

**The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces**  
**The Presbyterian Church in Canada**



**Minutes & Reports**  
of the  
**One Hundred and Forty-fifth Annual Meeting**  
(The 200<sup>th</sup> since organization)

Sydney, N.S.  
October 15<sup>th</sup> – October 17<sup>th</sup>  
**2018**

**Moderator**            **The Rev. Michael Koslowski**  
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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 1943

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, Onsloe 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

## MEETING PLACES AND MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES 1944 TO 2007

1944	New Glasgow	D.A. MacKinnon, Springhill NS
1945	New Glasgow	W.L. MacLellan, B.A., B.D., First, New Glasgow NS
1946	Pictou	D.W. MacDonald, B.A., Dublin Shore NS
1947	Charlottetown	T.H.B. Somers, M.A., S.T.M., St. James, Charlottetown PEI
1948	Sydney	A.E. Morrison, St. Andrew's, New Glasgow NS
1949	Halifax	Alexander Allen, Lunenburg NS
1950	Westville	R.S. Quigley, Ph.D., Belfast PEI
1951	Pictou	Murray Y. Fraser, B.A., Stellarton NS
1952	New Glasgow	A.O. Maclean, B.A., Moncton NB
1953	Truro	Hugh Jack, B.A., Sydney NS
1954	Glace Bay	H.M. Buntain, B.A., St. Andrew's, Pictou NS
1955	Saint John	J.R. Humphreys, B.A., St. Matthew's, Saint John NB
1956	Pictou	D.A. Campbell, B.A., Montague PEI
1957	Charlottetown	T.A.A. Duke, B.A., Campbellton NB
1958	Sydney	J.A. McGowan, B.A., Springville NS
1959	Halifax	Frank Lawson, B.A., B.D., St. David's, Halifax NS
1960	New Glasgow	Hugh Creaser, B.A., First, New Glasgow NS
1961	St. Andrews	T.J. Watson, B.A., B.D., D.D., Fredericton NB
1962	Truro	Wm. Reid, B.A., St. Andrew's, New Glasgow NS
1963	Fredericton	Robert W. Ross, Sunny Corner NB
1964	Lunenburg	James A. Goldsmith, B.A., St. Andrew's, Dartmouth NS
1965	Westville	Everett H. Bean, B.A., B.Th., B.D., Sydney NS
1966	Chatham	Laurence E. Blaikie, B.Th., Moncton NB
1967	St. John's	M.C. Currie, B.A., Murray Harbour PEI
1968	Charlottetown	Wallace E. Whyte, B.A., B.D., Chatham NB
1969	Moncton	Frederick Pauley, B.Th., M.Th., Durham NS
1970	Stellarton	John R. Cameron, B.A., B.D., Lunenburg NS
1971	Charlottetown	Gordon L. Blackwell, B.A., Saint John NB
1972	Sydney Mines	Gordon J. Matheson, Tatamagouche NS
1973	Saint John	Ian G. Macleod B.A., B.D., Baddeck NS
1974	New Glasgow	J.S.S. Armour, B.A., 8.D., S.T.M., St. John's NF
1975	Dartmouth	R.D. Maclean, B.A., B.D., Halifax NS
1976	Kensington	J. Bruce Robertson, B.A., B.Comm., B.D., S.T.M., New Glasgow NS
1977	Sydney	John P. Posno, Chatham NB
1978	Halifax	Basil C. Lowery B.A., B.D., fuverviewNB
1979	Fredericton	Murray M. Graham, B.A., B.Th., B.D., Campbellton NB
1980	Summerside	Owen Channon, B.A., B.D., M.Sc., Windsor NS
1981	Pictou	P. Alexander McDonald, B.A., B.D., Dartmouth NS
1982	Truro Lee	M. MacNaughton, B.A., Blue Mountain NS
1983	New Glasgow	Philip J. Lee, B.Sc., S.T.B., Saint John NB
1984	Riverview	Murdo Marple, B.Sc., B.D., Stellarton NS
1985	Charlottetown	W.J.O. Isaac, C.D., D.D., Truro NS
1986	Pictou	Edgar F. Dewar B.A., Springville NS
1987	Lunenburg	G. Cameron Brett, B.A., B.D., Fredericton NB
1988	Stellarton	Ian S. Wishart, C.D., B.A., B.D., M.Th., St. John's NF
1989	Saint John	R.A.B. Maclean, C.D., B.A., 8.D., M.R.E., Barney's River NS
1990	Charlottetown	Cedric Pettigrew, 8.A., B.D., M.A., Halifax NS
1991	Moncton	D. Laurence Mawhinney, B.A., 8.D., Lunenburg NS
1992	Truro	J. Kenneth Macleod, B.A., B.D., D.Min., New Glasgow NS
1993	Dartmouth	L. George Macdonald, B.A., B.Th., Halifax NS
1993	Pictou	L. George Macdonald, B.A., B.Th., Halifax NS
1994	Sydney Mines	L. George Macdonald, B.A., B.Th., Halifax NS
1995	Truro	L. George Macdonald, B.A., B.Th., Halifax NS
1995	New Glasgow	Mark R. McLennan, B.A., B.Th., M.Div., Scotsburn NS
1996	Stellarton	H. Kenneth Stright, B.A., M.Div., Pictou NS
1997	Fredericton	Davida Stewart, Charlottetown PEI
1998	Pictou	Patricia A. Rose, B.N.Sc., M.Th., M.Div., Windsor NS
1999	Sydney	David W. K. Sutherland, B.Comm., M.Div., M.Th., St. John's NF )
2000	Charlottetown	R. Ritchie Robinson, B.A., B.Th., M. Div. Boularderie NS
2001	Dartmouth	E. M. Iona MacLean, B.A., M. Div., A.R.C.T., Pictou NS
2002	New Minas	Charles McPherson, B.Sc., B.Th., M.Div., Stellarton NS
2003	New Glasgow	Donald W. MacKay, B.A., B.D., S.T.M., D. Min., New Glasgow NS
2004	Charlottetown	Robert Lyle, B.A., M.Div., Sydney NS
2005	Fredericton	Cynthia J. Chenard, B.A., B.Ed., B.Th., M.Div., D.Min., Dartmouth NS
2006	Halifax	Timothy F. Archibald, B.A., M.A., M.Div., New Minas NS
2007	Stellarton	D. Laurence DeWolfe, B.A., M.Div, D. Min., Halifax NS

## MEETING PLACES AND MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES 2008 TO 2018

2008	New Glasgow	John Crawford, B.A., M.Div., D.Min., Saint John NB
2009	Dartmouth	Shirley F. Murdock, Dip. C.E., Baddeck NS
2010	Saint John	P. A, (Sandy) McDonald, B.A.,B.D., D.D., Dartmouth NS
2011	Lower Sackville	Lara Scholey, B.Sc. (Hons.), M. Div., Scotsburn NS,
2012	St. John's	Andy den Otter, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., St. John's, NL
2013	Sydney	Cheryl Weeks, St. Andrew's, Dartmouth, NS
2014	Summerside	Jeffrey Murray, B. Hum.(Hons.), M.Div. Sackville, NB
2015	Moncton	Jeffrey Lackie, M.Div., Thorburn, NS
2016	Stellarton	G. Murray MacDonald, Stillwater Lake, NS
2017	Halifax	Derek Krunys, St. John's, NL
2018	Sydney	Michael Koslowski, Halifax, NS

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## **FIRST SEDERUNT**

At Sydney, Nova Scotia, within Bethel Presbyterian Church, on Monday the fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen 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 144<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, The Rev. Derek Krunys, and the Moderator of the 144<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, The Rev. Daniel Cho. Rev. D. Krunys preached a sermon entitled, “Salt & Light”. The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was celebrated.

### **CONSTITUTION**

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

### **MEMORIALS**

The Moderator and Clerk led 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:            Rev. Dr. Ian Grant MacLeod

Ruling Elders:            Frank William Cullen  
                                     Blaine Chamberlain  
                                     George Raymond Graham  
                                     A. Duncan Ferguson  
                                     Donald MacKenzie Morrison  
                                     Kenneth Alexander MacInnis  
                                     Theodore Lewis Fowler  
                                     Malcolm Martin MacPherson  
                                     John David Gillan  
                                     Wendy Jean MacDonald  
                                     Diane Jean MacKenzie  
                                     George William Fraser  
                                     Roma E. Campbell  
                                     Linda MacDonald  
                                     Herbert Iver MacDermid  
                                     Hugh Allister MacDonald  
                                     Barbara Adele MacDonald  
                                     Gerald Bryson Strong  
                                     Gary Dewar Naylor  
                                     Harold Stead  
                                     Amy Ettie Stewart  
                                     Brian Joseph MacLellan  
                                     William Sneddon

### **THE ROLL OF THE 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. He presented the Roll of Synod:

**Presbytery of Cape Breton**

Marion Barclay MacKay, Robert Lyle, Peter D. MacDonald, Andrew S. MacDonald, Lydia MacKinnon, Brian D. MacLeod, R. Ritchie Robinson, W. Corrie Stewart (Ministers); Wendy Bryan, Robert Ferguson, Charles Greaves, George Hayes, Diane MacEachern, Shane MacFarlane, Debbie MacLean, Johnna MacLellan, William MacLeod, Raymond MacPhail, Angus MacVicar, Wesley Stewart, Ernest Wiesner, (Representative Elders).

**Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg**

Andrew Campbell, Cynthia Jean Chenard, Michael Koslowski, Suk Ho Lee, Beth M. Mattinson, J. Kenneth MacLeod, Peter Alexander (Sandy) McDonald, Michael Veenema (Ministers); Nicki Cameron, Marilyn Clyde, Maudie Haley, William Jardine, Wilson Lang, Murray MacDonald, Davida Mackay, Linda MacKinnon, Ross Morrow, Cindy Shea, Ann Taylor, Cheryl E. Weeks (Representative Elders).

**Presbytery of New Brunswick**

Kim Barlow, Kent E. Burdett, Charles S. Cook, John J. Crawford, Lyn Hyghes, J. Martin R. Kreplin, Cheryl G. MacFadyen, Wendy L. MacWilliams, Jeffrey M. Murray, M. Glen Sampson, Alexander (Sandy) Sutherland, Jon Van Den Berg, Anne J. Boudreau, Erik W. Kraglund, (Ministers); Alberta I. Cooke, Dallas W. Davis, Arthur Golding, Mona H.A. Harris, Daryl Hood, Jessie A.M. Kelly, Stanley C. MacDonald, Ken G. MacKeigan, Kate M. McLellan, Phyllis I. Mossman, Brian Neilson, Marlene M. Phillips, Tim Sabeau, Joseph Sheasgreen, Brian H. Smith, Lewis Smollett, Carol Stymiest, Fred Thorburn, Nils A. Dickie, Merritt B. Scott (Representative Elders).

**Presbytery of Newfoundland**

Derek Krunys, David T. Sturtevant, Ian S. Wishart (Ministers); Lynne Allan, Aubrey Bonnell, Margaret Coombes, and Lillian Crawford (Representative Elders).

**Presbytery of Pictou**

Shelly Chandler, Mary Anne Grant, Joon Ki Kim, Lorne A. MacLeod, Charles E. McPherson, Gail Johnson Murdock (Ministers); Debbie Stewart (Diaconal); Brenda Butler, Martin Carree, Mary Cress, Ira Drysdale, Brenda Fraser, Diane Hayman, Murray Hill, Robert Hunsley, Helen Jordan, Bonnie Langille, Frank MacLeod, Angus H. Moser, David Munro, Adrian Pearson, Susan Robinson, Wendy Ross, Marshall Smith, Don Sutherland (Representative Elders).

**Presbytery of Prince Edward Island**

Brad Blaikie, Mark W. Buell, Dawn B. Griffiths, Torrey R. Griffiths, Paula Hamilton, Thomas Hamilton, Michael J. Hamilton, Amanda Henderson-Bolton, Thomas Kay, Roger MacPhee, Douglas Rollwage, Donghwi David Son, Steven Stead, Stephen Thompson (Ministers); Gus Banfill, Betty Carr, Evelyn Cox, Stephen Hardy, Nancy Harvey, Doug LeBlanc, Scott MacDonald, Watson MacDonald, Joy MacIntyre, Patricia MacLean, Doris MacWilliams, Gavin Richardson, David Robinson, Dail Smith, Alana White (Representative Elders).

	<b>Ministers</b>	<b>Representative Elders</b>
<i>Cape Breton</i>	8	13
<i>Newfoundland</i>	3	4
<i>Pictou</i>	6	20
<i>Halifax &amp; Lunenburg</i>	8	12
<i>New Brunswick</i>	13	20
<i>Prince Edward Island</i>	14	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>84</b>

*The following Alternate Representative Elders were in attendance:*

Carole Lovell (Monday) and Michael McIsaac (Tuesday) from St. Andrew's Sydney Mines, Cape Breton; Nancy Smith, North River/North Shore Pastoral Charge, Cape Breton; Whitney Canning, from St. Andrew's, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia; Carol Whittaker, from Knox Church, Harvey, New Brunswick; John Barrett from Zion Church, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; and Amelia Campbell from WellSpring Church, Montague, Prince Edward Island.

#### **REGRETS**

Regrets were received from the following: Mark Buell, S. Nicki Cameron, Evelyn Cox, Dallas Davis, Robert Ferguson (Wednesday's sederunt), Tom Hamilton, Paula Hamilton, Mona Harris, Diane Hayman, Joon Ki Kim, Basil Lowery, Doris MacWilliams, Wendy MacWilliams, Beth Mattinson, Brian Neilson, Marlene Philips, Gary Ross, Ann Taylor, Gerald E. Thompson, Jon Van Den Berg, Cheryl Weeks, and Ian Wishart.

#### **REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Registration Committee the Clerk noted that the registration constituted a quorum of the Synod. (¼ of the members of the roll or 15, whichever is smaller).

#### **DOCKET**

J. Murray moved, duly seconded, that the Docket (p. 14) be adopted as circulated. Adopted.

#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS OF SYNOD**

The Moderator invited the Clerks of Presbytery to introduce new members to the court from their respective presbyteries. The court welcomed the following new members: the Rev. Shelly Chandler from the Presbytery of Pictou; and, David Robinson, from the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

#### **WELCOME OF STAFF, GUESTS, AND OTHERS TO THE COURT**

The Moderator extended a welcome to our staff, guests, other visitors to the Court: Whitney Canning, Synod Camping and Youth Consultant; R. Lindsay Rankin, Synod Hospital Visitor; Rob Griffiths, Convenor of Missions Committee; The Rev. Dr. Pamela McCarroll, Synod Speaker; The Rev. Daniel Cho, Moderator of the 144<sup>th</sup> General Assembly; The Rev. Ian Ross-McDonald, Workshop Leader, General Secretary Life and Mission Agency; The Rev. Dr. Clyde Ervine, Workshop Leader (arriving Tuesday); the Rev. Susan Shaffer, Workshop Leader; Louis Ihasz, stated supply in the Presbytery of Cape Breton; The Rev. Catherine MacDonald, Ecumenical Guest from the United Church; The Rev. Dr. Glen Davis; The Rev. Joyce Davis; and, The Rev. Dr. Carol Ann Janzen, Canadian Bible Society.

#### **MOTION TO SIT AND CORRESPOND:**

J. Murray moved, duly seconded, that the Rev. Dr. Pamela McCarroll, the Rev. Daniel Cho, the Rev. Ian Ross-McDonald, the Rev. Dr. Clyde Ervine, the Rev. Susan Shaffer, the Rev. Dr. Glen Davis and the Rev. Joyce Davis be invited to sit and correspond. Adopted.

#### **REPORT OF THE SYNOD COUNCIL (*RECOMMENDATIONS 1-6, 10-12, & 15*)**

The Moderator called upon M. Barclay MacKay, Convenor of Synod Council, to present the proposed consensus recommendations of the Synod Council Report (p. 15-38). The Convenor highlighted recommendations 1-6, 10-12, and 15.

M. Barclay MacKay moved, duly seconded, that these recommendations be adopted by consensus.

**Recommendation 1** (p. 15) Adopted by consensus.



**Recommendation 2** (p. 15) Adopted by consensus.

**Recommendation 3** (p. 15) Adopted by consensus.

**Recommendation 4** (p. 15) Adopted by consensus.

**Recommendation 5** (p. 16) Adopted by consensus.

**Recommendation 6** (p. 16) Adopted by consensus.

**Recommendation 10** (p. 18) Adopted by consensus.

**Recommendation 11** (p. 18) Adopted by consensus.

**Recommendation 12** (p. 19) Adopted by consensus.

**Recommendation 15** (p. 19) Adopted by consensus.

### **ELECTION OF MODERATOR**

The Rev. Derek Krunys, the Moderator of the 144<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the court called upon the Synod to choose a Moderator to preside over the deliberations of this 145<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. The Clerk reported two nominations were received from presbyteries: The Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg nominated the Rev. Michael Koslowski of Calvin Church, Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Presbyteries of Pictou and Cape Breton nominated the Rev. Andrew MacDonald of Little Narrows and St Andrew's, Whycocomagh, Nova Scotia.

**Motion:** C. Chenard moved, duly seconded, that nominations cease. Adopted..

P.A. McDonald spoke on behalf of the Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg's nomination of M. Koslowski. B. Wynn spoke on behalf of the Presbytery of Cape Breton's nomination of A. MacDonald.

The court was called to vote by secret ballot. The ballots were distributed and collected and assigned to a committee for the count.

The Moderator declared the Rev. Michael Koslowski elected as Moderator for the 145<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces. P.A. McDonald accompanied the Moderator-elect to assist him to gown.

Ballots were destroyed.

### **REPORT OF THE RETIRING MODERATOR**

While the Moderator-elect was vesting, the Moderator of the 144<sup>th</sup> meeting of Synod gave a report on his service through the year.

### **INSTALLATION OF NEW MODERATOR**

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

### **PRESENTATION FROM THE BIBLE SOCIETY**

The Rev. Dr. Carol Ann Janzen, of the Canadian Bible Society, presented the new Moderator with a Bible.

### **PRESENTATION OF PRESBYTERY AND SYNOD MINUTES**

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. D. Krunys moved, duly seconded, that the court adjourn. Adopted.

### **CLOSING**

The Moderator, the Rev. Michael Koslowski, closed the meeting with prayer and benediction and announced that the court would gather again in the hall of Bethel Presbyterian Church, Sydney, Nova Scotia on Tuesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018, at nine o'clock in the morning for the business of the Synod.

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The Rev. Michael Koslowski,  
Moderator

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The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray,  
Clerk

## **SECOND SEDERUNT**

At Sydney, Nova Scotia, within Bethel Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday the sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen at nine in the morning, the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces began the second sederunt.

### **CONSTITUTION**

The Moderator constituted the Synod with prayer.

### **BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Moderator called for the report of the Business Committee.

N. Harvey moved, duly seconded, that the following be the agenda for the second sederunt. Adopted.

Constitution  
Business Committee  
Registration Committee  
Correspondence Report  
Synod Council Report (Recommendations 7-9,13,14, 16-19)  
Treasurer's Report  
Synod Council - Task force (introduction)  
Programme  
Synod Speaker

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The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray  
Synod Clerk

Notices of motion  
Announcements  
Adjournment

### **REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

C. Greaves requested that the registration report be given at a later sederunt as some are still registering.

### **CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

The clerk presented the correspondence report (p. 39).

J. Murray moved, duly seconded that the correspondence report be adopted. Adopted.

### **SYNOD COUNCIL REPORT (RECOMMENDATIONS 7-9,13,14, 16-19)**

The Moderator called upon M. Barclay MacKay, Convener of Synod Council, to continue the Council Report (p. 15-38).

**Recommendation 7** (p. 16) was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, duly seconded. Adopted.

**Recommendation 8** (p. 16) was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, duly seconded. Adopted.

**Recommendation 9** (p. 17) was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, duly seconded. Adopted.

**Recommendation 13** (p. 19) was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, duly seconded. Adopted.

**Recommendation 14** (p. 19) was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, duly seconded. Adopted.

**Recommendation 16** (p. 20) was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, duly seconded. Adopted.

**Recommendation 17** (p. 20) was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, duly seconded. Adopted.

**Recommendation 18** (p. 20) was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, duly seconded. Adopted.

**Recommendation 19** (p. 20) was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, duly seconded. Adopted.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Moderator called for the Treasurer's Report. D. Krunys gave an overview of the printed and circulated report.

D. Krunys moved, duly seconded, that the report be adopted. Adopted.

### **SYNOD COUNCIL - TASK FORCE (INTRODUCTION)**

The Moderator called upon D. Krunys, Finance Committee of Synod Council, to give an overview of the proposed changes regarding camping ministries and synod finances.

### **PROGRAMME**

The Moderator called for the report of the Programme Committee. Lydia MacKinnon gave an overview of the printed report.

Lydia MacKinnon moved, duly seconded, that the report be adopted. Adopted.

### **SYNOD SPEAKER**

J. Murray introduced our Synod Speaker, Dr. Pamela McCarroll.

The first presentation was on challenges of church today and on what gives us hope.

### **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.

D. Krunys moved, duly seconded, that the meet adjourn. Adopted..

### **CLOSING**

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer and announced that the court would meet in the hall of Bethel Presbyterian Church, Sydney, Nova Scotia on Tuesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018, at one-thirty o'clock in the afternoon for the business of the Synod.

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The Rev. Michael Koslowski,  
Moderator

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The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray,  
Clerk

## **THIRD SEDERUNT**

At Sydney, Nova Scotia, within Bethel Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday the sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen at one-thirty in the afternoon, the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces began the third sederunt.

### **CONSTITUTION**

The Moderator constituted the Synod with prayer.

### **BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Moderator called for the report of the Business Committee.

N. Harvey moved, duly seconded, that the following be the agenda for the third sederunt. Adopted.

- Constitution
- Business Committee
- Registration
- Presbyterian College
- Synod Council
  - Task force (continued)
  - Recommendations 20-24

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The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray  
Synod Clerk

Life & Mission Agency  
Hospital Visitor  
Camping and Youth Consultant  
Camp Geddie  
Mission  
Clerk's Report  
Moderator of General Assembly  
Notices of motion  
Announcements  
Adjournment

### **REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

C. Greaves reported the registration of 34 ministers, 1 Diaconal Minister, 21 representative elders, 5 alternate representative elders, 1 Equalizing Elder, 2 on the appendix to the roll, the synod youth and camping consultant serving as an alternate representative elder, the synod hospital visitor, Moderator of General Assembly, guest speaker, 3 workshop leaders, 1 ecumenical observer and 19 visitors. There are 90 registered.

He reported that 6 leaves to withdraw were granted: Andrew Campbell, Murray Hill, Glen Matheson, after the third sederunt; Amelia Campbell, from the fourth sederunt; Gail Johnson-Murdock, Brian MacLeod, after the fourth sederunt;

C. Greaves moved, duly seconded that the report be adopted. Carried

### **PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE**

Moderator called upon the Rev. Dr. Glen Davis to read a letter from Dr. Dale Woods, Principal of Presbyterian College, Montreal.

### **SYNOD COUNCIL**

The Moderator called upon M. Barclay MacKay, Convener of Synod Council, to continue the Council Report (p. 15-38). After a brief synopsis on the work of the Synod Task force and an invitation to members of the court to submit feedback on forms given, the convener presented the following recommendations from the Synod Council Report Report:

**Recommendation 20** (p. 25) was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, duly seconded. Adopted.

**Recommendation 21** (p. 25) was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, duly seconded. Adopted.

**Recommendation 22** (p. 26) was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, duly seconded. Adopted.

**Recommendation 23** (p. 26) was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, duly seconded. Adopted.

**Recommendation 24** (p. 26) was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, duly seconded. Adopted.

### **LIFE & MISSION AGENCY**

The moderator invited the Rev. Ian Ross-McDonald, General Secretary of the Life and Mission Agency, to address the court.

### **HOSPITAL VISITOR**

The Moderator invited Lindsay Rankin to present his report to the court (p. 51-53).

Linda MacKinnon moved, duly seconded, that the report be adopted. Adopted.

### **Minute of Appreciation**

The Moderator extended the thanks of the court to Lindsay for his service as Synod Hospital Visitor. A token of appreciation was presented to Lindsay, and the Moderator led in prayer.

### **CAMPING AND YOUTH CONSULTANT**

The Moderator invited Whitney Canning, Camping and Youth Consultant, to address the court.

C. Chenard moved, duly seconded, that the report be adopted. Adopted.

### **CAMP GEDDIE**

The Moderator invited P.A. McDonald to present the Camp Geddie report (p. 41-50).

P.A. McDonald moved, duly seconded, that the report be adopted. Adopted.

### **MISSION**

The Moderator invited R. Griffiths, convenor of the Mission Committee, to present the Mission report (p. 55-56).

**Recommendation 1** (p. 56) was moved by D. Griffiths, duly seconded.

The court agreed that the following words, “with the intention of phasing out this grant over the next three years,” be removed from the recommendation and addressed in a separate motion.

#### **Recommendation 1 was adopted as follows:**

That Coverdale Courtwork Society of Halifax receive \$3,000 for 2019.

**Recommendation 2** (p. 56) was moved by D. Griffiths, duly seconded.

The court agreed that the following words, “with the intention of phasing out this grant over the next three years,” be removed from the recommendation and addressed in a separate motion.

#### **Recommendation 2 was adopted as follows:**

That Coverdale Centre for Women, Saint John receive \$3,000 for 2019.

#### **Additional motion:**

D. Griffiths moved, duly seconded, that the funding for Coverdale Courtwork Society of Halifax and Coverdale Centre for Women, Saint John be phased out over the next three years.

#### **Motion to Refer:**

P.A. McDonald moved, duly seconded, that the matter be referred back to the Mission Committee. Adopted.

**Recommendation 3** (p. 56) was moved by D. Griffiths, duly seconded. Adopted.

**Recommendation 4** (p. 56) was moved by D. Griffiths, duly seconded. Adopted.

#### **Report as a whole**

D. Griffiths moved, duly seconded, that the report be adopted. Adopted.

### **CLERK’S REPORT**

J. Murray moved, duly seconded, that the clerk’s report (p. 40) be adopted. Adopted.

### **MODERATOR OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The Moderator invited the Rev. Daniel Cho, Moderator of the General Assembly, to address the court.

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

The Moderator called for notices of motion.

*P.A. McDonald gave the following notice of motion:*

I give notice that, at a future sederunt, I will move or cause to be moved that Synod Council study ways to improve the manner in which the Synod elects the Moderator.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Moderator called for announcements.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Moderator called for a motion to adjourn.

A. MacDonald moved, duly seconded, that the meet adjourn. Adopted.

### **CLOSING**

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer and announced that the court would meet in the hall of Bethel Presbyterian Church, Sydney, Nova Scotia on Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018, at nine o’clock in the morning for the business of the Synod.

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The Rev. Michael Koslowski,  
Moderator

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The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray,  
Clerk

## **FOURTH SEDERUNT**

At Sydney, Nova Scotia, within Bethel Presbyterian Church, on Wednesday the seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen at nine in the morning, the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces began the fourth sederunt.

### **CONSTITUTION**

The Moderator constituted the Synod with prayer.

### **BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

The Moderator called for the report of the Business Committee.

N. Harvey moved, duly seconded, that the following be the agenda for the third sederunt. Adopted

Constitution  
Business Committee  
Registration  
Synod Speaker  
Synod Council (Recommendations 25-30)  
Knox College

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The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray  
Synod Clerk

Additional Motion Re: Election of Synod Moderators  
Assessor Presbyters  
AMS  
Maritime CGIT  
Ecumenical guest  
Presbytery Minutes  
Synod Minutes  
Report from the Commission on Unfinished Business  
Appointment of Commission on Unfinished Business  
Resolutions Committee  
Announcements  
Adjournment  
Closing

#### **REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

C. Greaves reported that 2 leaves to withdraw were granted: David Sturtevant, after the fourth sederunt; B. Wynn, from the fourth sederunt.

#### **SPEAKER**

Moderator invited Dr. Pamela McCarroll to offer her second presentation entitled “Hoping against Hope in the Church today.”

#### **SYNOD COUNCIL (RECOMMENDATIONS 25-30)**

The Moderator invited M. Barclay MacKay, Convenor, to present the rest of the Synod Council report (p. 15-38).

**Recommendation 25** (p. 27) was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, duly seconded. Adopted.

**Recommendation 26** (p. 27) was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, duly seconded. Adopted.

**Recommendation 27** (p. 27) was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, duly seconded. Adopted.

**Recommendation 28** (p. 27 ) was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, duly seconded. Adopted.

**Recommendation 29** (p. 27) was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, duly seconded. Adopted.

**Recommendation 30** (p. 27) was moved by M. Barclay MacKay, duly seconded. Adopted.

After the report as a whole was adopted, the Moderator extended thanks to M. Barclay MacKay for her service as convenor of Synod Council.

#### **KNOX COLLEGE**

The clerk read a letter of greeting from the principal of Knox College, the Rev. Dr. John Vissers.

#### **ADDITIONAL MOTION RE: ELECTION OF SYNOD MODERATORS**

Pursuant to notice of motion (p. 10) P.A. McDonald moved, duly seconded, that Synod Council study ways to improve the manner in which the Synod elects the Moderator. Adopted.



### **ASSESSOR PRESBYTERS**

The Moderator called for the report of the Assessor Presbyters to Newfoundland. J. Murray presented the report noting regular attendance of the assessors to the meetings of Presbytery.

J. Murray moved, duly seconded, that the report be adopted. Adopted.

### **ATLANTIC MISSION SOCIETY**

The Moderator invited Linda MacKinnon, President of the Atlantic Mission Society, to present her report (p. 58).

C. Greaves moved, duly seconded, that the report from the AMS be adopted. Adopted.

### **MARITIME CGIT**

The Moderator called for the Maritime CGIT report to be presented. On behalf of Chris MacDonald, the clerk drew the attention of the court to the report (p. 59).

J. Murray moved, duly seconded, that the report be adopted. Adopted.

### **ECUMENICAL GUEST**

The Rev. Catherine MacDonald, President of the Maritime Conference, United Church, brought greetings to the court and reported on the work of her church and of her time at Synod.

### **SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY MINUTES**

The Moderator called upon D. Krunys to give the report.

D. Krunys moved, duly seconded, that the Minutes of the Presbyteries of New Brunswick, Cape Breton, and Prince Edward Island be approved as neatly and correctly kept; the minutes of the Presbyteries of Halifax and Lunenburg and Pictou be approved as neatly and correctly kept with notes; and the Minutes of 2017 regular meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces be adopted as published. Adopted.

### **REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Moderator called for the report from the commission of unfinished business. The clerk presented the report (p. 57).

J. Murray moved, duly seconded, that the report be adopted. Adopted.

### **APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

C. McPherson moved, duly seconded, that the Moderator, Clerk and Convener of the Synod Council be appointed as a Commission to deal with any unfinished business of this court. Adopted.

### **MODERATOR OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY (MALAWI TRIP)**

The Moderator asked the court if additional time could be added to the agenda to give the Rev. Daniel Cho, Moderator of General Assembly, opportunity to speak about his trip to Malawi. Agreed.

### **MODERATOR ADDRESSED THE SYNOD**

The Rev. Michael Koslowski extended thanks on behalf of the court to the Rev. Derek Krunys, for his service as Moderator of the 144<sup>th</sup> meeting of Synod. The Moderator also thanked the Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg for nominating him and expressed thanks to the court for the opportunity to serve the court, noting the blessings that it bestows.

## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

G. Sampson presented the report from the Resolutions Committee, which include the following proposed consent recommendations:

**Recommendation 1** was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded, regarding the hosting of worship and the business meeting, that our appreciation be extended to Charles Greaves and the organizing committee for their work to make the 2018 Synod a success, to Bethel Presbyterian Church for hosting, to those who provided hospitality including food, billets etc., to Rev. Lydia MacKinnon and Union Presbyterian Church for hosting us for the dinner last evening.

Adopted by consensus.

**Recommendation 2** was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded, that our appreciation be extended to the keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Pamela Carroll in bringing us her insights on hope for our church today, particularly in challenging times. Adopted by consensus.

**Recommendation 3** was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded, that our appreciation is extended to the workshop leaders - Whitney Canning, Ian Ross-MacDonald, Susan Shaffer, Clyde Irvine. Adopted by consensus.

**Recommendation 4** was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded, that our appreciation be extended to those involved in worship including Rev. Derek Krunys and Rev. Anne Boudreau for leading worship. Adopted by consensus.

**Recommendation 5** was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded, that our appreciation be expressed to the Rev. Daniel Cho, Moderator of the 144th General Assembly for his involvement in worship, his words to the court and his presence among us during the Synod. Adopted by consensus.

**Recommendation 6** was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded, that appreciation be extended to the Clerk for the efficiency in which we received material for the Synod in a timely fashion and the efficiency shown to ensure the smooth running of the court and appreciation be extended to the Moderator for his wisdom and the leadership he provided. Adopted by consensus.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

C. Greaves expressed thanks to the Synod on behalf of Bethel Church for the opportunity to host this year's annual meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

D. Krunys moved, duly seconded, that the Synod adjourn its meeting. Adopted.

## CLOSING

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer and benediction and announced that the court would gather again in the sanctuary of Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island on Monday, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2019, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening for worship followed by the business of the Synod.

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The Rev. Michael Koslowski,  
Moderator

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The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray,  
Clerk

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The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray  
Synod Clerk

### **Docket Synod 2018**

October 15, 7:00 p.m. Service of Word & Sacrament, Bethel Presbyterian Church, Sydney, NS

1. Constitution of the Court during worship
2. Memorials
3. The Roll of the Synod
4. Regrets
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. Presentation from the Bible Society
11. Welcome new members of Synod
12. Installation of new Moderator
13. Presentation of Presbytery and Synod minutes
14. Report of the Committee on Business
15. Orders of the day
16. Treasurer's Report
17. Camp Geddie Committee
18. Atlantic Mission Society
19. Mission Committee
20. Programme Committee
21. Assessor Presbyters
22. Canadian Ministries Regional resourcing grant consultation representative
23. Commission on Unfinished Business
24. Committee on Presbytery Records
25. Committee on Synod Records
26. Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Pamela R. McCarroll
27. Moderator of General Assembly
28. Life and Mission Agency - The Rev. Ian Ross McDonald
29. Presbyterian College
30. Correspondence
31. Clerk's Report
32. Report of Committee on Resolutions
33. Appointment of Commission on Unfinished Business
34. Adjournment

## 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, 10,11,12,15 are the consent recommendations in this report.*

### **\*\*Recommendation 1**

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

### **\*\*Recommendation 2**

That the order of business for the first sederunt be:

Constitution of the Court during worship  
Memorials  
The Roll of the Synod  
Regrets  
Registration Committee  
Docket  
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**

That the schedule for sederunts be as follows:

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|----|-----------------|-------------------------|---|
| a. | First Sederunt  | - Monday, October 15    | - From constitution<br>to the end of business |
| b. | Second Sederunt | - Tuesday, October 16   | - 9:00 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.                     |
| c. | Third Sederunt  | - Tuesday, October 16   | - 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.                      |
| d. | Fourth Sederunt | - Wednesday, October 17 | - 9:00 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.                     |
| e. | Fifth Sederunt  | - Wednesday, October 17 | - 1:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.<br>(if necessary)    |

### **\*\*Recommendation 4**

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

**\*\*Recommendation 5**

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

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| 1. Synod Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Pamela R. McCarroll        | Tuesday 9:30 to 11:25 am        |
|   | Wednesday 9:05 to 11:00 am      |
| 2. Canadian Bible Society: The Rev. Dr. Carol Anne Janzen | After installation of Moderator |
| 3. Life and Mission Agency The Rev. Ian Ross McDonald     | Tuesday afternoon sederunt      |
| 4. Presbyterian College: The Rev. Dr. Glen Davis          | Tuesday afternoon sederunt      |

**\*\*Recommendation 6**

That the action of Synod Council in inviting the Rev. Anne Boudreau to lead worship on Tuesday and Wednesday be sustained.

**STUDENTS:**

**Recommendation 7**

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	Whitney Canning	AST – Year 2
Pictou	Samuel Graham	Athabasca – Year 1 BA
	David Sutherland	Knox College – Year 1
New Brunswick	Kathy Parks	Presbyterian College – Year 3
Prince Edward Island	Glynis Faith	Knox College – Final Year
	Chad Bolton	Knox College – Year 3

**SYNOD BURSARY:**

Bursary applications were received from the following students, Chad Bolton, Glynis Faith, and Kathy Parks. During 2018 the bursaries yielded \$676 in interest. We recommend that each of the applicants receive a bursary of \$350 with the additional \$374 being made up from Synod revenues.

**Recommendation 8**

That Chad Bolton, Glynis Faith, and Kathy Parks be awarded a bursary of \$350 each.

**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:

*Working Committees of Synod:*

Business Committee: Nancy Harvey, Cynthia Chenard, Ernest Wiesner

Resolutions Committee: Glen Sampson, Marilyn Clyke

Registration /Host Committee: Charles & Linda Greaves, Roy & Nancy MacDonald

Convenor, Examination of Minutes: Derek Krunys

Committee to examine Synod 2017 minutes: Ritchie Robinson, Nancy Harvey

Committee to examine Presbytery Minutes:

Cape Breton: Joon Ki Kim, Don Sutherland

Newfoundland: Lydia MacKinnon, Murray MacDonald

Pictou: Corrie Stewart, Dallas Davis

Halifax & Lunenburg: Lyn Hughes, Carol Stymiest

New Brunswick: Andrew Campbell, Maudie Haley

Prince Edward Island: Glen Sampson, Debbie MacLean

**STANDING COMMITTEES OF SYNOD:**

**Recommendation 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:**

**Glen Sampson**, (2013-2016) (2016-2019), **Convenor (2018-2019)**; **Charles McPherson (2018-2021)**; **D. Laurence Mawhinney, (2018-2021)**; **Nancy Harvey (2018-2021)**; **Charles Greaves (2018-2021)**; Frank MacLeod (2014-2017)(2017-2020); Murray MacDonald (2017-2020).

Membership: 6 persons, appointed by Synod, two in each of the three years (the Convenor 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 (2018-2019)**(2017-2018),**Convenor(2015-17),(2010-2014)**;

**Chris MacDonald, Co-Convenor (2018-19)**(2017-18);(2013-2016)(2016-2019); **Ian Watson** (2014 - 2015), (2015 – 2018), **(2018-2020)**; Brenda Butler (2014-16), (2016-19); Louise Nelson (2016-2019); Gail Johnson-Murdock (2016-2019); Harold Smith (2016-2019); Laura Rowan (2016-2019); **Chelsey Joudrie (2018-2020)**, (completing Lorne MacLeod's term); Daniel MacLeod (2017-2020); **John Reeves 2018-2021**; \_\_\_\_\_ **(2018-2021)**.

Membership: 12 persons appointed by Synod, four in each of the 3 years (the Convenor 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 (2017-2019);(2016 -2019); Bonnie Langille (2017-2020); Kathleen MacIsaac (2017-2020); **Anne Boudreau (2018-2021)**.

Membership: 3 persons appointed by Synod, one in each of the 3 years (the Convenor 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 (2018-2019)** (2017-18), (2012 - 2015), (2015 - 2018); **Lydia MacKinnon, Co-Convenor (2018-19)**, (2013 - 2016), (2016 - 2019); **Davida Mackay (2018-19)**, Co-Convenor (2016 -2017), (2013-2015)(2015-2018); \_\_\_\_\_(2018-2021); Sam Graham (2017-2019) (completing Bonnie Wynn's term); Stephen MacKay (2014-2017), (2017-2020).

Membership: 6 members appointed by Synod, two in each of the 3 years (the Convenor 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, Convenor (2017-2018), (2018-2020)**; Wendy MacWilliams (2017-2019) (completing Jeff Lackie's term); Iona MacLean (2014-2017), (2017-2020).

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**

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.sympatico.ca](mailto:glen.matheson@ns.sympatico.ca)

Rev. Dr. Glen Matheson

**\*\*Recommendation 11**

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

## **SYNOD STAFF**

### ***Synod Personnel Committee Report:***

#### **Synod Camping & Youth Consultant**

The Synod Personnel Committee meets regularly with the Synod's Camping & Youth Consultant, and is responsible for providing oversight in evaluating this ministry in the previous year, and for working with the consultant to review goals set for the next year. To assist in this work, questionnaires and evaluation forms regarding various aspects of the Consultant's work were developed and made available to Presbyteries, Camp Geddie's Staff, and its summer chaplains.

Though feedback from these forms was primarily positive some responses did indicate a lack of familiarity and/or clarity regarding the position's job description, while other comments offered constructive thought to be taken under advisement for such a time as should the position's job description be updated or changed. The Committee would like to thank all those who offered their prayerful thoughts and input.

The Committee believes it would be helpful for the Synod Council to work to a.) clarify policy regarding funding for travel to Canada Youth (CY) events, b.) clarify the relationship and responsibilities between the Synod Camping & Youth Consultant and the Synod Programme Committee, and c.) to make widely available the Synod Camping & Youth Consultant's job description (i.e. through Synod minutes, Synod website, etc.)

#### **\*\*Recommendation 12**

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

#### **Recommendation 13**

That the Synod Camping & Youth Consultant's job description, including the job description for the Camp Geddie Executive Director to which it also makes mention, be included annually in the minutes of the Synod.

#### **Hospital Visitor:**

The Synod Personnel Committee received periodic reports from the support committee for the Hospital Visitor, as well as a letter from Mr. Lindsay Rankin indicating his wish to retire from this position effective December 31, 2018

#### **Recommendation 14**

That Lindsay Rankin's letter indicating his wish to retire as Synod Hospital Visitor 31 December 2018, be received by the Synod with regret.

#### **\*\*Recommendation 15**

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



In light of Lindsay's retirement, and in light of changing health care needs across the Atlantic Provinces, and in light of this vacancy providing an opportunity for the Synod to consider its response to those changing needs, the Committee also intends to bring the following recommendations:

**Recommendation 16**

That Synod Council consult with Presbyteries to discern what form, if any, of hospital chaplaincy might best serve the needs of the Synod.

**Recommendation 17**

That, Synod Council be empowered to appoint an interim hospital visitor to the Hospitals in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

**ASSESSOR PRESBYTERS:**

**Recommendation 18**

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

**CANADIAN MINISTRIES REGIONAL RESOURCING GRANT CONSULTATION:**

**Recommendation 19**

That Derek Krunys serve as the Synod Representative to the Canadian Ministries Regional Resourcing Grant Consultation for a three-year period (2019-2021).

**SYNOD WORKING GROUP (TASK FORCE):**

A discussion on the future direction of Synod was held in response to two overtures received, one from the Presbytery of PEI and the other from the Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg. Out of those discussion the following motions were presented, discussed, and passed (2017, pgs. 17-18):

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.

***Implementing changes for the 2018 and future meetings of Synod:***

The working group implemented a few changes to the 2018 Synod, which we hope are noticeable. One change was to promote the annual meeting of synod a few months prior to sending out the official call to draw out attention to the dates, locations, guest speaker, workshops, and other preliminary information that may be of interest. Other changes include the addition of workshops, and reducing the amount of time spent on business to give more attention to learning and fellowship. Receiving, a draft agenda and reports in advance is one way we hope

to reduce the amount of time on reporting and give more time to clarifying and discussing the business brought before the court.

***Exploring cost sharing options for all expenses related to the Synod Camp:***

For several years the subject of camp funding has been a topic of discussion by Synod and its member Presbyteries. During the 2017 meeting of the Atlantic Synod a motion was passed that created a special Synod Task Force to explore both the funding formulas for camping within our bounds as well as the design and agenda format for future Synods.

Following several meetings which included a review of Presbytery contributions and Synod expenses, a new formula was developed to more equitably share in the costs associated with camping initiatives within the bounds of our Synod.

Recognizing that the Presbyteries of Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton operate their own camps but maintain a high level of funding to the Synod camp, a formula was developed whereby a proportionate amount of dues paid by these two Presbyteries would be returned to them in the form of a grant for camping. In order to facilitate a change of this nature, the Task Force recommends accessing upwards of \$45,000 per year from the Regional Resourcing Grants that are available to Synod from The Presbyterian Church in Canada. By adding these grants and instituting a reduction in each of the next 5 years to Camp Geddie, the Task Force feels that this new funding strategy better recognizes the camping efforts being conducted by the two Presbyteries previously mentioned and still maintains Synod support for Camp Geddie.

It is important to note that these calculations have been established using the current dollar base figures with slight reductions in dollar base forecasted over the next 5 years. At the same time, the dues calculations have been determined by continuing to access Presbyteries at 2% of the dollar base.

It is the opinion of the Synod Task Force (which includes the full Synod Council), that the recommended 2019 budget and the camp funding strategy for future years reflects a fair and equitable partnership with all Presbyteries within Synod's bounds.

## **FINANCES:**

### **2019 Budget Information**

The Synod Task Group proposes a new method of determining grants for all the camps within the Synod, which is reflected within the proposed budget for 2019. This year we include projections ending in 2024 (we are only approving 2019), when it is expected a transition to this new model will be complete. The new model examines how much money comes to Synod from a given Presbytery, and what our total expense on Camping is as a Synod. The Total used for camping is then sent to the camps in the same proportion. For example, PEI contributes more to Synod than Cape Breton, so Keir has a higher target than MacLeod. Geddie receives the portion from any Presbytery without a camp of their own. The task group deemed camping ministry within the Synod Gospel work, wherever it takes place, and thus deems support of that work a shared responsibility.

You may feel that 2024 is a long way in the future to complete this process. The principal reason for the long transition is a desire to avoid harming the existing ministry at Geddie by a sudden sharp drop in Synod funding. Keir and MacLeod receive a transitional rise this year, in part by tapping an alternate revenue stream, while Geddie is given 2019 to prepare themselves for the changes beginning 2020 and beyond. The proposal shifts Geddie's grant down by \$5000 a year, shifting those dollars to raise Keir and MacLeod as they become available, until all Grants are at their target level, found on the "Determining Total Camp Grants".

When looking at the Geddie Grant in 2024, it appears smaller than Keir. The actual grant itself remains the largest, the figure in the budget has the Geddie Executive Director portion of the Camping and Youth Consultant position and the Insurance Check already removed from this figure. The details of how these figures are derived can be found on the "Determining Total Camp Grants" Sheet.

It is worth noting that the targets for camp funding, being based on Presbytery Dollar Base, may themselves shift from year to year as the Dollar Base itself moves. For that reason round numbers were used as 2024 targets, these will be revaluated as that date approaches, to ensure that the results remain in line with the goal of proportional funding.

Looking at the goal of reducing Synod dues proved more challenging. Proposals to host Synod at a conference centre or hotel sound wonderful, but increase, rather than decrease our expenses, and so remain outside our plans. A trend of declining Dollar Base has also been observed, which reduces the income for Synod, without effecting expenses. By using a significant portion of the Regional Resourcing Grant, which has been available to Presbyteries recently (but never fully utilized), the slight reduction from 2.1% to 2.0% of the Dollar Base made in 2018 remains feasible. The use of the Regional Resourcing Grant for Synod may not allow all Presbytery projects to be approved in the future, however it was deemed preferable to maintain lower Synod dues overall than retain a large grant pool. The total Regional Resourcing Grant has remained over \$60,000 the last several years, leaving a significant amount for projects after \$45,000 is used to support camping ministry programs within the Synod.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Derek Krunys, Finance Committee Chair

**Determining Total Camp Grants**

Camping and Youth	\$39,023.00
Consultant Costs	\$7,500.00
From the Budget	\$11,000.00
	\$1,100.00
	\$2,200.00
	\$4,400.00
	\$600.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$65,823.00</b>
1/2 used as Geddie	
Executive Director:	\$ 32,911.50
Insurance Check	\$6,500.00
Geddie Grant	\$40,000.00
Keir Grant	\$4,000.00
Macleod Grant	\$4,000.00
<b>Total for Camping</b>	<b>\$ 87,411.50</b>

<b>Proportion of Synod Budget by Presbytery</b>				
Presbytery	\$ Base	% of Total	Camp Grant	Supported Camp
Cape Breton	\$1,158,884.00	13.9%	\$ 12,106.75	Macleod
Pictou	\$1,373,298.00	16.4%	\$ 14,346.71	Geddie
Newfoundland	\$548,995.00	6.6%	\$ 5,735.30	Geddie
Halifax and Lunenburg	\$1,507,003.00	18.0%	\$ 15,743.52	Geddie
New Brunswick	\$1,766,311.00	21.1%	\$ 18,452.48	Geddie
P.E.I.	\$2,012,725.00	24.1%	\$ 21,026.74	Keir
<b>Total \$ Base</b>	<b>\$8,367,216.00</b>		<b>\$ 87,411.50</b>	

<b>Targets For Camp Grants</b>	
Geddie	\$ 54,278.01
Keir	\$ 21,026.74
Macleod	\$ 12,106.75

Geddie Total	\$ 54,278.01
Executive Director	\$ 32,911.50
Insurance Check	\$6,500.00
Remaining Grant	<b>\$ 14,866.51</b>

Reports of the 145th Annual Meeting – October 15th to 17th, 2018

The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces

Budget for 2019 - shifting to Camp grants reflecting Presbytery \$ Base

	2017 \$ Base	2017 Actual	2018 Budget	2018 to Date Sept. 30	2019 Budget	2020 Budget Projection	2021 Budget Projection	2024 Budget Final Targets
<b>DOLLAR BASE</b>								
Dollar Base % (Camp Presbyteries)		2.1%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Dollar Base % (Non Camp presbyteries)		2.1%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
<b>REVENUE</b>								
Donations McGregor Cairn Project				\$3,000.00				
Cape Breton Allocations	\$1,158,884.00	\$25,874.22	\$22,171.00	\$18,160.91	\$23,177.68	\$22,945.90	\$22,714.13	\$22,250.57
Pictou Allocations	\$1,373,298.00	\$44,511.65	\$33,036.00	\$28,580.94	\$27,465.96	\$27,191.30	\$26,916.64	\$26,367.32
Newfoundland Allocations	\$548,995.00	\$10,549.73	\$9,207.00	\$145.28	\$10,979.90	\$10,870.10	\$10,760.30	\$10,540.70
Halifax and Lunenburg Allocations	\$1,507,003.00	\$31,589.07	\$26,430.00	\$26,429.76	\$30,140.06	\$29,838.66	\$29,537.26	\$28,934.46
New Brunswick Allocations	\$1,766,311.00	\$41,353.28	\$38,084.00	\$28,826.14	\$35,326.22	\$34,972.96	\$34,619.70	\$33,913.17
P.E.I. Allocations	\$2,012,725.00	\$39,213.02	\$40,622.00	\$24,546.71	\$40,254.50	\$39,851.96	\$39,449.41	\$38,644.32
Synod Offering		\$938.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Interest Earned		\$95.34	\$300.00	\$393.20	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$343.12	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Youth Events		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Workshops		\$860.00	\$0.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Received for CY Busing*		\$0.00	\$7,735.00	\$7,735.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hospital Visitor Allocations		\$9,514.70	\$10,000.00	\$4,763.24	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Regional Resourcing Grant(PCC)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,105.28	\$40,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>\$204,842.17</b>	<b>\$188,585.00</b>	<b>\$146,686.66</b>	<b>\$219,644.32</b>	<b>\$222,970.88</b>	<b>\$221,297.43</b>	<b>\$217,950.55</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
Synod Minutes		\$0.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Synod Travel		\$9,977.98	\$12,000.00	\$1,811.18	\$12,240.00	\$12,484.80	\$12,734.50	\$12,989.19
Synod Accommodations and Meals		\$3,502.82	\$5,000.00		\$5,100.00	\$5,202.00	\$5,306.04	\$5,412.16
Synod Speaker		\$800.00	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Synod- Other Expenses		\$892.81	\$800.00		\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
Synod Council		\$2,076.74	\$2,500.00	\$1,790.91	\$2,550.00	\$2,601.00	\$2,653.02	\$2,706.08
Mission Committee		\$1,185.61	\$3,500.00	\$434.55	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Programme Committee		\$5,589.00	\$9,000.00	\$2,600.35	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Personnel Committee		\$26.36	\$1,500.00	\$746.20	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Coverdale Courtwork Society Halifax		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Coverdale Centre for Women NB		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Camp Geddie Insurance Check			\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Camp Geddie		\$55,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$15,000.00
Camp Keir		\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$15,500.00	\$19,000.00	\$21,000.00
Camp MacLeod		\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$12,000.00
MacGregor Cairn		\$0.00	\$300.00	\$10,000.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Miscellaneous		\$1,329.69	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Sexual Abuse/Harassment Committee		\$0.00	\$1,500.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Bank Charges		\$20.75	\$100.00	\$19.50	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Regional Resourcing Grant				\$4,105.28				
Canada Youth Busing*		\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$15,331.38	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
Synod Workshop		\$828.47	\$0.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Salary		\$23,532.97	\$36,355.00	\$28,811.60	\$39,023.00	\$39,803.46	\$40,599.53	\$41,411.52
Camping & Youth Consultant Travel		\$2,359.77	\$7,500.00	\$2,895.96	\$7,650.00	\$7,803.00	\$7,959.06	\$8,118.24
Camping & Youth Consultant Housing		\$6,537.57	\$11,000.00	\$8,250.03	\$11,220.00	\$11,444.40	\$11,673.29	\$11,906.75
Camping & Youth Consultant EI		\$675.03	\$1,100.00	\$861.32	\$1,122.00	\$1,144.44	\$1,167.33	\$1,190.68
Camping & Youth Consultant CPP		\$1,737.53	\$2,200.00	\$1,704.63	\$2,244.00	\$2,288.88	\$2,334.66	\$2,381.35
Camping & Youth Consultant Health		\$4,318.00	\$4,400.00	\$2,163.50	\$4,488.00	\$4,577.76	\$4,669.32	\$4,762.70
Camping & Youth Consultant Cont. Ed		\$1,200.00	\$600.00		\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Gen Exp		\$1,604.35	\$4,000.00	\$1,365.77	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Pension Synod Share		\$6,075.83	\$6,000.00	\$4,836.77	\$6,150.00	\$6,273.00	\$6,398.46	\$6,526.43
Synod Hospital Visitor		\$9,514.62	\$10,000.00	\$7,182.28	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Clerk's Honorarium		\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
Clerk's Consultation		\$0.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Clerk's Expenses		\$539.98	\$500.00	\$118.16	\$510.00	\$520.20	\$530.60	\$541.22
Moderator's Expenses		\$164.90	\$500.00	\$528.03	\$510.00	\$520.20	\$530.60	\$541.22
Treasurer's Honorarium		\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Treasurer's Expenses		\$1,638.31	\$1,700.00	\$1,615.12	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
Grant to Atl Presby Women's Retreat		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grant to PEI Presbytery		\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Assessor Presbyter NL		\$5,712.79	\$6,000.00	\$2,862.60	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Synod Insurance		\$1,753.34	\$2,000.00	\$1,730.54	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Financial Audit		\$3,655.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,762.50	\$3,774.00	\$3,849.48	\$3,926.47	\$4,005.00
Amortization		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$181,950.22</b>	<b>\$217,005.00</b>	<b>\$175,278.16</b>	<b>\$220,281.00</b>	<b>\$230,762.62</b>	<b>\$224,182.87</b>	<b>\$224,742.53</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>\$22,891.95</b>	<b>(\$28,420.00)</b>	<b>(\$28,591.50)</b>	<b>(\$636.68)</b>	<b>(\$7,791.74)</b>	<b>(\$2,885.44)</b>	<b>(\$6,791.98)</b>
* CY busing in 2018 has the actual expense and revenue, for future years only the Synod grant is listed								

### **Recommendation 20**

That the Report of Andrew Campbell, Inc., Auditor for 2017, be received as the financial statements of the Synod for the year 2017 and that the report be adopted.

### **Recommendation 21**

That the following be the Approved Synod Budget for 2019:

#### REVENUE

Cape Breton Allocations	\$23,177.68
Pictou Allocations	\$27,465.96
Newfoundland Allocations	\$10,979.90
Halifax and Lunenburg Allocations	\$30,140.06
New Brunswick Alllocations	\$35,326.22
P.E.I. Allocations	\$40,254.50
Synod Offering	\$1,000.00
Interest Earned	\$300.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0.00
Youth Events	\$0.00
Workshops	\$1,000.00
Received for CY Busing	\$0.00
Hospital Visitor Allocations	\$10,000.00
Regional Resourcing Grant (PCC)	\$40,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$219,644.32</b>

#### EXPENSES

Synod Minutes	\$1,000.00
Synod Travel	\$12,240.00
Synod Accommodations and Meals	\$5,100.00
Synod Speaker	\$2,000.00
Synod- Other Expenses	\$800.00
Synod Council	\$2,550.00
Mission Committee	\$4,500.00
Programme Committee	\$8,000.00
Personnel Committee	\$1,000.00
Coverdale Courtwork Society Halifax	\$3,000.00
Coverdale Centre for Women NB	\$3,000.00
Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf	\$1,000.00
Camp Geddie Insurance Check	\$6,500.00
Camp Geddie	\$40,000.00
Camp Keir	\$12,000.00
Camp MacLeod	\$6,000.00
MacGregor Cairn	\$300.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00
Sexual Abuse/Harassment Committee	\$1,000.00
Bank Charges	\$100.00
Canada Youth Busing	\$0.00

Synod Workshop	\$1,000.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Salary	\$39,023.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Travel	\$7,650.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Housing	\$11,220.00
Camping & Youth Consultant EI	\$1,122.00
Camping & Youth Consultant CPP	\$2,244.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Health	\$4,488.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Cont. Ed	\$600.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Gen Exp	\$4,000.00
Pension Synod Share	\$6,150.00
Synod Hospital Visitor	\$10,000.00
Clerk's Honorarium	\$3,700.00
Clerk's Consultation	\$0.00
Clerk's Expenses	\$510.00
Moderator's Expenses	\$510.00
Treasurer's Honorarium	\$4,000.00
Treasurer's Expenses	\$1,700.00
Grant to Atl Presby Women's Retreat	\$0.00
Grant to PEI Presbytery	\$0.00
Assessor Presbyter NL	\$6,000.00
Synod Insurance	\$2,000.00
Financial Audit	\$3,774.00
Amortization	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$220,281.00
NEW INCOME	-\$636.68

### **Recommendation 22**

That the Synod dues for the year 2019 be set at a rate of 2.0% of the dollar base figure reported in the Acts and Proceedings of the 2018 General Assembly.

A 2018 review of the Auditor determined we could not obtain the same professional services for a comparable price elsewhere, determining our current auditor the best option for the Synod.

### **Recommendation 23**

That Andrew Campbell, Inc. be named as auditor for the Synod for 2018. (Next review 2023)

### **Recommendation 24**

That all grant receiving ministries and organizations, including presbytery camps, be reminded to submit financial reports to the synod.

### **MACGREGOR CAIRN**

For several years it was reported to Synod that the MacGregor cairn, situated across from the Sutherland-Harris Medical Centre in Pictou, NS, was in serious need of repair. The following recommendation was passed - Recommendation 24, Synod Council, (2017, pg. 20 & 30), "That the MacGregor Cairn be replaced and relocated near one of the churches of Pictou Presbytery."

During this past year Synod Council received new information regarding the Cairn was presented, namely by way of an estimate for its restoration, and a person, Munroe Fraser who was willing to oversee the restoration and seek additional funding. Synod Council passed a motion to support the restoration not exceeding \$7000. Over the Summer months the cairn was fully restored.



**Recommendation 25**

That the action of Synod Council supporting the restoration of the cairn be sustained.

**Recommendation 26**

That Synod's deep appreciation be extended to Munroe Fraser for his work in overseeing the cairn restoration.

**SYNOD MEETING 2019 & 2020**

**Recommendation 27**

That the Synod accept an invitation to hold the 2019 regular meeting of Synod, October 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> at Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, PEI.

**Recommendation 28**

That the Guest Speaker for Synod 2019 be Dr. Thomas Long.

**Recommendation 29**

That the Guest Speaker for Synod 2020 be Dr. Dale Woods.

**Recommendation 30**

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



*Financial Statements of*

**THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES**

*December 31, 2017*

## 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, 2017 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*

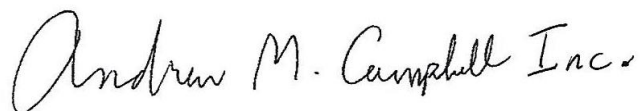
My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance 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, 2017 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 17, 2018

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**THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES****Statement of Financial Position**

As at December 31, 2017

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 149,571	\$ 105,938
Accounts receivable - related parties	22,732	26,943
- HST rebate	1,597	2,232
Prepaid expenses	290	2,068
	<u>174,190</u>	<u>137,181</u>
Trust funds (Note 3)	61,557	61,982
	<u>\$ 235,747</u>	<u>\$ 199,163</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 16,269	\$ 11,207
Trust funds (Note 3)	61,557	61,982
	<u>77,826</u>	<u>73,189</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Net assets		
Unrestricted net assets	157,921	125,974
	<u>\$ 235,747</u>	<u>\$ 199,163</u>

Commitment (Note 8)

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

ON BEHALF OF THE SYNOD COUNCIL

..... Member

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**THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES**  
**Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets**  
**Year ended December 31, 2017**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Revenue - allocations		
Cape Breton	\$ 26,731	\$ 24,815
Halifax – Lunenburg	31,589	33,648
New Brunswick	45,198	44,216
Newfoundland	10,550	9,811
Pictou	40,676	39,828
Prince Edward Island	46,034	47,122
	<u>200,778</u>	199,440
Non-specific revenue (Note 4)	<u>13,843</u>	32,495
	<u>214,621</u>	231,935
Expenses (Schedule)	<u>182,674</u>	209,024
Excess of revenue over expenses	31,947	22,911
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>125,974</u>	103,063
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 157,921</u>	<u>\$ 125,974</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

**THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES****Statement of Cash Flows**

Year ended December 31, 2017

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR)</b>		
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 31,947	\$ 22,911
Changes in non-cash operating working capital items		
Accounts receivable - related parties	4,211	(16,217)
- HST rebate	635	(96)
Prepaid expenses	1,778	1,534
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	5,062	(8,998)
	<u>43,633</u>	<u>(866)</u>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
	43,633	(866)
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>105,938</b>	106,804
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 149,571</b>	<b>\$ 105,938</b>
Cash and cash equivalents is comprised of:		
Cash	\$ 39,069	\$ 55,938
Guaranteed investment certificates	110,502	50,000
	<u>\$ 149,571</u>	<u>\$ 105,938</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

**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 CICA Handbook and include the following significant accounting policies:

*Revenue recognition*

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

*Cash and cash equivalents*

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

*Trust funds*

Trust fund investments are primarily comprised of guaranteed investment certificates. Interest rates range from 0.40% to 0.85%.

*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 (2016 - \$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.

**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>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Dr. E. H. Bean Bursary	\$ 21,403	\$ 21,480
Grace Doucette Bequest	10,163	10,122
Dr. Frank Baird Bursary	10,000	10,115
Margaret MacDougall Bursary	5,500	5,568
Celina Heppel Bequest	4,343	4,316
Lady Sarah Smith Bequest	3,283	3,283
Synod Bursary	3,675	3,923
Dutch Bequest	2,772	2,757
Hospital Emergency Fund	418	418
	<u>\$ 61,557</u>	<u>\$ 61,982</u>

The trust funds are represented by:

Guaranteed investment certificates	\$ 57,629	\$ 57,329
Due from general fund including \$Nil (2016 - \$708) available for bursaries	3,928	4,653
	<u>\$ 61,557</u>	<u>\$ 61,982</u>

During the year, the trust funds received advances of \$200 (2016 - \$1,400) and \$409 (2016 - \$628) of interest revenue. Bursaries totaling \$1,034 (2016 - \$Nil) were paid out of the trust funds.



**4. NON-SPECIFIC REVENUE**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Regional resourcing grant	\$ 1,500	\$ 12,800
Hospital visitor allocations	9,515	9,516
Current year CY travel	-	6,575
Other	2,828	3,604
	<u>\$ 13,843</u>	<u>\$ 32,495</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 \$10,657 (2016 - \$10,523).

**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, 2017 the allowance for doubtful accounts, which offsets accounts receivable, was \$9,767 (2016 - \$11,267).

*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.

**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.

**THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES****Schedule of Expenses**

Year ended December 31, 2017

	2017	2016
Assessor - Newfoundland	\$ 5,713	\$ 3,927
Atlantic ladies retreat	-	1,500
Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf	2,000	2,000
Bad debt expense recovery	(1,500)	(9,271)
Bank charges	21	64
Camping & Youth Consultant		
Wages and employee benefits	42,877	52,375
Education	1,200	-
Office expenses	1,604	1,740
Travel	2,360	4,642
Camp Geddie	55,000	55,000
Camp Keir	4,000	4,000
Camp MacLeod	4,000	4,000
Clerk's expenses	540	308
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	6,000	10,000
Miscellaneous	1,330	75
Missions Committee	1,186	-
Moderator's expenses	165	-
Personnel Committee	26	862
Professional fees	3,655	3,448
Program Committee	5,589	3,172
Regional resourcing grants	1,500	12,800
Synod Council	2,077	2,076
Synod hospital worker	9,515	9,534
Synod insurance	1,753	1,753
Synod meetings		
Minutes	458	506
Other expenses	4,561	3,222
Speakers	800	2,853
Travel	9,978	8,827
CY Travel	-	13,698
Treasurer's expenses	1,738	2,213
Treasurer's honorarium	4,000	4,000
Workshop	828	-
	<b>\$ 182,674</b>	<b>\$ 209,024</b>

### Correspondence Report

1) N. Harvey	Nov 8	Presbytery of PEI follow up re: Synod approval for Pastor Project
2) N. Harvey	Nov 15	Presbytery of PEI Appoint. of J. Barrett Synod Task Group
3) M. MacLeod	Nov 15	Presbytery of CB re: grant approved Tech support project
4) Ch. McPherson	Nov 27	Presbytery of PI Appoint. of D. Sutherland Synod Task Group
5) M. MacLeod	Nov 28	Presbytery of CB Appoint. of C. Greaves Synod Task Group
6) P.A. McDonald	Dec 11	Presbytery of H&L Appoint. of M. Koslowski Synod Task Group
7) D. Krunys	Dec 15	Presbytery of NL Appoint. of D. Sturtevant Synod Task Group
8) K. Burdett	Jan 11	Presbytery of NB Appoint. of G. Sampson Synod Task Group
9) Co. McPherson	Jan 23	Camp Staff Applications
10) T-L. Hamilton	Feb 2	Nominations to General Assembly Committees
11) F. Hogg	Feb 5	Dates and location of Synod 2018
12) Ch. McPherson	Feb 5	Resignation from Synod Mission Committee
13) D. Kellington	Feb 11	Funds received from Hon. David Wark Trust
14) D. Hewitt	Feb 21	Invitation for observer to Maritime Conference of the UCC
15) D. Kellington	Feb 26	Annual Statements for the McCormick & Bingham Funds
16) W. Canning	Feb 27	2018 Youth Events: PAYS, CY, and Camp Geddie
17) P. Reid	Mar 1	Invitation for observer to Oasis – Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Can.
18) L. Rankin	Mar 12	Letter of Retirement as Synod Hospital Visitor
19) J. Barret	Mar 27	Session of Zion, Charlottetown – Invitation for 2019 Annual Meeting
20) D. Veenstra	Apr 12	Invoice for General Liability & Umbrella coverage
21) W. Canning	Apr 12	Geddie Summer Staff Positions
22) M. Fraser	Apr 16	MacGregor Cairn – request for more funding
23) M. Koslowski	May 3	Synod Camping and Youth Consultant position questionnaires
24) R. Griffiths	May 11	Synod Mission Committee project funding proposal
25) T-L. Hamilton	June 25	Confirmation the Moderator Rev. D. Cho will attend Synod meetings
26) N. Harvey	June 25	(1) Presbytery of PEI – Nomination for Synod Moderator. (2) Presbytery appointments to Synod Committees
27) D. Krunys	June 27	Presbytery appointments to Synod Committees
28) J. de Combe	July 13	Regional Resourcing funds for 2019 - \$62,163
29) M. Fraser	Aug 16	MacGregor Cairn is complete
30) S. Kendall	Aug 24	Actions of the 2018 General Assembly from Attention of Synod
31) S. Kendall	Aug 23	2019 Deadline for GA Overtures, Memorials, and Petitions
32) D. Krunys	Sept 7	Pres. of NL – Regional Resource Grant Request 2018
33) D. Stewart	Sept 13	Re: questionnaire at Synod
34) N. Harvey	Sept 15	Pres. of PEI – Regional Resource – Leadership Pastor Project
35) B. Wynn	Sept 18	Pres. of CB – Regional Resource – Elder’s Workshop
36) P.A. McDonald	Sept 18	Pres. of H&L – Nomination for Synod Moderator
37) B. Wynn	Sept 28	Presb. of CB – Nomination for Synod Moderator
38) K. Burdett	Sept. 27	Presb. of NB – Regional Funding Grant request
39) B. Wynn	Sept 28	Presb. of CB – Nomination for Synod Moderator
40) D. Woods	Sept 28	Confirmation that he would accept an invitation to speak in 2020
41) C. McPherson	Sept 30	(1) Presby. Of PI - Nomination for Synod Moderator (2) Presbytery appointments to standing committees
42) T. Long	Oct 1	Confirmation that he would accept an invitation to speak in 2019
43) I. R-M	Oct 1	LMA accepting nomination for Associate Secretary MCV

Jeffrey M. Murray, Clerk

## CLERK'S REPORT

First, I want to express my thanks to the Rev. Dr. David Sutherland for his assistance preparing me to serve as your clerk with a helpful and smooth transition period. With that transition I was prepared to 'dive in' more easily and prepare for the changes that would take affect this year as we reimage synod and its stronger emphasis on learning and fellowship, while streamlining the business. I also wish to express my appreciation to the members of Synod Council who have offered guidance, insight, and support during this transition. Finally, I want to offer my thanks to the clerks of presbytery within our synod. Your collaboration and help with the directory, collecting information and disseminating it is very much appreciated.

Following the printing of the Synod Minutes of the 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting it was noticed that the Minutes did not include the overtures sent from the Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg and from the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island. To correct this, an appendix "O" was added to the minute book to be submitted to Assembly including an updated table of contents and index. This will not affect the parts of the minutes that have been signed.

You will have noted some changes to the planning of Synod this year with information going out before the summer months with some preliminary information about Synod. Furthermore, some of the forms we are accustomed to filling out (Registration & Memorials) have been configured or online submission. One addition has been the online order form for minutes and directories. This is to ensure that we print only what is necessary saving printing costs and hopefully the environment in some small measure. The online forms help your clerk greatly by reducing the administrative work. Recognizing that not everyone as email or internet access, I appreciate the steps that local clergy and elders have taken to print off forms and materials to ensure members without internet access are able to submit forms and have information in hand.

For the directory, information was circulated to the Presbytery clerks to review. While every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of the directory I am certain that there are errors. If you see errors, my apologies and please email me correct information so that I can correct my files for next year's directory. Please, continued to use [soapclerk@gmail.com](mailto:soapclerk@gmail.com) for email communication on Synod related matters.

### Statistical Report:

	<b>Ministers</b>	<b>Elders</b>	<b>Appendix</b>
<i>Cape Breton</i>	8	13	4
<i>Newfoundland</i>	3	4	2
<i>Pictou</i>	6	20	14
<i>Halifax &amp; Lunenburg</i>	8	12	15
<i>New Brunswick</i>	13	20	12
<i>Prince Edward Island</i>	14	15	20
<b>Total 2018</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>67</b>
Total 2017	53	82	65
Change	-1	+2	+2

Jeffrey M. Murray, Clerk

## **CAMP GEDDIE REPORT**

The Camp Geddie Committee is pleased to submit the following report to The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces:

### **PERSONNEL**

Camp Geddie had an incredible staff ministry team of 24 young people. They were hardworking, enthusiastic and patient leaders. They took hospitality seriously and sought to grow together as a team. Our Executive Director wrote: “I truly feel blessed and privileged to have worked alongside and learned from each one of them. 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 that 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 lives. I think the experience that we offer to staff is perhaps a bit more profound, transformative and stimulating than what is offered to the campers. 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 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:**

Joe Grant was our maintenance person again this year. He stopped in regularly to make repairs. A former staff member, Luke MacIsaac, mowed our lawn for the months of June and July. One of our weekly staff, Felicia Graham, mowed the lawn at the end of August. Lorraine Wright continues to be our main cook. Elaine and Lesley were new to our kitchen team and were a delight to have.

We had a variety of chaplains, some new, some long standing and one from outside of our denomination. Given the ministry role of chaplains during camps and the staff’s desire for appropriately involved chaplains, the Committee is exploring ways to include chaplains in our staff training weekend(s). This will give chaplains and staff an opportunity to get to know one another, to hear from each other about what the goals of the season are, to share in learning about our policies and emergency procedures and to fellowship without campers being present.

### **PROGRAM**

Campers, staff and parents all seem to enjoy our current programming. Says our Executive Director “I believe all of our programming is well connected with our mission statement and our educational goals. Campers and staff enjoy the simplicity of our programs and the imaginary play that is encouraged.

The Bible Study material produced by Inside Out Christian Resources for Outdoor Ministries and supplied by Canadian Ministries was a great resource. The scriptures selected were more story-based than they have been sometimes in the past. The stories were rich in topic and provided good themes to explore for each age group. The main theme of the study was “Beyond Belief.” The

curriculum invited campers to ask the big questions about God and explore how God can be seen in the vastness of creation, the power of community, and even in their own hearts.”

The Leader in Training Program with 11 participants went well.

With the Senior camp we did another “out trip” to the Smith House property. Similar to last year the staff and campers used the GPS and foraged through the woods from the main camp to where the house used to be. They left in the afternoon, had a cookout and the evening program on the Smith House site. Tarps were set up and the group stayed under the stars and had a cookout for breakfast.

#### RENTALS

Rental forms and policies were recently reviewed. For insurance reasons, rental groups are not offered the use of our canoes.

#### PROPERTY

The canoe dock needs repairs and restructuring. It could probably do another summer or two but will soon need replacement. The Executive Director observed:” I wonder about the possibility of a second dock at Gault Pond, particularly if we consider the possibility of a wilderness camp that focuses more heavily on outdoor skills. We have portaged to Gault Pond in the past and there still is a canoe rack in good shape by the pond. With a dock and a little bit of clearing this could be a home base for a wilderness camp.”

Plans are being made for the erection of a new Wash House. Some funds have already been gathered.

#### CAMPER STATISTICS

This summer we had 396 campers register for camping sessions. We had more male campers and fewer female campers than in past years.

CAMP	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Novice 1	28	31	59
Novice 2	19	29	48
Mini Junior	29	19	48
Junior 1	11	29	40
Junior 2	19	37	56
Preteen	25	28	53
Intermediate 1	11	21	32
Intermediate 2	18	24	42
Senior	6	1	7
LIT	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>
TOTAL	170	226	396

DENOMINATION	NUMBER OF CAMPERS
Anglican	5
Baptist	4
Christian	3
Non-Denominational	3
N/A	169
Presbyterian	109
Protestant	2
Roman Catholic	62
United	39

Executive Director:

Whitney Canning continues to give excellent leadership to the Camp Geddie Committee and to the Camp Geddie staff and campers. The Committee gives thanks to God for her ministry. Recently she was received as a candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Recommendation: Rec.#1: That the 2018 budget which includes a request for \$40,000 for the Operating Fund and for \$6,500 for the daily checks on the property to meet insurance requirements be approved. (Same as for 2017)

The Committee is deeply grateful for the guidance of God and the prayers, interest, encouragement and financial support of the Synod and of so many persons.

Rev. P.A. "Sandy" McDonald  
Chris MacDonald Co – Convenors

Whitney Canning  
Executive Director



**CAMP GEDDIE**  
**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2017**  
*(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)*

	2017	2016
<b>Revenues</b>		
Registrations	\$ 84,172	\$ 80,390
Sale of T-shirts and other	1,915	3,027
Synod of Atlantic Provinces	55,000	55,000
Rentals	46,099	44,806
Other	3,733	2,371
Grants	4,550	18,858
Interest	460	1,586
Donations - Churches	31,837	20,785
Donations - Groups	3,691	4,412
Donations - Memorials	824	4,437
Donations - Individuals	9,187	7,886
Donations - Capital	20,553	17,817
	<u>262,021</u>	<u>261,375</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Clothing purchases	5,546	8,548
Credit card charges	3,191	4,743
Dues & fees	1,525	1,460
Food	33,421	34,760
Honouraria	7,688	7,568
Insurance	19,351	18,750
Interest and bank charges	119	369
Labour	122,363	129,154
Miscellaneous expense	2,373	1,749
Office supplies	2,797	2,683
Professional fees	2,310	6,500
Repairs and maintenance	23,437	25,240
Stationery and printing	930	984
Telephone	1,658	1,393
Travel	415	631
Utilities	10,794	10,412
Van operating costs	2,372	1,689
	<u>240,290</u>	<u>256,633</u>
<b>Excess of revenues over expenses</b>	<u>\$ 21,731</u>	<u>\$ 4,742</u>

**CAMP GEDDIE**  
**Statement of Changes in Net Assets**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2017**  
*(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)*

	Operating Fund	Restricted and unrestricted Funds	Investment in capital assets Fund	2017	2016
<b>Net assets - beginning of year</b>	\$ 58,627	\$ 105,402	\$ 635,677	\$ 799,706	\$ 822,764
<b>Excess of revenues over expenses</b>	21,731			21,731	4,742
Interest earned, funds	(460)	460			
Expenses, funds	14,554	(14,554)			
Capital additions, funded from operating	(66,916)		66,916		
Donations, capital	(20,553)		20,553		
Donations, funds	(8,214)	8,214			
Building demolition					(27,800)
<b>Net assets - end of year</b>	<b>\$ (1,231)</b>	<b>\$ 99,522</b>	<b>\$ 723,146</b>	<b>\$ 821,437</b>	<b>\$ 799,706</b>

**CAMP GEDDIE**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**December 31, 2017**  
*(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)*

	2017	2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash - Unrestricted	\$ 22,573	\$ 97,655
Cash - Restricted	<u>37,550</u>	<u>35,418</u>
	60,123	133,073
Guaranteed investment certificates - restricted	30,835	5,066
Harmonized sales tax receivable	<u>5,838</u>	<u>2,245</u>
	96,796	140,384
<b>Property and equipment</b>	<b>723,146</b>	<b>635,677</b>
<b>Guaranteed investment certificates - restricted</b>	<u><b>5,096</b></u>	<u><b>30,522</b></u>
	<u><b>\$ 825,038</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 806,583</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 3,601	\$ 6,877
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Operating fund</b>	<b>(1,231)</b>	<b>58,627</b>
<b>Restricted and unrestricted funds</b>	<b>99,522</b>	<b>105,402</b>
<b>Investment in capital assets fund</b>	<u><b>723,146</b></u>	<u><b>635,677</b></u>
	<u><b>821,437</b></u>	<u><b>799,706</b></u>
	<u><b>\$ 825,038</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 806,583</b></u>

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

\_\_\_\_\_ Director

\_\_\_\_\_ Director

**CAMP GEDDIE**  
**Site development fund (Schedule 1)**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2017**  
*(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)*

	2017	2016
<b>Revenues</b>		
Interest revenue	\$ 304	\$ 485
<b>Expenses</b>		
Repair and maintenance	8,356	2,775
Interest expense	37	28
	<u>8,393</u>	<u>2,803</u>
<b>Excess of revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>\$ (8,089)</b>	<b>\$ (2,318)</b>

**Unrestricted camperships fund (Schedule 2)**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2017**  
*(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)*

	2017	2016
<b>Revenues</b>		
Interest revenue	\$ 9	\$ 204
Donations - Individuals	5,019	2,412
Donations - Memorials	1,059	6,310
Donations - Churches	2,136	1,000
	<u>8,223</u>	<u>9,926</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Interest expense	36	30
Camp registration subsidy	6,125	5,926
	<u>6,161</u>	<u>5,956</u>
<b>Excess of revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 2,062</b>	<b>\$ 3,970</b>

**CAMP GEDDIE**  
**Restricted camperships fund (Schedule 3)**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2017**  
*(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)*

	2017	2016
<b>Revenues</b>		
Interest from restricted fund	\$ 147	\$ 897
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>Excess of revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 147</b>	<b>\$ 897</b>

<b>2018 Camp Geddie Operating Budget</b>	<b>2019 Budget</b>	<b>2018 Budget</b>	<b>2018 To Sept 21</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>	<b>2017 31-Dec</b>
<b>Exp: Salaries</b>	<b>112,500</b>	<b>110,000</b>	109,280	115,000	108,461
CPP/EI/WCB	10,000	10,000	9,748	10,500	9,820
Food	37,000	40,000	34,434	40,000	33,421
Insurance	20,000	20,000	499	20,000	19,585
Property Checks for Insurance	6,500	6,500	1,741	6,500	4,080
Repairs & Maintenance Maintenance Person Joe & Lawn	11,000	15,000	7,178	15,000	10,201
Mowing person	2,000	2,000	1,070	3,000	1,088
Snow Removal	1,000	2,000	-	2,000	870
Waste Management	2,500	3,000	1,652	2,500	3,126
Honorarium for Treasurer	4,500	4,000	3,025	3,600	3,600
Utilities	9,000	8,000	6,555	9,000	9,933
Superior Propane- other propane	1,000	1,000	473	1,200	818
Telephone	1,200	1,200	1,210	1,500	1,348
Honorarium for Rental Officer	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,000	3,000
Program	1,000	1,500	749	2,000	725
Clothing for Sale	2,000	2,000	1,778	3,000	3,056
Camper & Staff Shirts	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,500	2,491
Personnel Comm	200	250	79	250	68
Business Fees & Licenses (note1)	2,000	1,500	1,956	1,500	1,525
Cleaning Supplies	1,500	1,500	1,090	2,000	1,412
Medical Supplies	200	200	85	300	73
Office Supplies	750	750	438	750	588
Printing, advertising & promotions (note 2)	2,000	1,500	1,823	750	1,649
Postage	300	300	182	250	266
Van Operating Expense (note 3)	2,000	2,000	2,412	2,000	1,828
Travel - Synod Bursery	200	500	-	500	
Leadership Development	200	500		500	150
Travel & entertainment	250	500	238	500	415
THRIVA FEES	1,500	2,000	1,512	2,500	1,600
Credit Card Processing Fees	2,000	2,000	1,960	2,000	1,591
Bank Fees	100	350	34	500	46
Donations In Trust (Mission Offering) Note 4					486
Professional Fees	2,000	1,000	1,800		4,000
RV Expenses	500	1,000	279		225
Miscellaneous	500	500	119	500	684
	<b>243,300</b>	<b>248,450</b>	<b>199,298</b>	<b>256,100</b>	<b>232,227</b>
<b>TOT</b> Multi purpose bldg expenses			157		70,656
New RV Expense					16,588
Site Development - work by Daniel Fraser			2,875		7,266
			<b>202,330</b>		<b>319,471</b>
					21,203
			<b>202,330</b>		<b>340,674</b>

HST owing to us = \$2767.96

<b>2018 Camp Geddie</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Operating Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>To Sept 21</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>31-Dec</b>
<b>Revenue</b>					
Summer Camp Registration	90,000	100,000	81,565	100,000	79,281
Summer Camp Registration (Campership Fund)	5,000	5,000	6,429	5,000	8,214
Synod Grant	40,000	40,000	40,000	48,500	48,500
Synod grant - Property Check	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
Grace Doucette Bequest			163		
Donations - Churches, NS	22,000	20,000	17,509	16,500	21,511
Donations - Churches, NB	500	500	-	500	500
Donations - Churches, NL	500	500	-	50	326
Donations - Churches, PEI	50	50	-	50	
Donations - Individuals	5,000	8,000	785	10,000	973
Donations - Groups	5,000	5,000	3,187	5,000	3,691
Donations - Memorials	750	500	669	500	824
Fund Raising	4,000	4,000	2,324	5,000	2,283
Grants ***	17,000	15,000	16,463	15,000	14,050
Rentals	35,000	30,000	8,197	30,000	34,032
School group rentals	10,000	10,000	8,511	10,000	9,433
Sale of Clothing, etc	2,000	3,400	1,139	4,000	1,915
Donations in Trust (Missions)			153		486
Efficiency Nova Scotia					963
Other Income					
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>243,300</b>	<b>248,450</b>	<b>193,594</b>	<b>256,600</b>	<b>233,483</b>
Donations to RV			9,000		8,030
Donation to MPB			96		12,523
Donation to Site Development			4,000		
- still in operations			<b>206,690</b>	<b>256,600</b>	<b>254,036</b>
			<b>206,690</b>		<b>254,036</b>
			<b>206,690</b>		<b>254,036</b>

60% tax collected to be sent in  
HST Paid to June 2018 = \$4975.18  
HST owing = \$3751.80

In bank = \$30,157.48

**Note : RV paid in full**

## **Synod Hospital Visitor Report**

### **March 2007 — December 2018. Almost 12 years Looking back**

I still remember my first experience of the Spiritual and Religious Care Department of the then Capital District Health Authority. It was a cold, raw, typically Halifax late winter day in 2007 when I entered the parkade of the New Halifax Infirmary. Traffic had been light that morning driving over from my home in Dartmouth, and it was then that I remembered it was March Break in our province. There would have been an exodus by many to warmer places on the weekend before. The New Halifax Infirmary is only one of a number of facilities, collectively known as the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre. The Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre (QEII) is comprised of five hospitals and the Nova Scotia Cancer Centre. The hospitals are the Victoria General, (including the Dr. D.J. Mackenzie Laboratories and West Annex, and the Dickson Ambulatory Care Centre), the Halifax Infirmary, the Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Centre, Camp Hill Veterans' Memorial and the Abbie J. Lane Memorial. It is my privilege to visit Presbyterians who find themselves under the care of QE II, and are from all parts of our Synod.

This year, the anniversary date March 16 marked the completion of 11 years of my work, as Synod Hospital Visitor. During those eleven years, (almost 12 years by the end of this year), much progress has been made in the way we undertake the pastoral care of those who find themselves in hospital. In my former career as a Medical Laboratory Technologist, the term “front-line care” meant the work of those who were involved in the direct treatment of patients in hospital—nurses, doctors, physiotherapists and so on. We seldom considered the presence of hospital chaplains as front-line care, but my subsequent experience as a hospital chaplain has shown me that as such, my job has been very much front line and clinical in the sense of offering spiritual healing. Spiritual care adds a necessary dimension to the process of transforming illness to wellness.

### **An M. Div. is not enough**

Coming out of seminary, (Atlantic School of Theology), with a Master of Divinity degree was a big step toward a new professional life for me. I was now ready, or so I thought, to put into practice the things I had learned in depth, at the feet of those who had carefully worked with me, sometimes with a struggle, through all the facets of theological studies. My early years working in short-term assignments with local congregations, has helped me to develop experientially the skills necessary to work in the role of pastor. These experiences helped me to be aware of the diversity among the people of God, a diversity which I have come to realize is a true enrichment to our lives as members of God's Church. Although I did not know it at the time, all of my early experiences with people of all kinds and conditions, would help me with a calling that became stronger with time. That call was to hospital chaplaincy. In my days at A.S.T., I had resisted the suggestion that I take Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) courses at the local hospitals. My rationale was that I had spent my previous professional life working and teaching in hospitals, so why would I go back to that now? Nevertheless, despite my inner resistance, and after much prayer, I realized that God was indeed calling me into hospital chaplaincy, and the rest is history.



### **Clinical Pastoral Education**

I do not believe in coincidence, but that we are guided in life by our faith in the great Guide, almighty God. That the Holy Spirit was bringing the job of Synod Hospital Visitor and someone who was strongly being called into hospital chaplaincy together, in my mind is no coincidence. After my installation as Synod Hospital Visitor, and my early introduction to what was then Capital District Health Authority (CDHA), my professional degree required the addition of two basic periods of training (CPE) in the specialization of Hospital Chaplain. Without this training, I would not be allowed to practice fully as a chaplain. I then began training in the Fall of 2007 continuing to Spring 2008. This was followed by a further CPE course from 2008 – 2009. I now had the title Chaplain, which allowed me to fully participate in hospital rounds, access patient records, and report in patients' charts. With these qualifications also came the increased responsibility for patient confidentiality incumbent upon all hospital professionals.

### **Skill development**

Completion of CPE courses, leads on to a developmental process which by experience brings skills only touched upon with basic CPE. In time new chaplains gain more confidence in their abilities, and develop styles blending personality with increasing knowledge, the focus being to act as God's vehicle in helping patients experience God's love and compassion and especially the spiritual healing that can occur. Prayer and sometimes scripture reading, I have found, plays a large part in the healing pathway with the patient. In particular I, along with other colleagues, have benefitted from the wisdom of Rev. David Maginley, Staff Chaplain and Lutheran minister, who has helped raise awareness in the importance of Spiritual Care in the development of well-being among hospital patients, particularly those suffering from cancer. His own experience as a cancer survivor and his subsequent work as a Staff Chaplain has resulted in his highly regarded book "Beyond Surviving." It is a strongly recommended read for both patients and practitioners alike.

### **Understanding the sense of loss when in hospital**

I will simply say under this heading that *all* patients will experience varying degrees of this sense of loss. These "sense of loss" conditions are manifested in a wide spectrum of ways, requiring the practitioner to keep an open mind in finding means of interpreting a patient's behaviour.

### **The pros and cons of prior work as a health professional**

My previous professional life as a Medical Laboratory Technologist and subsequent educator in a number of applied medical sciences has been both a blessing and a curse in my role as Hospital Chaplain. Chaplains do not require to understand the intimate details of patients' clinical history, but as one who was involved in the diagnostic side of medicine technically, it was difficult for me not to be concerned about both their physical and spiritual well-being.

### **The mission aspect and the role of the AMS. This is very valuable work!**

I would be remiss if I did not recognize the work of the Atlantic Mission Society. The women, and men, have a strong role to play in this important mission "at home." The Synod, and particularly the Synod Hospital Visitor, is greatly supported by the AMS in their constant financial support and especially in their prayers. As I go from patient to patient, I know that the Lord will

provide, as the Holy Spirit works in ways that continue to amaze me. The prayer support can be felt, making these visits with patients sacred moments.

#### **Support Committee**

I cannot complete this report without recognizing the work of the members of the local Synod Hospital Visitor Support Committee. They have met faithfully and regularly over the period of my tenure, and have many times been a source of comfort to me, in knowing that they always had my best interests at heart. It was not always plain sailing. There were moments when greater wisdom was brought to bear on my decisions, therefore correction was necessary, but generally I always knew that I was being treated with compassion and a desire to aid in my work as a chaplain. I thank them for their care and nurturing over the years.

#### **What is in the future?**

Sadly, I contemplate my retirement from the position at the end of this year. I write “sadly,” because during those years I have enjoyed greatly the many blessings of a ministry in which, despite the huge range of challenges, there has been and still is, the understanding that none of the work happens without the hand of God being present. Having said this, there comes a time when physically the work becomes challenging, and we always have to listen to our bodies especially when we have nudged age-wise past our eightieth birthdays. There is no doubt that God has allowed me to do this work beyond what most people would describe as normal limits, but I am happy that the Holy Spirit continues to be for me an amazing support in all my work for the Church, and I look forward to a retirement with still some other projects awaiting my attention.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Lindsay Rankin, Dip. Min. Th., M. Div.  
Synod Hospital Visitor/ Presbyterian Chaplain N.S.H.A.

### **Programme Committee**

The Programme Committee had two new Co-Convenors this year. As neither of us had been in this role on the committee before, we had a lot to learn! We wish to thank all those who were so helpful to us.

The annual Presbyterian Atlantic Synod Youth (PAYS) event was held in May and hosted by Bethel Presbyterian Church, Scotsburn, N.S. The theme was filling our cups. We had 34 youth and 11 leaders. We had a band from Halifax join us for the weekend, Beyond the Broadcast. We had large group games, small group Bible Studies, worship, small group games and we decorated mugs to go with our theme. On Sunday, the youth, with the help of the leaders, led the worship service at Bethel and the band provided the music. Scotsburn showed us wonderful hospitality.

Twenty-seven Canada Youth participants travelled to Brock University. One adult advisor flew and met the group when they arrived at Brock. There were 6 adults and 21 youth on the bus. The theme for CY this year was 'Stirred, not Shaken'. Three of the 6 adults were adult advisors, taking responsibility for the young people and checking in with them each day to see how they were doing, to pray and share what they had experienced.

The other four adults participated in the Youth Ministry Training Track. This track includes both theoretical and practical congregational approaches to new youth ministry practices. Leaders return home to their communities and live out what they have learned and experienced.

At last year's Synod, time was put aside for small group discussion on how the time at Synod might be used in new ways. It was suggested that workshops would be an approach that would be explored in 2018. As a result, four topics from a list generated at last year's Synod of workshop subjects were chosen and the committee put its efforts into finding workshop leaders. We are very pleased and grateful that folks we contacted were more than willing to come to Synod this year and present the workshops.

The following is the proposed budget for the next year:

Atlantic Synod Youth Event (PAYS)	\$ 3000
Youth in Mission:	1300
Leadership Development	3500
Committee Expenses	<u>200</u>
Total	\$ 8000

One challenge we experienced was not having a complete list of Programme Committee members. The names of those appointed by Synod were listed in the Standing Committees of Synod section of the minutes, but it appears that the names of those appointed by Presbyteries were sometimes not updated and sent to the Synod Clerk (soapclerk@gmail.com) or to the Convenors. As a result, we were not sure we had a complete list of members. If we missed being in contact with you, we apologize.

We wish to thank the members of the committee for their work and their interest.

Peter MacDonald, Co-Convenor  
Lydia E. MacKinnon, Co-Convenor

### **Mission Committee**

The Synod Mission Committee held a Teleconference meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> and a meeting at the Koinonia Centre, St. James PC, Truro on September 17<sup>th</sup>. A second Teleconference meeting was attempted on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, but due to technical problems the business was done by email and individual telephone conversations.

We thank the Rev. “Sandy” A.D. Sutherland for convening the committee for the past three years and wish him all God’s blessings in his new pastoral charge as his term on the Mission committee comes to an end.

The Committee has reviewed the Committee expenditures from 2013 to 2017 and looked at the direction of the committee going forward. It was agreed that the work of the committee will be guided by Living Faith 9.1.3 “*Mission is service, a call to help people in need and to permeate all of life with the compassion of God.*” A major focus of the committee will be to encourage local mission initiatives while making the best use of available Synod resources by:

- being a catalyst to promote mission ideas and projects within the Synod
- providing examples of mission projects used in other congregations, presbyteries and synods to spark ideas for mission in our congregations and presbyteries
- providing funds for starting or expanding local projects by congregations and/or presbyteries within the Synod
- providing funds on a case-by-case basis for youth and others taking part in PCC sponsored Mission trips (e.g. YIM). Participants would normally agree to make at least one presentation about their learning to interested meetings of congregations, AMS, Presbytery or Synod.

In order to encourage local mission initiatives while making the best use of Synod resources the Committee decided to move towards phasing out financial support of organizations deemed to be self-sufficient, and use the funds to assist congregations and presbyteries in new or expanded initiatives in mission. Funds will be available to assist with local mission projects on a one time basis in the form of seed money to start a project or expand an existing one. We are inviting suggestions for possible projects that would involve one or more congregations within the Atlantic Synod. A letter to this effect went to the presbyteries in May. The timing was not the best with summer coming, and we will send the information again along with application forms.

For many years Synod has financially supported Coverdale ministries, over which time there have been many changes to the organizations. Coverdale Saint John and Coverdale Halifax now work independently of each other and service local areas. Organizations doing similar work in other parts of the Synod do not receive funding. Based on Coverdale’s financial statements they are both well supported including receiving government grants and are in effect, self-supporting. The Mission Committee feels that Synod funds are better used to sponsor new and expanding mission initiatives. We will be recommending phasing out these grants over the next three years.

The Rev. Beth Mattinson is involved with the Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf. She is very positive about the ministry they provide which works to provide services wherever needed, but the work is limited by lack of finances. Unfortunately, we did not receive a financial update this year despite requesting one. For this reason, we are recommending that the grant be reduced by half.

The Committee makes the following recommendations to Synod:

**Recommendation 1:** That Coverdale Courtwork Society of Halifax receive \$3,000 for 2019 with the intention of phasing out this grant over the next three years.

**Recommendation 2:** That Coverdale Centre for Women, Saint John receive \$3,000 for 2019 with the intention of phasing out this grant over the next three years.

**Recommendation 3:** That The Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf receive \$1,000 for 2019 and that we request provision of a financial statement by June 30, 2019 if funding support beyond 2019 is to be considered.

**Recommendation 4:** That the budget for the Synod Mission Committee be \$4,500 for 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rob Griffiths, Mission Committee Convenor

### **Report from Commission on Unfinished Business**

The commission on unfinished business (consisting of D. Krunys, Moderator of Synod, Marion Barclay MacKay, Convener of the Synod Council, and David Sutherland, Clerk of Synod) met on Wednesday 29 November, 2017, for the purpose of appointing a synod representative on the Canadian Ministries Regional Resourcing Grant committee. Cheryl Weeks was appointed to represent the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces on this committee until the next regular meeting of Synod in October 2018. It was also agreed that the Clerk advise the Nominating Committee to add an appointment to the Canada Ministries Regional Resourcing Committee as part of their roster of nominations to be presented to the Court in 2018 to include a term for this appointment (i.e. 3 years or whatever Canada Ministries might suggest).

Jeffrey Murray, Clerk

### **Atlantic Mission Society**

The Purpose of the Atlantic Mission Society is to glory God and support with prayer, study and service mission endeavours through The Presbyterian Church in Canada

The Atlantic Mission Society (AMS) continues to be an active vibrant group of men and women working for mission in the Atlantic Region. The AMS is made up of 6 Presbyterials, 62 Auxiliaries, 553 members and 161 Associate Members. In May of 2018 the St. John Presbyterial, New Brunswick shut down after 129years; there are still two auxiliaries active in the area that will continue mission work. The number of members continues to decrease but not the passion and joy for mission.

The 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the AMS was hosted by the Halifax Lunenburg Presbyterial and held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Dartmouth. The theme was "Rejoice in the Lord Always" and our guest preacher on Sunday was Rev. Derek Krunys, Moderator of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces. Our guest speakers were, Rev. Douglas Rollwage, Rev. Glynis Williams and Barb Cunningham, daughter of missionary Sara (Cameron) Cunningham. Our speakers helped us look at mission past, present and future.

This year marked the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *The Message*; we encourage all congregations of Synod to support this important outreach of the AMS. Our Circulation Manger reports 909 subscriptions this past year compare to 1000 in 2016, cause for concern as we continue this legacy into the next 125 years.

The President attends General Assembly and reports to the Assembly. The President attends Synod of the Atlantic Provinces and reports to Synod. The President serves on Life and Mission Agency and the Vice-President serves on Assembly Council of the National Church. The President sits on committees of Synod.

The AMS continues to support overseas mission projects as well as many projects here at home. We continue to support the National Church, the three Atlantic camps and give up to four bursaries to students studying ministry.

The AMS is a busy group of women and men learning, praying and seeking to do God's work.

Yours in Christ  
Linda MacKinnon  
President, Atlantic Mission Society

### **Maritime CGIT**

The Maritime CGIT Committee continues to meet and provide support as required. With the convenience of e-mail a lot of communication can had without face to face meetings.

The future role of the Maritime Committee continues to be reviewed. At present it appears there are 4 active groups (2 in PEI and 2 in Cape Breton). This year's registrations are not in yet.

A telephone CGIT Meeting of the Regions was held in February of 2018. With the dissolution of the National CGIT Association, this allows country-wide communication on a regular basis. The Maritimes, with 4 groups is in line with the rest of the country – Alberta – 3 groups; Saskatchewan-2 groups; Manitoba-1 group; Ontario-2 in 2016 (2018 not reported); Maritimes-4 groups.

The Committee is proposing an Alumnae Camp in the fall of 2019. Planning is incomplete.

Thank you to 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





**APPOINTMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

***PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX AND LUNENBURG***

Lee, Suk Ho, St. Andrew's, Lunenburg and St. Andrew's, Rose Bay, stated supply,  
November 15, 2017 to June 30, 2018

***PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK***

Burdett, Kent, Hampton and Barnesville Pastoral Charge, 5year term, three-quarter time,  
July 1, 2018

***PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND***

Kay, Thomas J., stated supply, Brookfield Pastoral Charge,  
January 1, 2018

**DESIGNATION OF OVERSEAS MISSIONARIES**

**None Reported**

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

***PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX & LUNENBURG***

Lee, Suk Ho                      November 15, 2017

***PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK***

Barlow, Kimberley            November 22, 2017

Van Den Berg, Jon            September 26, 2018

***PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND***

Kay, Thomas J.                January 9, 2018

Son, Donghwi David         September 9, 2018

**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 CAPE BRETON***

Wynn, Bonnie M.G.            November 22, 2017

***PRESBYTERY OF NEWFOUNDLAND***

Dent, Jonathan                November 30, 2017

***PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU***

Wynn, Bonnie M.G.            November 1, 2017

***PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX & LUNENBURG***

Kay, Catherine M.             October 1, 2017

Kay, Thomas J.                October 1, 2017

Mawhinney, D. Laurence      October 1, 2017

Stright, H. Kenneth            November 1, 2017

Lee, Suk Ho                      November 14, 2017

MacAulay, Jean K. May 1, 2018

***PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK***

Jorna, J. Christopher February 7, 2018

Deogratias, Charles R. February 22, 2017

***PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND***

Kay, Catherine M. November 14, 2017

Kay, Thomas J. November 14, 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 CAPE BRETON***

MacLeod, Ian G., deceased December 9, 2017

***PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX & LUNENBURG***

Lee, Suk-Ho November 15, 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**

***PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU***

McPherson, Charles E., medical leave, December 3, 2017 to February 4, 2018

**TRANSLATIONS**

***PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU***

Lackie, Jeffrey R., to Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod, December 3, 2017

***PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX AND LUNENBURG***

Archibald, Timothy F., to Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod, July 31, 2018

**CERTIFICATES GRANTED**

***PRESBYTERY OF NEWFOUNDLAND***

Dent, Jonathan, to Presbytery of Ottawa, September 13, 2018.

***PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU***

Wynn, Bonnie M.G., to Presbytery of Cape Breton, November 2, 2017

***PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX AND LUNENBURG***

Kay, Catherine M., to Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, November 14, 2017

Kay, Thomas J., to Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, November 14, 2017

***PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND***

Homes, Vicki L. to Presbytery of Pickering, October 1, 2018

**RESIGNATIONS**

**None Reported**

**DISSOLUTION OF PASTORAL TIE**

**None Reported**

**RETIREMENTS**

***PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU***

Wynn, Bonnie M.G. November 1, 2017

***PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX & LUNENBURG***

Stright, H. Kenneth November 1, 2017

MacAulay, Jean K. May 1, 2018

***PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK***

Burdett, Kent June 30, 2018

**HISTORICAL CERTIFICATES**

**None Reported**

**LETTER OF STANDING GRANTED**

***PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX & LUNENBURG***

Henderson, Michael W.A. May 22, 2018

**DEMITTED FROM THE MINISTRY**

**None Reported**

**SUSPENSION FROM THE MINISTRY**

**None Reported**

**DEPOSITION FROM THE MINISTRY**

**None Reported**

**DEATHS IN THE MINISTRY**

***PRESBYTERY OF CAPE BRETON***

MacLeod, Ian G. December 9, 2017

***PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK***

Dewar, David A. February 14, 2018

**CHANGE OF STATUS OF PRESBYTERY**

**None Reported**

**CONSTITUTION OF NEW CONGREGATIONS**

**None Reported**

**CHANGE OF STATUS OF CONGREGATION**

**None Reported**

**DEDICATION OF CHURCH BUILDINGS**

**None Reported**

**DISSOLUTION OF CONGREGATION**

**None Reported**

**AMALGAMATION OF CONGREGATIONS**

**None Reported**

**PREACHING POINT ESTABLISHED**

**None Reported**

**TRANSFER OF CONGREGATION TO ANOTHER PRESBYTERY**

**None Reported**

## APPENDIX B

### HARASSMENT AND RESPONSE TEAM (HAART)

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## APPENDIX C

### 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 D

### 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 ongoing maintenance of the new building(s).

### **Funding and Accountability:**

#### **Camp Geddie:**

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

#### **Camp MacLeod:**

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

#### **Camp Keir:**

The Camp does its own fundraising. Congregations are encouraged to support it as well by 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 backgrounds within Atlantic Canada. The Synod also offers a camping experience to young people in presbyteries that do not have a presbytery camp. The Synod also offers an opportunity for young people to camp with people from other presbyteries, an experience which is continued in our synod youth events.

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

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

## APPENDIX E

### MINISTRY DESCRIPTION Camping and Youth Consultant

This is a full-time contract position.

#### *Duties include:*

The Camping and Youth Consultant will serve as Executive Director of Camp Geddie, the camp of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces. In that role s/he will:

- Oversee and participate in the operation, administration, and promotion of the Synod camp
- Serve as an ex officio member on the Camp Geddie Committee, and its sub-committees
- Provide for pastoral care for campers and staff

(For details of duties and responsibilities see the Job Description for Camp Geddie Executive Director)

- The camping and Youth Consultant will promote camping ministry to the Synod.
- Training for Youth leaders
- Synod youth events
- Be a resource person to Camp Keir and Camp MacLeod for equipping, support and training
- Personal contact with congregations
- Advisor to Presbytery Youth Events
- Train and lead congregational youth events.
- Work on Presbytery youth event, Synod youth events, and congregational youth events.
- Foster and maintain open communication with youth and parents

#### *Education:*

- University degree, preferably in a field relevant to the position.
- Theological education or other preparation for minister within the Reformed tradition is required.
- Ordination or Designation to the Order of Diaconal Ministries is desirable, but a candidate with relevant qualifications and experiences who is prepared to function in a ministry role, subject to appropriate structures of accountability and disciplines, will be considered.
- Training and/or experience in Programme Development.
- Knowledge of and compliance with the Presbyterian Church in Canada's policy to ensure the safety of children, youth and vulnerable adults ("Leading with Care").

#### *Qualifications:*

- Some camping and youth experience
- Ability to work in a team environment
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Some teaching experience
- Skills in Planning and Time Management
- Complete and up-to-date Child Abuse registry and Criminal Record checks
- Good computer skills/web use
- Conflict resolution
- Ability to lead a variety of age groups in a common task
- Membership in good standing in a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, or on a Roll of a Presbytery (Qualified candidates from other branches of the Reformed Tradition)

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- Knowledge of the polity and practices of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

*Accountability and Consultation:*

- The Camping and Youth Consultant will be supervised by the Personnel Committee of Synod, and will report to Synod Council through the committee
- The Camping and Youth Consultant will be an ex officio member of the Synod Programme Committee with voice but no vote.
- If an Ordained Minister or Diaconal Minister, the Camping and Youth Consultant will be a member of the Presbytery in which she or he resides.
- The Camping and Youth Consultant will be subject to an annual review of performance and ministry, conducted by the Synod Personnel Committee
- The Camping and Youth Consultant will be employed under the Human Resources Manual of the Synod.

*Compensation:*

Stipend and allowances are commensurate with experience and ecclesiastical status (ordained, diaconal, lay). This position is funded by the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces and is subject to the categories and rates of compensation regulated by the General Assembly.

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