

The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces
The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Minutes & Reports
of the
One Hundred and Forty-sixth Annual Meeting
(The 201st since organization)

Charlottetown, P.E.I.
October 21st – October 23rd
2019

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MEETING PLACES AND MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES 1875 TO 1944

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

MEETING PLACES AND MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES 1945 TO 1965
AND THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES 1966 TO 2007

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	David 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 2019

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
2019	Charlottetown	Marion Barclay MacKay

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FIRST SEDERUNT

At Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, within Zion Presbyterian Church, on Monday the twenty-first day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen 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 145th annual meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, The Rev. Michael Koslowski, and Minister of Zion, The Rev. Douglas Rollwage. Rev. M Koslowski preached a sermon entitled, “Why doesn’t this happen anymore?”. The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was celebrated.

CONSTITUTION

Following the final hymn, the Moderator, M. Koslowski, 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. Joseph Douglas Gordon
 Rev. James Donald Lochhead Howsen

Ruling Elders: George Bedford
 Roy Lyle Boswall
 James David Chisholm
 Neil Daye
 Mary Louise Fraser
 Muriel Joyce Gordon
 Kathleen Ann Hayter
 James Robert Howie
 Henry Thatcher James
 Alice Charlotte Johnston
 Raymond Emery Langille
 Bonnie Linkletter
 Frederick Sutherland Livingston
 Alexander Dunbar MacDonald
 Verna B MacDonald
 Milton MacKenzie MacLean
 Alexander (Sandy) Dan MacRae
 Donald Edward McKay
 Alex Munro
 Nancy Marguerite Patterson
 Ken Porter
 James Alexander Selfridge
 Lottie Jean Stewart
 Daniel Chester Thompson
 Myles Leslie Wishart

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

Rev. Marion Barclay MacKay, Rev. Peter MacDonald, Rev. Lydia MacKinnon, Rev. Brian MacLeod, Rev. Robert Lyle, Rev. Ritchie Robinson, Rev. Corrie Stewart, Rev. Bonnie Wynn (Ministers); Mary Campbell, Robert Ferguson, Charles Greaves, Diane MacEachern, Shane MacFarlane, Debbie MacLean, William MacLeod, Raymond MacPhail, Angus MacVicar, Johnena MacLellan, Wesley Stewart, and Ernest Wiesner (Representative Elders).

Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg

Andrew Campbell, Cynthia Jean Chenard, Michael Koslowski, Suk Ho Lee, Beth M. Mattinson, E.M. Iona MacLean, J. Kenneth MacLeod, Peter Alexander (Sandy) McDonald, Michael Veenema (Ministers); Nicki Cameron, Marilyn Clyke, 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, Anne J. Boudreau, Kent E. Burdett, Charles S. Cook, John J. Crawford, M.E. (Lyn) Hughes, Erik W. Kraglund, J. Martin R. Kreplin, Cheryl G. MacFadyen, Wendy L. MacWilliams, Jeffrey M. Murray, M. Glen Sampson, Alexander (Sandy) Sutherland (Ministers); Dallas W. Davis, Nils A. Dickie, Dawna M. Foreman, Arthur Golding, Mona H.A. Harris, Jessie A.M. Kelly, Jim G. Lockerbie, Stanley C. MacDonald, Ken G. MacKeigan, Kate M. McLellan, Brian Neilson, Marlene M. Phillips, Joseph Sheasgreen, Brian H. Smith, Rosemary Smith, Lewis Smollett, Carol Stymiest, Merritt B. Scott, Ray C. Williston (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, Bonnie Langille, Andrew MacDonald, Lorne A. MacLeod, Glen Matheson, Charles E. McPherson, (Ministers); Brenda Butler, Mary Chesnutt, Ira Drysdale, Brenda Fraser, Cecil Hattie, Bob Hunsley, Helen Jordan, Peter MacKay, Frank MacLeod, Jessie McKay, Angus H. Moser, Adrian Pearson, Susan Robinson, Gary Ross, Wendy Ross, William Ross, Don Sutherland, Faye Visser Booth, William Thompson, Doug White (Representative Elders).

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

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

	Ministers	Representative Elders	
<i>Cape Breton</i>	8	12	20
<i>Newfoundland</i>	3	4	7
<i>Pictou</i>	8	19	27
<i>Halifax & Lunenburg</i>	9	12	21
<i>New Brunswick</i>	13	19	32
<i>Prince Edward Island</i>	14	15	29
Total	55	81	136

*The following Alternative Representative Elder was in attendance:
Amelia Campbell (WellSpring, PEI).*

REGRETS

Regrets were received from the following: Cynthia Chenard, Nils Dickie, Greg Dickson, Robert Ferguson, Maudie Haley, William Jardine, Martin Kreplin, Basil Lowery, Davida Mackay, Angus MacVicar, Linda MacKinnon, Doris MacWilliams, Wendy MacWilliams, Brian MacLeod, Ritchi Robinson, Merritt Scott, Cindy Shea, Kenn Stright, Ann Taylor, Faye Visser Booth, and Bonnie Wynn.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Registration Committee the Clerk noted that the registration constituted a quorum of the Synod. (1/4 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.

WELCOME OF STAFF, GUESTS, AND OTHERS TO THE COURT

The Moderator extended a welcome to our staff, guests, other visitors to the Court: Rev. Dr. Thomas Long, Synod Speaker; Barb Summers, Communications; Jen deCombe, Canadian Ministries; Rev. Dr. Lonnie Atkinson, WellSpring Presbyterian Church; Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart, St. Andrew's Hall, VST; Rev Dr. John Vissers, Knox College; Carol Anne Janzen, Canadian Bible Society; Janet Sallows, United Church; Whitney Canning, Synod Camping and Youth Consultant.

P.A. McDonald moved, duly seconded, that Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart and Rev Dr. John Vissers be invited to sit and correspond. Adopted.

REPORT OF THE SYNOD COUNCIL (*RECOMMENDATIONS 1-6, 10-13, & 18*)

The Moderator called upon G. Sampson, Convener of Synod Council, to present the proposed consensus recommendations of the Synod Council Report (p. 15-28). The Convener highlighted recommendations 1-6, 10-13, and 18.

G. Sampson 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. 15) 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 13 (p. 19) Adopted by consensus.

Recommendation 18 (p. 20) Adopted by consensus.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. Michael Koslowski, the Moderator of the 145th annual meeting of the court called upon the Synod to choose a Moderator to preside over the deliberations of this 146th annual meeting. The Clerk reported two nominations were received from presbyteries: The Presbytery of Prince Edward Island nominated the Rev. Andrew MacDonald of First Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia; and, the Presbyteries of Pictou, Cape Breton, Halifax and Lunenburg, and New Brunswick nominated the Rev. Dr. Marion Barclay MacKay of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia.

Motion: D. Krunys moved, duly seconded, that nominations cease. Adopted.

J. Barret spoke on behalf of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island's nomination of A. MacDonald.

R. Lyle spoke on behalf of the Presbytery of Cape Breton's nomination of M. Barclay MacKay.

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. Dr. Marion Barclay MacKay elected as Moderator for the 146th meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces. Ballots were destroyed.

C. Stewart and R. Lyle from the Presbytery of Cape Breton accompanied the Moderator-elect to assist her to gown.

REPORT OF THE RETIRING MODERATOR

While the Moderator-elect was vesting, the Moderator of the 145th meeting of Synod gave a report on his service through the year.

INSTALLATION OF NEW MODERATOR

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

The newly elected Moderator thanked the court for their support and confidence in electing her as Moderator. She thanked the outgoing moderator, the Rev. Michael Koslowski for his leadership and dedication through the past year.

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.

G. Sampson, Convenor of Synod Council gave the following notice of motion:

I give notice that, at a future sederunt, I will move or cause to be moved that Synod reconsider Recommendation 3 of the 2018 Mission Committee Report regarding our donation to The Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf. (p. 21)

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. Dr. Marion Barclay MacKay, closed the meeting with prayer and benediction and announced that the court would gather again in the Coles Hall of Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island on Tuesday, the 22nd day of October, 2019, at nine o'clock in the morning for the business of the Synod.

The Rev. Dr. Marion Barclay MacKay,
Moderator

The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray,
Clerk

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Synod Clerk

SECOND SEDERUNT

At Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, within Coles Hall, Zion Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday the twenty-second day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen 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.

E. Wiesner moved, duly seconded, that the following be the agenda for the second sederunt. Adopted.

- Constitution and Prayer
- Business Committee
- Registration Committee
- Correspondence Report
- Synod Council Report (Recommendations 7-9, 22)
- Finance Committee (Synod Council)
- Knox College
- Presentation 1 – Synod Speaker
- Notices of motion
- Announcements
- Adjournment

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

J. Barrett offered a preliminary registration report of 42 ministers, 30 representative elders, 2 on the appendix to the roll, the Synod Youth and Camping Consultant, and 5 guests. There are 80 registered.

The Committee granted leave to withdraw to the following persons: Rev. Dr. David Son (Tuesday and Wednesday), Evelyn Cox (Wednesday morning), Eric Kraglund (Wednesday morning)

J. Barret moved, duly seconded that the report be adopted. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

The Clerk presented the correspondence report (p. 41).

J. Murray moved, duly seconded that the financial reports from Camp Keir and Camp MacLeod, be received for information.

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

SYNOD COUNCIL REPORT (RECOMMENDATIONS 7-9, 22)

The Moderator called upon G. Sampson, Convener of Synod Council, to continue the Council Report (p. 15-28).

Recommendation 7 (p. 16) was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 8 (p. 16) was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 9 (p. 16) was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 22 (p. 21) was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded. Adopted.

New Motion: G. Sampson moved, duly seconded, that the Synod not send the 2019 grant of \$1000 to The Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf as it has not been able to provide financial statements and has lost its charitable status. Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Moderator called for the Treasurer's Report. C. Weeks gave an overview of the printed and circulated financial report.

KNOX COLLEGE

Moderator welcomed the Rev. Dr. John Vissers from Knox College, to address the court.

SYNOD SPEAKER

J. Murray introduced our Synod Speaker, Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Long.

Dr. Long offered his first presentation on "Jesus's Parabolic Imagination and the Mission of the Church".

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 benediction and announced that the court would gather again in the Coles Hall of Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island on Tuesday, the 22nd day of October, 2019, at one-thirty in the afternoon for the business of the Synod.

Following the closing of the morning Sederunt the Synod gathered for worship in the Sanctuary.

The Rev. Dr. Marion Barclay MacKay,
Moderator

The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray,
Clerk

THIRD SEDERUNT

At Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, within Coles Hall, Zion Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday the twenty-second day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen 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 and Prayer
- Business
- St. Andrew's Hall
- Synod Council (Recommendations 14-17, 19-20, 30)
- Camping and Youth Consultant
- Camp Geddie
- Mission
- Clerk's Report
- Notices of motion
- Announcements
- Adjournment

ST. ANDREW'S HALL

Moderator welcomed the Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart from St. Andrew's Hall, VST, to address the court.

SYNOD COUNCIL

The Moderator called upon G. Sampson, Convener of Synod Council, to continue the Council Report (p. 15-28).

Recommendation 14 (p. 20) was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 15 (p. 20) was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 16 (p. 20) was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 17 (p. 20) was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 19 (p. 21) was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 20 (p. 21) was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 30 (p. 27) was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded.

Amendment C. Stewart moved, duly seconded, that the practice of the using billets for Synod meetings be continued for 2020 and that members of Synod offer feedback to Synod Council with suggestions for alternatives to billeting. Defeated.

Recommendation 30. Adopted as printed in the report.

CAMPING AND YOUTH CONSULTANT

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

CAMP GEDDIE

The Moderator invited P.A. McDonald to present the Camp Geddie report (p. 43-50).

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. 54-55).

Recommendation 1 (p. 55) was moved by B. Langille, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 2 (p. 55) was moved by B. Langille, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 3 (p. 55) was moved by B. Langille, duly seconded. Adopted.

Report as a whole

B. Langille moved, duly seconded, that the report be adopted. Adopted.

CLERK'S REPORT

J. Murray moved, duly seconded, that the Clerk's report (p. 42) be adopted. Adopted.

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.

A. Sutherland moved, duly seconded, that the meeting adjourn. Adopted.

CLOSING

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer and benediction and announced that the court would gather again in the Coles Hall of Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island on Wednesday, the 23rd day of October, 2019, at nine o'clock in the morning for the business of the Synod.

Following the closing of the sederunt the members of synod attended Workshops arranged by the Programme Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Marion Barclay MacKay,
Moderator

The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray,
Clerk

FOURTH SEDERUNT

At Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, within Coles Hall, Zion Presbyterian Church, on Wednesday the twenty-third day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen at nine in the morning, the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces began the fourth sederunt.

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator constituted the Synod with prayer.

SPEAKER

Moderator invited Dr. Thomas Long to offer his second presentation on “Jesus’s Parabolic Imagination and the Mission of the Church”.

On behalf of the court the Moderator thanked the Synod Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Thomas Long for his insightful and inspiring presentations.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Moderator called for the report of the Business Committee.

E. Wiesner moved, duly seconded, that the following be the agenda for the fourth sederunt. Adopted.

- Constitution and Prayer
- Presentation 2 – Synod Speaker
- Business Committee
- Registration
- Presbytery and Synod Minutes
- Assessor Presbyters
- Synod Council (Recommendations 21, 23-29, 31-33)
- Programme Committee
- Atlantic Mission Society
- CGIT
- Ecumenical Visitors
- Resolutions Committee

The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray
Synod Clerk

Appointment of Commission on Unfinished Business
Announcement
Adjournments
Closing

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

J. Barrett gave the final registration report of 43 ministers, 30 representative elders, 1 alternative elder, 4 on the appendix to the roll, the synod youth and camping consultant, and 9 guests. There are 88 registered.

The Committee granted leave to withdraw to the following persons: Douglas Rollwage (Wednesday morning), and Kate McLellan (Wednesday morning).

SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY MINUTES

The Moderator called upon M. Koslowski to give the report.

M. Koslowski moved, duly seconded, that the Minutes of the Presbyteries of New Brunswick, Halifax and Lunenburg, Pictou and Prince Edward Island be approved as neatly and correctly kept; the minutes of the Presbyteries of Cape Breton, be approved as neatly and correctly kept with notes; and the Minutes of 2019 regular meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces be adopted as published. Adopted.

ASSESSOR PRESBYTERS

No report as both assessor presbyters were absent from the court.

SYNOD COUNCIL (RECOMMENDATIONS 21, 23-29, 31-33)

The Moderator invited G. Sampson, Convenor, to present the rest of the Synod Council report (p. 15-28).

Recommendation 21 (p. 21) was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 23 (p. 22) was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 24 (p. 22) was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 25 (p. 26) was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 26 (p. 26) was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 27 (p. 26) was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 28 (p. 26) was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 29 (p. 26) was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 31 (p. 27) was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 32 (p. 27) G. Sampson, moved duly seconded, that Recommendation 32 be referred to the Commission on unfinished business. Adopted.

Recommendation 33 (p. 27) was moved by G. Sampson, duly seconded. Adopted.

ATLANTIC MISSION SOCIETY

The Moderator invited R. Griffiths, President of the Atlantic Mission Society, to present his report (p. 56-57).

D. Griffiths moved, duly seconded, that the report from the AMS be received for information. 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. 57).

J. Murray moved, duly seconded, that the report be received for information. Adopted.

ECUMENICAL GUEST

Janet Sollows brought greetings on behalf of the United Church, Region 15, to the court and reported on the work of her church and of her time at Synod.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

P.A. McDonald presented the report from the Resolutions Committee.

P.A. McDonald moved, duly seconded, that the following report of the Resolutions Committee be adopted. That appreciation be expressed to:

- A) the congregation of Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, PEI for hosting so well the 2019 Meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces.
- B) Rev. Douglas Rollwage, Glynis Faith, John Barrett, Faye Barrett, and the Choir for leadership given at the Opening Service.
- C) The Rev. Michael Koslowski for the sermon he preached at the opening service.
- D) The workshop Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart, Jen deCombe, Barb Summers and the Rev. Dr. Lonnie Atkinson.
- E) The Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton for conducting the two services of worship.
- F) Principal John Vissers of Knox College and the Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart of St. Andrews Hall for their presentations.
- G) The Rev. Carol Ann Jensen of the Canadian Bible Society for her remarks and presentation.
- H) The Rev. Dr. Marion Barclay MacKay for moderating the Synod Meeting so graciously.
- I) The Rev. Jeffrey Murray for his caring and efficient work as Synod Clerk.
- J) Whitney Canning, Synod Camping and Youth Consultant, for her presentation and her work.
- K) The Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Long, the Synod Speaker, for his insightful and stimulating presentations on the theme, “The Parabolic Imaginations of Jesus and the Mission of the Church”.

Adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

P.A. McDonald 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 at a location to be determined on Monday, the 19th day of October, 2020, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening for worship followed by the business of the Synod.

Following the closing of the morning Sederunt the Synod gathered for worship in the Sanctuary.

The Rev. Dr. Marion Barclay MacKay,
Moderator

The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray,
Clerk

DOCKET FOR SYNOD 2019

1. Constitution of the Court during worship
2. The Roll of the Synod
3. Regrets
4. Memorials
5. Report of the Synod Council
6. Report of the Registration Committee
7. Welcome of guests
8. Election of Moderator
9. Report of the Retiring Moderator
10. 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. Finance Committee
17. Camp Geddie Committee
18. Atlantic Mission Society
19. Mission Committee
20. Programme Committee
21. CGIT
22. Assessor Presbyters
23. Commission on Unfinished Business
24. Committee on Presbytery Records
25. Committee on Synod Records
26. Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Long
27. Knox College
28. St. Andrew's Hall
29. Correspondence
30. Clerk's Report
31. Ecumenical visitors
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 I, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18 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 (*Recommendations I, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 16*)
- Election of Moderator
- Report of the retiring Moderator
- Installation of new Moderator
- Presentation from the Bible Society
- 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 21 | - Constitution to the end of business |
| b. | Second Sederunt | - Tuesday, October 22 | - 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. |
| c. | Third Sederunt | - Tuesday, October 22 | - 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. |
| d. | Fourth Sederunt | - Wednesday, October 23 | - 9:00 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. |
| e. | Fifth Sederunt | - Wednesday, October 23 | - 1:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (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. Thomas G. Long | Tuesday 9:45am to 11:15am
Wednesday 9:05am to 10:40am |
| 2. | Canadian Bible Society: The Rev. Dr. Carol Anne Janzen | After installation of Moderator |
| 3. | Knox College: The Rev. Dr. John Vissers | Tuesday morning sederunt |
| 4. | St. Andrew's Hall: The Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart | Tuesday afternoon sederunt |

****Recommendation 6**

That the action of Synod Council in inviting the Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton 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 3
Pictou	Samuel Graham	Athabasca – Year 2 BA
New Brunswick	Kathy Parks Jacqueline Cleland	Presbyterian College – Year 4 VST- Year 1
Prince Edward Island	Chad Bolton William Henbest	Knox College – Year 4 Presbyterian College – Year 1

SYNOD BURSARY:

A few bursary applications were received this year however, based on need and available funds (\$920) we recommend that two applicants receive a bursary of \$500 each with the additional \$80 being made up from Synod revenues.

Recommendation 8

That two bursaries of \$500 each be awarded for the 2019-2020 academic year.

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES

The Committee to Nominate Standing Committees consisting of nine members of The Presbyterian Church in Canada and are appointed by the General Assembly with members being nominated by synods. Each synod nomination alternates between clergy and non-clergy each time its term comes in the rotation. Each member serves a three-year non-renewable term with one third of the members retiring each year.

Stephen MacKay, elder from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, completes his term in 2020. The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces is asked to submit a nomination of a minister or diaconal minister for the upcoming term.

Recommendation 9

That the Rev. Dr. Marion Barclay MacKay be the Synod's nomination for a three-year term to the General Assembly Committee to Nominate Standing Committees.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

This year's nominations for Synod Council and Standing Committees of Synod are marked in **Bold**.

Synod Council:

Glen Sampson, (2013-2016) (2016-2019); **Convenor** (2018-19) **(2019-2020)**
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 **(2019-2020)**(2018-2019)(2017-2018);Convenor(2015-17);
(2010-2014)
Chris MacDonald, Co-Convenor **(2019-2020)**(2018-19)(2017-18); (2013-2016)(2016-2019)
Ian Watson (2014 - 2015) (2015 – 2018) (2018-2020)
Chelsey Joudrie (2018-2020)(completing Lorne MacLeod's term)
Daniel MacLeod (2017-2020)
John Reeves (2018-2021)
Andrew MacDonald (2018-2021)
Brenda Butler (2014-16)(2016-19)**(2019-2020)**
Louise Nelson (2016-2019)**(2019-2022)**
Harold Smith (2016-2019) **(2019-2022)**
Carla Graham (2019-2022)
James MacLeod (2019-2022
_____ **(2019-2022)**

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:

Bonnie Langille (2017-2020); **Convenor** **(2019-2020)**
Kathleen MacIsaac (2017-2020)
Anne Boudreau (2018-2021)
Rob Griffiths (2016 -2019) **(2019-2022)**

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:

Torrey Griffiths (2018-2021) **Convenor (2019-2022)**

Lydia MacKinnon, Co-Convenor (2017-19); (2013 - 2016)(2016 - 2019) **(2019-2020)**

Stephen MacKay (2014-2017)(2017-2020)

Beth Mattinson (2019-2022)

Marlene Phillips (2019-2022)

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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)

Iona MacLean (2014-2017)(2017-2020)

Marion Barclay MacKay (2019-2022)

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.)

Synod Representative to the Canadian Ministries Regional
Resourcing Grant Consultation: Derek Krunys

****Recommendation 10**

That the nominations for Synod Council, the Standing Committees of Synod, and for Synod Representative to the Canadian Ministries Regional Resourcing Grant Consultation be adopted.

Working Committees of Synod:

Business Committee: Nancy Harvey, Ernest Wiesner, Clerk of Synod

Resolutions Committee: P.A. "Sandy" McDonald, Dallas Davis

Registration /Host Committee: John Barrett, John Farquharson, Cheryl Weeks (ex-officio)

Convenor, Examination of Minutes: Michael Koslowski

Committee to examine 2018 Synod minutes: Bob Lyle, Nancy Harvey

Committee to examine Presbytery Minutes:

Cape Breton: Shelly Chandler, Bill Jardine

Newfoundland: Beth Mattinson, Carol Stymiest

Pictou: Cheryl MacFadyen, David Robinson

Halifax & Lunenburg: Brad Blaikie, Lynne Allan

New Brunswick: Derek Krunys, Charles Greaves

Prince Edward Island: Corrie Stewart, Don Sutherland

****Recommendation 11**

That the nominations for Working Committees of Synod be adopted.

****Recommendation 12**

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 Archives for many years was cared for by Summerside Presbyterian Church. With the demolition of that building in preparation for construction of a new church, the Archives was moved to First Presbyterian Church in New Glasgow, NS, under the care of Rev. Glen Matheson, D.D.

The Archives room at First, New Glasgow, houses four collections: archives material for the Synod of the Atlantic, the Presbytery of Pictou, as well as items from the host church – First Presbyterian, New Glasgow. A fourth collection, a large quantity of documents and photos concerning Camp Geddie, are in storage at the Archives but have not been organized or catalogued.

Over the past year the Synod Archives was used extensively by both the Archives and Art Gallery of Prince Edward Island in regards to researching the life of Rev. William Stuart (1837-1916). While serving in the Presbyteries of PEI, NB and Pictou before moving to New Jersey he was an accomplished artist, often painting scenes including early Presbyterian churches. His history and artistic skills were unknown to us prior to the research carried out this year by the PEI archivists using Synod Archives material.

At present there is sufficient storage space and shelving for Synod materials and no finances are required for the coming year. In an ideal world I would be receiving documents, photos, etc. from congregations within our Synod, but virtually no material has been donated to the Archives in recent years. I would welcome discussion with individuals or congregations should they consider donating items to the Synod Archives.

Rev. Glen Matheson, D.D.
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****Recommendation 13**

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

HOSPITAL VISITOR

The 2018 Synod asked the Synod Council to review the position of Halifax Hospital Visitor.

The Council asked three Council members to do a survey of the Presbyteries asking them to comment on a) the value of the position, and b) to make suggestions about the nature of the position in the future if it is retained. Five of the six Presbyteries replied.

All were unanimous in expressing their appreciation of this ministry over the years. This ministry position is of great benefit to ministers who are a long way from the Halifax area and it means a great deal to patients and their families.

The Presbyteries were anxious to see the position continued.

Some suggestions were made in the replies; the Council will continue in the next year to review them as it looks at any changes that might be needed in the job description for this part-time position and at hospital requirements for the staff person in order for that person to have access to files and to be part of the team of chaplains. The suggestions included having a brochure and/or bulletin insert that congregations can use to publicize this position, clarification of arrangements for visitation when the staff person is on vacation or ill, a review of stipend, the denominational affiliation of the person chosen for this position, being sure that the job description includes provision of time for communication with clergy of the home congregations of patients within the requirements of the law relating to patient privacy, visibility among hospital staff and connections with other Spiritual Care staff.

Recommendation 14

That the part-time staff position of a Halifax Area Hospital Visitor funded by the Presbyteries on the current basis (presbyteries are billed according to the number of visits made to persons from each Presbytery) be continued.

Recommendation 15

That a Search Committee be appointed to review the Ministry Description for the Hospital Visitor and report to Synod Council, having power to issue.

Recommendation 16

That the Search Committee seek a new hospital visitor to the Halifax area and report to 2020 meeting of Synod.

Recommendation 17

That the Moderator name the Search Committee in consultation with the Local Support Committee.

SYNOD STAFF

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 annually, and for working with the consultant to prepare and review future goals.

****Recommendation 18**

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

Hospital Visitor:

The Synod, at its 2018 meeting, empowered Synod Council to appoint an interim hospital visitor to the Hospitals in the Halifax Area. A search committee was appointed by the Council to seek an interim hospital visitor for 2019 and Council accepted its recommendation to appoint Calvin Burt. Calvin is a student for the Ministry within The United Church of Canada; he has extensive Clinical Pastoral Education. He is the part time student minister at Sharon

Presbyterian Church, Dean NS and at two United Churches in the Upper Musquodoboit, NS, Shared Ministry.

The Synod Personnel Committee received a report from the local Support Committee for the Hospital Visitor regarding the work of the interim-visitor, Mr. Calvin Burt. The local Support Committee reports that Calvin has been well received and that he has been diligent in fulfilling his responsibilities.

Recommendation 19

That Synod express its thanks to Calvin Burt for his work as interim hospital visitor.

Recommendation 20

That, recognizing the continuing need for interim hospital visitation in Halifax while the search takes place for a new hospital visitor, Mr. Calvin Burt be appointed the Synod Hospital Visitor in the Halifax area for a period of 1 year (i.e. January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020).

ASSESSOR PRESBYTERS:

Recommendation 21

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

MOTION TO RECONSIDER:

The Synod passed recommendation 3 of the Mission Committee Report during the 2018 Annual meeting. The recommendation was “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” (*The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces Minutes & Reports*, 2018, p. 9 & 56).

Financial statements have not been received and therefore the Missions committee will not be including a recommendation that The Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf receive funds for 2020.

When Synod Council meet on 2 October 2019 the members were informed that the cheque had yet to be sent for 2019. The Council was also informed that The Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf had lost its charitable status. Given the information that has come forward, Council does not believe it would be good stewardship on our part to give \$1,000 to an organization that cannot produce financial statements and has lost its charitable status.

Recommendation 22

That Synod reconsider Recommendation 3 of the 2018 Mission Committee Report regarding our donation to The Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf.

FINANCES:

In 2018 the Synod Task Group proposed a new method of determining grants for all the camps within the Synod, which was adopted at the 2019 Synod, the move towards this new funding methodology continues to be reflected in the 2020 budget. The model we are now using examines how much revenue comes to Synod from each Presbytery, and what our total

expenses on Camping are 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 Camp Keir has a higher target than Camp MacLeod. Camp Geddie receives the portion from any Presbytery without a camp of their own. The process of transitioning to the new funding levels aims to limit the change in funding to a \$5000 shift per year, resulting in the new model being fully implemented in 2024.

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 “Testing Camp Targets” Financial Sheet.

It is worth noting that these targets for camp funding, being based on Presbytery Dollar Base, will themselves shift from year to year as the Dollar Base itself moves. For that reason round numbers are used as 2024 targets, these are revaluated annually, to ensure that the results remain in line with the goal of proportional funding. There was a shift between the 2017 and 2018 dollar base, but not so much as to change the 2020 budget with regards to the shifts towards final targets implemented this year.

A multiyear trend of downward Dollar Base was reversed in 2018, changing from projected budget with still significant deficits, to posting a potential significant surplus in 2021. While this is encouraging, it remains to be seen if this swing of over \$20,000 in revenue is a new normal, or an anomaly. This uncertainty has resulted in not changing the projections beyond using the current year as the starting place.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Derek Krunys, Finance Committee Chair

Recommendation 23 (p. 29-40)

That the Report of Andrew Campbell, Inc., Auditor for 2018, be received as the financial statements of the Synod for the year 2018 and that the report be adopted.

Recommendation 24

That the following be the Approved as the Synod Budget for 2020:

Cape Breton Allocations	\$22,991.34
Pictou Allocations	\$33,894.30
Newfoundland Allocations	\$9,802.94
Halifax and Lunenburg Allocations	\$28,896.44
New Brunswick Alllocations	\$38,681.22
P.E.I. Allocations	\$43,817.08
Synod Offering	\$1,000.00
Interest Earned	\$300.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0.00
Youth Events	\$0.00
Workshops	\$0.00
Received for CY Busing	\$0.00
Hospital Visitor Allocations	\$10,000.00
Regional Resourcing Grant(PCC)	\$45,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$234,383.32

EXPENSES	
Synod Minutes	\$1,000.00
Synod Travel	\$12,484.80
Synod Accommodations and Meals	\$5,202.00
Synod Speaker	\$2,000.00
Synod- Other Expenses	\$800.00
Synod Council	\$2,601.00
Programme Committee	\$8,000.00
Personnel Committee	\$1,000.00
Mission Committee	\$7,500.00
Coverdale Courtwork Society Halifax	\$2,000.00
Coverdale Centre for Women NB	\$2,000.00
Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf	\$0.00
Camp Geddie Insurance Check	\$6,500.00
Camp Geddie	\$35,000.00
Camp Keir	\$15,500.00
Camp MacLeod	\$7,500.00
MacGregor Cairn	\$300.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00
Sexual Abuse/Harassment Committee	\$1,000.00
Bank Charges	\$100.00
Canada Youth Busing	\$8,000.00
Synod Workshop	\$1,000.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Salary	\$42,260.00
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	\$550.00
Clerk's Expenses	\$520.20
Moderator's Expenses	\$520.20
Treasurer's Honorarium	\$4,000.00
Treasurer's Expenses	\$1,700.00
Women's Gathering	\$3,000.00
Assessor Presbyter NL	\$6,000.00
Synod Insurance	\$2,000.00
Financial Audit	\$3,846.48
Amortization	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$235,558.68
NET INCOME	-\$1,175.36

Testing Camp Targets based on current \$Base

Camping and Youth	\$42,260.00
Consultant Costs	\$7,650.00
From the Budget	\$11,220.00
	\$1,122.00
	\$2,244.00
	\$4,488.00
	\$600.00
Total	\$69,584.00
1/2 used as Geddie	
Executive Director:	\$ 34,792.00
Insurance Check	\$6,500.00
Geddie Grant	\$40,000.00
Keir Grant	\$4,000.00
MacLeod Grant	\$4,000.00
Total for Camping	\$ 89,292.00

Proportion of Synod Budget by Presbytery				
Presbytery	\$ Base	% of Total	Camp Grant	Supported Camp
Cape Breton	\$1,149,567.00	12.9%	\$ 11,527.99	MacLeod
Pictou	\$1,694,715.00	19.0%	\$ 16,994.80	Geddie
Newfoundland	\$490,147.00	5.5%	\$ 4,915.25	Geddie
Halifax and Lunenburg	\$1,444,822.00	16.2%	\$ 14,488.84	Geddie
New Brunswick	\$1,934,061.00	21.7%	\$ 19,394.99	Geddie
P.E.I.	\$2,190,854.00	24.6%	\$ 21,970.14	Keir
Total \$ Base	\$8,904,166.00		\$ 89,292.00	

Final Targets For Camp Grants	
Geddie	\$ 55,793.87
Keir	\$ 21,970.14
MacLeod	\$ 11,527.99

Targets move with \$Base
 Still moving towards targets

Geddie Total	\$ 55,793.87
Executive Director	\$ 34,792.00
Insurance Check	\$6,500.00
Remaining Grant	\$ 14,501.87

The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces
 Budget for 2020 and Future Projections

	2018 \$ Base	2019 Budget	2019 to Date	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	2024 Budget
DOLLAR BASE			Sept. 30		Projection	Projection	Final Targets
Dollar Base %		2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
REVENUE							
Donations McGregor Cairn Project							
Cape Breton Allocations	\$1,149,567.00	\$23,177.68	\$20,493.44	\$22,991.34	\$22,761.43	\$22,531.51	\$22,071.69
Pictou Allocations	\$1,694,715.00	\$27,465.96	\$30,912.22	\$33,894.30	\$33,555.36	\$33,216.41	\$32,538.53
Newfoundland Allocations	\$490,147.00	\$10,979.90	\$7,542.44	\$9,802.94	\$9,704.91	\$9,606.88	\$9,410.82
Halifax and Lunenburg Allocations	\$1,444,822.00	\$30,140.06	\$27,941.52	\$28,896.44	\$28,607.48	\$28,318.51	\$27,740.58
New Brunswick Allocations	\$1,934,061.00	\$35,326.22	\$28,063.47	\$38,681.22	\$38,294.41	\$37,907.60	\$37,133.97
P.E.I. Allocations	\$2,190,854.00	\$40,254.50	\$20,502.41	\$43,817.08	\$43,378.91	\$42,940.74	\$42,064.40
Synod Offering		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Interest Earned		\$300.00	\$172.24	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Youth Events		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Workshops		\$1,000.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Received for CY Busing		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hospital Visitor Allocations		\$10,000.00	\$2,995.49	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Regional Resourcing Grant(PCC)		\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE		\$219,644.32	\$178,623.23	\$234,383.32	\$232,602.49	\$230,821.65	\$227,259.99
EXPENSES							
Synod Minutes		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Synod Travel		\$12,240.00	\$1,663.87	\$12,484.80	\$12,734.50	\$12,989.19	\$13,248.97
Synod Accommodations and Meals		\$5,100.00		\$5,202.00	\$5,306.04	\$5,412.16	\$5,520.40
Synod Speaker		\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Synod- Other Expenses		\$800.00		\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
Synod Council		\$2,550.00	\$2,008.49	\$2,601.00	\$2,653.02	\$2,706.08	\$2,760.20
Programme Committee		\$8,000.00	\$3,367.26	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Personnel Committee		\$1,000.00	\$105.73	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Mission Committee		\$4,500.00		\$7,500.00	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00
Coverdale Courtwork Society Halifax		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Coverdale Centre for Women NB		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf		\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Camp Geddie Insurance Check		\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Camp Geddie		\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$15,000.00
Camp Keir		\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$15,500.00	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$21,000.00
Camp MacLeod		\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$12,000.00
MacGregor Cairn		\$300.00		\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Miscellaneous		\$500.00	\$26.45	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Sexual Abuse/Harassment Committee		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Bank Charges		\$100.00	\$41.36	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Canada Youth Busing		\$0.00		\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Synod Workshop		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Salary		\$39,023.00	\$29,897.23	\$42,260.00	\$43,105.20	\$43,967.30	\$44,846.65
Camping & Youth Consultant Travel		\$7,650.00	\$3,171.10	\$7,650.00	\$7,803.00	\$7,959.06	\$8,118.24
Camping & Youth Consultant Housing		\$11,220.00	\$8,415.00	\$11,220.00	\$11,444.40	\$11,673.29	\$11,906.75
Camping & Youth Consultant EI		\$1,122.00	\$868.94	\$1,122.00	\$1,144.44	\$1,167.33	\$1,190.68
Camping & Youth Consultant CPP		\$2,244.00	\$1,820.04	\$2,244.00	\$2,288.88	\$2,334.66	\$2,381.35
Camping & Youth Consultant Health		\$4,488.00	\$3,310.50	\$4,488.00	\$4,577.76	\$4,669.32	\$4,762.70
Camping & Youth Consultant Cont. Ed		\$600.00		\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Gen Exp		\$4,000.00	\$1,269.50	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Pension Synod Share		\$6,150.00	\$4,994.73	\$6,150.00	\$6,273.00	\$6,398.46	\$6,526.43
Synod Hospital Visitor		\$10,000.00	\$4,827.20	\$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
Clerk's Consultation		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
Clerk's Expenses		\$510.00	\$93.82	\$520.20	\$530.60	\$541.22	\$552.04
Moderator's Expenses		\$510.00	\$153.12	\$520.20	\$530.60	\$541.22	\$552.04
Treasurer's Honorarium		\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Treasurer's Expenses		\$1,700.00	\$1,472.82	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
Women's Gathering		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Assessor Presbyter NL		\$6,000.00	\$2,157.50	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Synod Insurance		\$2,000.00	\$1,710.04	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Financial Audit		\$3,774.00	\$3,977.50	\$3,846.48	\$3,923.41	\$4,001.88	\$4,081.92
Amortization		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$220,281.00	\$153,552.20	\$235,558.68	\$226,014.85	\$231,611.15	\$228,698.37
NET INCOME		(\$636.68)	\$25,071.03	(\$1,175.36)	\$6,587.63	(\$789.50)	(\$1,438.39)

Recommendation 25

That Synod apply for a 2020 Regional Resourcing Grant in the amount of \$45,000 to help fund camping ministries within the Synod.

Recommendation 26

That the Synod dues for the year 2020 be set at a rate of 2.0% of the dollar base figure reported in the Acts and Proceedings of the 2019 General Assembly.

Recommendation 27

That Andrew Campbell, Inc. be named as auditor for the Synod for 2019. (Next review 2023)

ELECTION OF SYNOD MODERATORS:

During the 2018 meeting of Synod the method of electing the Moderator for Synod was discussed and the following motion was adopted (2018 Synod Minutes, p. 11): "P.A. McDonald moved, duly seconded, that Synod Council study ways to improve the manner in which the Synod elects the Moderator."

After considering ways to improve the election of the Moderator, the Council makes the following recommendation:

Recommendation 28

That the Synod adopt the following method for electing the Moderator before the annual meeting: (1) Presbytery Nominations for Moderator be sent to the clerk by April 30, (2) Ballots for Moderator be sent to the Presbyteries after the May meeting of Synod Council and returned by September 30, (3) Synod Council count the ballots at its October meeting.

TASK FORCE:

The Synod Working Group (Task Force) was appointed in 2017 to discuss and implement changes to Synod beginning with the 2018 annual meeting. This group was also tasked with exploring funding/cost sharing options for all expenses related to the Synod Camp and this led to the new funding strategy implemented in 2018.

Council received many feedback forms from the members of Synod after last year's meeting. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and there was a few helpful constructive comments to help improve on some things going forward and most of these suggestions have been implemented for this year.

The Council believes that the work of the task force is completed and recommends that this working group be dissolved.

Recommendation 29

That the Synod Working Group (Task Force) be dissolved with the thanks of the court.

SYNOD MEETING 2020 & FUTURE MEETINGS

Billets: At its last meeting, the Council discussed the matter of offering billets during Synod meetings. Given the challenges that this presents for host churches and also with respect to *Leading with Care* we question if it is appropriate for the Synod to offer billets and believe it is time to discontinue this practice.

Recommendation 30

That the practice of using billets for Synod meetings end as of 2019 and that members of Synod offer feedback to Synod Council with suggestion for alternatives to billeting.

Recommendation 31

That the Rev. Dr. Richard Topping, Principal of VST be invited to be the guest speaker for Synod 2021.

Recommendation 32

That the Synod accept an invitation to hold the 2020 regular meeting of Synod, October 19th to 21st, at _____ Presbyterian Church, _____, ____ .

Recommendation 33

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

SYNOD SPEAKER FOR 2021 – Rev. Dr. Richard Topping

See Recommendation 32, Synod Council Report



Richard Topping received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies from University of Waterloo, a Master of Arts in Theology from St. Michael's University in the Toronto School of Theology and a Doctor of Philosophy in Theology from Wycliffe College, where his thesis Director was Professor John Webster.

Richard was Minister at Zion and Knox Presbyterian Churches in Muskoka, Ontario from 1993-1996 and at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul in Montreal, Quebec, where he was Assistant Minister from 1997-1999 and Senior Minister from 2000-2009. He has written or coauthored a number of documents for the Presbyterian Church in Canada, including a *Catechism for Today* (2008) and *Together in Ministry* (2006). He currently serves on the Church Doctrine Committee for the national church.

Richard taught at Presbyterian College (2001-2009) in the Montreal School of Theology at McGill University in the areas of Preaching, Pastoral theology, Introduction to Ministry and Church, Ministry and Sacraments. He has supervised a number of students in their in-ministry year.

Richard holds the St. Andrew's Hall Chair in Studies in the Reformed Tradition. He teaches in the areas of Introduction to Theology, Reformation History, Christian Spirituality and Reformed Theology of the 19th and Twentieth Century. He has also lectured at Regent College in the area of Theology and Proclamation. He has published in the areas of theological hermeneutics, homiletics, philosophy of religion, systematic theology and the theologies of John Calvin and Karl Barth. His current projects include two edited collections of essays, one a set of papers presented in 2009 on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin and the other a series of catechetical essays entitled, *Welcome to the Church*. He is also working on a book which examines the role of the imagination in postmodern theology.

Richard is a participant in the Vancouver New Testament Colloquium and initiated a Karl Barth reading group at St. Andrew's Hall. He is a regular preacher in the Vancouver area and lecturer across the country in the areas of pastoral leadership and strategic direction.

Financial Statements of

THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES

December 31, 2018

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Council of The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces (the Synod), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2018 the statements of operations and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Synod as at December 31, 2018, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of my report. I am independent of the Synod in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Canada, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Synod's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Synod or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Synod's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Synod's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Synod's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Synod to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.



Chartered Professional Accountant, Licensed Public Accountant
Dartmouth Nova Scotia
October 23, 2019

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THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Statement of Financial Position
 As at December 31, 2018

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 102,830	\$ 149,571
Accounts receivable - related parties	20,386	22,732
- HST rebate	2,241	1,597
Prepaid expenses	3,174	290
	<u>128,631</u>	<u>174,190</u>
Trust funds (Note 3)	62,069	61,557
	<u>\$ 190,700</u>	<u>\$ 235,747</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 11,132	\$ 16,269
Trust funds (Note 3)	62,069	61,557
	<u>73,201</u>	<u>77,826</u>
NET ASSETS		
Net assets		
Unrestricted net assets	117,499	157,921
	<u>\$ 190,700</u>	<u>\$ 235,747</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

ON BEHALF OF THE SYNOD COUNCIL

..... Member

..... Member

THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets
Year ended December 31, 2018

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Revenue - allocations		
Cape Breton	\$ 22,193	\$ 26,731
Halifax – Lunenburg	26,430	31,589
New Brunswick	38,119	45,198
Newfoundland	9,207	10,550
Pictou	33,036	40,676
Prince Edward Island	40,622	46,034
	<u>169,607</u>	<u>200,778</u>
Non-specific revenue (Note 4)	37,712	13,843
	<u>207,319</u>	<u>214,621</u>
Expenses (Schedule)	247,741	182,674
	<u>(40,422)</u>	<u>31,947</u>
Excess of (expenses over revenue) revenue over expenses	(40,422)	31,947
Net assets, beginning of year	157,921	125,974
	<u>\$ 117,499</u>	<u>\$ 157,921</u>
Net assets, end of year	\$ 117,499	\$ 157,921

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Statement of Cash Flows
 Year ended December 31, 2018

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR)		
Operating activities		
Excess of (expenses over revenue) revenue over expenses	\$ (40,422)	\$ 31,947
Changes in non-cash operating working capital items		
Accounts receivable - related parties	2,346	4,211
- HST rebate	(644)	635
Prepaid expenses	(2,884)	1,778
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(5,137)	5,062
	<u>(46,741)</u>	<u>43,633</u>
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(46,741)	43,633
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	149,571	105,938
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$ 102,830	\$ 149,571
Cash and cash equivalents is comprised of:		
Cash	\$ 42,328	\$ 39,069
Guaranteed investment certificates	60,502	110,502
	<u>\$ 102,830</u>	<u>\$ 149,571</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2018

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 provided administrative services for a prison outreach program operated by the Presbytery of Halifax – Lunenburg. Expenses were netted against program funding from the Province of Nova Scotia and had no effect on the statement of operations and changes in net assets. These administrative services ended on February 11, 2019.

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 1.95%.

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 (2017 - \$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.

THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2018

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

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.

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>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Dr. E. H. Bean Bursary	\$ 21,723	\$ 21,403
Grace Doucette Bequest	10,114	10,163
Dr. Frank Baird Bursary	10,093	10,000
Margaret MacDougall Bursary	5,543	5,500
Celina Heppel Bequest	4,361	4,343
Lady Sarah Smith Bequest	3,317	3,283
Synod Bursary	3,713	3,675
Dutch Bequest	2,787	2,772
Hospital Emergency Fund	418	418
	<u>\$ 62,069</u>	<u>\$ 61,557</u>

The trust funds are represented by:

Guaranteed investment certificates	\$ 58,032	\$ 57,629
Due from general fund including \$224 (2017 - \$Nil) available for bursaries	4,037	3,928
	<u>\$ 62,069</u>	<u>\$ 61,557</u>

During the year, the trust funds received advances of \$225 (2017 - \$200) and \$693 (2017 - \$409) of interest revenue. Bursaries totaling \$650 (2017 - \$1,034) were paid out of the trust funds.

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4. NON-SPECIFIC REVENUE

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Regional resourcing grant	\$ 15,600	\$ 1,500
Hospital visitor allocations	9,665	9,515
Current year CY travel	7,735	-
Donations to MacGregor Cairn project	3,000	-
Other	1,712	2,828
	<u>\$ 37,712</u>	<u>\$ 13,843</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 \$11,318 (2017 - \$10,657).

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, 2018 the allowance for doubtful accounts, which offsets accounts receivable, was \$18,743 (2017 - \$9,767).

Interest rate risk

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

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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.

THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Schedule of Expenses
Year ended December 31, 2018

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Assessor - Newfoundland	\$ 4,114	\$ 5,713
Special Task Force	4,570	-
Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf	2,000	2,000
Bad debt expense (recovery)	8,976	(1,500)
Bank charges	68	21
Camping & Youth Consultant		
Wages and employee benefits	63,794	42,877
Education	-	1,200
Office expenses	2,183	1,604
Travel	4,137	2,360
Camp Geddie	40,000	55,000
Camp Geddie - insurance	6,500	-
Camp Keir	2,000	4,000
Camp MacLeod	2,000	4,000
Clerk's consultation	550	-
Clerk's expenses	372	540
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	5,000	6,000
MacGregor Cairn	10,000	-
Miscellaneous	712	1,330
Missions Committee	3,452	1,186
Moderator's expenses	677	165
Personnel Committee	822	26
Professional fees	3,763	3,655
Program Committee	2,148	5,589
Regional resourcing grants	15,600	1,500
Synod Council	2,827	2,077
Synod hospital worker	9,665	9,515
Synod insurance	1,731	1,753
Synod meetings		
Minutes	352	458
Other expenses	4,563	4,561
Speakers	1,613	800
Travel	11,960	9,978
CY Travel	15,896	-
Treasurer's expenses	1,996	1,738
Treasurer's honorarium	4,000	4,000
Workshop	-	828
	\$ 247,741	\$ 182,674

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

1)	J. de Combe	Oct 22	Regional Resourcing Grant approval- "Stan Ott event" NL
2)	J. de Combe	Oct 22	Regional Resourcing Grant approval- "Leadership Project" PEI
3)	G. Matheson	Nov 5	Items from Archives for Synod files
4)	I. R-M	Nov 26	LMA accepting nomination for Associate Secretary Justice Ministries
5)	K. Parks	Nov 28	Thank you letter for Synod Bursary
6)	C. Bolton	Nov 30	Thank you note for Synod Bursary
7)	J. de Combe	Dec 3	Regional Resourcing Grant approval- "Min. among first Nations" NB
8)	J. de Combe	Dec 18	New Regional Resourcing Terms of Reference
9)	S. Kendall	Jan 21	General Assembly 2021 - consideration of a Presbytery hosting
10)	V. Macdonald	Feb 21	Thank you note to Mission Committee from Church of Saint David Halifax
11)	D. Kellington	Feb 28	Hon. David Wark Trust 2018 income; Bingham and McCormick Fund Statements
12)	Reg. Office UCC	Mar 26	Invitation to attend Regional Meeting, Sackville, as ecumenical guest
13)	D. Schonberg	Apr 4	Synod of SW Ontario - regarding work of other synods
14)	Jen de Combe	Apr 11	Regional Resourcing Grant approval - Synod Camping
15)	T-L. Hamilton	Apr 17	Receipt of official 2017 synod minutes
16)	B. Wynn	May 14	CB - Changes to Roll of Presbytery
17)	K. Burdett	May 16	NB - Changes to Roll of Presbytery (no change)
18)	K. Burdett	May 16	NB - request for funds from Regional Resourcing approved
19)	J. Barrett	May 17	Letter to Council re Assembly
20)	P.A. McDonald	May 23	H&L - Changes to Roll of Presbytery
21)	C. McPherson	Jun 13	Pictou - Changes to Roll of Presbytery
22)	N. Harvey	Jun 20	Presbytery appointments to Standing Committees
23)	N. Harvey	Jul 9	Presbytery of PEI - Nomination for Synod Moderator
24)	Jen de Combe	Jul 10	Regional Resourcing Grant for 2020
25)	Kendell/Muir	Jul 26	GA Referrals and Remits
26)	J. Vissers	Sept 3	Principal of Knox College will attend Synod
27)	C. McPherson	Sept 4	Presbytery of PI - Nomination for Synod Moderator
28)	D. Krunys	Sept 5	Presbytery of NL - Nominations for Synod Committees
29)	S. Kendall	Sept 6	Clerks Gathering in Atlantic Region
30)	P.A. McDonald	Sept 13	Presbytery of H&L - General Assembly 2021
31)	C. Chenard	Sept 12	Resign as Assessor Presbyter to Presbytery of NL
32)	B. Wynn	Sept 18	Presbytery of CB - Nomination for Synod Moderator
33)	P.A. McDonald	Sept 20	Presbytery of H&L - Nomination for Synod Moderator
34)	N. Harvey	Sept 26	Presbytery of PEI - Regional Resourcing Grant
35)	C.A. Janzen	Sept 26	Canadian Bible Society Rep. to Synod
36)	R. Griffiths	Sept 26	AMS appointments to Synod Committees
37)	K. Burdett	Sept 30	Presbytery of NB - Nomination for Synod Moderator
38)	T-L. Hamilton	Oct 10	Committee to Nominate Standing Committees

Jeffrey M. Murray, Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT

Last year we started using online forms for registration, for submitting memorials, and for ordering copies of the Minutes and Directory. I am grateful for Barb Summers and Sylvia Brade in the Communications office for their assistance in setting up the forms and for collecting the information. This new system has worked well as it offers a better way for the clerk to gather the information, to assist the host congregation with planning, and it sends a confirmation email to the one filling out the form to review if there are mistakes or changes to be made. For those who do not have computer access I would encourage ministers, elders, or fellow presbyters to help when needed.

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 for email communication on Synod related matters.

Many thanks again to the clerks of presbyteries within our synod. Your assistance in distributing information, editing the directory, sending in Presbytery rolls, and your assistance in many other matters is greatly appreciated.

Below is the statistical report for this year.

	Ministers	Elders	Appendix
<i>Cape Breton</i>	8	13	3
<i>Newfoundland</i>	3	4	3
<i>Pictou</i>	8	19	11
<i>Halifax & Lunenburg</i>	9	12	12
<i>New Brunswick</i>	13	20	11
<i>Prince Edward Island</i>	14	15	20
Total 2019	55	83	60
Total 2018	52	84	67
Change	+3	-1	-7

Jeffrey M. Murray, Clerk

CAMP GEDDIE REPORT

The Camp Geddie Committee submits the following report to The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces:

Highlights since 2018 Synod:

The Moderator of the 2018 General Assembly, The Rev Amanda Currie, and her spouse visited the Camp in July 2019 during one of the Camps.

Work was completed on the design of a new washhouse; the committee has decided to build it in the fall of 2020. Fund raising has been underway for a few months.

A new Camp program was inaugurated in 2019; it is called TREC and is for teen campers; it involves sleep-outs for a night or two and the use of other parts of the Camp property.

Planning for the celebration of our 75th anniversary in 2021 will begin in November 2019.

Personnel:

We were blessed with a very capable and dedicated staff of 21 in the 2019 season. They worked well together in the busy summer period. Lorraine Wright is the rental officer and the cook; she was assisted this summer by Lesley Duff and Sandra Pitts. The chaplains appreciated the provision of accommodation in the trailer secured in 2017. The chaplains were: Ministers: Andrew Campbell, P.A.(Sandy) McDonald, Corrie Stewart, Joon Ki Kim, Lorne MacLeod, Michael Koslowski; Student Minister: Sam Graham.

Program:

Our Bible Study which is kindly provided by Canadian Ministries is produced by Inside Out Christian Resources for Outdoor Ministries. Staff appreciated the content and guidance of this curriculum. The theme was: Peace Works!

Leader In Training Program:

There were three in the program in 2019. All went well.

Property:

Joe Grant once again served as the Maintenance Person ; Randy MacDonald mowed the lawn in 2019. John Wynn looks after our plumbing needs. A dock was secured for Galt Pond.

School Groups:

12 class/school visits in June; this included about 600 students from Primary to Grade 6. School policy now prevents groups from using our canoes.

Finances:

The audited 2018 statements are attached. We appreciate the support that we receive from individuals and congregations. Once again Don Horne of Hopewell NS provided significant support for our Campership program. A successful Geddie Spageddie meal was held in May.

Rentals:

Significant income is received from our rentals during the off-season. Those who come are very pleased with our site and facilities.

Statistics:

Camp Session	Boys	Girls	Total
Novice 1	25	26	51
Novice 2	16	19	35
Mini Junior	14	15	29
Junior 1	23	14	37
Junior 2	19	16	35
Preteen	22	29	51
Intermediate 1	6	16	22
Intermediate 2	9	20	29
TREC 1	12	2	14
TREC 2	5	5	10
LIT	1	2	3
TOTAL	152	164	316

N/A	138
Presbyterian	76
Catholic	55
United	25
Anglican	5
Christian	4
Protestant	4
Baptist	2
Mi'kmaw traditions	2
Non-Denominational	2
Lutheran	1
Orthodox	1
Pentecostal	1

Executive Director:

Camp Geddie is very fortunate to have Whitney Canning as its Executive Director. We are grateful to God for her dedication, her many gifts and her manner of relating to staff and to campers.

The Committee appreciates the financial support provided by the Synod. The Committee gives thanks to God for the guidance of God and the prayers and interest of so many persons.

Rev P.A.(Sandy) McDonald and Chris MacDonald
 Co-Convenors

Whitney Canning
 Executive Director

NOTICE TO READER

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of Camp Geddie as at December 31, 2018 and the statements of revenues and expenditures and changes in net assets for the year then ended.

We have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, we express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

New Glasgow, Nova Scotia
July 3, 2019

Chartered Professional Accountants

CAMP GEDDIE
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Year Ended December 31, 2018
(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

	2018	2017
Revenues		
Registrations	\$ 83,610	\$ 84,172
Sale of T-shirts and other	1,245	1,915
Synod of Atlantic Provinces	46,500	55,000
Rentals	47,730	46,099
Other	2,477	3,733
Grants	16,463	4,550
Interest	791	460
Donations - Churches	38,424	31,837
Donations - Groups	3,645	3,691
Donations - Memorials	2,939	824
Donations - Individuals	9,316	9,187
Donations - Capital	9,259	20,553
	<u>262,399</u>	<u>262,021</u>
Expenses		
Clothing purchases	4,416	5,546
Credit card charges	3,472	3,191
Dues & fees	2,165	1,525
Food	34,689	33,421
Honouraria	6,420	7,688
Insurance	20,745	19,351
Interest and bank charges	187	119
Labour	126,059	122,363
Miscellaneous expense	1,838	2,373
Office supplies	2,475	2,797
Professional fees	1,940	2,310
Repairs and maintenance	21,412	23,437
Stationery and printing	878	930
Telephone	1,729	1,658
Travel	793	415
Utilities	10,476	10,794
Van operating costs	2,551	2,372
	<u>242,245</u>	<u>240,290</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses	<u>\$ 20,154</u>	<u>\$ 21,731</u>



CAMP GEDDIE
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended December 31, 2018
(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

	Operating Fund	Restricted and unrestricted Funds	Investment in capital assets Fund	2018	2017
Net assets - beginning of year	\$ (1,231)	\$ 99,522	\$ 723,146	\$ 821,437	\$ 799,706
Excess of revenues over expenses	20,154			20,154	21,731
Interest earned, funds	(791)	791			
Expenses, funds	9,871	(9,871)			
Donations, funds	(10,971)	10,971			
Net assets - end of year	\$ 17,032	\$ 101,413	\$ 723,146	\$ 841,591	\$ 821,437

CAMP GEDDIE
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2018
(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

	2018	2017
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash - Unrestricted	\$ 39,286	\$ 22,573
Cash - Restricted	<u>22,640</u>	<u>37,550</u>
	61,926	60,123
Guaranteed investment certificates - restricted		25,787
HST receivable	<u>10,165</u>	<u>5,838</u>
	72,091	91,748
Property and equipment	723,146	723,146
Guaranteed investment certificates - restricted	10,164	10,145
Guaranteed investment certificates - unrestricted	<u>41,444</u>	
	<u>\$ 846,845</u>	<u>\$ 825,039</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable	\$ 3,603	\$ 3,602
Deferred income	<u>1,651</u>	
	<u>5,254</u>	<u>3,602</u>
NET ASSETS		
Operating fund	17,032	(1,231)
Restricted and unrestricted funds	101,413	99,522
Investment in capital assets fund	<u>723,146</u>	<u>723,146</u>
	<u>841,591</u>	<u>821,437</u>
	<u>\$ 846,845</u>	<u>\$ 825,039</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

 Director
 Director

CAMP GEDDIE

Site development fund (Schedule 1)

Year Ended December 31, 2018

(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

	2018	2017
Revenues		
Interest revenue	\$ 369	\$ 304
Donations	4,050	
	<u>4,419</u>	<u>304</u>
Expenses		
Repair and maintenance	2,875	7,266
Interest expense	39	37
	<u>2,914</u>	<u>7,303</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 1,505	\$ (6,999)

Unrestricted camperships fund (Schedule 2)

Year Ended December 31, 2018

(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

	2018	2017
Revenues		
Interest revenue	\$ 241	\$ 9
Donations - Individuals	5,881	5,019
Donations - Memorials		1,059
Donations - Churches	1,240	2,136
	<u>7,162</u>	<u>8,223</u>
Expenses		
Interest expense	36	36
Camp registration subsidy	6,921	6,125
	<u>6,957</u>	<u>6,161</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 205	\$ 2,062

CAMP GEDDIE
Restricted camperships fund (Schedule 3)
Year Ended December 31, 2018
(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Revenues		
Interest revenue	\$ 181	\$ 147
Expenses		
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ 181</u>	<u>\$ 147</u>

SYNOD INTERIM HOSPITAL VISITOR

“Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?” -from the Gospel of Matthew

Hospitals are incredibly rich theological locations to learn the praxis of ministry. Each visit offers me the chance to engage as a student-minister with the divine that is within each person I meet. I am thankful to The Synod of The Atlantic Provinces of The Presbyterian Church in Canada for your support of this ministry done in your name - for your people. I see so many people who have more of a historic link than an active link to a home congregation; however, that does not matter when illness or grief comes our way. I see them generally responding openly and thankfully to the ministry your support provides to them. Your support also enables me, in your name, to be a part of the after-hours/emergency spiritual care system. This system gives support to the patients and their families arriving into the emergency- trauma center in Halifax, from any part of the Maritime Provinces. Along with providing after hour prayer, counseling, and sacramental support to all inpatients.

I am thankful to the team of chaplains and denominational chaplains who work within the Halifax health care system. As a team, we offer on going professional development and support to each other and each other's patients, along with the ministry of supporting our hospital staff. This team approach allows us to better serve our people and Christ's call in this valuable ministry. Please do not hesitate to be in touch, if you or a member of your family or congregation require any assistance.

Please pray for your local hospital and those engaged in spiritual care along with the Chaplaincy team working in the Halifax health care system.

Blessings

Calvin Burt, Presbyterian Chaplain
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PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

PAYS (Presbyterian Atlantic Synod Youth) took place at Camp Geddie, Merigomish, N.S., on the weekend of May 24-26, 2019. The Camp Geddie summer staff of 2019 provided recreational and community building leadership. We had 32 youth representing PEI, New Brunswick, Halifax-Lunenburg and Pictou Presbyteries. We had 10 adults representing PEI, New Brunswick, Pictou and Halifax-Lunenburg Presbyteries. The Camp Geddie staff of 21 young adults added to our energy and excitement.

Rev. Cate Ratcliff, an Anglican Priest in Eastern Passage, was our youth speaker who focused on the “Fruits of the Spirit” exploring Galatians 5. Cate did two sessions with the youth, exploring how the “fruits of the spirit” take shape in their lives. A new addition to PAYS this year was an adult workshop on the Friday evening and Saturday morning of the weekend event. Dave Csinos, an Assistant Professor of Practical Theology at Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax, was our adult speaker. Dave also serves as founder and president of Faith Forward, an ecumenical organization for innovation in ministry with children and youth. He did a workshop on ‘Four Ways of Knowing God: Nurturing Faith through Spiritual Styles’ which explored four distinct avenues for connecting with God: through words, emotions, symbols, and action. The second workshop, ‘Children’s Ministry in the Way of Jesus, offered participants the opportunity to explore a new path forward in our efforts to cultivate spiritual vitality in children and youth. The feedback on this new portion of PAYS was very positive and participants enjoyed the opportunity to reflect and share as youth leaders while still participating in the PAYS weekend with the youth.

Along with having the Camp Geddie staff lead much of PAYS and a new adult education portion to the weekend, we also tried another new endeavour and had Geddie Spageddie (a spaghetti meal fundraiser) on Saturday afternoon. This gave the PAYS participants a chance to meet and enjoy fellowship with the wider community. Given that PAYS was not hosted at a church, Geddie Spageddie offered an opportunity to connect the youth with the supporting community as is often done when PAYS is hosted by a church. Many folks expressed a sense of gratitude for creating a time of fellowship with a larger community which has a heart for youth ministry. Many connections and renewal of old connections were made over the traditional Geddie Spageddie meal.

On behalf of those present for PAYS, thank you for your commitment to this unique event. Your financial and prayerful support are greatly appreciated and model a leadership of care, compassion and generosity to the young people and adults involved.

During the 2018 Atlantic Synod, four workshops were presented for those attending Synod. They proved to be very popular and helpful. As a result, Synod Council decided to have the workshop format again this year. The Programme Committee worked on obtaining workshop leaders for the 2019 Synod. We are very grateful that the workshop leaders we approached were more than willing to come to Charlottetown and present the workshops. Thank you!

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

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 September 19th.

The Committee requested proposal for grants last year. Three proposals were received and all three were approved for funding in 2018 as follows:

- Bridges to Hope, St. John's, NL for \$500 grant for the ongoing work at Brides to Hope. The money was received and was acknowledged.
- The Presbyterian Church of Saint David, Halifax for funding in the amount of \$2,000 towards the New Beginnings Missional Transformation, Community Consultation Phase. The money was received and acknowledged. A copy of the findings of the New Beginnings Community Consultation was received.
- Kensington Presbyterian Church, PEI on behalf of the Kensington – New London charge for funding in the amount of \$500 towards the K-D Lunch Outreach for Kensington Intermediate and Senior High (KISH) Students. Equipment was purchased to prepare and serve the lunch. In the spring of this year only the Intermediate Students attended, although the invitation was for all the students. This fall Senior High students are starting to attend. The churches are looking at expanding the outreach and having a lunch for seniors.

In 2019 the following have been funded:

Coverdale Courtwork Society of Halifax	\$3,000
Coverdale Centre for Women Saint John, NB	\$3,000

At Synod last year there was a motion with respect to Coverdale Courtwork Society of Halifax and Coverdale Centre for Women, Saint John as follows:

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.

The Committee considered the referral and confirmed its earlier position as follows:

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 (eg. YIM). Participants would normally agree to make at least

one presentation about their learning to interested meetings of congregations, AMS, Presbytery or Synod.

The Committee recognized the important work of the Coverdale Courtwork Society of Halifax and Coverdale Centre for Women, Saint John. Both of these have been funded for a considerable period of time. It is recognized that the Presbyterian Church was instrumental in the early start-up of these two organizations. They are have both grown and expanded their services and are funded by numerous groups and receive governmental funding for some of the work that they do and are deemed to be self-sufficient. The Committee feels that with the limited funds available through Synod, that it is time to phase out the funding to these two groups and start to initiate other opportunities that throughout the 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 or catalyst 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 along with application forms will be sent out to the presbyteries in October.

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. No financial statement was received for 2018, so funding was reduced to \$1,000. The Committee was also informed that this Ministry has lost its charitable status. For these reasons, there is no recommendation with respect to ongoing funding.

The 2019 budget and 2020 proposed budget for Mission work is:

	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
Mission Committee	\$4,500	\$7,500
Coverdale Courtwork Society of Halifax	\$3,000	\$2,000
Coverdale Centre for Women NB	\$3,000	\$2,000
Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf	\$1,000	
TOTAL	\$11,500	\$11,500

Note: The Committee may allocate money to the Atlantic Ministry of the Deaf in 2020 if financial statements are provided.

The Committee makes the following recommendations to Synod:

Recommendation 1: That Coverdale Courtwork Society of Halifax receive \$2,000 for 2020 with the intention of phasing out this grant over the next two years.

Recommendation 2: That Coverdale Centre for Women, Saint John receive \$2,000 for 2020 with the intention of phasing out this grant over the next two years.

Recommendation 3: That the budget for the Synod Mission Committee for all mission projects be \$11,500 for 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Griffiths, Mission Committee Convener

ATLANTIC MISSION SOCIETY

The Purpose of the Atlantic Mission Society is to glorify 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. There are 512 Members and 147 Associate Members in 62 Auxiliaries throughout six Presbyterials.

The 143rd Annual Meeting of the AMS was hosted by Miramichi Presbyterial in Sept 2019. Meetings were held at the United Church Centre in Miramichi with the closing Communion service and induction of Officers being held during the Sunday worship service at Calvin PC. Worship and Communion were led by the Rev. Ross Wiseman; the induction of Officers by the Rev. Derek Krunys. Luncheon was provided by Calvin Presbyterian Church. The theme for the weekend was “Here I am, Lord” based on Isaiah 6:8. Our guest speaker was Becky Bauman, an Occupational Therapist from Orillia, ON, who spoke about the two years her family spent in Nepal as part of a mission project of the PCC. Beginning in February 2017 her husband, Nicholas Bauman, a surgeon, taught and worked at the Tansen Christian Mission Hospital. Their three children went with them, and their daughter Dorothy (Dot) was born during their first year in Tansen. Becky volunteered at The New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center. In Nepal, people with disabilities and mental illness are shunned by their families and the community. The Center provides a safe place for them to live, be supported, and learn life skills. Becky spoke from her heart and attended all the sessions. She made herself available for conversations or to answer questions throughout the weekend and on Sunday gave a wonderful presentation to the children during closing worship. Dot brought energy and joy to every event and endeared herself to all the members present. The AMS 20/20 Project is a two year project to help expand the programs of the New Life Center.

Guy Smaghe, Director of Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D) was our second guest speaker. He spoke with passion about the projects and ongoing work of PWS&D with a slide presentation.

Ian Ross-MacDonald, General Secretary, Life and Mission Agency provided an update on the new Mission Study to be released soon, and introduced the 2020 calendar “Celebrating Children and Youth” featuring art work by children. He also updated us on the *Presbyterian Connection* newspaper and *Gifts of Change* catalogue. He expressed his appreciation for the work of the AMS and how much he enjoys attending the annual meeting.

We learned with regret that the WMS will cease to publish “Glad Tidings” at the end of this year. That leaves “The Message”, produced by the AMS, as the only Mission publication in the PCC. We encourage all congregations and individuals to support the Message as an important outreach of our church.

At the annual meeting a new President and Vice-President were installed for three year terms. Our President is Rob Griffiths from PEI Presbyterial; Vice-President is Carol Stymiest from Miramichi Presbyterial. Besides duties to the AMS, the President serves on Synod Council and committees of Synod and is a member of the Life and Mission Agency of the National Church. The Vice-President serves on Assembly Council of the National Church.

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 provide up to four bursaries to students studying for ministry.

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

Yours in Christ
Rob Griffiths
President, Atlantic Mission Society

MARITIME CGIT

The Maritime CGIT Committee continues to meet twice a year and provide support as required.

The Committee hosted a 50th Anniversary of the Maritime Committee "Camp Day" in September in Summerside in Trinity United Church. We spent a joyful day laughing, visiting and sharing memories, while doing all those things we always did at Camp. We were pleased to have the first Chair of the Committee, Beth Crouse, taking part in the celebrations.

The future role of the Maritime Committee is continues to be reviewed. At present there are only 2 active groups, both in Cape Breton.

A telephone CGIT Meeting of the Regions will be hosted by the Maritime Committee in February.

Thank you to the Atlantic Synod for continued support. It is, and has been, greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris MacDonald
Recording Secretary/Presbyterian Representative
Maritime Regional CGIT Committee

APPENDIX A

**CHANGES AFFECTING STUDENTS, PROFESSIONAL CHURCH WORKERS
AND CONGREGATIONS
SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
(October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019)**

STUDENTS CERTIFIED AS CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX & LUNENBURG

Arseneault, Markus November 20, 2018

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Henbest, William T. May 14, 2019

CANDIDATES CERTIFIED FOR ORDINATION

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Faith, Glynis May 14, 2019

ORDINATIONS

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU

Langille, Bonnie May 24, 2019

DESIGNATION TO ORDER OF DIACONAL MINISTRIES

None Reported

RECEPTIONS FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS

None Reported

INDUCTIONS

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU

Langille, Bonnie, Hopewell Pastoral Charge

May 24, 2019

MacDonald, Andrew S., First New Glasgow

March 2, 2019

INSTALLATIONS

None Reported

APPOINTMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

PRESBYTERY OF CAPE BRETON

Wynn, Bonnie M.G., St. Paul's, Glace Bay, part-time, February 6, 2019

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX AND LUNENBURG

Lee, Suk Ho, St. Andrew's, Lunenburg and St. Andrew's, Rose Bay, stated supply,
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

MacLeod, J. Kenneth, First Sackville, Lower Sackville and St. John's Windsor, intentional minister,
September 1, 2018

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Kay, Thomas J., stated supply, Brookfield Pastoral Charge,
January 1, 2019

Diviney, Kay S., Kirk of St. James, Charlottetown, interim minister, February 1, 2019

DESIGNATION OF OVERSEAS MISSIONARIES

None Reported

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

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU

Matheson, Glen, Scotsburn and West Branch, Scotsburn, stated supply November 25, 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 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Diviney, Kay S., November 27, 2018

**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 NEW BRUNSWICK

Gordon, J. Douglas, deceased December 19, 2018

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Schulze, Christine C., letter of standing granted October 22, 2018

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

None Reported

PLACED ON CONSTITUENT ROLL BY LEAVE OF ASSEMBLY

None Reported

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Henderson-Bolton, Amanda, maternity leave February 1, 2019 to August 31, 2019

TRANSLATIONS

PRESBYTERY OF CAPE BRETON

MacDonald, Andrew J., to the Presbytery of Pictou, February 6, 2019

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU

MacLeod, J. Kenneth to the Presbytery of Halifax-Lunenburg

CERTIFICATES GRANTED

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX AND LUNENBURG

Johnston, William G., to Presbytery of Pictou

RESIGNATIONS

None Reported

DISSOLUTION OF PASTORAL TIE

PRESBYTERY OF CAPE BRETON

MacDonald, Andrew S., Little Narrows and St. Andrew's, Whycocomagh, February 25, 2019

RETIREMENTS

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Burke, M. Wayne January 27, 2019

HISTORICAL CERTIFICATES

None Reported

LETTER OF STANDING GRANTED

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Schulze, Christine C., October 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 NEW BRUNSWICK

Gordon, J. Douglas December 19, 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

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Lot 14, June 18, 2019

AMALGAMATION OF CONGREGATIONS

None Reported

PREACHING POINT ESTABLISHED

None Reported

TRANSFER OF CONGREGATION TO ANOTHER PRESBYTERY

None Reported

APPENDIX B

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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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