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The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Minutes
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(The 199th since organisation)

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2017

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MEETING PLACES AND MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES 1875 TO 1965

AND THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES 1966 TO PRESENT

1875	Montreal	Robert Sedgewick, Musquodoboit NS
1875	Saint John	Robert Sedgewick, Musquodoboit NS
1876	Halifax	Thomas Duncan, St. Andrew's, Halifax NS
1877	Charlottetown	James Byers, Clifton NS
1878	Pictou	Alexander Ross, Knox, Pictou NS
1879	Truro	William McCullough, First, Truro NS
1880	Chatham	J. B. Logan, Kentville NS
1881	New Glasgow	Allan Pollok, D.D., Presbyterian College, Halifax NS
1882	Charlottetown	Prin. McKnight, D.D., Presbyterian College, Halifax NS
1883	Halifax	Robert Burns, D.D., Fr. Massey, Halifax, NS
1884	Pictou	James McLean, D.D., Great Village NS
1885	Saint John	Thomas Sedgewick, D.D., Tatamagouche NS
1886	Truro	Alexander McLean, D.D., Hopewell NS
1887	New Glasgow	E.A. McCurdy, D.D., James, New Glasgow NS
1888	Charlottetown	Jno. McLeod, Zion, Charlottetown PEI
1889	Pictou	Neil MacKay, D.D., St. John's, Chatham NB
1890	Moncton	Jno. MacMillan, D.D., Chalmers, Halifax NS
1891	Halifax	H.B. McKay, Wallace NS
1892	Saint John	Isaac Murray, D.D., North Sydney NS
1893	Truro	Allan Simpson, D.D., Park St., Halifax NS
1894	New Glasgow	P.M. Morrison, D.D., Church Agent, Halifax NS
1895	Charlottetown	J. MacGregor McKay, (retired), New Glasgow NS
1896	Pictou	Alexander Falconer, D.D., Prince St., Pictou NS
1897	Moncton	J. H. Chase, Onslow NS
1898	Halifax	F.J. Forbes, St. Andrew's, Sydney NS
1899	Truro	M.G. Henry, St. Croix NS
1900	Chatham	John Morton, D.D., Trinidad
1901	Saint John	A.F. Carr, D.D., Campbellton NB
1902	New Glasgow	Thomas Cummings, D.D., Scotsburn NS
1903	Charlottetown	K.J. Grant, D.D., Trinidad
1904	Pictou	Edwin Smith, D.D., Middle Musquodoboit NS
1905	Sydney	E.D. Millar, D.D., St. John's, Yarmouth NS
1906	Moncton	Jos. Annard, D.D., New Hebrides
1907	Halifax	A.B. Dickie, D.D., Sackville NB
1908	Truro	Robert Cummings, D.D., Westville NS
1909	Saint John	James Sinclair, Bridgeville NS
1910	New Glasgow	John Murray, D.D., Clifton PEI
1911	Charlottetown	W.P. Archibald, D.D., Springside NS
1912	Pictou	Anderson Rogers, D.D., St. John's, Halifax NS
1913	Sydney	T. Chalmers Jack, D.D., North Sydney NS
1914	Halifax	Donald MacDonald, B.D., Grand River NS
1915	Saint John	H.R. Grant, D.D., Secy. N.S. Temperance Alliance
1916	Truro	J.A. Maclean, B.A., Mahone Bay NS
1917	New Glasgow	J.A. MacKenzie, B.A., Elmsdale NS
1918	Charlottetown	A. MacMillan, Marion Bridge NS
1919	Fredericton	James Ross, D.D., Supt. of Missions, Halifax NS
1920	Pictou	Prof. J.W. Falconer, D.D., Presbyterian College, Halifax NS
1921	Halifax	C. Munro, D.D., Hopewell NS
1922	Halifax	Thomas Stewart, D.D., Church Agent, Halifax NS
1923	Saint John	J.M. McLeod, M.A., St. Peter's Bay PEI
1924	New Glasgow	John MacIntosh, D.D., St. James, Sydney NS
1924	New Glasgow	Robert Johnston, D.D., Westminster, New Glasgow NS
1925	New Glasgow	Robert Johnston, D.D., Westminster, New Glasgow NS
1926	Halifax	Wm. McC. Thompson, M.A, D.D., Sydney NS
1927	Saint John	W.M. Townsend, M.A.,D.D., Fairville NB
1928	Charlottetown	W. Bruce Muir, St. James, Charlottetown PEI
1929	Stellarton	Daniel MacVicar, Thorburn NS
1930	Truro	R.H. Stavert, B.D., Hunter River PEI
1931	Pictou	G.S. Mitchell, B.D., Campbellton NB
1932	New Glasgow	S.J. MacArthur, M.A., B.D., Moncton NB
1933	Westville	D.O. MacKay, B.A., Elmsdale NS
1934	Charlottetown	J.W. Britton, Blue Mountain NS
1935	Halifax	A. Craise, D.D., Sackville NB
1936	Pictou	N.D. Kennedy, M.C., M.A., New Glasgow NS
1937	New Glasgow	A.D. MacKinnon, B.A., Little Narrows NS
1938	New Glasgow	CJ. St. Clair Jeans, Saint John NB
1939	Sydney	C.M. Kerr, Ph.D., St. David's, Halifax NS
1940	Summerside	G.C. Webster, Zion, Charlottetown PEI
1941	Stellarton	L.L. Young, D.D., Oxford NS
1942	Saint John	Samuel Davies, Ph.D., St. Andrews NB
1943	Truro	F.G. MacDonald, Merigomish NS
1944	New Glasgow	D.A. MacKinnon, Springhill NS

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FIRST SEDERUNT - - MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017, 7:00 PM

At Halifax, at Calvin Presbyterian Church on Monday the sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen 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 143rd. annual meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, Mr. G. Murray MacDonald, and the Host Minister, the Rev. Michael Koslowski. The Reflection, "Who are the People in Your Neighbourhood," was presented by Mr. MacDonald. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated.

CONSTITUTION

Following the final hymn the Moderator, G. Murray MacDonald, constituted the meeting with prayer.

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). He presented the roll of Synod:

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; Wendy Bryan, Robert Ferguson, Charles Greaves, Debbie MacLean, William MacLeod, Raymond MacPhail, Angus MacVicar, Fred Matthews, Winston Nicholson, Wesley Stewart, Ernest Wiesner, Representative Elders.

Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg

Tim Archibald, Andrew Campbell, Cynthia Chenard, Michael Koslowski, Jean MacAulay, Beth Mattinson, P.A. McDonald, Kenneth Stright, Michael Veenema, Ministers; Sandra Cameron, Marilyn Clyde, Maudie Haley, William Jardine, Wilson Lang, Murray MacDonald, Davida Mackay, Linda MacKinnon, Ross Morrow, Frances Perrin, Cindy Shea, Ann Taylor, Cheryl Weeks, Representative Elders.

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Anne J. Boudreau, Kent E. Burdett, Charles Cook, John Crawford, Charles Deogratias, Lyn Hughes, Erik W. Kraglund, Martin Kreplin, Cheryl MacFadyen, Wendy MacWilliams, Jeffrey Murray, M. Glen Sampson, (Sandy) A.D. Sutherland, Ministers; Netta Chase, Alberta Cooke, Eugene Craig, Dallas Davis, Nils Dickie, Mona Harris, Daryl Hood, Jessie Kelly, Stanley MacDonald, Phyllis Mossman, Brian Neilson, Marlene Phillips, Merrit Scott, Joe Sheasgreen, Brian Smith, Lewis Smollett, Carol Stymiest, Fred Thorburn, Ray Williston, Representative Elders.

Presbytery of Newfoundland

Derek Krunys, David Sturtevant, Ian S. Wishart, Ministers; Lynne Allan, Margaret Coombes, Lillian Crawford, Kathy MacKay, Representative Elders.

Presbytery of Pictou

Charles E. McPherson, Jeff Lackie, Gail Johnson Murdock, Bonnie Wynn, J. Kenneth MacLeod, Lorne MacLeod, Joon Ki Kim, Mary Anne Grant, Ministers; Wendy Ross, Joan Coady, Marshall Smith, Bonnie Langille, Susan Robinson, Helen Jordan, Cecil Hattie, Angus Moser, Gary Ross, Don Sutherland, David Munro, Darlene Henderson, Frank MacLeod, Brenda Butler, Ira Drysdale, Liz Archibald, Cliff Wood, Roy Smith, Adrian Pearson, Bob Hunsley, Representative Elders.

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

Brad Blaikie, Mark Buell, Dawn Griffiths, Torrey Griffiths, Michael Hamilton, Paula Hamilton, Tom Hamilton, Amanda Henderson-Bolton, Roger MacPhee, Douglas Rollwage, Steven Stead, Stephen Thompson, Ministers; Gus Banfill, Betty Carr, Stephen Hardy, Nancy Harvey, Doug LeBlanc, Scott MacDonald, Watson MacDonald, Donald MacLennan, Patricia MacLean, Malcolm MacPherson, Doris MacWilliams, Gavin Richardson, Dail Smith, Kent Smith, Pamela Stewart, Representative Elders.

	Ministers	Representative Elders	
Cape Breton	8	11	
Halifax and Lunenburg	9	13	
New Brunswick	13	19	
Newfoundland	3	4	
Pictou	8	20	
Prince Edward Island	12	15	
	53	82	Total 135

The Moderator recognized and welcomed three Alternate Representative Elders:

John Barrett from Zion Church, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Mike Gillan from St. Andrew's Church, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Carol Whitaker from Knox Church, Harvey Station, New Brunswick.

REGRETS:

Regrets were received from the following: Evelyn Carpenter, Netta Chase, Charles Cook, Margaret Coombes, Dallas Davis, Nils Dickie, Robert Ferguson, Mike Hamilton, Paula Hamilton, Tom Hamilton, Darlene Henderson, Lyn Hughes, Martin Kreplin, Wilson Lang, Scott MacDonald, Donald MacLennan, Doris MacWilliams, D. Laurence Mawhinney, Marlene Phillips, Doug Rollwage, Wendy Ross, Lewis Smollett, Ann Taylor, Gerald Thompson, Ian Wishart, Bonnie Wynn.

DOCKET:

On motion by D. Krunys, seconded by C. Chenard, the Docket was adopted as circulated.

MEMORIAL:

The Moderator and Clerk led in a time of prayerful remembrance for the following Elders who had passed away since the last meeting of the Synod and the congregations they served:

Teaching Elders: The Rev. Major Gary Tonks
 The Rev. Gordon Logan Blackwell

Ruling Elders: Robert Moser
 Robert Hamper
 Arnold Visser
 Alexander “Sandy” MacCalder
 Hugh Ross Cruickshank
 Daniel Henry Palmer MacLellan
 Robert Joseph Gallant
 Chris John MacGregor
 Dr. William Murtrie
 John K. Ellis
 Murdoch “Bucky” Carmichael
 Wendell McCullough
 Lloyd Rosborough
 Florence Marina MacIntyre
 Jan (Daniel) Bleeker

APPRECIATION

The Moderator expressed thanks to those who lead in the opening service of worship including the host minister the Rev. Michael Koslowski, Readers: Lilla Tanner, Linda Mackinnon, the Rev. Dr. David Sutherland, Prayers: Jean Dunn, and Music: Faith Daley (Music Director), Barbara Fris (Soloist) Calvin Presbyterian Church Choir and Elders from Calvin Session who served Communion: Edwin Campbell, Dan Campbell, Carol Whitlock, George Roberts, Jean Dunn, Greg Fraser, Paul Boise, Lilla Tanner, Ingrid Medeiros.

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 Newfoundland; the Rev. David Sturtevant and Mike Gillan, from the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island: the Rev. Torrey Griffiths, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick: the Rev. Lyn Hughes and Brian Nielson, from the Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg: the Rev. Andrew Campbell, and from the Presbytery of Cape Breton: Donald Howard.

WELCOME TO GUESTS

The Moderator extended a welcome our guests, especially the Rev. Canon Dr. Jody Clarke, the Rev. Dr. John Vissers, the Rev. Dr. Dale Woods, the Rev. Ian Ross-McDonald, the Rev. Charles Webster, Katharine Masterton Sisk.

MOTION TO SIT AND CORRESPOND:

It was moved by J. Lackie, seconded by J. Murray, that the Rev Dr. John Vissers, the Rev. Dr. Dale Woods, and the Rev. Ian Ross-McDonald be invited to sit and correspond. Motion carried.

REPORT OF SYNOD COUNCIL (Recommendations 1-6, 10, 11, 14, 16)

The Moderator called upon M. Barclay MacKay, Convener of Synod Council, to present the proposed consensus recommendations of the Synod Council Report. The Convener highlighted recommendations 1-6, 10, 11, 14, 16 and then moved, seconded by F. Perrin, that these recommendations be adopted by consensus.

Recommendation 1: Concerning the receipt of the report. Adopted by consensus.

Recommendation 2: Concerning the order of business for the opening sederunt. Adopted by consensus.

Recommendation 3: Concerning the schedule of sederunts. Adopted by consensus.

Recommendation 4: Concerning the Registration Committee. Adopted by consensus.

Recommendation 5: Concerning Guests and Orders of the Day. Adopted by consensus.

Recommendation 6: Concerning the Leaders for Morning Worship. Adopted by consensus.

Recommendation 10: Concerning “Power to Issue” to Council for additional committee appointments. Adopted by consensus.

Recommendation 11: Concerning the report of the History Committee. Adopted by consensus.

Recommendation 14: Concerning the report of the Camping and Youth Consultant. Adopted by consensus.

Recommendation 16: Concerning the report of the Hospital Visitor. Adopted by consensus.

The Moderator invited any in the court to request that any recommendation be withdrawn from the consent motion. No requests were made. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF THE MODERATOR

The G. Murray MacDonald, the Moderator of the 143rd annual meeting of the court called upon the Synod to choose a Moderator to preside over the deliberations of this 144th annual meeting. The Clerk reported one nomination was received from 2 presbyteries: The Presbytery of Cape Breton and the Presbytery of Newfoundland nominated the Rev. Derek Krunys, minister of St. Andrew’s Church, St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador.

M. Barclay MacKay spoke on behalf of the Presbytery of Cape Breton in the nomination of Derek Krunys, followed by D. Sturtevant who spoke on behalf of the Presbytery of Newfoundland.

The Moderator called for any other nominations

Motion: It was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, seconded by D. Sturtevant, that nominations cease. Motion carried.

The Moderator declared the Rev. Derek Krunys elected as Moderator for the 144th meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces.

REPORT OF THE OUTGOING MODERATOR

The Moderator presented the following report:

I would like to thank members of the 143rd meeting of the Synod for granting me the pleasure of serving as Moderator.

This past year I had the pleasure of representing Synod on a number of occasions. On March 26th, I was invited to participate in the induction of the Rev. David Sturtevant at St. David's in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. In May, I attended the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada where I had the pleasure of participating in the ordination of their lone candidate. In August, I was a denominational guest at the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada Annual assembly in Moncton, New Brunswick. Greetings and thanks were extended to the 141st annual AMS General Society Meeting and on September 24th I preached at Dublin Shore.

I am encouraged by the spirit and enthusiasm shown by members of our denomination that I have met during this past year. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MODERATOR

The Clerk expressed the thanks of the court highlighting his diligence, determination, and great passion for Christ and for His Church, attributes so clearly articulated in the Moderator's reflection in the opening worship.

INSTALLATION OF THE MODERATOR

D. Krunys was conducted to the chair by the Moderator, G. Murray MacDonald, who then asked the Moderator-elect, Derek Krunys, the appointed questions and installed him as Moderator of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces. Mr. MacDonald led in prayer and extended the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the court.

THANKS

The Moderator offered his thanks to the Presbyteries for their support and to those who spoke in support of his nomination.

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 A. Sutherland, seconded by J. Lackie, and agreed that the court adjourn.

CLOSING The Moderator, the Rev. Derek Krunys closed the meeting with prayer and benediction and announced that the court would gather again in the sanctuary of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Halifax, Nova Scotia on Tuesday, the 17th day of October, 2017, at nine o'clock in the morning for worship followed by the business of the Synod.

The Rev. Derek Krunys,
Moderator

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

SECOND SEDERUNT - - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017, 9:30 AM

At Halifax, at Calvin Presbyterian Church on Tuesday the seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen at nine thirty in the morning, the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces began the second sederunt with worship.

WORSHIP

Worship was conducted by the Rev. Corrie Stewart and the Rev. Beth Mattinson. Mr. Stewart spoke of making new kinds of connections with those who do not gather in our buildings for worship. We will be required to leave our comfort zones to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. This is what we are called to do regardless if it results in people coming to worship with us or not.

CONSTITUTION

Following the final hymn the Moderator, D. Krunys, constituted the meeting with prayer.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Moderator called for the report of the Business Committee.

On motion by J. Murray, seconded by E. Wiesner, the following agenda for this sederunt was adopted.

9:00 Worship
9:25 Constitution
 Business Committee
9:30 Guest Speaker – The Rev. Canon Dr. Jody Clarke
11:00 Break
11:10 Canadian Bible Society- Rev. Charles Webster
 Registration Committee
 Correspondence
 Synod Council Report (Rec. 7,8,9,12,13)
 Programme Committee Report

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

Treasurer's Report
Notices of Motion
Announcements
Adjournment

GUEST SPEAKER

The Rev. Canon Dr. Jody Clark was introduced by P.A. McDonald. His topic was "Difficult Conversations."

He identified our need for difficult or messy conversations. The challenge is to find in those conversations, opportunities for growth from messy situations. "When we fail or anxiety takes over, our resolve collapses." We risk falling into a state of "acedia", a state of restlessness and indifference in which we are not able to either work or pray.

Using illustrative anecdotes, he stressed the importance of building bridges and opening windows of communication rather than creating walls. Sometimes it is the subject itself that makes a conversation difficult. It can be fear and anxiety. Projections, such as "You know what Presbyterians are like!" build walls. Transferences like "I don't trust you because I once knew a minister I couldn't trust" create barriers. Assumptions like "I know just what you're thinking" and attitudes such as, "I don't care what you think!" create obstacles. Personal history and differences in information can make conversation messy.

We have a responsibility to overcome walls and barriers whenever appropriate. Dr. Clarke identified areas of control we have in any conversation: our breathing, a determination to remain inquisitive, keeping projections and transferences in check on our part.

We should look for a deeper or 2nd level of any conversation, "what lies under the first words." "Why do you believe that? Why do you say that?" "Can you tell me a little more about why? Change doesn't fight tradition, it fights memory.

Dr. Clarke highlighted the importance of identifying the "pastoral covenant." What has actually been asked of us? What is it we are being asked to do? It is important to keep that covenant always in view as a guide. A good covenant is simple, clear, and based on feeling, desire, or difficulty.

"How do you think I am feeling?" "You sound really angry?" "If it's all the same to you I would like you to leave" "It isn't all the same to me!" "I will leave but can I come back" "Would you like to talk about it?"

Returning to the focus on second level conversations, he emphasized that getting to the second level rises from genuine curiosity and a desire to build bridges. Here we may discover hidden truths about the conversation. The pastor needs to be patient and allow vulnerability. "It is never about being right, it is open to discovery."

There is a need to reclaim the language of engagement. "I do want to know more about that." "This sounds interesting, difficult, challenging, disturbing." Engagement involves empathy, "Is this what it feels like?" Care for the feelings out of which words arise and which are being experienced as they are shared allows a deeper conversation and relationship. Be curious and be courageous.

"Let's find out what is going on in each other's lives, what's really going on in the congregation."

BREAK

The Moderator declared a five-minute break

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:

C. Weeks reported the registration of 35 ministers, 32 representative elders, 4 alternate representative elders, 4 on the appendix to the roll, the synod youth and camping consultant, the synod hospital visitor, 1 lay minister, 1 observer from the Presbytery of Pictou and 13 guests. There are 92 registered.

She reported 4 leaves to withdraw. A. Boudreau and C. McPherson at the end of the 3rd sederunt, C. Shea for the 2nd and 3rd sederunt, and J. Lackie at the end of the 2nd sederunt.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk presented an overview of the following items of correspondence:

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

1. D. Mackay	Nov 3	National Women's Gathering
2. N. Harvey	Nov 16	Presbytery of PEI re. Leadership Pastor Project
3. R. Lyle	Nov 16	Camp MacLeod Financial Reports
4. D. Krunys	Nov 17	Presbytery of NFLD Assessor Presbyter Funding
5. R. Lyle	Nov 24	Camp MacLeod Financial Reports
6. M. McFarlane	Dec 12	St. Giles, North Sydney Allocation concern
7. J. de Combe	Dec 19	Atlantic Synod Grants
8. Tech Soup	Dec 19	Renewal
9. C. McCue	Dec 19	Regional Resource Grants 2017
10. N. Harvey	Dec 19	Regional Resource Grant Application
11. M. MacLeod	Dec 20	Regional Resource Grant
12. M. Hamilton	Feb 7	Camp Keir Leadership Applications
13. P.A. McDonald	Feb 11	Presbytery of HL Representatives -Synod Comm.
14. R. Griffiths	Feb 13	AMS Representatives on Synod Committees
15. K. Webster	Mar 7	Letter of Concern
16. M. MacLeod	Mar 11	Presbytery of CB Request about allocations
17. P.A. McDonald	Mar 16	Presbytery of HL Nomination of J. Murray for Synod Clerk
18. P.A. McDonald	Mar 17	Presbytery of HL Overture: Annual Synod meetings
19. D. Krunys	Mar 28	Presbytery of NFLD Nomination: J. Murray for Synod Clerk
20. L. MacLeod	Apr 2	HAART – support team contact information
21. K. Burdett	Apr 11	Presbytery of NB Representatives of Synod Committees
22. N. Harvey	Apr 19	Presbytery of PEI Overture: Sustainability of Atlantic Synod
23. D. Krunys	Apr 20	Presbytery of NFLD re: Amalgamation
24. D. Kellington	Feb 22	G.A. Financial Services Bingham-McCormick Fund
25. D. Hewitt	Mar 6	Maritime Conference (UCC) invitations to Moderator
26. E. Stanley Ott	May 20	Moving forward from workshops
27. M. Barclay MacKay	June 15	Response to Workshop
28. Stanley Ott	June 23	Looking Ahead
29. M. MacLeod	July 5	Nomination for Synod Moderator Derek Krunys
30. D.L. Mawhinney	Aug 3	Resignation as Convener of Personnel Committee

31. N. Harvey	Sept 15	Leadership Pastor Project Report
32. C. McCue	Sept 15	Acknowledgement of PEI request by Canadian Ministries
33. D. Krunys	Sept 20	Newfoundland Nomination for Synod Moderator
34. M. MacLeod	Sept 26	C.B Grant Request
35. J. deCombe	May 31	Directions for Regional Resourcing Grants
36. N. Harvey	June 22	Nomination of J. Murray for Synod Clerk
37. S. Kendall	Aug. 23	Actions of the 2017 General Assembly for attention
38. S. Kendall	Aug. 24	Overtures and Petitions 2018

It was moved by A. MacDonald, seconded by E. Wiesner, that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

SYNOD COUNCIL (Recommendations 7, 8, 9, 12, 13)

The Moderator called upon M. Barclay MacKay, Convener of Synod Council, to continue the Council Report.

Recommendation 7: Concerning Ministry Students. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, seconded by F. Perrin. Motion carried.

Recommendation 8: Concerning the Synod Bursary. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, seconded by F. Perrin. Motion carried.

Recommendation 9: Concerning the Standing Committees for the coming year. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, seconded by F. Perrin. Motion carried.

Recommendation 12: Concerning the Overtures received from the Presbyteries of Prince Edward Island and Halifax and Lunenburg. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, seconded by F. Perrin. Motion carried.

Recommendation 13: Concerning the report from the past Moderator on parallel meetings in other denominations. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, seconded by F. Perrin. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION BY THE CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Following the break, the Moderator invited the Rev. Charles Webster, representing the Canadian Bible Society, to address the court. Mr. Webster gave an overview of the ministry of the Canadian Bible Society. On behalf of the society he reported that a copy of the New International Version of the Bible will be sent to the Moderator at his home address. He also encouraged leaders in the court to include a bible presentation at significant moments in the lives of congregational members at baptism, confirmation, etc.

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

The Moderator called for the report of the Programme Committee.

D. Mackay gave an overview of the printed report. She requested that G. Sampson, who coordinated the PAYS weekend this year in New Brunswick, address the court about the event.

She moved, seconded by A. Henderson-Bolton, that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Moderator invited Mr. Sampson to address the court. For the 25th year for this event, the theme was “Challenging the Rapids.” It was a very significant and moving youth event. Geoff McLean and Jeff Swartzentruber, who are the family and youth pastors at the Point Church in Newcastle, were the guest speakers. There were also two representatives from Teen Challenge. The location was the Miramichi Bible Camp. The catering was led by the Miramichi AMS Presbyterial. Conversations about family breakdown, bullying, teen suicide, peer pressure, addictions and cultural diversity became the focus of the event. On the Sunday which was Healing and Reconciliation Sunday, Vera Blake, who works with the Esgeñoôpetitj First Nation led in the Blanket Exercise. PAYS provided a safe environment for youth to approach significant life challenges.

The Moderator led in a time of prayer for youth and youth ministry throughout our denomination.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Moderator called for the Treasurer’s Report. C. Weeks gave an overview of the printed and circulated report. She reported a current positive financial position for the Synod.

C. Weeks moved, seconded by B. Mattinson, the adoption of the report. Motion carried.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

It was moved by J. Murray, seconded by W. MacWilliams, that the reports of the Mission Committee, the AMS and the C.G.I.T. be added to the agenda for this sederunt. Motion carried.

MISSION COMMITTEE

A. Sutherland reported as Acting Convener. He moved, seconded by C. Stymiest, the following recommendations:

Recommendation 1: Concerning the Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf. Motion Carried.

Recommendation 2: Concerning the promotion of Youth in Mission opportunities within the Synod. Motion carried.

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 by A. Campbell, seconded by J. Lackie, and agreed that the court adjourn.

CLOSING The Moderator, the Rev. Derek Krunys closed the meeting with prayer and benediction and announced that the court would gather again in the sanctuary of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Halifax, Nova Scotia on Tuesday, the 17th day of October, 2017, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

The Rev. Derek Krunys,
Moderator

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

THIRD SEDERUNT - - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017, 1:00 PM

At Halifax, at Calvin Presbyterian Church on Tuesday the seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen at one o'clock in the afternoon, the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces began the third sederunt with prayer.

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator, D. Krunys, constituted the meeting with prayer.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Moderator called for the report of the Business Committee.

On motion by J. Murray, seconded by E. Wiesner, the following agenda for this sederunt was adopted:

Constitution
Business Committee
Registration Committee
P.W.S.D Representative
1:15-2:45 Guest Speaker – The Rev. Canon Dr. Jody Clarke
2:45 Break
3:00 to 4:10 Synod Future Directions Group Discussion
4:15 Knox College Rev. Dr. John Vissers
Report of the Commission on Unfinished Business
4:45 Life and Mission Agency Rev. Ian Ross-McDonald
Mission Report
AMS Report
CGIT Report
Hospital Visitor
Camping and Youth Consultant
Synod Council Report -Recommendation 15

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

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:

C. Weeks reported an update on registration: 36 ministers, 33 representative elders, 4 alternate representative elders, 4 on the appendix to the roll, the synod youth and camping consultant, the synod hospital visitor, 1 lay minister, 1 observer from the Presbytery of Pictou and 14 guests. There are 97 registered.

She reported that 6 leaves to withdraw were granted: Angus MacVicar, Darlene Henderson, Amanda Henderson-Bolton and Glen Sampson at the end of the 3rd. sederunt.

PRESBYTERIAN WORLD SERVICE AND DEVELOPMENT

A. Henderson-Bolton, the PWSD representative to the synod, reported that she would be circulating her email and contact information if people have questions about upcoming PWSD events. Advent materials are now available online. She noted travel grants are available for travel to YIM sites.

GUEST SPEAKER

The Rev. Canon Dr. Jody Clark began his second address with quotations challenging us to “steer into the storm,” reminding us that difficult conversations offer opportunities for growth.

At the end of the first address, Dr. Clarke circulated abbreviated surveys based on the work of W. Paul Jones, presented in his book *Theological Worlds: Understanding the Alternative Rhythms of Christian Belief* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1989). This second presentation focused on the Five Worlds Theory developed by Jones as a template for understanding diversity in the church.

An understanding of each of the worlds begins with identifying a particular craving which Jones identifies as the “Obsessio,” something in our DNA which is the theme desire of an individual’s spirituality. For people in the world 1 category, this is “separation”, for world 2 “conflict”, for world 3 “emptiness”, for world 4 “condemnation” and for world 5 “suffering.”

Each world searches for a corresponding “Epiphania”, an answer to that craving. For World 1 it is “reunion”, for World 2 “vindication”, for World 3 “fulfillment”, for World 4 “forgiveness”, and for World 5 “endurance”. Individuals were invited to move to specified areas to sit in groups of those who identified with each of the worlds.

Our speaker identified with humour and pastoral sensitivity the dynamics of each world. He highlighted descriptions of their lives, their attitude toward death, their dominant feeling, their experience of the human condition, the dominant aspect of Christ’s identity for them, and their concept of what it means to be a Christian. He identified where they are most at home, their appreciation of hope, their response to inventories such as this, their prayer focus and practice, their appreciation of food and their deep shadow (their greatest temptation).

People of each of the worlds have particular strengths to offer the whole church. World 1 offers unity. World 2 offers vision. World 3 offers discovery. World 4 offers legacy. World 5 offers stability.

Canon Clarke identified the experience of “twin transference” when we look for people who appear to be like us. “We call all be a one world church. But we need to move into five world churches. We need to cultivate a larger church life which celebrates the gifts of the people who live in each of the worlds.”

The Moderator expressed the thanks of the court for the Rev. Canon Dr. J. Clarke’s presentation.

BREAK

The Moderator declared a fifteen-minute break.

ORDER OF THE DAY (3:00 pm): SYNOD FUTURE DIRECTIONS GROUP DISCUSSION

The Moderator called on M. Barclay MacKay to facilitate small group discussions about future directions for the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces.

The past Moderator, G. M. MacDonald shared insights gained from attendance at the United Church Conference and Baptist Convention meetings.

Following a lively and creative time of small group discussion, each of the groups reported back and their poster reports were put up around the meeting area for people to read after the sederunt was adjourned.

ORDER OF THE DAY (4:15pm) KNOX COLLEGE

The Moderator welcomed the newly installed Principal, the Rev. Dr. John Vissers and Megan Shin, the new Recruitment Officer & Admissions Counsellor for Knox College.

Dr. Vissers thanked the presbyteries and elders for their support of theological education and for his ministry as part of the stewardship of education in our denomination. He celebrated that, in the increasingly secular context for our church and ministry, God's continuing call to individuals to serve the church and sensing a call to ministry. There are 30 new students at Knox College. There are 150 students in total.

There have been a number of changes in the faculty at Knox. Rev. Dr. Esther Acolatse is now Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Intercultural Studies, Dr. Angela Schmidt is now Director of Experiential & Innovative Learning and Assistant Professor of Leadership. The Rev. Dr. Dong-Ha is now Interim Director of Academic Programs, and Director of the Centre for Asian-Canadian Theology and Ministry. He also noted that the Rev. Dr. Stuart Macdonald, Professor of Church and Society, has been appointed Vice-Principal.

He highlighted steps in the current development of a strategic plan for the college.

Megan Shin described her work with students and individuals considering a theological education. She spoke of her very positive experience at Knox College as a student. She explained her ministry to students and inquirers.

Dr. Vissers concluded by expressing the college's commitment to the school's vision statement of "Faith Matters" and the college's historic motto of "The Word gives Light." He thanked all who have supported the current campaign which is enabling the further development of the college.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Clerk reported that the Commission did not need to meet this year.

ORDER OF THE DAY (4:45pm) LIFE AND MISSION AGENCY

The Moderator welcomed the Rev. Ian Ross-McDonald and Katharine Masterton Sisk.

Ms. Sisk explained her work with Justice Ministries with Kairos and Healing and Reconciliation. She highlighted the protection of water, particularly from a First Nation's perspective. Water is a sacred gift and a powerful focus for both environmental stewardship and indigenous rights." Working together on the stewardship of the watershed is a significant opportunity for Healing and Reconciliation. She identified resources to help people bring Healing and Reconciliation into the life of the local church.

Ian Ross-McDonald gave a snapshot of new developments. There are three new overseas appointments: the Rev. Dr. Blair and Vivian Bertrand to Malawi, Dr. Nicolas and Becky Bauman to Nepal and David MacIntosh to Japan. There is a new focus on extremism around the world. There are short term international appointments for young people Canada Youth will be held July 2 to 7. Webinar Wednesday offers online learning events to nurture leadership. Stewardship by Design will be held September 9 to 12.

He presented updates on the conversations and resource developments concerning "Human Sexuality."

MISSION COMMITTEE

The Moderator called for the continuation of the report of the Mission Committee. A. Sutherland continued the report as Acting Convener. He moved, seconded by C. Stymiest, the following recommendation:

Recommendation 3: Concerning a regional approach to mission and ministry. Motion carried.

Recommendation 4: Concerning stories of mission in our presbyteries and congregations. Motion carried.

Motion: A. Sutherland moved, seconded by C. Stymiest, the adoption of the report. Motion carried.

ATLANTIC MISSION SOCIETY

The Moderator called on Linda MacKinnon to present her report. In addition to the printed report, she highlighted aspects of the recent 141st meeting of the society. The guest speaker, Katie MacIntosh, shared insights from recent YIM trip to Ghana. She thanked congregations for their support for Mission Awareness Sunday. She encouraged individual subscriptions for the "Message," especially in congregations where there are no AMS groups.

MARITIME CGIT REPORT

The Clerk noted the report from Chris MacDonald of Pictou.

Motion: A. Sutherland moved, seconded by L. MacKinnon, the adoption of the report. Motion carried.

HOSPITAL VISITOR

The Moderator invited Lindsay Rankin to address the court.

He gave an overview of his written report and expressed his thanks to God and the court for these 10 years of ministry in this position and our support for this ministry.

CAMPING AND YOUTH CONSULTANT

The Moderator invited Whitney Canning to address the court.

She expressed thanks for all those who provided support for the position while she was off on maternity leave. She shared important insights from this year's camping ministry, particularly the growing opportunity to provide personal time communicating one on one with children and youth in a world dominated by electronic communications. She gave an overview of upcoming events.

SYNOD COUNCIL (Recommendation 15)

The Moderator called upon M. Barclay MacKay, Convener of Synod Council, to continue the Council Report.

Recommendation 15: Concerning Contract Renewal for Camping and Youth Consultant. The adoption of this recommendation was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, seconded by F. Perrin. Motion carried.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Moderator invited the convener of the business committee to present an amendment to the agenda for this sederunt.

J. Murray moved, seconded by W. MacWilliams, that the reports of the committees on Presbytery Minutes and Synod Minutes be added to the agenda for this sederunt. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ON PRESBYTERY RECORDS

The Moderator called upon G. M. MacDonald to give the report. He reported that all Presbytery records were neatly and correctly kept without comment.

G.M. MacDonald moved, seconded by C. Weeks, that the Minutes of the Presbyteries of Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Cape Breton, Halifax and Lunenburg, Prince Edward Island, and Pictou be approved as neatly and correctly kept. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ON SYNOD MINUTES

G.M. MacDonald moved, seconded by C. Weeks, that the Minutes of 2016 regular meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces be adopted as published. Motion carried.

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 R. Robinson, seconded by A. MacDonald, and agreed that the court adjourn.

CLOSING The Moderator, the Rev. Derek Krunys closed the meeting with prayer and benediction and announced that the court would gather again in the sanctuary of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Halifax, Nova Scotia on Wednesday, the 18th day of October, 2017, at nine o'clock in the morning for worship followed by the business of the Synod.

The Rev. Derek Krunys,
Moderator

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

FOURTH SEDERUNT - - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017, 9:30 AM

At Halifax, at Calvin Presbyterian Church on Tuesday the eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen at nine thirty in the morning, the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces prepared for the fourth sederunt with worship.

WORSHIP

Worship was conducted by the Rev. Corrie Stewart and the Rev. Beth Mattinson. Mrs. Mattinson presented a dramatic monologue following the example of Peter. None of us are perfect leaders, but we can overcome our faults and weaknesses by faith in Jesus. God sees beyond our past, He sees what our future will be like if we hear His call, and accept His offer of forgiveness, and are bold in sharing our faith.

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator called the court to order at 9:30 am and constituted the meeting with prayer.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Moderator called for the report of the Business Committee.

On motion by J. Murray, seconded by E. Wiesner, the following agenda for this sederunt was adopted.

9:00 Worship
 Constitution
 Business Committee
9:40 Presbyterian College: The Rev. Dr. Dale Woods
 Registration Committee
 Synod Future Directions Group Discussion
 Camp Geddie Report
 Assessor Presbyters
 Clerk's Report
 GA Committee to Nominate Standing Committees
 Representative on Assembly Council
 Synod Council - Recommendations 17 – 27
 Installation of Clerk
 Resolutions Committee
 Appointment of Commission on Unfinished Business
 Adjournment

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

THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

The Moderator welcomed the Rev. Dr. Dale Woods, Principal of Presbyterian College. Quoting Ephesians 1:3, he pointed out that despite all the issues, they always start with giving thanks for Christ. He thanked the Synod for support through the years.

The mission of Presbyterian College is to engage the world through congregations one leader at a time. The environment of this mission is within McGill University and in a shared ministry with Anglican and United Church schools.

There are three stages of theological education: before seminary, during seminary, and after seminary. Vocation is a gift in the church. He identified the program of “Identifiable Strengths” for young adults. He identified curriculum development particularly in congregational renewal and new church development. Presbyterian College is developing a Master of Divinity focused on those themes. The College is also developing a program in global spiritual leadership.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

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

C. Weeks reported the final registrations: 36 ministers, 33 representative elders, 4 alternate elders, 4 on the appendix to the roll, 2 synod staff, 1 observer, 1 lay minister, and 16 guests for a total registration of 97 people.

She reported leaves to withdraw during the 4th sederunt were granted for Brenda Butler, Peter MacDonald, and David Sturtevant.

Motion: C. Weeks moved, seconded by W. MacWilliams, the adoption of the report. Motion carried.

SYNOD FUTURE DIRECTIONS GROUP DISCUSSION

The Moderator invited M. Barclay MacKay to continue the future directions discussion. It was agreed that we meet as a committee of the whole.

She reported with thanks that the newsprint sheets had been collated into handouts for all members. She asked for time for people to read the handouts. She pointed out that there is little support for biennial or commissioned synods. There is a general interest in an annual gathering of people from the various congregations of the Synod. There are clusters of issues around connectivity, around organization, the purpose of synod, preparatory work, content, kinds of worship, and fellowship time.

John Barrett spoke of the overture from Prince Edward Island. He urged the need to move beyond “business as usual.” Others offered encouragements for the consideration.

Michael Koslowski spoke of the overture from Halifax and Lunenburg underscored the need for the synod as a whole to be courageous, to look at itself, and venture into a broad dream of who we can be.

Others encouraged the Synod Council to implement, where possible, some of the suggestions for improvement and to initiate conversations specifically about how the Synod Camp is financed. One suggested that the discussion should also be included in the work of the standing committees such as the choice of speakers.

Another asked for discussion groups focused on the referrals from General Assembly. Another suggested the youth from PAYS be included. Another suggested the role of standing committees be reviewed with the consideration that their work might be better accomplished at a presbytery or congregation level.

Another asked for a larger role for worship to be included throughout the decision making process. It was hoped that the valuable ministry of the Hospital Visitor would continue. Another suggested that although we enjoy how we “do business” perhaps this should not be the central focus of our gathering.

Motion: It was moved by J. Barrett, seconded by P. A. McDonald, that the Synod Council along with a representative appointed by each presbytery of Synod immediately form a working group to:

1. Explore funding/cost sharing options for all expenses related to the Synod Camp and bring forward a recommendation for the 2019 budget;
2. Discuss and implement changes to the 2018 Synod based on the observations noted following group discussions held during the 2017 meeting of Synod.

Motion carried.

CAMP GEDDIE REPORT

The Moderator invited P.A. McDonald to present the report.

In addition to the printed reports he reported enthusiasm of campers and staff. The blessings of church camping touch staff as well as campers. Camp Geddie is interested in the conversation which was initiated three years ago exploring the relationship of Camp Geddie to the Synod.

A new craft building was opened in June. A new wash house is being designed.

PA McDonald moved, seconded by F. Perrin that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR PRESBYTERS

The Moderator invited J. Murray to report on behalf of the Assessor Presbyters to the Presbytery of Newfoundland.

He thanked the court for the opportunity to serve in this way. He also thanked G. Murray MacDonald for his service which finished this year. He noted his leadership for the Presbytery of Newfoundland, in particular the three recent visitations to the congregations.

He reported the faithfulness of the assessor presbyters in attending the presbytery meetings and enjoying the hospitality of that court.

J. Murray moved, seconded by C. Stymiest, that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk presented the following Statistical Report:

	Ministers	Elders	Appendix
Cape Breton	8	11	4
Newfoundland	3	4	2
Pictou	8	20	13
Halifax and Lunenburg	9	13	13
New Brunswick	13	19	13
Prince Edward Island	12	15	20
Total 2017	53	82	65
Total 2016	57	86	59
Change	-4	-4	+6

It was moved by A. Sutherland, seconded by B. Mattinson, that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

GA COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES

The Clerk noted that Stephen MacKay is the Synod's representative on the committee and should we know of those gifted to serve we should pass on the information to him.

REPRESENTATIVE ON ASSEMBLY COUNCIL

C. Weeks, who served from 2014-2017, reported that as a consequence of restructuring, synods no longer have a representative on this council.

SYNOD COUNCIL - RECOMMENDATIONS 17 – 27

The Moderator invited M. Barclay MacKay to continue the Synod Council report. She thanked members of Synod for the participation in the future of the synod discussions. She also thanked Kenn Stright for stepping in as convener of the committee to examine records.

Recommendation 17: Concerning Assessor Presbyters to Newfoundland.

The adoption of this recommendation was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, seconded by F. Perrin. Motion carried.

Recommendation 18: Concerning the appointment of the Synod Clerk

The adoption of this recommendation was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, seconded by F. Perrin. Motion carried.

PAST MODERATOR

At the invitation of the Moderator, D. Krunys, the past Moderator, G. M. MacDonald took the chair.

Finances:

Recommendation 19: Concerning the Auditor's Report.

The adoption of this recommendation was moved by D. Krunys, seconded by J. Murray. Motion carried.

Recommendation 20: Concerning the Budget for 2018

The adoption of this recommendation was moved by D. Krunys, seconded by J. Murray. Motion carried.

Recommendation 21: Concerning Synod Dues for 2018.

The adoption of this recommendation was moved by D. Krunys, seconded by J. Murray. Motion carried.

Recommendation 22: Concerning the appointment of the Auditor for 2017.

The adoption of this recommendation was moved by D. Krunys, seconded by J. Murray. Motion carried.

Recommendation 23: Concerning the request from Presbyterian College.

The adoption of this recommendation was moved by D. Krunys, seconded by J. Murray. Motion carried.

MODERATOR

The Moderator returned to the chair.

Recommendation 24: Concerning the MacGregor Cairn.

The adoption of this recommendation was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, seconded by F. Perrin. Motion carried.

Recommendation 25: Concerning the location of the Synod meeting in 2018.

The adoption of this recommendation was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, seconded by F. Perrin. Motion carried.

Recommendation 26: Concerning the guest speaker for the Synod meeting in 2018.

The adoption of this recommendation was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, seconded by F. Perrin. Motion carried.

Recommendation 27: Concerning the adoption of the report.

The adoption of this recommendation was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, seconded by F. Perrin. Motion carried.

INSTALLATION OF CLERK

The Moderator invited the Rev. Jeff Murray to stand with him before the court and for the court to stand. He then asked the appointed questions and installed him as Clerk of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, effective January 1, 2018. The Moderator led in prayer and extended the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the court.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

C. Stymiest presented the report of the Resolutions Committee. The following recommendations were presented on a consent agenda, moved by C. Stymiest, seconded by K. Stright.

Recommendation 1: Regarding Worship

Recommendation 2: Regarding Speakers

Recommendation 3: Regarding the Hosting of the Worship and the Business Meeting

Recommendation 1: Regarding the Retiring Clerk

The recommendations were adopted.

The Moderator expressed more formal thanks to Dr. Sutherland and presented him with gifts on behalf of the court. In response the retiring Clerk thanked the court, council and friends for their grace and support over the years, giving recognition to his proofreaders, Sylvia Harris, Sandy McDonald, Frances Perrin and Cheryl Weeks.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was moved by G. M MacDonald, seconded by C. Greaves, that the Moderator, Clerk and Convener of the Synod Council be appointed as a Commission to deal with any unfinished business of this court. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Moderator called for announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. It was moved by A. Sutherland, seconded by A. MacDonald, and agreed that the court adjourn.

CLOSING The Moderator, the Rev. Derek Krunys, closed the meeting with prayer and benediction and announced that the court would gather again in the sanctuary of Bethel Presbyterian Church, Sydney, Nova Scotia on Monday, the 15th day of October, 2018, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening for worship followed by the business of the Synod.

The Rev. Derek Krunys,
Moderator

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

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

APPENDIX A
Draft Docket Synod 2017

October 16, 7:00 p.m. Service of Word and Sacrament Calvin Presbyterian Church, Halifax, NS

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. Report of the Committee on Business
14. Orders of the day
15. Treasurer's Report
16. Presentation from the Bible Society
17. Camp Geddie Committee
18. Atlantic Mission Society
19. Mission Committee
20. Programme Committee
21. Assessor Presbyters
22. Commission on Unfinished Business
23. Committee on Presbytery Records
24. Committee on Synod Records
25. Guest Speaker: The Rev. Canon Dr. Jody Clarke.
26. Principal of Knox College – The Rev. Dr. John Vissers
27. Principal of Presbyterian College – The Rev. Dr. Dale Woods
28. Representative on the G.A. Committee to Nominate Standing Committees
29. Representative on the General Assembly Council
30. P.W.S.D. Representative
31. Life and Mission Agency The Rev. Ian Ross McDonald
32. Correspondence
33. Overture: Sustainability of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces
34. Overture: Structure of Synod Meetings
35. Clerk's Report
36. Report of Committee on Resolutions
37. Installation of Clerk
38. Appointment of Commission on Unfinished Business
39. Adjournment

APPENDIX B
Synod Council Report

*Recommendations marked by “**” are presented as consent recommendations and will be adopted by one motion unless someone wishes one to be lifted from the consent group of recommendations. Recommendations 1,2,3,4,5,6, 10,11,14,16 are the consent recommendations in this report.*

****Recommendation 1 Adopted p. 4**

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

****Recommendation 2 Adopted p. 4**

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
- Election of Moderator
- Report of the retiring Moderator
- Installation of new Moderator
- Presentation of Presbytery and Synod minutes
- Notices of motion
- Announcements
- Adjournment

****Recommendation 3 Adopted p. 4**

That the schedule for sederunts be as follows:

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| a. | First Sederunt | - Monday, October 19 | - From constitution to the end of business |
| b. | Second Sederunt | - Tuesday, October 20 | - 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon |
| c. | Third Sederunt | - Tuesday, October 20 | - 1:00 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. 4**

That the Registration Committee be granted power to issue with respect to requests for leave to withdraw.

****Recommendation 5 Adopted p. 4**

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

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| 1. | Synod Speaker: | The Rev. Canon Dr. Jody Clarke | Tuesday 9:30 to 11:00 am |
| | | | Tuesday 1:15 to 2:45 pm |
| 2. | Canadian Bible Society | The Rev. Charles Webster | Tuesday 11:10 am |
| 3. | Knox College | The Rev. Dr. John Vissers | Tuesday 4:15 pm |

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| 4. Life and Mission Agency | The Rev. Ian Ross McDonald | Tuesday 4:45 pm |
| 5. Presbyterian College | The Rev. Dr. Dale Wood | Wednesday 9:30 am |

****Recommendation 6 Adopted p. 4**

That the action of Synod Council in inviting the Rev. Beth Mattinson and the Rev. Corrie Stewart to lead morning worship on Tuesday and Wednesday be sustained.

STUDENTS:

Recommendation 7 Adopted p. 9

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.

Halifax and Lunenburg	Marcus Arsenault	PC - Year 1
Pictou	Katie MacIntosh	PC - Year 4
New Brunswick	Nick Metivier Kathy Parks	Knox -Year 2 PC- Year 2
Prince Edward Island	Glynis Faith Chad Bolton	Knox College on-line stream Year 3 Knox College on-line stream year 2 part time

SYNOD BURSARY:

The sole applicant this year, William Grace, grew up in the Synod and is a student at Knox College under the care of the Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough.

Recommendation 8 Adopted p. 9

That William Grace be awarded a bursary of \$1000.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

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:

- Business Committee: Jeffrey Murray, Wendy MacWilliams, Ernest Wiesner
Resolutions Committee: Glen Sampson, Carol Stymiest
Registration Committee: Lilla Tanner, Dan Campbell, Cheryl Weeks
Committee to examine Synod 2016 minutes: Robert Lyle, Nancy Harvey
Committee to examine Presbytery Minutes:
Convener: G. Murray MacDonald
Cape Breton: Cheryl MacFadyen, David Munro
Newfoundland: Jean MacAulay, Cliff Wood

Pictou: Cynthia Chenard, Linda Cousins
Halifax & Lunenburg: Erik Kraglund, Alberta Cooke
New Brunswick: Charles McPherson, Linda MacKinnon
Prince Edward Island: Peter MacDonald, Nicki Cameron

STANDING COMMITTEES OF SYNOD:

Recommendation 9 Adopted p. 9

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: Marion Barclay-MacKay, Convenor(2016 – 2018),(2012 -2015)(2015 - 2018); **Derek Krunys** (2011 - 2014)(2014 - 2017)(**2017-18**); Don Sutherland (2012 - 2015) (2015 - 2018); Brad Blaikie (2012-2013) (2013 - 2016) (2016 - 2018); Glen Sampson (2013 - 2016) (2016 - 2019); **Frank MacLeod** (2014 -2017)(**2017-2020**); **Murray MacDonald (2017-2020)**.

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, Co-Convenor(2017-18), (2010 - 2014), Convenor (2015 - 2016) (2016 - 2017); **Chris MacDonald, Co-Convenor (2017-18)**,(2013 - 2016) (2016 – 2019); Ian Watson (2014 - 2015) (2015 - 2018); Colleen McPherson (2012 - 2015) (2015 - 2018); Brenda Butler (2014 -2016) (2016- 2019); Louise Nelson (2016 - 2019); Gail Johnson-Murdock (2016 -2019); Harold Smith (2016 - 2019); Laura Rowan (2016 -2019); **Lorne MacLeod (2017-2020)**; **Daniel MacLeod (2017-2020)**.

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: Rob Griffiths, Convenor (2017-19), (2016 -2019); Alexander Sutherland (2012 - 2015) (2015 - 2018) (Acting Convenor 2015-16, 2016-17); **Bonnie Langille(2017-2020)**; **Kathleen MacIsaac(2017-2020)**.

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:; Peter MacDonald, Co-Convenor (2017-18), (2012 - 2015) (2015 - 2018); **Lydia MacKinnon, Co-Convenor (2017-18)**, (2013 - 2016)(2016 - 2019); **Sam Graham (2017-19) (to complete Bonnie Wynn's term)**; **Stephen MacKay (2014-17)(2017-2020)**; Davida MacKay (2013-2015)(2015-2018) (Co-Convenor 2016 - 2017); Amanda Henderson-Bolton (2015 - 2018).

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: Michael Koslowski, Convener (2017-2018), (completing D.L. Mawhinney's term), Iona MacLean (2014 – 2017)(2017-2020); Wendy MacWilliams (2017-19) (completing Jeff Lackie's term).

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 10 Adopted p. 4**

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

REPORT OF THE HISTORY COMMITTEE:

The Synod's archives is housed in First Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow, NS and administered by Rev. Glen Matheson who retired from First Church in 2016. At present there are no financial needs as there is sufficient storage space and supplies. Needed, however, are items for the Synod pertaining to the history of and everyday life of our congregations within the Synod. If your church or pastoral charge publishes a history, please consider donating a copy to the Archives. Requests for information from the Archives should be forward to myself at glen.matheson@ns.symatico.ca
Rev. Dr. Glen Matheson

****Recommendation 11 Adopted p. 4**

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

OVERTURES:

Two Related Overtures were received from Presbyteries within the Synod:

- 1) from the Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg, an overture asking the court to re-imagine its meetings in such a way, as to place the primary focus on worship, education, and fellowship.
- 2) from the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island asking the court to strike a committee composed of representatives from each Presbytery to consider changes to the role of Synod to better serve the Presbyteries and congregations within its bounds and to promote our mission of sharing Christ's love in the Atlantic Provinces and to report back to the next Synod.

Both were received as "In Order." The Council set up a committee to examine the common concerns and pleas of the overtures. From their observations, we suggest that the Synod begin this conversation around the following lead questions:

1. What are the benefits and liabilities of synod in our current practices?
2. What are the strengths and weaknesses of biennial meetings?
3. What are the strengths and weaknesses of commissioned meetings?

4. If Synod gatherings continue (either annually or otherwise) what suggestions do you provide to enhance the value of the experience of the following: business, worship, learning opportunities, facilities?
5. What additional enthusiasms or concerns regarding a re-visioned Synod do wish to share?

Therefore the Council recommends:

Recommendation 12 Adopted p. 9

That these overtures begin to be addressed by a discussion time as an Order of the Day for 3:00 to 4:10 on Tuesday, October 17 and as an Order of the Day on Wednesday, October 18 for 10 to 10:45 am to be led by the Convener of the Synod Council, to be done in small groups, each recording notes to be submitted to the committee of Council.

Recommendation 13 Adopted p. 9

That the past Moderator, G. Murray MacDonald, be invited to speak of his attendance at the Baptist and United synod-like gatherings and his insights gained from how their meetings were conducted.

SYNOD STAFF

Synod Personnel Committee Report

The Synod Personnel Committee met regularly with the Camping & Youth Consultant and the committee received periodic reports from the support committee for the Hospital Visitor. We provided oversight of 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.

Camping and Youth Consultant

****Recommendation 14 Adopted p. 4**

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

Recommendation 15 Adopted p. 15

That the contract with Whitney Canning be renewed for a three year period beginning January 1, 2018.

Hospital Visitor:

****Recommendation 16 Adopted p. 4**

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

ASSESSOR PRESBYTERS:

Recommendation 17 Adopted p. 19

That Synod appoint two Assessor Presbyters to the Presbytery of Newfoundland with vote, Jeff Murray and Ian Ferguson.

CLERK OF SYNOD:

Recommendation 18 Adopted p. 19

That Synod appoint the Rev. Jeffrey Murray as Synod Clerk effective January 1, 2018.

FINANCES:

The Finance Committee, through Synod Council, is recommending Synod make more significant changes to our allocations and budget than in prior years, this is part of a response to a request from the presbytery of Cape Breton to examine ways that Synod dues may be lowered. For this reason a written rationale for some of the changes is provided this year.

The most notable change is a reduction in dues rates from 2.3% to 2.0% of the dollar base. This is as low as we believe we can go before more work is done to bring our spending back in line with revenue. We have \$105,000 in the bank currently, and propose a budget that would still leave \$70,000 within the Synod. While this sounds like a large sum, the reality of cash flow means that the timing of expenses often comes before significant revenue arrives, we believe anything less than \$50,000 leaves us at great risk of being unable to pay bills as they come due. The proposed rate provides both time to gradually approach a balanced budget and an immediate significant reduction in the dues.

Some spending shifts are presented in this budget, and a few others are on the horizon. Geddie has a proposed grant reduction of \$8,500 from last year, which is a significant help in allowing a reduction in dues. We are also proposing Keir and McLeod have grants reduced from \$4,000 to \$2,000 each, noting that for both presbyteries the dues reduction exceeds the reduction to their local camps (Cape Breton dues dropping by \$4,557.42 and PEI by \$4,646.99). We also note that 2018 is the final year \$5,000 is transferred to Prince Edward Island as part of Synod's commitment to them. This is a \$17,500 reduction in expenses going into 2019, or a 6.5% reduction in spending. When reviewing the request from Presbyterian College for the Leap of Faith campaign, we determined that a time when cost reduction is under investigation was not a time to take on a new commitment. We do however encourage members of the Synod to consider the Leap of Faith campaign in their own giving.

As Synod itself is entering a period of self-examination, Finance is of the opinion that this process will provide direction for priorities in calculating future dues rates and spending, noting that our proposed dues rate for 2018 requires us to reduce spending if that rate is to be maintained.

With that preamble, the following motions are presented:

Recommendation 19 Adopted p. 20

That the Report of Andrew Campbell, Inc., Auditor for 2016, be received as the financial statements of the Synod for the year 2016 and that the report be adopted.

Recommendation 20 Adopted p. 20

That the following be the approved Synod Budget for the year 2018:

REVENUE

Cape Breton Allocations	22,171.00
Pictou Allocations	33,036.00
Newfoundland Allocations	9,207.00
Halifax and Lunenburg Allocations	26,430.00
New Brunswick Allocations	38,084.00
P.E.I. Allocations	40,622.00
Synod Offering	1,000.00
Interest Earned	300.00
Received for CY	5,000.00
Hospital Visitor Allocations	10,000.00

Regional Resourcing Grant(PCC)	
TOTAL REVENUE	185,850.00
EXPENSES	
Synod Minutes	1,000.00
Synod Travel	12,000.00
Synod Accommodations and Meals	5,000.00
Synod Speaker	2,000.00
Synod- Other Expenses	800.00
Synod Council	2,500.00
Mission Committee	3,500.00
Programme Committee	9,000.00
Personnel Committee	1,500.00
Coverdale Court work Society Halifax	3,000.00
Coverdale Centre for Women NB	3,000.00
Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf	2,000.00
Camp Geddie Insurance Check	6,500.00
Camp Geddie	40,000.00
Camp Keir	2,000.00
Camp MacLeod	2,000.00
MacGregor Cairn	300.00
Miscellaneous	500.00
Sexual Abuse/Harassment Comm.	1,500.00
Bank Charges	100.00
Regional Resourcing Grant	0.00
Canada Youth	8,000.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Salary	36,355.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Travel	7,500.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Housing	11,000.00
Camping & Youth Consultant EI	1,100.00
Camping & Youth Consultant CPP	2,200.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Health	4,400.00
Pension Synod Share	6,000.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Cont. Ed	600.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Gen Exp	4,000.00
Synod Hospital Visitor	10,000.00
Clerk's Honorarium	3,700.00
Clerk's Consultation	550.00
Clerk's Expenses	500.00
Moderator's Expenses	500.00
Treasurer's Honorarium	4,000.00
Treasurer's Expenses	1,700.00
Special Grant to PEI Presbytery	5,000.00
Assessor Presbyter NL	6,000.00
Synod Insurance	2,000.00
Financial Audit	3,700.00
Amortization	
TOTAL EXPENSE	217,005.00
NET INCOME	-31,155.00

Recommendation 21 Adopted p. 20

That the Synod dues for the year 2018 be set at a rate of 2.0 percent of the dollar base figure reported in the Acts and Proceedings of the 2017 General Assembly.

Recommendation 22 Adopted p. 20

That Andrew Campbell, Inc. be named as auditor for the Synod for 2017. (A review to take place in 2018)

Recommendation 23 Adopted p. 20

That the Synod decline the request of Presbyterian College to support the Leap of Faith Campaign

The Council encourages individual members of the Synod to support the colleges.

MACGREGOR CAIRN

It has been brought to the attention of the Council that the cairn, situated across from the Sutherland-Harris Medical Centre in Pictou, NS, is in serious need of repair. It has been pointed out that the core is not stone but sand being held together by the stones and mortar on the outside layer. It was also noted that the surroundings of the location have significantly changed. The Plaque is still in excellent shape and could be attached to a smaller rock or structure.

Recommendation 24 Adopted p. 20

That the MacGregor Cairn be replaced and relocated near one of the churches of Pictou Presbytery.

SYNOD MEETING 2018

Recommendation 25 Adopted p. 20

That the Synod accept an invitation to hold the 2018 regular meeting of Synod at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Sydney, N.S.

Recommendation 26 Adopted p. 20

That the Guest Speaker for Synod 2018 be the Rev. Dr. Pamela McCarroll, Professor of Pastoral Theology at the Toronto School of Theology.

Recommendation 27 Adopted p. 20

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

APPENDIX C 2016 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, 2016 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, 2016 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 Professional Accountant, Licensed Public Accountant
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
October XX, 2017

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THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2016

	2016	2015
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 105,938	\$ 106,804
Accounts receivable - related parties	26,943	10,726
- HIST rebate	2,232	2,136
Prepaid expenses	2,068	3,602
	137,181	123,268
Trust funds (Note 3)	61,982	59,954
	\$ 199,163	\$ 183,222
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 11,207	\$ 20,205
Trust funds (Note 3)	61,982	59,954
	73,189	80,159
NET ASSETS		
Net assets		
Unrestricted net assets	125,974	103,063
	\$ 199,163	\$ 183,222

Commitment (Note 8)

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

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, 2016

	2016	2015
Revenue - allocations		
Cape Breton	\$ 24,815	\$ 25,671
Halifax – Lunenburg	33,648	34,838
New Brunswick	44,216	42,744
Newfoundland	9,811	10,012
Pictou	39,828	38,944
Prince Edward Island	47,122	44,808
	199,440	197,017
Non-specific revenue (Note 4)	32,495	12,096
	231,935	209,113
Expenses (Schedule)	209,024	209,455
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	22,911	(342)
Net assets, beginning of year	103,063	103,405
Net assets, end of year	\$ 125,974	\$ 103,063

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2016

	2016	2015
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR)		
Operating activities		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ 22,911	\$ (342)
Changes in non-cash operating working capital items		
Accounts receivable - related parties	(16,217)	(3,418)
- HST rebate	(96)	(87)
Prepaid expenses	1,534	(274)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(8,998)	(24,079)
	(866)	(28,200)
NET DECREASE INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(866)	(28,200)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	106,804	135,004
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 105,938	\$ 106,804
Cash and cash equivalents is comprised of:		
Cash	\$ 55,938	\$ 76,804
Guaranteed investment certificate	50,000	30,000
	\$ 105,938	\$ 106,804

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2016

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. 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 CTCA 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 0.10% to 0.55%.

Contributed services

Volunteers contribute their time to assist the Synod in carrying out its services and programs. Due to the difficulty of determining their fair value, these contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements. Contributed services or amounts where a fair value can be determined are recorded in the financial statements. In the current year \$Nil (2015 - \$Nil) of contributed expenses were recorded.

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.

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December 31, 2016

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>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Dr. E. H. Bean Bursary	\$ 21,480	\$ 20,824
Grace Doucette Bequest	10,122	10,077
Dr. Frank Baird Bursary	10,115	10,011
Margaret MacDougall Bursary	5,568	5,504
Celina Heppel Bequest	4,316	4,303
Lady Sarah Smith Bequest	3,283	3,283
Synod Bursary	3,923	2,784
Dutch Bequest	2,757	2,750
Hospital Emergency Fund	418	418
	<u>\$ 61,982</u>	<u>\$ 59,954</u>

The trust funds are represented by:

Guaranteed investment certificates	\$ 57,329	\$ 56,030
Due from general fund including \$708 (2015 - \$351) available for bursaries	4,653	3,924
	<u>\$ 61,982</u>	<u>\$ 59,954</u>

During the year, the trust funds received advances of \$1,400 (2015 - \$300) and \$628 (2015 - \$517) of interest revenue. Bursaries totaling \$Nil (2015 - \$1,000) were paid out of the trust funds in 2015.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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4. NON-SPECIFIC REVENUE

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Regional resourcing grant	\$ 12,800	\$ -
Hospital visitor allocations	9,516	8,801
Current year CY travel	6,575	-
Other	3,604	3,295
	<u>\$ 32,495</u>	<u>\$ 12,096</u>

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 \$10,523 (2015 - \$9,648).

6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, presbyteries, congregations and joint ministries are recorded at the exchange amount. The relationship of the bodies is disclosed in Note 1.

7. 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, 2016 the allowance for doubtful accounts, which offsets accounts receivable, was \$11,267 (2015 - \$20,537).

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

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.

8. COMMITMENT

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

9. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain of the 2015 comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation.

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THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES

Schedule of Expenses

Year ended December 31, 2016

	2016	2015
Assessor - Newfoundland	\$ 3,927	\$ 6,912
Atlantic ladies retreat	1,500	-
Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf	2,000	2,000
Bad debt expense (recovery)	(9,271)	3,874
Bank charges	64	35
Camping & Youth Consultant		
Wages and employee benefits	52,375	58,209
Education	-	1,200
Office expenses	1,740	2,125
Travel	4,642	4,446
Camp Goddie	55,000	55,000
Camp Keir	4,000	2,000
Camp MacLeod	4,000	2,000
Clerk's expenses	308	271
Clerk's honorarium	3,700	3,700
Coverdale Foundation	3,000	3,000
Coverdale Centre for Women	3,000	3,000
Grants to Prince Edward Island Presbytery	10,000	10,000
Miscellaneous	75	40
Missions Committee	-	3,499
Moderator's expenses	-	248
Personnel Committee	862	957
Professional fees	3,448	3,465
Program Committee	3,172	5,631
Regional resourcing grants	12,800	-
Synod Council	2,076	2,441
Synod hospital worker	9,534	8,811
Synod insurance	1,753	1,838
Synod meetings		
Minutes	506	435
Other expenses	3,222	5,147
Speakers	2,853	3,013
Travel	8,827	10,541
CY Travel	13,698	-
Treasurer's expenses	2,213	1,617
Treasurer's honorarium	4,000	4,000
	\$ 209,024	\$ 209,455

APPENDIX D
CAMP GEDDIE REPORT
Report of Camp Geddie Committee for 2017
Meeting of The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces
and
Audited Financial Statements for 2016



The Camp Geddie Committee aims to fulfill the mission through all of its work; Camp Geddie is blessed to have the beauty of its location and the gifts of all of those who are involved with Camp Geddie.

The Commissioning of Staff was held at Camp Geddie on May 27 with the Rev. Charles McPherson of First Church, Stellarton and the Convenor of the Camp Geddie Committee, the Rev. Sandy McDonald, leading a service of Word and Sacrament. Following the commissioning service, a barbecue was held for family and friends who had gathered for the service.

On June 15, Camp Geddie had its annual variety show at First Church, Stellarton. We had great support from the community with many friends of Geddie offering their gifts for the show and with the audience providing generous support.



Camp Geddie began its onsite camping ministry work on May 22. The Executive Director returned from maternity leave on May 26. The staff training weekend for all staff (fulltime and weekly) was held May 25-27. Beginning June 2, the Camp hosted a school group every week day until June 27; the Camp hosted 17 school groups with a total of 1,038 students. The Pictou Presbyterial of the AMS was at the camp one day in June.

We had a total of 410 campers in the 2017 season. Last summer we had 438 campers. Our intermediate camp groups were not as large as they have been in recent years.

9 camp sessions were held during July and August with campers ranging in ages from 7-18.

Camp	Boys	Girls	Total
Novice 1	38	22	60
Novice 2	30	23	53
Mini Junior	11	24	35
Junior 1	30	43	73
Junior 2	20	24	44
Preteen	22	42	64
Intermediate 1	5	17	22
Intermediate 2	16	18	34
Senior	4	4	8
LIT 1	3	8	11
LIT 2	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>
Total	183	227	430

The data available for number of new versus returning campers on Thriva (software) is not exact but is somewhere around 132 new campers and 278 returning campers.

Campers come from several denominations including Presbyterian, United, Roman Catholic, Anglican & Baptist and a few from other communities of faith. There were many campers with no denominational ties.

We had 28 campers come to camp on campership. Most of the families of our campership campers made a contribution to the cost of the camp. Many whose children received support were very moved by the generosity of this fund and the profound camp experience for their children. A total of \$6,125 was used from the Campership Fund. This campership program is an invaluable opportunity that Geddie offers.

Program



Camp Geddie continued with the two year model for the Leader in Training (LIT) program this summer. The program offers a two-three week program for 15+ year olds, who then can apply to return the following summer for the LIT2 program when they are 16+. The LIT2 program is 2 weeks with the possibility of a volunteer week upon successful completion of the program. The camper Bible Study was supplied by Canadian Ministries of the Life and Mission Agency of our national church and is created by “Inside Out Christian

Resources for Outdoor Ministries.” This year’s theme was “Branching Out.” This year’s curriculum used stories, making it easier to share with campers. The Camp was fortunate to have 8 gifted chaplains; they offered great support to staff and campers.

Personnel

Camp Geddie had a remarkable staff of 23 young people for the 2017 camping season as listed below:

James MacLeod	Evan Thompson-MacKay
Annie MacRitchie	Angus MacDonald
Kyle Fraser	Daniel Jack
Olivia Lawrence	Ryan MacDonald
Victoria Chandler	Luke MacIsaac
Allison Cruickshank	Kayla Flinn
Chloe Marshall	Kate Addison
Kristen MacRitchie	Noah Archibald
Ella Porter	Jesse Hemmings
Jordyn MacDonald	Mullen Boulter
Abbey Jones	Maria Holle
Alex Owen	

The Executive Director in her report to the Camp Committee had this to say about the staff:

“Often I wonder what has a greater impact, our ministry to campers or our ministry to summer staff. The summer staff live in intense Christian community for 3 months engaging in a challenging yet exciting ministry. I believe we offer a very meaningful experience for campers of all ages that plants the seeds for their relationship with Christ over the course of their life. Staff learn about themselves, Christ and what we mean to one another in community. They discover the challenges of the great joys of ministry and relationships. I think a summer at Geddie provides young people with a profound opportunity to challenge their faith, wrestle with their beliefs and engage their faith in very concrete ways. Camping ministry is two-fold and campers and staff learn alongside one another as they wrestle with what it means to be a disciple in the world they occupy.”

Property

Camp Geddie was very pleased to have its new multipurpose building; it replaced the old craft hall building. It was completed in the spring. The cost was \$89,857.
The Camp Committee received in July the kind donation of a travel trailer that sleeps 5-6 people; some chaplains used it.

Executive Director

The Committee was pleased to welcome Whitney Canning back to her work after her maternity leave from late October 2016 until late May 2017. We were delighted to welcome her daughter, Elizabeth, to the Camp.

Recommendation

Rec. #1 That the budget which includes a request of \$40,000 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.

P.A. "Sandy" McDonald
Convenor

Whitney Canning
Executive Director



REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Camp Geddie

I have reviewed the balance sheet of Camp Geddie - Camp of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces of the Presbyterian Church in Canada as at December 31, 2016 and the statement of revenues and expenditures for the year then ended. My review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to me by the Organization.

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 accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

New Glasgow, NS
August 17, 2017



Kent MacDougall, Incorporated
Chartered Professional Accountant
Licensed Public Accountant

Camp Geddie
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - Combined
 (Unaudited)
 Year Ended December 31, 2016

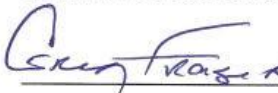
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Revenue		
Registrations	\$ 80,390	\$ 97,668
Sale of T-shirts and other	3,027	3,746
Synod of Atlantic Provinces	55,000	55,000
Rentals	44,806	55,068
Miscellaneous fundraising	1,434	1,509
Other	937	571
Grants	18,858	15,324
Interest	1,586	713
Donations		
Churches	20,785	16,314
Groups	4,412	5,952
Memorials	4,437	34,554
Individuals	<u>7,886</u>	<u>18,397</u>
	<u>243,558</u>	<u>304,816</u>
Expenditures		
Labour	129,154	117,358
Food	34,760	38,458
Payment processing expense	4,743	4,394
Van operating costs	1,689	1,547
Interest and bank charges	369	420
Stationery and printing	984	1,264
Telephone	1,393	1,307
Heat and lights	10,412	12,894
Insurance	18,750	18,934
Travel - administration	631	282
Dues and fees	1,460	1,192
Property maintenance	25,241	31,755
Clothing purchases	8,548	4,588
Office supplies	2,683	3,934
Honouraria	7,568	6,600
Miscellaneous expense	1,749	1,909
Professional fees	<u>6,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
	<u>256,634</u>	<u>250,336</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditures	<u>\$ (13,076)</u>	<u>\$ 54,480</u>


SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Camp Geddie
Statement of Financial Position - Combined
 (Unaudited)
December 31, 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents - Unrestricted (Note 3)	\$ 97,355	\$ 85,645
- Designated (Note 3)	<u>35,418</u>	<u>21,576</u>
	132,773	107,221
Accounts receivable	2,245	765
Prepaid expenses	300	-
Guaranteed investment certificates - Restricted (Note 4)	<u>5,066</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>140,384</u>	<u>112,986</u>
 Property and equipment (Note 5)	 <u>635,677</u>	 <u>640,379</u>
 Guaranteed investment certificates - Unrestricted (Note 4)	 25,484	 25,000
- Designated (Note 4)	-	12,180
- Restricted (Note 4)	<u>5,038</u>	<u>39,561</u>
	<u>30,522</u>	<u>76,741</u>
	<u>\$ 806,583</u>	<u>\$ 830,106</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 6,877	\$ 7,340
 NET ASSETS		
Operations (Page 4)	58,627	79,534
Site development (Page 5)	26,986	29,304
Unrestricted camperships (Page 5)	32,958	28,988
Restricted camperships (Page 6)	45,458	44,561
Investment in capital assets (Page 6)	<u>635,677</u>	<u>640,379</u>
	<u>799,706</u>	<u>822,766</u>
	<u>\$ 806,583</u>	<u>\$ 830,106</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

 Director

 Director

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Kent MacDougall, Incorporated
 Chartered Professional Accountant

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Camp Geddie
Supplemental Schedules
 (Unaudited)
Year Ended December 31, 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Operating fund		
Revenues		
Registrations	\$ 86,316	\$ 103,010
Sale of T-shirts and other	3,027	3,746
Synod of Atlantic Provinces	55,000	55,000
Rentals	44,806	55,068
Miscellaneous fundraising	1,434	1,509
Other	430	72
Saint David's grant	4,788	4,250
Government of Canada grant	5,992	5,088
Province of Nova Scotia grant	7,778	5,986
Atlantic Mission Society	300	-
Donations		
Churches	19,785	16,164
Groups	4,412	5,952
Memorials	2,025	34,554
Individuals	1,576	1,389
	<u>237,669</u>	<u>291,788</u>
Expenses		
Labour	129,154	117,358
Food	34,760	38,458
Payment processing expense	4,743	4,394
Van operating expense	1,689	1,547
Interest and bank charges	311	369
Stationery and printing	984	1,264
Telephone	887	809
Heat and lights	10,412	12,894
Insurance	18,750	18,934
Travel - administration	631	282
Dues and fees	1,460	1,192
Property maintenance	22,466	15,715
Clothing purchases	8,548	4,588
Office supplies	2,683	3,934
Honouraria	7,568	6,600
Miscellaneous expense	1,749	1,909
Professional fees	6,500	3,500
	<u>253,295</u>	<u>233,747</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	(15,626)	58,041
Net assets		
Balance beginning of year	79,534	19,327
Transfer from funds	-	2,166
Transfer to capital fund for capital expenditures	(5,281)	-
Balance, end of year	\$ 58,627	\$ 79,534

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**Camp Geddie
 Supplemental Schedules
 (Unaudited)
 Year Ended December 31, 2016**

Site development

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Revenue		
Donations		
Individuals	\$ -	\$ 9,445
Interest revenue	<u>485</u>	<u>20</u>
	<u>485</u>	<u>9,465</u>
Expenses		
Repair and maintenance	2,775	6,040
Mattresses	-	10,000
Interest expense	<u>28</u>	<u>26</u>
	<u>2,803</u>	<u>16,066</u>
Excess of expenditures over revenue - site development	(2,318)	(6,601)
Net assets		
Balance, beginning of year	<u>29,304</u>	<u>35,905</u>
Balance, end of year	\$ <u>26,986</u>	\$ <u>29,304</u>

Unrestricted camperships fund

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Revenues		
Interest	\$ 204	\$ 182
Individual donations	6,310	7,563
Memorials	2,412	-
Church donations	<u>1,000</u>	<u>150</u>
	<u>9,926</u>	<u>7,895</u>
Expenses		
Interest expense	30	25
Camp registration subsidy	<u>5,926</u>	<u>5,342</u>
	<u>5,956</u>	<u>5,367</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditures - unrestricted camperships	3,970	2,528
Net assets		
Balance, beginning of year	<u>28,988</u>	<u>26,460</u>
Balance, end of year	\$ <u>32,958</u>	\$ <u>28,988</u>

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Restricted camperships fund

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Revenue		
Interest from restricted fund	\$ 897	\$ 511
Net assets		
Balance, beginning of year	<u>44,561</u>	<u>44,050</u>
Balance, end of year	\$ <u>45,458</u>	\$ <u>44,561</u>

Investment in capital assets

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Receipts		
Individual donations	\$ 12,489	\$ -
Church donations	5,328	-
Transfers from operating fund- capital expenditures	<u>5,281</u>	<u>-</u>
	23,098	-
Demolition cost and disposal of building	<u>27,800</u>	<u>17,113</u>
Net reduction - investment in capital assets	(4,702)	(17,113)
Net assets		
Balance, beginning of year	<u>640,379</u>	<u>657,492</u>
Balance, end of year	\$ <u>635,677</u>	\$ <u>640,379</u>

Camp Geddie
Notes to the Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
December 31, 2016

1. Nature of the organization

Camp Geddie is a registered charity owned and operated by the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Organization's aim is to develop Christian faith and character in children and youth through living together in a Christian camp community and to further the educational goals of the church in an outdoor setting.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

These financial statements were prepared by management using Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

(b) Revenue recognition

The Organization accounts for revenue from contributions under the restricted fund method of accounting.

Under this method, restricted contributions and grants are recognized as revenue in the Restricted Fund when they are received or receivable, provided the amounts are measurable and collection is reasonably assured, and they have been used for the purpose intended. There are two restricted funds:

i) Restricted funds for camperships - funds where the donor has specified that the principal is to remain intact, and that the interest is to be used to assist campers who would otherwise be unable to attend; and

ii) Restricted funds for the Multi-purpose building project - funds where the donor has specified that the principal be used in the construction of the Multi-purpose building

Unrestricted contributions, grants, rentals, and T-shirt sales are recognized as revenue in the Unrestricted Fund when they are received or receivable, provided the amounts are measurable and collection is reasonably assured.

Contributions for the purchase of property, plant and equipment are recognized as a direct increase in the investment in capital assets.

(c) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, guaranteed investment certificates and balances held on deposit.

(d) Restricted funds

Restricted camperships funds are to be used to provide financial assistance to children who can not afford to attend camp. The principal balance of the fund is to be maintained and only the interest earned on the investments can be used.

(e) Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds include both general operating funds and money designated for particular purposes.

Operating fund - Donations, grants, fundraising and bequests that can be used at the discretion of the Board of Directors for the day to day operations of the camp.

Unrestricted camperships fund - Donations, grants, fundraising and bequests that can be used at the discretion of the Board of Directors to provide financial assistance to children that can not afford to attend camp.

APPENDIX E

Synod Programme Committee

Another year has come and gone and although we didn't seem to be busy there were several major events that the committee dealt with this year.

One such major event was the Women's Gathering in Ontario which took place over the long weekend in May. Our Committee offered a grant for any woman from the Atlantic Synod who wished to attend to help offset some of the costs. Sixteen 16 women applied, and with a budget set at \$5,000 for this event, we were able to send them \$300.00 each.

May was a busy month for us as PAYS was held the same weekend as the Women's Gathering – May 20 to May 22 at the Miramichi Valley Bible Camp. The theme was "Challenging the Rapids" and focused on standing strong and remaining faithful in the face of life's challenges. There were 29 students in attendance and 9 leaders from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Vera Blake led the students through "The Blanket Exercise" for worship on Sunday Morning. This exercise arises out of and focuses on Truth and Reconciliation with the First Nations. One of the youth from Esgenoôpetitj First Nation joined them for the week-end. The small group discussions over the week-end were emotional and, in some cases, heart breaking. It opened their eyes to the many challenges that the youth of today are facing. Rev. Glen Sampson stated, "It also reaffirmed to me the importance of the PAYS week-end in the lives of these youth. I was challenged not only as the coordinator of this event but also in my role as Pastor. Many thanks for the support of Atlantic Synod, the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and the leaders who made themselves available and traveled with the youth."

Our Committee was also approached regarding funds for a YIM trip to Ghana by Kathleen MacIsaac from PEI. We were pleased to be able to grant her assistance in the amount \$1,000 to help cover some of her expenses.

It is still the hope of this committee that workshops will be conducted for lay leadership on Worship and Pastoral Visiting. There are some interesting on-line courses that are being offered at Knox and, I believe, at PC as well. Another thought is Rev. Ian Wishart is offering to come to different areas to lead a three-session workshop on worship. I don't know the details about that yet but it is something to think about. These will be developed over the winter.

The Programme Committee appreciates the Synod support for Canada Youth 2018, and we note that \$8,000 is budgeted for this event, as a separate item on the Synod budget.

Proposed Budget for 2017-2018:

Atlantic Synod Youth Event (PAYS)	\$3,000
Youth in Mission	1,500
Leadership Development	4,000
Committee Expenses	500
Total	\$9,000

I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of this committee, and especially my co-convener, Davida Mackay, for their work on this committee. I am retiring and have now stepped down from my duties. I am heading to my home in Cape Breton will be wearing a different hat come the end of November. God bless you all.

Bonnie Wynn, Committee Co-Convener

APPENDIX F
MISSION COMMITTEE

“His authority on earth allows us to dare to go to all the nations. His authority in heaven gives us our only hope of success. And His presence with us leaves us no other choice.” -John Stott

The mission committee has two main items on its mandate that are usually addressed at this meeting. The first is to bring recommendations regarding applications for funding and present requests for approval regarding grants from the LMA or other centralized grants. We have none of the latter, so to the former.

In reviewing our ongoing support for the Atlantic Mission of the Deaf it is noted that we do receive annual reports, but receiving year-to-date reports and ongoing reports is not always easy. Rev. Beth Mattinson has begun working with the AMD, encouraging their members to be more organized, and she does note that this year they are struggling to be organized. However, this does not, in our opinion deserve withdrawing our support. Further, we wish to be more supportive.

Our recommendation regarding the funding of the Atlantic Mission of the Deaf (in the amount of \$2000) is forwarded to the budget.

Recommendation 1 That logistic support be offered to the AMD through the Mission Committee, and that fund from the Committee’s budget be permitted to be used to help the AMD, if needs be.

Adopted p.10

We also hear some reports from Coverdale in its work in Saint John and Halifax, and this has come to us through third parties within the Synod. the committee is prepared to support further funding, but would like these reports(financial and program) to be transmitted directly to the committee, via its email address [pres.synod.missions@gmail.com] or direct mailing to the committee convener.

Our recommendation regarding the funding to Coverdale Saint John - contingent on it sending an updated report - in the amount of \$3000, and that the Synod give support to Coverdale Halifax - contingent on it sending an updated report - in the amount of \$3000 is forwarded to the budget

Our discussions this year have been around the mandate of this committee, recognizing our historic roles but looking to engage especially in the development of a Synod Mission strategy. This was a part of our request and recommendation in April to Synod council to expand the mandate to include the use of the Synod Mission Committee as a 'think-tank' for mission program development in the Atlantic region.

Extending from this, and as a result of support given in the spring to Ms. Kathleen MacIsaac, one are of program development and endorsement seems to be in the area of YIM, perhaps even developing a YIM opportunity/event hosted in Atlantic Canada. Certainly we are hoping to endorse and encourage young people in our region to make greater use of the YIM program and other opportunities for mission offered by the LMA.

Recommendation 2 That endorsement be given for the development of for the development of YIM opportunities in Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, extending the committee’s mandate. **Adopted p.10**

Further mandate exploration and engagement is ongoing, however we would like to revisit one friendly request that was made last year, as we have received no formal responses.

Along with asking for your stories of mission to continue to be shared we are seeking to circulate three questions for study and response.

1. What should be the regional (Synod) approach to ministry and mission?
2. What resources for mission are available throughout our region and what might be the best way of coordinating resource material and people?
3. What training or equipment do you see as necessary to empower mission and ministry in Atlantic Canada through the Presbyterian Church in Canada?

Recommendation 3 That the above questions be circulated to the presbyteries and sessions of our Synod, and they be asked to send responses to the committee [pres.synod.missions@gmail.com] by the New Year. **Adopted p.14**

Regarding the Mission Committee's budget, we do not see any need at this time to make any changes at this time. We do note that attendance to our meetings has been irregular and that updates to committee membership from Presbyteries does not always get transmitted to the convener. Members are asked to use the committee's email address, and to make sure changes of address, email, and personnel are updated. This information should also be sent to the Synod Clerk (soapclerk@gmail.com). Once meetings become more regular we should be able to better see if we can continue the process of shrinking our budget to make more resources available for mission programs. **Our recommendation** that the budget request of 3500 be sustained for 2017-18, is forwarded to the budget report.

Finally, the LMA is presenting webinars on various issues, projects, and initiatives of the denomination in hopes of facilitating a broad and healthy conversation around these subject and renewed interest in church programs. The first of these is set to take place Oct 4 2017. More will be posted on the LMA page [<http://presbyterian.ca/about/life-mission-agency/>]. We will do what we can to make sure this information is distributed in a timely way.

Also, one area we could be helpful is simply in our role of facilitating and supporting application to the Life and Mission Agency's grant programs. There are a number of programs that can be accessed by groups in the Atlantic Provinces, and our report to Synod should highlight these; we can also make connections when we receive stories of regional mission.

Our attempts to facilitate a newsletter for the synod have so far run flat, though we hope to continue to receive stories of mission our goal is redirecting towards being a conduit through which news and information flows to publications such as the AMS Presbyterian Message, and the new Presbyterian News Paper, 'Connections' - of which it is remarked there needs to be a greater amount of content from Atlantic Canada. That is not to say that 'Waves of Mission' will never sail, but for the time being it will remain tied up at port.

So, we still would like to especially receive and celebrate stories of mission in the areas of refugee support and sponsorship, and we are looking to see how these stories continue to develop over time and create a narrative around this initiative especially.

Given more recent world events, we are also looking for ways that the Atlantic Synod has responded to the aid crisis in the wake of both hurricanes and earthquakes in Mexico and throughout the Caribbean.

Recommendation 4 That the Synod be encouraged to continue to send stories of mission in our presbyteries and congregations and throughout our region to the Mission Committee. **Adopted p.10**
Respectfully Submitted,

Rev "Sandy" A.D. Sutherland, Acting Convener

Finally, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honoured, just as it was with you.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

From 2 Thessalonians 3

APPENDIX G ATLANTIC MISSION SOCIETY REPORT

“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will exalted in the earth.”

Psalm 46:10 NIV

The AMS President just completed her three years in office and as the incoming President I bring greeting with joy and thanksgiving as we begin a new year.

Our 140th Annual Meeting was held in the St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Moncton and was hosted by the St. John Presbyterial. The theme was “Follow Jesus”. The Annual Meeting was as usual a huge success with an entire weekend of rejoicing and worshipping 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 new updated Constitution and By-Laws can be found on the AMS website. The Men’s Projects for the next two years are: refurbishing of a dormitory room at Presbyterian College and supporting the ministry of Vera Blake with the Indigenous People of Esgenoopetitj(Burnt Church) New Brunswick. Several banners were made and sent to decorate the walls in a prison in Malawai. A beautiful quilt representing the Presidents of the AMS General Society for the last 140 years was presented by Mary Condon on behalf of the Pictou Presbyterial. Lots of beautiful sewing done within the groups.

The AMS wishes to acknowledge the Editor and Webmaster Joan Cho for her work with The Presbyterian Message and Rob Griffiths for his study this year.

The General Assembly was held this year at York University, Toronto with the theme “Stewards of the mysteries of God.” The resource people had their information tables in place within the gym where the meetings are held so we had the opportunity to speak to many people. The General assembly went well with some very interesting and controversial discussions taking place. The Moderator for the 141thGeneral assembly is The Rev. Douglas H. Rollwage was presented with a 1928 and a 2016 copy of The Message.

Discovery Days took place in Truro in April. Our theme this year was “Joy in the Lord”, with guest speaker the Rev. Karen Horst Moderator of the General Assembly; the Rev. Beth Mattison (clown ministry) and representatives from Teen Challenge in New Brunswick. It was a wonderful time with lots of laughter, discussion and learning. Many thanks to the organizers of this great time.

The President participated in the various Synod meetings and the annual Synod itself which took place in St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church in Moncton. As usual we had wonderful speakers both from within the church and outside the church with lots of wonderful and educational information. The Synod meeting is a great time to learn about what is happening within the churches in the Atlantic Provinces. The weather was kind and the hosts excellent.

As usual our two Executive meetings of the Atlantic Mission Society took place in the months of April and November. These are always generously hosted by St. James Church in their Koinonia Centre in Truro. We had some new members on our Executive this year, which continues to change how we evolve and grow as a group as well as how we see our work with missions. In order to grow, change is part of the process, which at times may be controversial but always makes growth possible.

The President attended two Life and Mission Agency Committee meetings and the Vice-president attended the two Assembly Council meetings. This is a great way for the AMS presence to be seen within the Church. It keeps us updated on the life of the church and the missions that our church has accepted.

Several members finished their terms at our annual meeting. We thank these leaders for all their dedication and leadership throughout their terms. We will be praying for individuals who wish to join the executive in the future leadership of our Society. We need to remember to remain open to change and be willing to be flexible in the service of our Lord.

Yours in Christ,
Linda MacKinnon

**APPENDIX H
MARITIME C.G.I.T**

Maritime CGIT passed a very quiet year, but with new things upcoming. The Committee meets twice a year, in May and September.

Five groups were registered in Spring, 2016 (3 in PEI and 2 in Cape Breton), with the same groups expected to continue into 2017, which is encouraging. As long as groups are active, the Maritime Committee will continue to provide support and resources.

Although Summer Camps will no longer be held, the possibility of resource camps for leaders, or reunion camps, may well be held in the future. The Committee is beginning to plan a weekend "Retreat Camp" in the summer or fall of 2016, for Alumni, Leaders and girls.

Every 2 years, a telephone meeting of representatives of all regions across Canada is held (BC did not participate). The last meeting was held on February 6, 2016. All Regional Committees agreed to remain active as long as there groups to support, but all are seeing the continual fall in membership, as is the Maritimes. For your information, following are the cross-Canada statistics reported at that meeting.

REGIONS	GROUPS	GIRLS	LEADERS	NATIONAL TOTALS			
Alberta	5	40	18	YEAR	GROUPS	GIRLS	LEADERS
Saskatchewan	2	10	6	2008	44	401	106
Manitoba	1	13	2	2011	34	246	82
Ontario	2	25	7	2013	23	149	57
Maritimes	5	32	7	2016	15	120	39

The Vesper Service for 2017 will be the responsibility of Maritime Committee. Wilson United Church CGIT (Margaree, CB) is very excited to be preparing the service for the Committee. We are grateful to have young people and young voices enthusiastic about this task for groups all across Canada.

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 I

**CHANGES AFFECTING STUDENTS, PROFESSIONAL CHURCH WORKERS AND CONGREGATIONS
SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES**

STUDENTS CERTIFIED AS CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Presbytery of Pictou

Katie Hubley MacIntosh

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

Glynis Faith

Chad Bolton

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Kathy Parks

Nick Metivier

Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg

Marcus Arsenault

CANDIDATES CERTIFIED FOR ORDINATION

None Reported

ORDINATIONS

None Reported

DESIGNATION TO ORDER OF DIACONAL MINISTRIES

None Reported

RECEPTIONS FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS

None Reported

INDUCTIONS

Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg

Andrew G. Campbell, St. James', Truro

September 19, 2017

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

Torrey Griffiths, Kensington/ New London

January 22, 2017

Presbytery of Newfoundland

David Sturtevant, St David's, St. John's

March 26, 2017

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Mary Eluned (Lyn) Hughes, St. Peter's, Stanley

February 22, 2017

Cheryl G. MacFadyen, Charlotte Co. Pastoral Charge April 17, 2017

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, January 1, 2017

DESIGNATION OF OVERSEAS MISSIONARIES

None Reported

**PLACED ON CONSTITUENT ROLL
MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENTS**

Presbytery of Pictou

Mary Anne Grant, Stated Supply in West River Charge July 1, 2017

**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 Prince Edward Island

H. Alan Stewart November 8, 2016

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Douglas E. Blaikie March 1, 2017

Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg

David W.K. Sutherland September 1, 2017
Michael W.A. Henderson September 30, 2017
Thomas J. Kay October 1, 2017
Catherine M. Kay October 1, 2017
D. Laurence Mawhinney October 1, 2017

**PLACED ON THE APPENDIX TO THE ROLL
MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF DIACONAL MINISTRIES**

None Reported

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

Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg

William G. Johnston August 1, 2017

**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

None Reported

TRANSLATIONS

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

Andrew Campbell to Halifax and Lunenburg August 31, 2017

CERTIFICATES GRANTED

Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg

William G. Johnston to Presbytery of Pictou August 1, 2017
Kimberley L. Barlow to Presbytery of New Brunswick October 1, 2017

RESIGNATIONS

None Reported

DISSOLUTION OF PASTORAL TIE

None Reported

RETIREMENTS

Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg

David Sutherland

September 1, 2017

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Douglas E. Blaikie

March 1, 2017

HISTORICAL CERTIFICATES

None Reported

LETTER OF STANDING GRANTED

None Reported

DEMITTED FROM THE MINISTRY

None Reported

SUSPENSION FROM THE MINISTRY

None Reported

DEPOSITION FROM THE MINISTRY

None Reported

DEATHS IN THE MINISTRY

None Reported

CHANGE OF STATUS OF PRESBYTERY

None Reported

CONSTITUTION OF NEW CONGREGATIONS

None Reported

CHANGE OF STATUS OF CONGREGATION

Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg

St. James', Truro & St. Paul's, McClure's Mills became separate Charges September 1, 2017

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Knox, New Carlisle added to Northern New Brunswick Regional Ministry February 22, 2017

St. John's, Dalhousie added to Northern New Brunswick Regional Ministry February 22, 2017

DEDICATION OF CHURCH BUILDINGS

None Reported

DISSOLUTION OF CONGREGATION

None Reported

AMALGAMATION OF CONGREGATIONS

None Reported

PREACHING POINT ESTABLISHED

None Reported

TRANSFER OF CONGREGATION TO ANOTHER PRESBYTERY

None Reported

APPENDIX J RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Moderator, the following recommendations are moved by Carol Stymiest and seconded by Rev. Kenneth Stright under a consent agenda as one body. **Adopted p. 21**

Recommendation 1: Regarding Worship

That the Rev. Michael Koslowski and Mr. Murray MacDonald be thanked for leading the opening service of Word and Sacrament for the 144th annual meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic provinces.

That this thanks also include those who shared their gifts through readings, prayer, singing and in music: Lilla Tanner, Linda MacKinnon, Rev. Dr. David Sutherland, Jean Dunn, Faith Daily, Barbara Fris, Calvin Presbyterian Church Choir, Calvin Presbyterian Elders assisting in serving Communion.

That we thank the Rev. Beth Mattison and Rev. Corrie Stewart for leading Worship on Tuesday and Wednesday morning and Rev. Dr. Sandy MacDonald for providing music.

Recommendation 2: Regarding Speakers

That our Synod speaker, the Rev. Cannon Dr. Jody Clarke from the Atlantic school of Theology be thanked for his engaging and inspiring presentation on Tuesday morning and afternoon on how to deal effectively with difficult conversations and how to identify and utilize the different strengths within Congregations.

That the Rev. John Vissers, principal of Knox College and Megan Shin be thanked for their informative presentation of the work being done at Knox. That the Rev. Dr. Dale Woods, Principal of Presbyterian College be thanked for sharing and updating the initiatives being undertaken at Presbyterian College and for sharing his vision of the Church.

That our thanks be expressed to the Rev. Ian Ross MacDonald, General Secretary of LMA for updating the Court on resources available and the mission work of the Church. That our thanks be given to Kathern Sisk, program coordinator for Justice Ministries for her information on the concerns of Kairos, progress on the Call to Action, water and Indigenous Rights.

That our thanks be expressed to Rev. Charles Webster, representing the Canadian Bible Society for his presentation on the work of the Canadian Bible Society and presenting the Moderator with a personal copy of the Bible.

Recommendation 3: Regarding the hosting of the Worship Service and the Business Meeting.

That our thanks be expressed to the Session and Congregation of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Halifax for sharing their gifts of hospitality, in hosting the worship services, business meeting and for providing meals and refreshments.

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

That special thanks be given to the Moderator, Rev. Derek Krunys and the Atlantic Synod Clerk, Rev. Dr. David Sutherland for their efficient conducting of the 144th Annual Meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces.

Recommendation 4 Regarding the Retirement of the Clerk

That special thanks be given to the Rev. Dr. David Sutherland for his many years of faithful service as the Clerk of the Atlantic Synod, for his service within the Presbyterian Church in Canada and his Ministry through the Atlantic Provinces. Well done good and faithful servant.

Respectfully submitted by

Carol Stymiest and Kenneth Stright

**APPENDIX K
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APPENDIX L 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 M

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 it 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 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.

APPENDIX N

TREASURER'S REPORT TO DATE 2017

**The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces
 Comparative Income Statement - Comparative Income Statement**

	2017 Budget	Actual Jan. 1/17 to Sept. 30/17
REVENUE		
Cape Breton Allocations	26,728.42	18,805.06
Pictou Allocations	40,682.47	40,982.97
Newfoundland Allocations	10,549.73	10,549.73
Halifax and Lunenburg Allocations	31,589.05	31,589.07
New Brunswick Allocations	48,708.99	36,599.82
P.E.I. Allocations	45,268.99	27,692.34
Synod Offering	1,000.00	0.00
Interest Earned	500.00	95.34
Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	343.12
Youth Events	0.00	0.00
Stan Ott Workshop	0.00	860.00
Received for CY 2016	0.00	0.00
Hospital Visitor Allocations	10,000.00	4,706.23
Regional Resourcing Grant(PCC)	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>215,027.65</u>	<u>172,223.68</u>
EXPENSES		
Synod Minutes	1,400.00	0.00
Synod Travel	15,000.00	0.00
Synod Accommodations and Meals	5,000.00	0.00
Synod Speaker	4,000.00	0.00
Synod- Other Expenses	800.00	0.00
Synod Council	3,000.00	927.74
Mission Committee	3,500.00	750.00
Programme Committee	17,000.00	5,889.00
Personnel Committee	2,000.00	0.00
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 Geddie	55,000.00	55,000.00
Camp Keir	4,000.00	4,000.00
Camp MacLeod	4,000.00	4,000.00
MacGregor Cairn	3,000.00	0.00

Miscellaneous	1,000.00	555.36
Sexual Abuse/Harassment Committee	1,500.00	0.00
Bank Charges	100.00	5.00
Regional Resourcing Grant	0.00	0.00
Canada Youth 2016	0.00	0.00
Stan Ott Workshop	0.00	828.47
Camping & Youth Consultant Salary	35,577.00	14,813.31
Camping & Youth Consultant Travel	7,500.00	2,018.76
Camping & Youth Consultant Housing	11,000.00	4,704.23
Camping & Youth Consultant EI	1,000.00	454.57
Camping & Youth Consultant CPP	2,100.00	1,204.46
Camping & Youth Consultant Health	4,300.00	3,238.50
Pension Synod Share	5,000.00	4,548.98
Camping & Youth Consultant Cont. Ed	600.00	0.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Gen Exp	5,000.00	1,194.59
Synod Hospital Visitor	10,000.00	7,792.18
Clerk's Honorarium	3,700.00	3,700.00
Clerk's Expenses	600.00	230.64
Moderator's Expenses	500.00	164.90
Treasurer's Honorarium	4,000.00	4,000.00
Treasurer's Expenses	1,700.00	1,355.82
Grant to Atl Presby Women's Retreat	0.00	0.00
Special Grant to PEI Presbytery	0.00	6,000.00
Assessor Presbyter NL	6,000.00	4,422.73
Synod Insurance	2,000.00	0.00
Financial Audit	3,600.00	3,655.00
Amortization	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>232,477.00</u>	<u>143,454.24</u>
NET INCOME	<u>-17,449.35</u>	<u>28,769.44</u>

APPENDIX O **Overtures – 2017**

NO. 1 – PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX & LUNENBURG **re: Annual Synod meetings**

WHEREAS, the synod exists as a court of the church “to take general supervision of the interests of the church within its bounds, and to promote the life of the church, by annual conferences or otherwise, as it may deem best,” (BoF 274.1); and

WHEREAS, despite there being provision for such (BoF 295.2), there has been no apparent general interest from its membership toward dissolving the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces; and

WHEREAS, the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces can, and does, have an important role to play in the life and work of the presbyteries and congregations within its bounds; and

WHEREAS, the synod holds a responsibility to “promote the life of the church, by annual conferences or otherwise”; and

WHEREAS, much of the Synod Committees’ work and/or reporting could be streamlined i.e. through the use of consent agendas to deal with those reports bringing recommendations, and reports without recommendations being received and circulated as printed without necessitating time on the docket, and some practices possibly done away with altogether, e.g. removal of ecumenical visitor’s greetings and some practices changed, e.g. Synod Council report earlier, have an order of service for Memorial Service, print names in it, and send it rather than minutes to the bereaved, urge obituary providers to keep the focus on the church service of the deceased, have a Hymn Sing; and

WHEREAS, a reduction and/or streamlining of business would allow more time to focus on worship, fellowship, and, in particular, education; and

WHEREAS, a stronger focus on education would assist in promoting life and vitality of the church, as well as the spiritual health, practices, and formation of those serving within the synod’s bounds;

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg humbly overtures the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces to take steps to re-imagine the meeting of the court in such a way, as to place the primary focus on worship, education, and fellowship, and that such steps include consideration of:

1. Re-organizing of Synod’s business, and the streamlining of reporting to allow for more time to be given to educational opportunities such as workshops and guest speakers;
2. Exploring the possibility of extending Synod meetings to allow time for facilitating more in depth study and learning;
3. Setting a projected date of 2018’s Synod meeting as a target date for the implementation of a new format;

Or to do otherwise as the Synod, in its wisdom, may deem best.

NO. 2 – PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND **re: sustainability of Atlantic Synod**

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan of The Presbyterian Church in Canada calls us to encourage, support and strengthen congregations, and,

WHEREAS, modern communication tools have made the existence of the Synod Court considerably less relevant than in previous decades, and,

WHEREAS, local congregations find it increasingly difficult to source the finances required to meet Synod dues, and,

WHEREAS, in an age of declining resources, eliminating an unnecessary level of administration would result in a reduction of overhead for congregations, and,

WHEREAS, the role of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces has become, in large part, responsible primarily for the administration and staffing of Camp Geddie, and,

WHEREAS, Camp Geddie, in its registrations, rarely receives campers from the Presbyteries of PEI, New Brunswick or Newfoundland and is, in effect, a Presbytery camp, and,
WHEREAS, the role of Synod Hospital Visitor could be coordinated from the Presbytery level, if necessary, and,
WHEREAS, the attendance at Synod reveals a lack of perceived relevance and interest in Synod, and,
WHEREAS, significant financial resources are expended in covering travel costs for Synod and its committees, and,
WHEREAS, a fair and orderly process has been established by the Presbyterian Church in Canada, (*Book of Forms, Appendix K*), the necessary steps leading to the dissolution of superfluous Synods now exist and serve as a model for how Synod functions could be handled elsewhere.
THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island humbly overtures the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces to strike a committee composed of representatives from each Presbytery to consider changes to the role of Synod to better serve the Presbyteries and congregations within its bounds and to promote our mission of sharing Christ's love in the Atlantic Provinces and to report back to the next Synod, or to do otherwise as the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, in its wisdom, deems best.

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