calls upon its Camping and Youth consultant to be a resource to Camps Keir and MacLeod and provide training.

Recommendation 15 Adopted p. 19

That the above current Synod camping strategy be affirmed.

Recommendation 16 Adopted p. 19

That this outline and strategy be included in the appendices of Synod Minutes each year.

ASSESSOR PRESBYTERS TO THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWFOUNDLAND:

At the request of the Presbytery of Newfoundland, we recommend

Recommendation 17 Adopted p. 20

That Synod reappoint Murray Macdonald and Cynthia Chenard as Assessors with vote to the Presbytery of Newfoundland as of October 18.

Recommendation 18 Adopted p. 20

That Synod give Synod Council power to issue in the appointment of the third assessor.

REFERRALS FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

a. Terms of Reference for Assembly Council

Recommendation 19 Adopted p. 20

That presbyteries attend to the revised terms of reference for Assembly Council and provide information back to the Assembly Council.

b. Proposed Legislation for Overtures

Recommendation 20 Adopted p. 20

That presbyteries attend to the proposed legislation for Overtures and Petitions

c. A Year of Prayerful Conversation and Discernment on Human Sexuality:

Recommendation 21 Adopted p. 20

That Synod commend the use of the promised study guide to Presbyteries and underscore the importance of prayerful consideration.

FINANCES:

Recommendation 22 Adopted p. 23

That the Report of Andrew Campbell, Auditor for 2014, be received as the financial statements of the Synod for the year 2014 and that the report be adopted.

Recommendation 23 Adopted p. 23

That the following be the approved Synod Budget for the year 2016:

REVENUE

Cape Breton Allocations	24,528.33
Halifax & Lunenburg Allocations	33,421.60
Newfoundland Allocations	9,811.32
New Brunswick Allocations	49,336.52
PEI Allocations	47,121.99
Pictou Allocations	39,451.31
Hospital Visitor Allocations	10,000.00
Interest	500.00
Synod Offering	1,000.00
Regional Resourcing Grant PCC	
Youth Events	
Total Revenue	215,171.07

EXPENSES

Assessor Presbyters NL	6,000.00
Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf	2,000.00
Bank Charges	100.00
Camp Geddie	55,000.00
Camp Keir	4,000.00

Camp MacLeod	4,000.00
Camping & Youth Consultant	
CPP	2,100.00
EI	1,000.00
Continuing Ed	600.00
General Expense	5,000.00
Health & Dental	4,300.00
Housing	11,000.00
Pension-Synod share	5,000.00
Salary	34,799.00
Travel	7,500.00
Clerk's Consultation	550.00
Clerk's Expenses	600.00
Clerk's Honorarium	3,700.00
Coverdale	6,000.00
Financial Audit	3,600.00
Grant to PEI Presbytery	5,000.00
Hospital Visitor	10,000.00
Insurance	2,000.00
MacGregor Cairn	300.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00
Mission Committee	3,500.00
Moderator's Expenses	500.00
Personnel Committee	2,000.00
Presbyterian Women's Retreat	1,500.00
Programme Committee	19,500.00
Sexual Abuse/Harassment Committee	1,500.00
Special Grant to Presbytery of PEI	5,000.00
Synod Council	3,000.00
Synod Meeting	
Billets & Meals	4,500.00
Minutes	1,400.00
Other	800.00
Speakers	4,000.00
Travel	15,000.00
Treasurer's Expenses	1,700.00
Treasurer's Honorarium	4,000.00
Total Expenses	243,049.00
Net Income	-27,877.93

Recommendation 24 Adopted p. 23

That the Presbyteries of Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island furnish the Synod Council with copies of the Camp MacLeod and Camp Keir reports including the financial statements.

Recommendation 25 Adopted p. 23

That the Synod dues for the year 2016 be set at a rate of 2.3 percent of the dollar base figure reported in the Acts and Proceedings of the 2015 General Assembly.

Recommendation 26 Adopted p. 23

That Andrew Campbell be named as auditor for the Synod for 2015(A review to take place in 2018).

REGIONAL RESOURCING:

Since Synod last met there was considerable communication about the use of the financial resources available in the current year which had been used to support the Synod Mission and Education Consultant. The following projects were endorsed by the Synod Council.

Presbytery:	Project:	Amount
PEI	Leadership pastor	9,600
TOTAL		9,600

Recommendation 27 Adopted p. 23

That Synod Council be given power to issue in approving projects submitted by Presbyteries up to December 1, 2015

Recommendation 28 Adopted p. 23

That Presbyteries report to Synod Council by December 1, 2015 the progress on their projects for 2014.

SYNOD MEETING 2016

Recommendation 29 Adopted p. 23

That the 2016 regular meeting of Synod be held at First Presbyterian Church, Stellarton.

Recommendation 30 Adopted p. 24

That the Guest Speaker for Synod 2016 be the Rev. Dr. Stanley Ott.

Recommendation 31 Adopted p. 24

That the report of the Synod Council as a whole be adopted.

APPENDIX C
2013 Financial Statements

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Council of The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2014 the statements of operations and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces as at December 31, 2014 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Chartered Accountant
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
October 21, 2015

THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 135,004	\$ 93,080
Accounts receivable	9,357	14,753
Prepaid expenses	3,328	281
	<u>147,689</u>	<u>108,114</u>
Trust funds (Note 3)	60,137	59,118
	<u>\$ 207,826</u>	<u>\$ 167,232</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 44,284	\$ 5,974
Trust funds (Note 3)	60,137	59,118
	<u>104,421</u>	<u>65,092</u>
NET ASSETS		
Net assets		
Unrestricted net assets	103,405	102,140
	<u>\$ 207,826</u>	<u>\$ 167,232</u>

Commitment (Note 7)

ON BEHALF OF THE SYNOD COUNCIL

..... Member

..... Member

THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets
Year ended December 31, 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Revenue - allocations		
Cape Breton	\$ 24,994	\$ 27,418
Halifax – Lunenburg	36,398	34,493
New Brunswick	46,689	46,053
Newfoundland	8,928	8,420
Pictou	39,863	40,691
Prince Edward Island	44,558	40,551
	<u>201,430</u>	<u>197,626</u>
Non-specific revenue (Note 4)	<u>101,300</u>	<u>83,085</u>
	<u>302,730</u>	<u>280,711</u>
Expenses (Schedule)	<u>301,465</u>	<u>264,941</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	1,265	15,770
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>102,140</u>	<u>86,370</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 103,405</u>	<u>\$ 102,140</u>

THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended December 31, 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR)		
Operating activities		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 1,265	\$ 15,770
Items not affecting cash		
Amortization	-	888
Changes in non-cash operating working capital items		
Accounts receivable	5,396	5,224
Prepaid expenses	(3,047)	(18)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	38,310	624
	<u>41,924</u>	<u>22,488</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	41,924	22,488
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	93,080	70,592
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 135,004	\$ 93,080
Cash and cash equivalents is comprised of:		
Cash	\$ 75,004	\$ 73,080
Guaranteed investment certificate	60,000	20,000
	<u>\$ 135,004</u>	<u>\$ 93,080</u>

THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2014

1. DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS

The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces (the "Synod") is a court of the Presbyterian Church of Canada which oversees and supports presbyteries, congregations and joint ministries in the Atlantic Provinces. Transactions with these related parties are recorded at the exchange amount. The Synod is a registered charity and is exempt from income taxes.

The Synod provides administrative services for a prison outreach program operated by the Presbytery of Halifax – Lunenburg. Expenses are netted against program funding from the Province of Nova Scotia and have no effect on the statement of operations and changes in net assets.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations in Part III of the CICA Handbook and include the following significant accounting policies:

Revenue recognition

The Synod uses the deferral method of accounting for revenue. Under the deferral method of accounting, restricted contributions related to expenses of future periods are deferred and recognized as revenue in the period in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are reported as revenue when they are received or receivable, if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents represent amounts on deposit and short-term investments with a financial institution with maturities of three months or less.

Trust funds

Trust fund investments are primarily comprised of guaranteed investment certificates. Interest rates range from 0.20% to 1.70%.

Capital assets

Capital assets are stated at cost and are amortized using the diminishing-balance method at the following annual rate:

Computer equipment	30%
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Financial instruments

The Synod initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. It subsequently measures all of its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost.

Transaction costs related to financial instruments measured at fair value subsequent to initial recognition are expensed as incurred. Transaction costs related to other financial instruments are added to the carrying value of the asset or netted against the carrying value of the liability and are then recognized over the expected life of the instrument using the effective interest method.

THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2014

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the reporting date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses at the reporting period. Significant estimates used in these financial statements include the allowance for doubtful accounts receivable, and certain accrued liabilities. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates. These estimates are reviewed periodically and adjustments are made, as appropriate, in the statement of operations in the year they become known.

3. TRUST FUNDS

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Dr. E. H. Bean Bursary	\$ 20,880	\$ 20,304
Grace Doucette Bequest	10,000	10,000
Dr. Frank Baird Bursary	10,087	10,000
Margaret MacDougall Bursary	5,542	5,500
Celina Heppel Bequest	4,247	4,192
Lady Sarah Smith Bequest	3,280	3,266
Synod Bursary	2,964	2,750
Dutch Bequest	2,719	2,688
Hospital Emergency Fund	418	418
	<u>\$ 60,137</u>	<u>\$ 59,118</u>

The trust funds are represented by:

Guaranteed investment certificates	\$ 55,530	\$ 55,530
Due from general fund	4,607	3,588
	<u>\$ 60,137</u>	<u>\$ 59,118</u>

4. NON-SPECIFIC REVENUE

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Regional resourcing grant	\$ 79,600	\$ 64,401
Hospital visitor allocations	9,817	9,996
Current year CY travel	8,800	-
Other	3,083	8,688
	<u>\$ 101,300</u>	<u>\$ 83,085</u>

THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2014

5. PENSION PLAN

The Synod is a member of The Presbyterian Church in Canada Pension Plan which was established to provide retirement income for eligible individuals. The plan is a contributory multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. The Synod has accounted for this pension plan as a defined contribution pension plan because sufficient information is not available to use defined benefit plan accounting. The Synod recognizes the contributions required to be made under the plan as an expense. Total combined employer and employee contributions for the year were \$5,108 (2013 - \$11,442).

6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Fair value

The fair value of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximates their carrying value due to their relative short-term nature. The fair value of trust fund investments approximates their carrying value due to the nature of the investments.

Credit risk

The Synod performs an evaluation of accounts receivable and records an allowance for doubtful accounts as required. At December 31, 2014 the allowance for doubtful accounts, which offsets accounts receivable, was \$16,663 (2013 - \$8,331).

Interest rate risk

The cash equivalents and trust fund investments bear interest at fixed rates. Consequently, the cash flow exposure is not considered to be significant.

Liquidity risk

The Synod's objective is to have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due. The Synod monitors its cash balances and cash flows generated from operations to meet its requirements. Given the Synod's currently available liquid resources, as compared to its contractual obligations, management assesses the Synod's liquidity risk to be low.

7. COMMITMENT

The Synod has committed to fund \$5,000 per year until 2018 to support the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island's debt reduction.

THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Schedule of Expenses
Year ended December 31, 2014

	2014	2013
Amortization	\$ -	\$ 888
Assessor - Newfoundland	3,752	2,261
Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf	1,000	1,000
Bad debt expense	8,332	6,543
Bank charges	57	17
Camping & Youth Consultant		
Wages and employee benefits	58,816	47,640
Education	400	-
Office expenses	1,994	843
Travel	4,346	-
Camp Geddie	52,500	52,500
Camp Keir	2,000	2,000
Camp MacLeod	2,000	2,000
Clerk's consultation	550	-
Clerk's expenses	30	877
Clerk's honorarium	3,500	3,500
Coverdale Foundation	3,000	6,000
Coverdale Centre for Women	3,000	-
Grant to Prince Edward Island Presbytery	5,000	5,000
Miscellaneous	344	327
Missions Committee	3,497	3,477
Mission & Education Consultant		
Wages and employee benefits	1,046	54,098
Education	-	600
Office expenses	-	2,291
Travel	952	3,547
Moderator's expenses	-	486
Personnel Committee	1,002	2,864
Professional fees	3,333	6,194
Program Committee	5,751	16,567
Regional resourcing grants	79,600	-
Synod Council	2,875	2,925
Synod hospital worker	9,817	9,996
Synod insurance	1,830	1,947
Synod meetings		
Minutes	1,209	1,415
Other expenses	3,562	4,281
Speakers	1,031	3,213
Travel	14,682	14,047
CY Travel	14,990	-
Treasurer's expenses	1,667	1,597
Treasurer's honorarium	4,000	4,000
	\$ 301,465	\$ 264,941

**APPENDIX D
 Budget 2016**

REVENUE

Cape Breton Allocations	24,528.33
Halifax & Lunenburg Allocations	33,421.60
Newfoundland Allocations	9,811.32
New Brunswick Allocations	49,336.52
PEI Allocations	47,121.99
Pictou Allocations	39,451.31
Hospital Visitor Allocations	10,000.00
Interest	500.00
Synod Offering	1,000.00
Regional Resourcing Grant PCC	
Youth Events	
Total Revenue	215,171.07

EXPENSES

Assessor Presbyters NL	6,000.00
Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf	2,000.00
Bank Charges	100.00
Camp Geddie	55,000.00
Camp Keir	4,000.00
Camp MacLeod	4,000.00
Camping & Youth Consultant	
CPP	2,100.00
EI	1,000.00
Continuing Ed	600.00
General Expense	5,000.00
Health & Dental	4,300.00
Housing	11,000.00
Pension-Synod share	5,000.00
Salary	34,799.00
Travel	7,500.00
Clerk's Consultation	550.00
Clerk's Expenses	600.00
Clerk's Honorarium	3,700.00
Coverdale	6,000.00
Financial Audit	3,600.00
Grant to PEI Presbytery	5,000.00
Hospital Visitor	10,000.00
Insurance	2,000.00
MacGregor Cairn	300.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00
Mission Committee	3,500.00

Moderator's Expenses	500.00
Personnel Committee	2,000.00
Presbyterian Women's Retreat	1,500.00
Programme Committee	19,500.00
Sexual Abuse/Harassment Committee	1,500.00
Special Grant to Presbytery of PEI	5,000.00
Synod Council	3,000.00
Synod Meeting	
Billets & Meals	4,500.00
Minutes	1,400.00
Other	800.00
Speakers	4,000.00
Travel	15,000.00
Treasurer's Expenses	1,700.00
Treasurer's Honorarium	4,000.00
Total Expenses	243,049.00
Net Income	-27,877.93

**APPENDIX E
CAMP GEDDIE REPORT**

Camp Geddie's mission is to invite all to experience the joy of God's beauty and love in creation and to nurture a relationship with Christ and Christ's people in a caring community through play and worship.

Camp Geddie Report for Synod 2015

The Camp Geddie Committee seeks to fulfill this mission in all of its work; we are blessed to have the beauty of the location and the gifts of all of those who are connected to Camp Geddie.



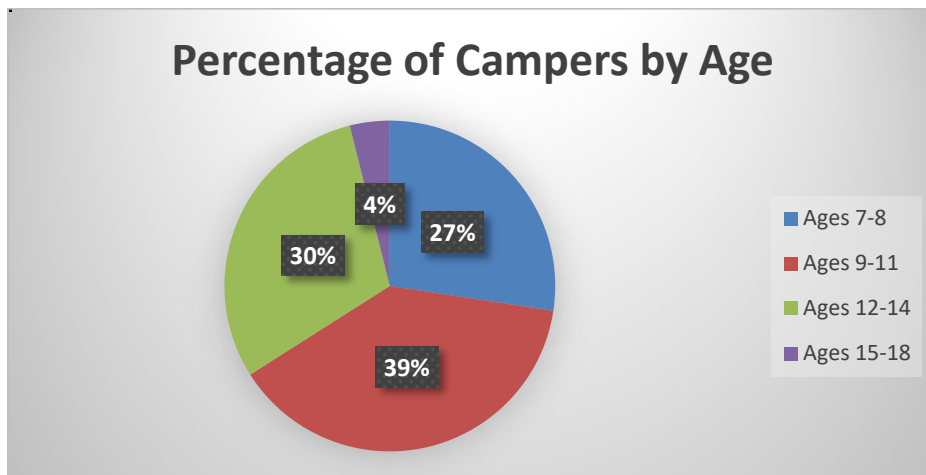
The Summer Ministry of the Camp

The Commissioning of Staff was held at Camp Geddie on May 31st with the Moderator of Synod, the Rev. Jeffrey Murray, leading a service of Word and Sacrament. A barbecue was held after the service. This service as usual was open for anyone to attend.

During the month of June, Geddie hosted 18 school groups from Pictou Country, Truro and Antigonish with an average of 58 students per visit. The Geddie staff provided the students with a day of camp programming and an opportunity to experience our unique community. The Camp gains many summer campers through this program. Again there were more requests than could be accommodated.

There were 481 campers at Camp Geddie, a slight decrease from 2014. The Camp welcomed campers from across the Synod, several from Ontario, some from other parts of Canada, and one from Switzerland.

9 camp sessions were held during July and August ranging in ages from 7-18. Below is a pie chart offering a visual representation of the breakdown of the ages of the campers.



Camp Geddie hosted campers from several denominations: Presbyterian, United, Roman Catholic, Anglican, Baptist, Christian Reformed, Evangelical, Methodist, Lutheran, Born Again Christian, and Mormon. There were many campers with no denominational ties.

There were 22 campers on campership this summer. \$5342.00 was used from the Campership Fund to support these children coming to camp. This program is an invaluable opportunity and experience that Geddie offers. For many of these campers, this was their first experiences of Christian community and love. This is an affirmation of the experience that Camp Geddie provides, the love that is shown, and the work of the Holy Spirit flowing through Camp staff. Many of the parents took the time to express gratitude for the Campership program.

Program Committee



The Executive Director in her report to the Camp Committee had this to say about the summer personnel and program:

“Camp Geddie had 29 amazing young people on staff this summer. We had many new staff this summer and all five of our program staff were new to leading their program. This brought a great freshness to the programs. The staff members were a dedicated team who demonstrated great care for one another, for the campers, and for the community. They valued personal and communal growth and they were courageous in their leadership. These young people decided to show up to engage the world, to engage Christ and chose to try and be present to the needs of others and to the needs of Christ. They chose to be vulnerable, to be themselves and to accept the joy and pain of community living. We shared in moments of struggle, pain and challenge but also in moments of joy, moments of celebrations and connection. The growth of the staff over the summer was a blessing to watch. As the summer progressed we got better at sharing the camp story and teaching about Christian community. It was a joy to experience how the staff interacted with one another and the campers. I am so thankful and blessed to have been a part of such an enriching, dynamic and motivating experience.

We began our onsite camping ministry work on May 20th. I, and the four leadership team summer staff were onsite for three days together planning and preparing for our first staff training weekend. Following the training weekend all full-time staff moved to the camp and we had a week to prepare for school groups and begin planning for our summer camping program. Beginning June 1st we had a school group every day until June 25th.”



There were 10 wonderful participants in the Leader-In-Training (LIT) program. All of the LIT participants showed great potential and maturity throughout the program. The Camp had a chaplain at each camp and appreciated their interest.

The Bible Study material used at Camp is created by 'InsideOut: Christian Resources for Outdoor Ministries' and is supplied by Canadian Ministries of The Life and Mission Agency of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The theme of the study this summer was Power Up: Living in the Spirit. The study aimed to teach campers about the Holy Spirit and to realize that the Holy Spirit empowers them to live with grace and forgiveness, unity and courage, joy and peace.

Personnel Committee

Camp Geddie had a remarkable staff of 29 young people for the 2015 camping season as listed below:

James MacLeod	Nicole Addison
Evan Thompson-MacKay	Kate Halliday
Angus MacDonald	Nicole Addison
Willis MacKeigan	Angela Richard
Jordan Kruisselbrink	Cara MacIvor
Morgan Brophy	Hannah Davies
Teagan Muir	Annie MacRitchie
Emilly Elliott	Sarah Redden
Janie Craig	Mira Tan
Kayla Flynn	Krista Oickle
Christina Hare	Allison Cruickshank
Amy Ward	Lindsay Cheek
Emmalies Vander Velde	Esme Campbell
Jordyn MacGillivray	
Katie Hubley	

Growing Together Committee

Camp Geddie hosted a Variety Show and Dessert Fundraiser on June 19 at First Presbyterian Church, Stellarton. It was a night of fun, fellowship and support. The staff, along with members of the community, "Friends of Geddie," performed a variety of acts.

On July 11, Camp Geddie hosted an open house and Geddie Spageddie dinner. Camp Geddie continues to challenge churches to host Geddie Spageddie's in their local churches as fundraisers.

Property Committee

A large number of mattresses were purchased; this was funded through a gift of \$10,000 from James MacLean of Calvin, Halifax and Ian MacLean of St Andrew's, Fredericton made in memory of their parents, the Rev. A. O. and Eva MacLean (Mrs. MacLean was the Halifax Hospital Visitor for many years). A bench has been made with some of the gift of the MacLean's and has been placed along one of the nature trail.

Smith House Committee

Last year the Camp Geddie Committee reported they were engaged in prayerful discernment concerning the future of Smith House. Seeking to be good stewards of the Synod's resources, the Committee decided in May that it was not feasible to do extensive repairs to Smith House; the House is to be demolished. This action followed much research, discussion and prayer.

Finance Committee

The Camp Geddie Committee is very grateful to receive the information that a generous gift will soon be received from the estate of the Rev. Donald MacKay and to receive \$33,672 from the Estate of Jean MacKay-Baudox.

The Finance Committee prepares the budget and provides assistance to the Treasurer. It also provides updates periodically to the Synod Council and the Synod Council Finance Committee

The 2015 proposed budget and the audited statements for 2014 are attached.

The Committee again received a very generous donation of \$15,000 from an individual- the same person who donated \$15,000 in 2013 and \$10,000 in 2014. The Committee is deeply grateful to this donor.

For many years Kent Williams has been our auditor and advisor; once again he audited our 2014 financials at no charge.

70th Anniversary

During 2016, the Committee is making arrangements for a celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Camp. Information will be sent to Presbytery Clerks about the celebration.

Recommendation 1 Adopted p. 19

That the budget which includes a grant of \$48,500 for the Operating Fund and \$6,500 for daily checks of the property to meet insurance requirements be approved.

The Committee gives hearty thanks to God for the ministry of Camp Geddie and for the prayers, interest, encouragement, and financial support of so many people.

PA McDonald
 Convenor
Budget 2016

Whitney Canning
 Executive Director

2015 Camp Geddie	2016	2015	2015	2014	2014
Operating Budget	Budget	To Date	Budget	Actual	Budget
Revenue					
Summer Camp Registration	110,000	99,314	110,000	93,088	110,000
Summer Camp Registration (Campership Fund)	5,000	5,000	5,000	4,677	4,500
Synod Grant	48,500	48,500	48,500	46,000	46,000
Synod grant - Property Check	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
Grace Doucette Bequest	100	121	100	-	100
Donations - Churches, NS	16,500	11,789	18,000	24,632	18,000
Donations - Churches, NB	500		500	550	500
Donations - Churches, NL	50		50	-	50
Donations - Churches, PEI	50		50	-	50
Donations - Individuals	7,500	10,401	6,000	11,814	6,000
Donations - Groups	5,000	4,353	5,000	5,571	5,000
Donations - Memorials	500	528	500	10,497	500
Fund Raising	10,000	1,139	10,000	963	20,000
Grants	6,000	8,066	5,500	20,821	-
Rentals	20,000	3,610	20,000	26,028	20,000
School group rentals	10,000	9,541	10,000	6,431	10,000
Sale of Clothing, etc	4,000	2,267	4,000	2,359	4,000
HST Refund(now collecting it)				4,020	5,000
Registration for Agape Events	2,500		2,500		2,500
Trsf for Leadership Development	1,000		1,000		1,000
Donations in Trust (Missions)	1,000	419	1,000	749	1,000
Interest Revenue				2	
Other Income		52			
TOTAL REVENUE	254,700	211,599	254,200	264,702	260,700
Plus HST Charged on sales		17,100		19,579	
		228,699		284,281	

REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Atlantic Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada

I have reviewed the balance sheet of Camp Geddie as at December 31, 2014 and the statements of revenues and expenditures for the year then ended. My review was made in accordance with generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the Camp.

A review does not constitute an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

New Glasgow, Nova Scotia
September 27, 2015

F. Kent Williams, C. A. Inc.
Chartered Accountant



F. Kent Williams, C.A. Inc.

CAMP GEDDIE
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
 (Unaudited)
DECEMBER 31, 2014

ASSETS

	<u>Operations</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Site Development</u>	<u>Unrestricted Camperships</u>	<u>Restricted Camperships</u>	<u>Smith House</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2013</u>
Cash								
Unrestricted	\$ 41,131		\$ 22,984	\$ 6,454	\$ 44,050	\$ 1,776	\$ 72,345	\$ 53,692
Restricted				12,000			66,050	44,050
Donations in trust								
Receivable	353						353	40
HST Receivable								4,020
Operating fund			33,745	8,006		390	42,141	30,196
Unrestricted camperships								10,227
Smith House								
Site development fund								
	<u>41,484</u>		<u>56,729</u>	<u>26,460</u>	<u>44,050</u>	<u>2,166</u>	<u>170,889</u>	<u>142,225</u>
Capital assets (Note 3)		657,942					657,942	658,444
	<u>\$ 41,484</u>	<u>\$ 657,942</u>	<u>\$ 56,729</u>	<u>\$ 26,460</u>	<u>\$ 44,050</u>	<u>\$ 2,166</u>	<u>\$ 828,831</u>	<u>\$ 800,669</u>
LIABILITIES								
Payables	\$ 840						\$ 840	\$ 668
Due to								
Van								10,227
Operating							390	4,561
Smith House	390							3,648
Van Fund								3,860
Replacement reserve								
Agape								
Restricted camperships							8,006	
Unrestricted camperships	8,006							
Donations in trust								
Site development	33,745						33,745	18,127
Lillian B Romkey								
Replacement reserve								
	<u>42,981</u>						<u>42,981</u>	<u>41,091</u>
SURPLUS								
Surplus	(1,497)		56,729	26,460	44,050	2,166	127,908	101,134
Investment in Capital Assets		657,492					657,492	658,444
	<u>(1,497)</u>	<u>657,492</u>	<u>56,729</u>	<u>26,460</u>	<u>44,050</u>	<u>2,166</u>	<u>785,400</u>	<u>759,578</u>
	<u>\$ 41,484</u>	<u>\$ 657,492</u>	<u>\$ 56,729</u>	<u>\$ 26,460</u>	<u>\$ 44,050</u>	<u>\$ 2,166</u>	<u>\$ 828,381</u>	<u>\$ 800,669</u>

APPROVED BY

 Director

 Director



CAMP GEDDIE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
 (Unaudited)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Operations	Site Development	Capital	Van Purchase	Unrestricted Camperships	Restricted Camperships	Smith House	Replacement Reserve	2014 Total	2013 Total
Revenues										
Registrations	\$ 87,764								\$ 87,764	\$ 103,901
Sale of T-Shirts, etc.	2,358								2,358	6,110
Offerings in Trust										1,085
Synod of Atlantic Provinces	52,500								52,500	52,500
Rentals	33,153								33,153	28,126
Miscellaneous fund raising	963								963	3,053
Other	6,114								6,114	181
Transfer from Lillian Romkey Fund										855
Transfer from Van fund	3,648								3,648	91
Transfer from Replacement reserve		3,860							3,860	
Grants										13,036
Saint Davids		9,250							9,250	
Government of Canada		4,995							4,995	
Province of Nova Scotia		6,579					192		6,771	
Interest	4				989		3		993	1,729
Churches	25,182	10,166			1,165				36,513	25,381
Groups	5,571	12,417							17,988	4,396
Memorials	10,497								10,497	260
Individuals	11,814				5,272		1,202		18,288	22,086
Margaret MacDougall										
	<u>249,569</u>	<u>47,267</u>			<u>7,426</u>		<u>1,397</u>		<u>305,659</u>	<u>262,790</u>
Expenditures										
Labour	119,899								119,899	109,428
Food	33,527								33,527	28,914
Registration expenses	4,609								4,609	4,429
Van operating costs	2,196								2,196	2,948
Interest and bank charges	540				36		73		649	343
Stationery and printing	267								267	390
Telephone	1,261								1,261	1,292
Heat and lights	10,892						3,830		14,722	16,622
Postage	250								250	103
Insurance	19,149								19,149	28,491
CPP, UIC and WC, employer share										9,603
HST										4,020
Travel - administration	788								788	322
Dues and fees	1,293								1,293	1,153
Transfer to operating fund				3,648					3,648	5,026
Transfer to replacement reserve								3,860		
Property maintenance	17,679								17,679	14,687
General expenses (Note 4)	25,373	29,715							47,384	24,203
Amortization			952						952	1,361
Amortization										253,335
	<u>237,723</u>	<u>29,715</u>	<u>952</u>	<u>3,648</u>	<u>36</u>		<u>3,903</u>	<u>3,860</u>	<u>279,837</u>	<u>253,335</u>
Excess of expenditures over revenue/revenue over expenditure	11,846	17,552	(952)	(3,648)	7,390		(2,506)	(3,860)	25,922	9,455
Surplus, beginning of year	(13,343)	39,177	658,444	3,648	19,070	44,050	4,672	3,860	759,578	750,123
Surplus, end of year	\$ (1,497)	\$ 56,729	\$ 657,492	\$	\$ 26,460	\$ 44,050	\$ 2,166	\$	\$ 785,400	\$ 759,578



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CAMP GEDDIE

INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS
(Unaudited)

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Balance beginning of year	\$ 658,444	\$ 659,805
Depreciation on van	<u>952</u>	<u>1,361</u>
	<u>\$ 657,492</u>	<u>\$ 658,444</u>



CAMP GEDDIE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

DECEMBER 31, 2014

1. Accounting policies

a) Government assistance

Government assistance and rebates are netted against the carrying cost of the related revenues in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The carrying value of buildings and investment in capital assets have been reduced by approximately \$75,000.

b) Land and building

The property is held in the name of "The Trustee Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada."

2. DESIGNATED FUNDS

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>Designated Campership Funds</u>		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 19,070	\$ 6,177
Interest from restricted fund	989	1,333
Donations during year	<u>6,437</u>	<u>15,640</u>
	<u>26,496</u>	<u>23,150</u>
Disbursements	<u>36</u>	<u>4,080</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 26,460</u>	<u>\$ 19,070</u>
<u>Designated Van Purchase Funds</u>		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 3,648	\$ 3,648
Transfer from (to) operating fund	<u>(3,648)</u>	<u> </u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ </u>	<u>\$ 3,648</u>
<u>Designated Replacement Reserve Funds</u>		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 2,636	\$ 2,660
Donations		1,200
Interest (net of service fees)		<u>1</u>
	<u>2,636</u>	<u>3,861</u>
Disbursements	<u>2,636</u>	<u>1,225</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ </u>	<u>\$ 2,636</u>



CAMP GEDDIE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

December 31, 2014

3. Capital assets	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Lodge and cabins	\$ 463,042	\$ 463,042
Wash House Renovations	56,389	56,389
Smith House and Land	118,000	118,000
Smith House Upgrades	17,113	17,113
Legal fees on land purchase	723	723
Van, net of amortization	2,225	3,177
	<u>\$ 657,492</u>	<u>\$ 658,444</u>
4. General Expense (operating fund)	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Purchase of T-shirts & caps for resale	\$ 11,159	\$ 9,392
Leadership development	1,021	729
Honorarium		
- Maintenance	3,478	5,370
- Rental officer	3,000	2,500
- Treasurer	1,800	
Medical and program supplies	1,380	2,682
Office supplies	317	1,077
Cleaning supplies	1,782	1,312
Miscellaneous	1,436	1,141
	<u>\$ 25,373</u>	<u>\$ 24,203</u>



**APPENDIX F
PROGRAMME COMMITTEE**

The major project for this year was inviting Barb Summers, from Church Offices, to come and speak on communications and developing an effective website for our churches.

The workshops were scheduled for the first week of May. Barbara held very informative and well attended workshops in Moncton, Summerside, Stellarton, Halifax, Sydney and St. John's. The cost to bring her here was mostly covered under her budget and we helped with her airfare - \$1,500.00.

PAYS weekend was also held in May and that too was a success. Our committee had set aside \$3,000.00 for PAYS but I do believe it came in well under budget. Thank you Whitney Pyche-Melanson for your work with this event.

At the moment, our committee is planning on hosting Rev. Herb Gale in November. Plans have not yet been finalized but it is hoped he will be able to visit each province ! More information will be available soon (likely well before Synod itself!)

Our budget for 2016 will include provision for CY!

Atlantic Synod Youth Event (PAYS)	\$3,000.00
Youth in Mission	4,000.00
Leadership Development	4,000.00
CY 2016	8,000.00
Committee Expenses	500.00
Total	\$19,500.00

David Mackay has decided to step down as co-convenor. It has been wonderful having David as my right hand and I will miss her as my co-convenor. I am delighted that she has agreed to remain on as a committee member .

Rev. Bonnie Wynn

Co-convenor

APPENDIX G
MISSIONS COMMITTEE

"THE SPECIAL PERSON CALLED TO DO MISSIONARY WORK IS EVERY PERSON WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST."
OSWALD CHAMBERS (1874–1917)

September 2015

To simply be a committee this past year proved to be very difficult. Rev. Dawn Griffith was not able to carry forward the work and pace that came out of last year's report, and we know that this is a disappointment to her most of all, and our prayers are with her that she might be strengthened and supported in her recovery from this past year's troubles.

Rev. Sandy Sutherland was asked to be acting-convener after the spring meeting of Synod Council, and was asked to serve as full convener at the end of August, after which the committee was called to meet in September.

This transition in the life of this committee has resulted in some degree of difficulty in discerning the membership of this committee, and communication with it. If anyone has been left out of communication and correspondence we apologize. It is in the light of this year's difficulties however that a mission goal for this committee has formed; communication.

The committee itself will be exploring ways of being more effective in its internal communication, as well as ensuring the communication of its convener's position and materials easily. We hope to develop these means of communication within our body and then share this experience with the Synod and its committees. This will include modernizing of our record-keeping, establishing a schedule of quarterly meetings and correspondence within the Synod [an e-newsletter and/or web page update transmitted 4 times a year], continuing past year's effort to explore modes of efficient e-meeting models [conference call, modes of video-chat, and circulating email discussions].

This is made abundantly clear when looking at the standing mandate of this committee. The role of the Synod Mission Committee – over the past few years we have been working out a Synod Mission strategy we look over a list of roles that this committee looks after on behalf of the Synod. These roles are defined [in no particular order] as:

1. Justice Ministries
2. Relations with Life and Mission Agency and PWS & D
3. Canada Ministries
4. Rural Ministry
5. Coordination with the Atlantic Mission Society
6. Coordination with the Synod Staff Person, arranging for deputations within the Presbyteries of the Synod
7. Maintaining the Synod Audio-Visual Library
8. Developing a Synod Mission Strategy

In light of this, it was raised that perhaps without being re-mandated, it may be advisable – where appropriate – to share information with the Synod Program Committee, as well as be involved with the use of funds made available in place of a Synod Staff person. This is not create a redundancy in reporting, either through the Life and Mission Agency or with the Synod Program Committee, but to offer a place where events and programs offered through this funding can be communicated to the rest of the Synod; replacing the Synod Staff Person's report. Again, it is our hope that this will strengthen communication within the Synod.

Recommendation 1: Adopted p. 17

That Synod grant the Synod Mission Committee a budget of \$3,500.00 for 2016.

Rev. Lara Scholey has been busy gathering and consolidating information; providing useful information to be shared through the Synod concerning the denomination's response to the Refugee Crisis out of Syria. The information packet outlined on the PWS&D web page (<http://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/conflict-syria/>) has important information regarding the work that our denomination has been focused on. We feel that we should

provide a venue for the response congregations are giving to this initiative, to pool and package information that is of particular interest to this Synod and ability of congregations in our region to respond, to extend the range of communication. We are thankful to Rev. Scholey in her continued work in making sure we have the best available information for mission action from PWS&D. This information is appended to this report.

We also discussed whether there might be some use in receiving a speaker to either speak to the Synod or to visit the presbyteries of this synod engaging our region in some response to this crisis. It was noted that there are people within the denomination quite capable of speaking on these issues, specifically Huda Candalaft of St. Andrew's Ottawa, who addressed Synod a few years ago. We do feel that the Synod should respond to this crisis in a timely manner.

Recommendation 2: Adopted p. 17

That the remaining funds in the Mission Committee's operating budget for 2015 be sent to "Syrian Refugee Relief" through PWS&D.

Ongoing Outreach by the Synod: We do want to have a discussion about whether the Synod allows for the operating budget to be reallocated for ongoing and emergency mission support within the Synod and what might be a guideline for such use; to allow presbyteries and congregation feel empowered to engage in mission initiatives throughout the Synod.

As well, it is felt that this is not the time to radically change the traditional funding that has been offered to either the Atlantic Mission to the Deaf or Coverdale Saint John NB, Halifax NS. We will be asking for some additional information with the presbyteries where the work of these agencies continue.

We are looking for correspondence from these agencies to ensure that our support continues to be effective, appreciated and well used. We wish to ask Coverdale to present again on its continued mission at Synod in 2016. We wish to ask Atlantic Mission to the Deaf to speak in 2017.

Recommendation 3: Adopted p. 18

That the donation to the Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf be maintained at \$2,000.00 for 2016.

Recommendation 4: Adopted p. 18

That the 2016 donation to Coverdale remain at \$6,000.00, to be equally divided between Coverdale, Halifax, NS and Coverdale, Saint John, NB.

The Mission Committee prepared its annual Synod bulletin insert, presented this year in two formats. One way showed the prayer on the left and the description of Synod on the right, so that it could be used as a bulletin cover if congregations so chose. The other way was the usual one for use as an insert. The committee hopes the congregations found it helpful in understanding the place of Synod within the Presbyterian Church in Canada

We continue to be mindful of the work of missional work that is ongoing within our Synod and we are seeking for examples and stories of mission. We have received thanks for the support that was offered to mission within our Synod last year and we are actively looking for mission work to support in the future.

Please keep this committee in thoughts and prayers as we engage in what will be a year of discernment and be open to the learning that our shared experiences of mission will give us.

Respectively submitted

Rev. 'Sandy' A.D. Sutherland, Convener

"You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." 2 Corinthians 3:3

APPENDIX H ATLANTIC MISSION SOCIETY

'The purpose of the Society is to glorify God and support with prayer, study and service mission endeavours through the Presbyterian Church in Canada'

Our 139th Annual Meetings was held in the First Presbyterian Church, Stellarton, NS. with President Bonnie Langille presiding. It was hosted by the Pictou Presbyterial. The theme was "We are Friends of the Lord". The guest speakers were Major Rev. Charles Deogartias, who spoke about finding peace after leaving a refugee camp in western Tanzania; and Penny Gilles who spoke about her trip to Haiti. Rev. Lara Scholey also gave an update on what was happening in Haiti and Syria. The new Constitution and By-Laws were passed and can be found on the AMS website. Due to a drop in revenue, the financial committee moved that the amount budgeted for PCC would be lowered by ten percent. The Annual Meeting was as usual a huge success with an entire weekend of rejoicing and worshiping in God's name and we were blessed with good fun, fellowship and food. The local committee is to be commended for a job well done.

The President of the AMS attended the General Assembly, at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia in June. Also the Life and Mission Agency Committee meetings and Vice-president Linda MacKinnon attended the Assembly Council meetings which take place at Crieff Hills, Ontario in November and March. They present reports at these meetings. The President represents the AMS at the Synod meetings and will be attending Synod in October to update on the AMS activities.

Our two Executive meetings of the Atlantic Mission Society take place in the months of April and November. These are always generously hosted by St. James' church in their Koinonia Centre in Truro, We have some new members on our Executive this year. As we change we evolve and grow as a group as we continue our work with missions. As some members finish their terms we thank these leaders for all their dedication and leadership throughout their terms.

Discovery Days will be taking place in Truro in 2015. Further updates will be on the AMS website following the Fall Executive meeting.

As a Mission minded group we continue to support our overseas projects as well as the many projects here at home. Our Men's group are starting their second year supporting their two projects: Malawi Library for Ministers and the Atlantic Teen Challenge. We continue to support the three Atlantic camps, and give up to four bursaries to students studying ministry. Our knitters continue to make sweaters, caps and prayer shawls for those in need. We are a busy group of ladies and gentlemen learning, praying and seeking ways to help God's people in need.

Our memberships are down a bit this year but our prayers and support for Missions is still strong in the hearts of the AMS members.

Bonnie Langille
President
Atlantic Mission Society

Yours in Christ,
Bonnie Langille

APPENDIX I MARITIME C.G.I.T.

This year CGIT is celebrating our 100th Anniversary of the organization. Activities have taken place across Canada. Maritime CGIT Committee hosted celebrations at its Summer Camp in New Brunswick at which 39 alumnae joined the girls at Camp. Various events have been held throughout the Region, with more being planned during the fall.

The summer camp based on the theme "Disney Magic" was a great success, with 17 campers registered.

To date 3 groups are confirmed registered with 34 girls. There is a possibility of 2 more groups.

The Committee has decided, based on several significant factors, that it will not provide summer camps, but the Committee will continue to function and provide support and resources for girls and groups as required.

I would especially like to acknowledge the support of the editor of the "Presbyterian Message", Mrs. Joan Cho, on her work celebrating CGIT in that publication.

Again, I wish to thank the members of the Atlantic Synod for continued support. It is, and has been, greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris MacDonald
Recording Secretary/Presbyterian Representative
Maritime Regional CGIT Committee

APPENDIX J CHANGES AFFECTING STUDENT, PROFESSIONAL CHURCH WORKERS AND CONGREGATIONS

STUDENTS CERTIFIED AS CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Presbytery of Pictou

Katie Hubley MacIntosh P.C. Year 1
Bonnie Langille Studying at AST
All re-certified on September 15, 2015

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

Glynis Faith

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Nick Mitivier
Cathy Scott

CANDIDATES CERTIFIED FOR ORDINATION

Presbytery of Cape Breton

W. Corrie Stewart, March 3, 2015

Presbytery of Pictou

Maren McLean-Persaud, May 31, 2015

ORDINATIONS

Presbytery of Cape Breton

W. Corrie Stewart, September 27, 2015

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

Andrew G. Campbell, September 23, 2014

DESIGNATION TO ORDER OF DIACONAL MINISTRIES

None Reported

RECEPTIONS FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

Michael J. Hamilton, from Evangelical Presbyterian Church, January 13, 2015

INDUCTIONS

Presbytery of Newfoundland

Derek Krunys, St. Andrew's St. John's, September 30, 2015

Presbytery of Cape Breton

W. Corrie Stewart, North River- North Shore Pastoral Charge October 4, 2015

Presbytery of Pictou

Lorne A. MacLeod Little Harbour & Bethel Pastoral Charge, Pictou Landing October 23, 2014

Joon Ki Kim, St. Andrew's, New Glasgow, January 11, 2015

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

Andrew G. Campbell, Brookfield Pastoral Charge, November 2, 2014

Michael J. Hamilton, North Tryon Presbyterian Church, March 1, 2015

INSTALLATIONS

None reported.

APPOINTMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg

D. Laurence Mawhinney, Stated Supply, St. Andrew's, Lunenburg and St. Andrew's Rose Bay, October 1, 2015

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

H. Alan Stewart, Kensington/New London Pastoral Charge, Minister, November 1, 2014 (reappointed)

Presbytery of New Brunswick

MacFadyen, Cheryl G., Charlotte County Pastoral Charge, January 1, 2015

PLACED ON CONSTITUENT ROLL MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENTS

Presbytery of Newfoundland

Derek Krunys inducted St. Andrew's St. John's, September 30, 2015

Presbytery of Cape Breton

W. Corrie Stewart, September 27, 2015

Presbytery of Pictou

Lorne A. MacLeod, induction, Oct. 23, 2014

Joon Ki Kim, induction, Jan. 11, 2015

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

Andrew G. Campbell, induction, November 2, 2014
Michael J. Hamilton, induction, March 1, 2015

**PLACED ON THE CONSTITUENT ROLL
MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF DIACONAL MINISTRIES**

None reported.

**PLACED ON THE APPENDIX
MINISTERS OF WORD AND SCARAMENTS**

Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg

Mary Anne D. Grant, January 8, 2015

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

Andrew G. Campbell, September 23, 2014
William F. Dean, November 1, 2014
Michael J. Hamilton, January 13, 2015

**REMOVED FROM APPENDIX
MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENTS**

Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg

Janet A. DeWolfe, moved to Presbytery of East Toronto, October 17, 2015

**REMOVED FROM APPENDIX TO ROLL
MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF DIACONAL MINISTRIES**

None reported.

PLACED ON CONSTITUENT ROLL BY LEAVE OF ASSEMBLY

None reported.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

Dawn B. Griffiths, June 1, 2015 – to be determined

TRANSLATIONS

Presbytery of Pictou

Barbara J. Fotheringham, to Presbytery of Quebec, March 7, 2015

CERTIFICATES GRANTED

Presbytery of Pictou

Mary Anne Grant, to Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg, December 31, 2014

Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg

Bonita Mason, to Presbytery of Montreal, August 1, 2015
D. Laurence DeWolfe, to Presbytery of East Toronto, October 17, 2015

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Hounsek You, to Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod, November 3, 2014

RESIGNATIONS

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

William F. Dean, WellSpring Presbyterian Church, Minister, October 31, 2015

Presbytery of New Brunswick

MacFadyen, Cheryl G., Greenock, St. Andrews and St. Stephen's, December 31, 2014

DISSOLUTION OF PASTORAL TIE

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

William F. Dean, WellSpring Presbyterian Church, October 31, 2015

RETIREMENTS

Presbytery of Pictou

E.M. Iona MacLean effective Nov. 1, 2015

Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg

Judithe Anne Adam-Murphy, January 1, 2015

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

William F. Dean, WellSpring, November 1, 2014

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Dwight Nelson, Chaplain, Canadian Armed Forces

HISTORICAL CERTIFICATES

None reported.

LETTER OF STANDING GRANTED

None reported.

DEPOSITION FROM THE MINISTRY

None reported.

DEATHS IN THE MINISTRY

Presbytery of Cape Breton

Murdock J. MacRae August 14, 2015

CHANGE OF STATUS OF PRESBYTERY

None reported.

CONSTITUTION OF NEW CONGREGATIONS

None reported.

CHANGE OF STATUS OF CONGREGATION

None reported.

DEDICATION OF CHURCH BUILDINGS

None reported.

DISSOLUTION OF CONGREGATION

Presbytery of New Brunswick

St. James, Port Elgin, November 26, 2014

AMALGAMATION OF CONGREGATIONS

None reported.

PREACHING POINT ESTABLISHED

None reported.

TRANSFER OF CONGREGATION TO ANOTHER PRESBYTERY

None reported.

APPENDIX K

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (Adopted by Consensus 25)

Moderator, the following recommendations are moved by Rev. Wendy MacWilliams and seconded by Frances Perrin under a consent agenda, as one body.

Recommendation 1: Regarding Worship -

That the Rev. Dr. J. Martin R. Kreplin, the session, and the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Moncton, NB) be thanked for hosting the opening service of Word and Sacrament for the 142nd Annual Meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces.

That this thanks include those who shared their gifts through prayers, readings, preaching and in music: the Rev. Jeff Murray (Moderator of the 141st Atlantic Synod); the Rev. Dr. Martin Kreplin; the Rev. Dr. Timothy Archibald, Ms. Cheryl Weeks, the Rev. Dr. P.A. McDonald, Ms. Rosemary Smith, Mr. Ray Williston, and Ms. Laurie Kammermann and the music ministry team of St. Andrew's.

That we thank the Rev. Marion Barclay MacKay for leading Tuesday worship and the Rev. Charles McPherson for leading Wednesday worship.

Recommendation 2: Regarding Speakers –

That our Synod speaker, the Rev. Dr. Graham Standish be thanked for his inspiring and engaging presentations.

That the Rev. Dr. Glen Davis and the Rev. Dr. Dorcas Gordon be thanked for updating us on the work and initiatives being undertaken by the Presbyterian College and Knox College respectively.

That thanks and ongoing prayers be extended to the Rev. Pierre Ily (Chinese Alliance Church); Pastor Raoul Maniania (Christ en Action) and his translator Bridget; the Rev. Sam Lee (Moncton Korean Church); and Dr. Gbenga Adenuga (Redeemed Church of God in Christ) for their moving presentations on their respective ministries.

Recommendation 3: Regarding the Hosting of the Business Meetings -

That thanks be given to all those who prepared and presented the various reports and recommendations received and considered throughout the meeting of Synod.

That our thanks be expressed to the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Moncton, NB for sharing their gifts of hospitality in hosting the business meeting, providing meals and refreshments, and for its visual and technical support. In addition, appreciation be extended to members of the PAYS for their thoughtfulness and creativity in making designer coffee cups, which were put to very good use.

That special thanks be given to the Moderator the Rev. Jeff Lackie and the Atlantic Synod Clerk, the Rev. Dr. David Sutherland for their efficient conducting of the business of the 142nd Annual Meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces.

Respectfully submitted by
Rev. Wendy MacWilliams and Frances Perrin

APPENDIX L HARASSMENT AND RESPONSE TEAM (HAART)

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APPENDIX M SYNOD BURSARIES

Bursaries providing financial assistance to students preparing for full-time service in the Church are available, with various limitations, as the following list details. The addresses will be listed in the most recent edition of the Acts and Proceedings.

For information re Bursaries 1 through 6 write the Clerk of Synod.

- 1. Dr. Frank Baird Bursary** - Eligibility - (a) Students who have served within the Synod under appointment of the Board of Missions. (b) Students who have served within the Synod under appointment of a Church Court within the Synod, (c) Students whose home congregation is within the Synod, upon recommendation of the Presbytery under whose care the student is.

- 2. Dr. E. H. Bean Bursary** - Eligibility - (a) Students for the Ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada from the Synod and certified by one of the Presbyteries of the Synod, (b) Overseas Students (they could be ordained) having some connection with the Board of World Mission studying at one of the Colleges of our Church, (c) Students from other Synods certified by a Presbytery of our Church.

- 3. Ross Millar Bursary** - Eligibility - An undergraduate in Arts at Dalhousie University who "is qualifying himself for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada", to be awarded by the Board of Governors of Dalhousie on the recommendation of Synod.

- 4. David Wark Bursary** - Eligibility - Any student from this Synod in either Arts or Theology studying intramurally at a Canadian institution in preparation for the Ministry of our Church, with a preference for a candidate from any congregation in New Brunswick.
- 5. W. L. Harper Scholarship** - Eligibility - Such students of Dalhousie as the Senate may see fit, preference to be given to a student who is looking forward to service in The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

6. Margaret MacDougall Bursary - Eligibility - A student who is preparing for full-time service in the Presbyterian Church in Canada with preference being given to students from within the Atlantic Synod. For information re Bursary 7 write the Clerk of the Presbytery of Cape Breton.

7. Roderick MacLeod Trust - Eligibility - Candidates from the Presbytery of Cape Breton

For information re Bursaries 8 through 11 write the Clerk of the Presbytery of Pictou.

8. Dr. Robert Johnston Bursary - Eligibility - (a) Students in Arts or Theology who are certified to Knox or Presbyterian Colleges or the Vancouver School of Theology whose communicant membership is in a congregation within the Presbytery of Pictou. (b) Students for the Presbyterian Ministry residing elsewhere in the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces. (c) Any student recommended by the Principal of one of the above Colleges.

9. John and Carol Sim Bursary - Eligibility - Students in preparation for the Ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada or the Diaconate who are either members of a congregation within the Presbytery of Pictou or under its care.

10. Grace Doucette Bursary - Eligibility - Students certified for the Diaconate (Ewart College) who are members of a congregation within the Presbytery of Pictou.

11. James MacGregor Bursary - Eligibility - Candidates for the Ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada from Pictou County; or failing such, from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, or failing such, candidates for the Ministry of the United Church of Canada.

For information re Bursary 12 write the Clerk of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

12. Wilkinson Trust - Eligibility - Students for the Christian Ministry from Prince Edward Island.

For information re Bursaries 13 through 18 write the Clerk of Session of the congregation indicated.

13. Dr. James M. Cameron - Eligibility - Persons studying for the Presbyterian Ministry, members or adherents of First Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow, N. S., or children of close relatives of any member or adherent of First Church - First Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow, N.S.

14. Lorin Coles Bursary - Eligibility - Candidates for the Christian Ministry from Prince Edward Island - Zion Church, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

15. R. K. Brace Bursary - Eligibility - Candidates for the Ministry of the Methodist, Presbyterian, or Baptist Churches from Prince Edward Island - Zion Church, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

16. Winfield Chester Scott McLure Bursary - Eligibility - Students for the Christian Ministry with the following preferences: (a) The Kirk, (b) Zion Church, (c) St. Mark's Church, (d) New London Church, (e) P.E.I. - Kirk of St. James, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

For information re Bursaries 19 through 27 write the Registrar or Principal of the institution named.

17. Elizabeth Anne MacLean Fund - Eligibility - Theological students preparing for Ministry in the Presbyterian Church in Canada at The Presbyterian College, Montreal.

18. Mary Anne MacAuley - Eligibility - A student from the Maritime Provinces studying for the Presbyterian Church in Canada Ministry at either Knox or Presbyterian Colleges.
19. William McCullough - Eligibility - Student entering the ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, preference to a candidate from St. James, Truro, or First Church, Pictou.
20. David T. Thompson and Elizabeth J. Thompson - Eligibility - A student from Pictou Presbytery enrolled at Presbyterian College.
21. John and Mary P. Thompson - Eligibility - A student from Pictou Presbytery enrolled at Presbyterian College.
22. General Bursaries - Eligibility - Terms are varied - The Registrar, The Presbyterian College, Montreal

23. General Bursaries - Eligibility - Terms are varied - The Registrar, Knox College, Toronto, Ontario.

24. Rogers-Cairns Scholarship - Eligibility - Third and Fourth year students intending to enter the Christian Ministry - The Registrar, University of Prince Edward Island.

25. Lawrence Stewart Bursary - Eligibility - Pre-theological student in first year at Acadia University, preferably a Presbyterian from Sydney Mines or New Glasgow areas - The Registrar, Acadia University, Wolfville, N.S.

For information re Bursaries 28 through 31 write the President of the Atlantic Mission Society.

26. Susan Sylvester Bursary - Eligibility - A student who is preparing for full-time service in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, under the care of a Presbytery in the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces. Preference will be given to a student enrolled in the Christian Education/Diaconal Programme at Knox College.

 27. Estelle MacKenzie Bursary - Eligibility - A student who is preparing for full-time service in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, under the care of a Presbytery in the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces. Preference will be given to a student enrolled in the Christian Education/Diaconal Programme at Knox College.

 28. Jean MacGregor Memorial Bursary - Eligibility - A student who is preparing for full-time service in the Presbyterian Church in Canada and under the care of a Presbytery in the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces.

 29. Burns Memorial Bursary - Eligibility - A student who is preparing for full-time service in the Presbyterian Church in Canada and under the care of a Presbytery in the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces.
- For information re Scholarship 32 write the Secretary for Canada Ministries, Life and Mission Agency, The Presbyterian Church in Canada.
30. McKenzie Scholarship - Eligibility - Members of the graduating class of Knox or Presbyterian Colleges or the Vancouver School of Theology who is a fully accredited student at one of the above Colleges, and who during preparation for Ministry has served at least three summers under appointment of the Life and Mission Agency, and who in the judgment of that Agency has rendered the most valuable service to the Agency during the years of training.

APPENDIX N SYNOD CAMPING STRATEGY

Historical Overview:

Camp Geddie:

In 1943, a special committee for Sabbath Schools and Young Peoples Society was appointed by the Synod to discuss the formation of a Synod Camp believing that camping was an effective means of Christian Education and spiritual growth for youth. The first Synod Camp was held at Camp Roderick at Sunnybrae, Nova Scotia in 1944. In that same year a former lobster factory/dance hall and 5 acres were purchased in Ponds, Nova Scotia (the heart of the current site of Camp Geddie). Children and youth attended from all over the Synod.

The ministry context of these decisions was a growing vision to augment the Sabbath School and Congregational youth programmes with camping experiences. That vision also gave birth to congregational camps throughout the Atlantic Provinces in places like Campbellton, Sunny Corner, and St. John, New Brunswick, St. John's, Newfoundland and Sunnybrae, Nova Scotia, to name a few. Presbytery camps also developed in Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton.

The facilities have seen significant development over the years with the building of individual and double cabins and the Margaret McDougall A Frame Lodge through the completion of the Irwin Lodge in 1989, a new crafts hall, a new washing facility, a new infirmary, new cabins, and a new marina to host the canoe programme. In 1990 an additional 10.5 acres were purchased.

With the completion of the winterized Irwin Lodge in 1989 a new phase of ministry was opened in winter retreats for organizations and congregations of the Synod. During this period and into the next two decades the focus of staffing at the camp changed. Young people, aspiring to further education were seeking paid employment and were not available for volunteer positions. Gradually government grants became available to assist with this expense but there was also a need to increase the financial commitment of the Synod to address this need.

In the late 1990's the need for an executive director was identified. This grew into an inclusion of this responsibility within the ministries of Synod Staff and eventually the Synod Youth and Camping Consultant.

Camp MacLeod:

It was during the post-war period (around 1945) that at least one minister in the Presbytery of Cape Breton advocated for a camp for Presbyterian young people within the Presbytery. By the early 1950s a camp was purchased from a Sydney service organization who had run the facility as a camp for under-privileged children. The first camp was held in either 1952 or 1953 under the Presbyterian banner. The camp has operated under the Presbytery of Cape Breton from its inception to the present.

A significant driving force for the creation of the camp was to provide a Christian camping experience for Presbyterian youth of the Presbytery that could be easily accessed. Realistically today, the campership, and staff, is made up participants from a variety of denominational backgrounds, and even no church background. Part of its current philosophy is to be an outreach in Christian community and faith to those who attend. We acknowledge the considerable financial support the Presbytery of Cape Breton provides for Camp MacLeod.

In these times few youth have available parents or guardians who are willing to drive to Camp Geddie from Cape Breton so this seems to be "a barrier" for participation at Camp Geddie.

Camp Keir:

Presbyterians have led the way in regards to camping ministry on the Island. While the Island currently has 5 Christian camps, Camp Keir is the longest running.

It had its origins in 1947 when Rev. Jim McGowen, who was serving in Kensington at the time, bought some property in French River for the purposes of establishing a Presbyterian camp for our young people here on the Island. At the time, it was felt that sending our youth to Camp Geddie was not a feasible option for Island parents. The reasons for this were two-fold: first the travel and expense of transporting children back forth was unrealistic, and at the time Geddie was always running near full capacity.

As the years progressed, things began to change. A change in the ocean currents resulted in a much less appealing swimming situations and the numbers of those enrolling in our camps continued to decline.

These challenging circumstances caused presbytery to re-examine its camping ministry. It was proposed by some that a change of location might be the catalyst to breathe new life into our camping ministry. Land was purchased in Canoe Cove. During this period the Canoe Cove Church and the Charge of Central Parish really took hold of things and were integral in the operation and on going maintenance of the new building(s).

Funding and Accountability:

Camp Geddie:

The camp is owned and operated by the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, with oversight provided by the Synod's Camp Geddie Committee, which reports to the Synod council and the Synod. The camp is accountable to the Synod, which receives annual reports of its ministry and finances. While funding for the camp comes from various sources the Synod does contribute a significant portion to support its camp.

Camp MacLeod:

Financially, each congregation is assessed by the Presbytery on a per household formula on an annual basis. There are also opportunities to make special contributions. The last several years the camp committee has initiated a pantry drive for designated food items. Last year there was a "wish list" circulated among the congregations for needed up grades to equipment at the camp. Some congregations provide camperships for their youth to attend; the camp does have a campership fund that was initially set up through a bequest at Bethel, Sydney. It is the Presbytery that oversees the operation of this camp.

Camp Keir:

The Camp does its own fundraising. Congregations are encouraged to support it as well by means of fundraising and donations. We acknowledge the considerable financial support the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island provides for Camp Keir.

It is the Presbytery that oversees the operation of this camp.

Synod's Current Camping Strategy:

All the Camps within the Synod grew out of a calling to augment and support Christian Education among our young people. It is clear that while this focus on Christian Education continues, the camps note that this calling includes more than "our" Presbyterian young people as the camps offer Christian witness to young people from different denominations and from no church affiliation.

As stated in the historical overview the synod founded, and continues to own and operate, Camp Geddie to be a means of Christian education, spiritual growth and leadership training for our young people coming from various presbyteries, denominations and non-church backgrounds within Atlantic Canada. The Synod also offers a camping experience to young people

in presbyteries that do not have a presbytery camp. The Synod also offers an opportunity for young people to camp with people from other presbyteries, an experience which is continued in our synod youth events.

The Synod employs a Camping and Youth Consultant who serves as Executive Director of Camp Geddie to oversee and participate in the operation, administration, and promotion of the Synod Camp. The Executive Director provides direction and pastoral care to the campers and staff to promote the building up of young people in their relationship with Christ and each other. Given that it is not feasible in many cases for young people from PEI and Cape Breton to attend Camp Geddie these presbyteries have "filled a gap" by offering a more accessible means for Christian education through camping within their bounds. While Camp Keir and Camp MacLeod are not owned by nor held directly accountable to the Synod the Synod offers support to these camps recognizing their vital role in extending the camping opportunity in locations more accessible and feasible.

To offer support to Camp Keir and Camp MacLeod the Synod includes within its budget a grant for each camp. Furthermore, the Synod has assigned to its Camping and Youth Consultant the tasks of promoting camping ministry to the Synod, which would be inclusive of Synod and Presbytery Camps. The Synod also calls upon its Camping and Youth consultant to be a resource to Camps Keir and MacLeod and provide training.

APPENDIX 0
TREASURER'S REPORT (To Date 2015)

The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces
Comparative Income & Expense Statement

Ending September 30/15	Budget 2015	Actual Jan. 1/15 to Sept. 30/15
REVENUE		
Cape Breton Allocations	25,671.22	18,451.92
Pictou Allocations	38,943.42	35,560.98
Newfoundland Allocations	10,012.32	5,840.67
Halifax and Lunenburg Allocations	34,838.01	34,516.03
New Brunswick Allocations	43,100.92	29,900.70
P.E.I. Allocations	44,808.07	31,082.06
Synod Offering	1,000.00	0.00
Interest Earned	500.00	170.70
Youth Events	0.00	1,575.00
Hospital Visitor Allocations	10,000.00	4,144.77
Regional Resourcing Grant(PCC)	<u>62,163.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>271,036.96</u>	<u>161,242.83</u>
EXPENSES		
Synod Minutes	1,400.00	0.00
Synod Travel	15,000.00	0.00
Synod Accommodations and Meals	4,500.00	0.00
Synod Speakers	4,000.00	0.00
Synod- Other Expenses	800.00	0.00

Synod Council	3,500.00	2,382.26
Mission Committee	3,500.00	758.94
Programme Committee	11,500.00	3,688.90
Personnel Committee	2,500.00	568.74
Coverdale Courtwork Society Halifax	3,000.00	3,000.00
Coverdale Centre for Women NB	3,000.00	3,000.00
Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf	2,000.00	2,000.00
Camp Keir	2,000.00	2,000.00
Camp MacLeod	2,000.00	2,000.00
MacGregor Cairn	300.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	40.43
Sexual Abuse/Harassment Committee	1,500.00	0.00
Bank Charges	100.00	5.00
Regional Resourcing Grant	62,163.00	0.00
Camp Geddie	55,000.00	55,000.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Salary	33,470.00	25,939.48
Camping & Youth Consultant Travel	7,500.00	3,712.71
Camping & Youth Consultant Housing	11,000.00	8,250.01
Camping & Youth Consultant EI	1,200.00	899.86
Camping & Youth Consultant CPP	2,100.00	1,570.19
Camping & Youth Consultant Health	4,000.00	3,168.00
Pension Synod Share	4,400.00	3,896.19
Camping & Youth Consultant Cont. Ed	1,200.00	1,200.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Gen Exp	5,000.00	1,242.33
Synod Hospital Visitor	10,000.00	5,995.86
Clerk's Honorarium	3,700.00	3,700.00
Clerk's Expenses	600.00	210.50
Moderator's Expenses	500.00	221.54
Treasurer's Honorarium	4,000.00	4,000.00
Treasurer's Expenses	1,600.00	1,171.18
Grant to PEI Presbytery	5,000.00	5,000.00
Assessor Presbyters NL	3,000.00	5,426.11
Synod Insurance	2,300.00	1,838.02
Financial Audit	3,500.00	3,465.00
Amortization	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>282,833.00</u>	<u>155,351.25</u>
NET INCOME	<u>-11,796.04</u>	<u>5,891.58</u>

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