

The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces
The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Minutes & Reports
of the
One Hundred and Forty-eighth Annual Meeting
(The 203rd since organization)

Regional Ministry
of St. James Presbyterian, Hanwell, NB & St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Woodstock, NB
October 17th to 19th
2022

Moderator **The Rev. Bradford Blaikie**
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Clerk **The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray**
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MEETING PLACES AND MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES 1875 TO 1944

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

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| 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 2022

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| 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, North Sydney, NS |
| 2020 | No meeting due to COVID-19 Pandemic | |
| 2021 | Virtual Zoom | Charles Greaves, Albert Bridge, NS |
| 2022 | Hanwell | Bradford Blaikie, Summerside, PE |

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FIRST SEDERUNT

At Hanwell, New Brunswick, on the traditional and unceded territories of the Wolastoqiyik, Maliseet nations, within St. James Presbyterian Church, on Monday the seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two 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 147th annual meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, Mr. Charles Greaves, and Minister of St. James, The Rev. Wendy MacWilliams. Mr. Greaves preached a sermon on Isaiah 40:1-11. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated.

Memorials

During the service of worship 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:

Ian Cameron Glass
David Laurence Mawhinney
James "Bruce" Robertson

Ruling Elders:

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| Roger Balderston | Owen Ellsworth MacDonald |
| James Walker Cail | David George MacDonald |
| Donald "Mac" Cameron | Frances Lurita "Lou" MacDonald (Cushing) |
| Clifford Edward Carr | Calvin MacIntosh |
| Alice Helen Coulter | Malcolm Allan MacLean |
| Lois Genevieve Dewar | Douglass Fraser Marshall |
| Helen Melissa Eldridge | Norman Allen Matheson |
| Glenn Ian Ferguson | Hugh William Murray |
| Bertha Margaret Fillmore | Ruth Kathleen Nelson |
| Arthur C Golding | John Robert Pushie |
| Robert King Greenlaw | George Elliott Rae |
| Diane Roseval Hayman | Robert Aaron Ryan |
| Helen Elizabeth Humphreys | Sterling Sanders |
| JC Jacob | Lewis Andrew Smollett |
| Wanda Lynne Klingbell | |

CONSTITUTION

Following the final hymn, the Moderator, C. Greaves, constituted the Synod with prayer.

THE ROLL OF THE SYNOD

The Clerk described the process used for determining the Roll of Synod and reported that to the best of his knowledge it was complete and accurate. He presented the Roll of Synod:

Presbytery of Cape Breton

Marion Barclay MacKay, Peter D. MacDonald, Lydia MacKinnon, Brian D. MacLeod, and R. Ritchie Robinson (Ministers); Wendy Bryan, Robert Ferguson, Charles Greaves, Shane MacFarlane, Johnena MacLellan, W. O. (Bill) MacLeod, Raymond MacPhail, Angus MacVicar, Wesley Stewart, Don Tower, and Ernest Wiesner (Representative Elders).

Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg

Kimberly Barlow, Calvin E. Burt, Andrew Campbell, Cynthia Jean Chenard, Michael Koslowski, E.M. Iona MacLean, J. Kenneth MacLeod, Beth M. Mattinson, Peter Alexander (Sandy) McDonald, Thomas W. Summers, and Michael Veenema (Ministers); Nicki Cameron, Barry Fraser, Maudie Haley, William Jardine, Wilson Lang, Davida Mackay, Linda MacKinnon, Karen MacLeod, Ross Morrow, Frances Perrin, Mary Sharp, Cindy Shea, and Cheryl E. Weeks (Representative Elders).

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Kent E. Burdett, Charles S. Cook, John J. Crawford, M.E. (Lyn) Hughes, Wendy L. MacWilliams, Jeffrey Murray, M. Glen Sampson, Anne J. Boudreau, and Erik W. Kraglund (Ministers); Eugene Craig, Dallas W. Davis, Donna Foreman, Mona H.A. Harris, Jessie A.M. Kelly, Jim G. Lockerbie, Stanley C. MacDonald, Ken G. MacKeigan, Kate M. McLellan, Gerald Morton, Brian Neilson, Marlene M. Phillips, Joseph Sheasgreen, Brian H. Smith, Carol Stymiest, Fred Thorburn, Nils A. Dickie, and Merritt B. Scott (Representative Elders).

Presbytery of Newfoundland

David T. Sturtevant, and Ian S. Wishart (Ministers); Lynne Allan, Lillian Crawford, and Robert Henderson (Representative Elders).

Presbytery of Pictou

Enjei Achah, Barb Fotheringham, Gail Johnson-Murdock, Joon Ki Kim, Bonnie Langille, Andrew MacDonald, Glen Matheson, Charles E. McPherson, and Smith Susan (Ministers); Debbie Stewart (Diaconal Minister); Bill MacPherson, Bonnie McGrath, Brenda Butler, Cindy Langille, Brenda Fraser, Robert Hunsley, Reeves John, Helen Jordan, Peter MacKay, Frank MacLeod, Mary Chesnutt, Jessie McKay, Angus H. Moser, Hill Murray, Nancy Reid, Adrian Pearson, Susan Robinson, William Ross, Wendy Ross, and Bill Thompson (Representative Elders).

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

Adrian Auret, Brad Blaikie, Mark W. Buell, Bill (William) Dean, Torrey R. Griffiths, Paula Hamilton, Thomas Hamilton, Will Henbest, Amanda Henderson-Bolton, Roger MacPhee, Steven Stead, and Stephen Thompson (Ministers); Gus Banfill, John Barrett, Amelia Campbell, Arthur Campbell, Linda Cousins, Evelyn Cox, Nancy Harvey, Watson MacDonald, Patricia MacLean, Edward MacLean, Douglas MacMichael, Janice MacPherson, Doris MacWilliams, Evelyn McCarthy, and Doris Taylor (Representative Elders).

The following Alternative Representative Elder was in attendance: Deborah Summers (St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lunenburg & St. Andrew's, Rose Bay, NS).

REGRETS

Regrets were received from the following: Enjei Achah, Lynne Allan, Marion Barclay-Mackay, Whitney Canning, Robert Griffiths, Paula Hamilton, Tom Hamilton, Amanda Henderson-Bolton, Murray Hill, Jessie Kelly, Cindy Langille, Gail Johnson-Murdock, Lydia MacKinnon, Glen Matheson, Beth Mattinson, Bonnie McGrath, Kate McLellan, Ritchie Robinson, Gerald Thompson, and William Thompson.

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 guests and other visitors to the Court:

P.A. McDonald moved, duly seconded, that Rev. Dr. Dale Woods be invited to sit and correspond. Adopted.

REPORT OF THE SYNOD COUNCIL

ELECTION OF THE MODERATOR

Mr. Charles Greaves, the Moderator of the 147th annual meeting of the court called upon C. McPherson, Convener of Synod Council, to present the Council's report (p. 15-21) and to present the nomination for Moderator to preside over the deliberations of this 148th annual meeting.

Recommendation 1 (p. 15) was moved by C. McPherson, duly seconded. Adopted

Recommendation 2 (p. 15) was moved by C. McPherson, duly seconded.

Mr. Charles Greaves called for nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations. The Moderator called for a motion that nominations for the office of Moderator be closed.

P.A. McDonald moved, duly seconded, that nominations cease. Adopted.

The Moderator called for a motion to elect a Moderator.

P.A. McDonald moved, duly seconded, that the Rev. Bradford Blaikie be declared elected as Moderator. Adopted.

Mr. Charles Greaves declared the Rev. Bradford Blaikie elected as Moderator for the 148th meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces.

J. Barret and W. MacWilliams from the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island and Presbytery of New Brunswick accompanied the Moderator-elect to assist him to gown.

REPORT OF THE RETIRING MODERATOR

While the Moderator-elect was vesting, Mr. Charles Greaves, the Moderator of the 147th meeting of Synod gave a report on his service through the year, which was greatly limited by COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

INSTALLATION OF NEW MODERATOR

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

Moderator, B. Blaikie, expressed his thanks to the Presbyteries of Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick for their nomination, to the other nominees on the ballot for their willingness to serve, to the Synod for electing him to serve as their Moderator, and to the Congregation of St. James, Hanwell where he first preached when discerning a call to ministry.

PRESENTATION FROM THE BIBLE SOCIETY

Don Shepherd on behalf of the Canadian Bible Society, presented the new Moderator with a Bible. Since the previous meeting of Synod was held virtually, a bible was also presented to the past Moderator.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Moderator called upon J. Barrett to present the Synod Business Committee report (pp. 13-14).

Recommendation 1 (p. 13) was moved by J. Barrett, duly seconded. Adopted.

J. Barret moved, duly seconded, that these recommendations be adopted by consensus:

Recommendation 2 (p. 14) Adopted by consensus.

Recommendation 3 (p. 14) Adopted by consensus.

Recommendation 4 (p. 14) Adopted by consensus.

Recommendation 5 (p. 14) Adopted by consensus.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Moderator called upon the Registration Committee to give a preliminary report on registrations. W. MacWilliams noted that the registrations constituted a quorum of the Synod. (¼ of the members of the roll or 15, whichever is smaller).

PRESENTATION OF PRESBYTERY AND SYNOD MINUTES

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

The Moderator called for notices of motion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Moderator called for announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. G. Sampson moved, duly seconded, that the court adjourn. Adopted.

CLOSING

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer and benediction and announced that the court would gather again in the sanctuary of St. James Presbyterian Church, Hanwell, New Brunswick, on Tuesday, the 18th day of October, 2022, at nine o'clock in the morning for the business of the Synod.

The Rev. Bradford Blaikie,
Moderator

The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray,
Clerk

SECOND SEDERUNT

At Hanwell, New Brunswick, on the traditional and unceded territories of the Wolastoqiyik, Maliseet nations, within St. James Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday the eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two at nine o'clock 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 if changes to the agenda were required.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

The Clerk presented the correspondence report (p. 32).

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

The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray
Synod Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk presented the Clerk's report (p. 33).

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

SYNOD COUNCIL REPORT (CONSENT AGENDA)

The Moderator called upon C. McPherson, Convener of Synod Council, to continue the Council Report (pp. 15-21).

C. McPherson moved, duly seconded, that these recommendations be adopted by consensus:

Recommendation 6 (p. 18) Adopted by consensus.

Recommendation 7 (p. 18) Adopted by consensus.

Recommendation 16 (p. 21) Adopted by consensus.

Recommendation 19 (p. 21) Adopted by consensus.

Recommendation 20 (p. 21) Adopted by consensus.

Recommendation 21 (p. 21) Adopted by consensus.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Moderator called for Finance Committee to present their report. C. Weeks, Synod Treasurer, gave an overview of the printed and circulated financial report.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

MOTION: J. Murray moved, duly seconded that the agenda for the seconded sederunt be amended to continue with the Synod Council report (Recommendations 3-5 & 8-12). Adopted.

SYNOD COUNCIL

The Moderator called upon C. McPherson, Convener of Synod Council, to continue the Council Report (p. 15-21).

Recommendation 3 (p. 15) was moved by C. McPherson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 4 (p. 16) was moved by C. McPherson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 5 (p. 16) was moved by C. McPherson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 8 (p. 18) was moved by C. McPherson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 9 (p. 18) was moved by C. McPherson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 10 (p. 18) was moved by C. McPherson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 11 (p. 19) was moved by C. McPherson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 12 (p. 19) was moved by C. McPherson, duly seconded. Adopted.

ADDITIONAL MOTION:

C. McPherson moved that the consideration of hospital visitors in other regions of the Atlantic Provinces be referred to Synod Council. Adopted.

SYNOD SPEAKER

The Moderator invited W. MacWilliams to introduce our Synod Speaker, Rev. Dr. Dale Woods.

Dr. Woods offered his first presentation on “The Church and Change: Imagining a Preferred Future.”

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. MacDonald moved, duly seconded, that the court adjourn. Adopted.

CLOSING

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer and benediction and announced that the court would gather again in the sanctuary of St. James Presbyterian Church, Hanwell, New Brunswick, on Tuesday, the 18th day of October, 2022, at one o'clock in the afternoon for the business of the Synod.

The Rev. Bradford Blaikie,
Moderator

The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray,
Clerk

THIRD SEDERUNT

At Hanwell, New Brunswick, on the traditional and unceded territories of the Wolastoqiyik, Maliseet nations, within St. James Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday the eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two at one o'clock in the afternoon, the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces began its third sederunt.

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator constituted the Synod with prayer.

The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray
Synod Clerk

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Moderator called for the report of the Business Committee.

J. Barrett moved, duly seconded, that the third sederunt, be amended as follows:

- Constitution and Prayer
- Business Committee
- Synod Council (Recommendations 14, 15, 17, 18)
- Camping and Youth Consultant
- Camp Geddie
- Reports to be received together:
 - Programme Committee
 - Mission Committee
 - Assessor Presbyters to Newfoundland
 - Camp Keir
 - Camp MacLeod
 - Atlantic Mission Society
 - CGIT
- Notices of motion
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Adopted.

SYNOD COUNCIL

The Moderator called upon C. McPherson, Convener of Synod Council, to continue the Council Report (p. 15-21).

Recommendation 14 (p. 19) was moved by C. McPherson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 15 (p. 19) was moved by C. McPherson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 17 (p. 21) was moved by C. McPherson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 18 (p. 21) was moved by C. McPherson, duly seconded. Adopted.

CAMPING AND YOUTH CONSULTANT (pp. 34-35)

J. Murray moved, duly seconded, that the report from Whitney Canning, Camping and Youth Consultant be received for information. Adopted.

CAMP GEDDIE

The Moderator invited P.A. McDonald to present the Camp Geddie report (p. 35-39).

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

REPORTS

T. Griffiths moved, duly seconded, that the following reports be received for information by consensus.

Programme Committee (p. 40) Received for information by consensus.

Mission Committee (pp. 40-42) Received for information by consensus.

Assessor Presbyters to Newfoundland (pp. 42-43) Received for information by consensus.

Atlantic Mission Society (p. 43) Received for information by consensus.

Camp Keir (pp. 44-46) Received for information by consensus.

Camp MacLeod (pp. 47-51) Received for information by consensus.

CGIT (p. 52) Received for information by consensus.

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. MacDonald moved, duly seconded, that the court adjourn. Adopted.

CLOSING

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer and benediction and announced that the court would gather again in the sanctuary of St. James Presbyterian Church, Hanwell, New Brunswick, on Wednesday, the 19th day of October, 2022, at nine o'clock in the morning for the business of the Synod.

The Rev. Bradford Blaikie,
Moderator

The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray,
Clerk

FOURTH SEDERUNT

At Hanwell, New Brunswick, on the traditional and unceded territories of the Wolastoqiyik, Maliseet nations, within St. James Presbyterian Church, on Wednesday the nineteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two at seven in the evening, the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces began its fourth sederunt.

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator constituted the Synod with prayer.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Moderator called for the report of the Business Committee.

J. Barrett moved, duly seconded, that the fourth sederunt, be amended as follows:
Constitution and Prayer

The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray
Synod Clerk

Business Committee
Presentation 2 – Synod Speaker
Registration
Synod Council (Recommendations 13, 22s)
Committees to examine Synod Minutes & Presbytery Minutes
Resolutions Committee
Appointment of Commission on Unfinished Business
Announcement
Adjournment
Closing

Adopted.

Recommendation 6 (p. 14) was moved by J. Barrett, duly seconded. Adopted.

SPEAKER

Moderator invited Dr. Dale Woods to offer his second presentation on “The Church and Change: Imagining a Preferred Future.”

On behalf of the court the Moderator thanked the Synod Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Dale Woods for his challenging and insightful presentations.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

W. MacWilliams gave the final registration report of 21 ministers, 27 representative elders, 1 alternative elder, 5 on the appendix to the roll, and 15 guests or other. There are 69 registered.

It was also noted that there were 30 volunteers and 5 congregations involved in helping to host Synod.

The Committee granted leave to withdraw to the following persons: Brenda Butler (fourth sederunt), Brian Neilson (fourth sederunt), Merritt Scott (third and fourth sederunts)

SYNOD COUNCIL

The Moderator called upon C. McPherson, Convener of Synod Council, to continue the Council Report (pp. 15-21).

Recommendation 13 (p. 19) was moved by C. McPherson, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation 22 (p. 21) was moved by C. McPherson, duly seconded. Adopted.

SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY MINUTES

The Moderator called upon C. Greaves to give the report.

Motion: Charles Greaves moved, duly seconded, that the Minutes of the Presbyteries of Halifax and Lunenburg, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Pictou, Prince Edward Island be approved as neatly and correctly kept; the minutes of the Presbytery of Cape Breton be approved as neatly

kept with notes; and the Minutes of 2021 regular meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces be adopted as published. Adopted.

P.A. McDonald asked for his dissent to be recorded for the following reason:

I register my dissent from the adoption of the minutes of the 2021 Synod inasmuch as inadvertently I assume the Synod was constituted and a Moderator elected with a person moderating the Court who was not eligible to moderate.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

C. Chenard presented the report from the Resolutions Committee.

Motion: C. Chenard moved, duly seconded, that the following report of the Resolutions Committee be adopted. That appreciation be expressed to:

- a) The Regional Ministry of St. James, Hanwell, and St. Paul's, Woodstock, for hosting the 2202 Synod of the Atlantic Provinces.
- b) Charles Greaves, Wendy MacWilliams, David Barry, Wina Parent, Merritt Scott, Leslie Jackson for leadership given at the opening worship service;
- c) Workshop leaders - The Rev Dr. Dale Woods and the Honourable Graydon Nicholas for their presentations;
- d) The Rev. Tom Summers for conducting worship services;
- e) The Rev. Brad Blaikie for moderating the meeting of Synod decently and in good order;
- f) The Rev. Jeff Murray for his efficient work as Synod Clerk and for conducting the Memorial service with respect and compassion;
- g) The charges within the Presbytery of New Brunswick for their assistance in hospitality;
- h) The registration and Organization Committee of St. James Presbyterian Church for their efficient organizational and hospitality service.

Adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D. Sturtevant 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

The Moderator called for announcements.

During this time the Moderator offered an opportunity for members of the court to comment on the various reports presented to Synod, particularly the reports of various committees and groups received together. Words of thanks commending the work of these groups were offered.

ADJOURNMENT

A. MacDonald 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 First Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, on Monday, the 16th day of October, 2023, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening for worship followed by the business of the Synod.

The Rev. Bradford Blaikie,
Moderator

The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray,
Clerk

The Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray
Synod Clerk

SYNOD BUSINESS COMMITTEE

*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.*

Summary of Recommendations under a Consent Agenda:

- **Recommendation 2** order of business
- **Recommendation 3** schedule for sederunts
- **Recommendation 4** leave to withdraw
- **Recommendation 5** orders of the day

Recommendation 1

That the report of the business committee be received, and its recommendations considered.

AGENDA:

The provisional agenda is outlined below subject to changes proposed by the Business Committee:

First Sederunt –

- Constitution of the Court
- The Roll of the Synod
- Regrets
- Welcome new members of Synod
- Welcome of guests
- Report of Synod Council (Recommendations 1 & 2)
 - Election of Moderator
- Report of the retiring Moderator
- Installation of new Moderator
- Business Committee
- Registration Committee
- Presentation of Presbytery and Synod minutes
- Notices of motion
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Second Sederunt –

- Constitution and Prayer
- Business Committee
- Correspondence Report
- Clerk’s Report
- Synod Council Report (Consent Agenda and Recommendations)
- Finance Committee (Synod Council)
- Presentation 1 – Synod Speaker
- Notices of motion
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Third Sederunt –

- Constitution and Prayer
- Synod Council (Recommendations 3-5, 8- 12, 14, 15, 17, 18)
- Camping and Youth Consultant
- Camp Geddie

Notices of motion
 Announcements
 Adjournment
 Fourth Sederunt –
 Constitution and Prayer
 Presentation 2 – Synod Speaker
 Business Committee
 Registration
 Synod Council (Recommendations 13, 22)
 Reports to be received together:
 Programme Committee
 Mission Committee
 Assessor Presbyters to Newfoundland
 Camp Keir
 Camp MacLeod
 Atlantic Mission Society
 CGIT
 Committees to examine Synod Minutes & Presbytery Minutes
 Resolutions Committee
 Appointment of Commission on Unfinished Business
 Announcement
 Adjournment
 Closing

****Recommendation 2**

That the agenda listed above be approved, subject to changes proposed in further reports of the Business Committee

****Recommendation 3**

That the schedule for sederunts be as follows:

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| a. | First Sederunt | - Monday, October 17 - Constitution following worship to the end of business |
| b. | Second Sederunt | - Tuesday, October 18 - 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. |
| c. | Third Sederunt | - Tuesday, October 18 - 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. |
| d. | Fourth Sederunt | - Wednesday, October 19 - 9:00 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. |
| e. | Fifth Sederunt | - Wednesday, October 19 - 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. Dale Woods | Tuesday 9:45am to 11:15am Wednesday 9:05am to 10:40am |
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Recommendation 6

That the report of the business committee as a whole be adopted.

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.*

Summary of Recommendations under a Consent Agenda:

- **Recommendation 6** nominations
 - **Recommendation 7** Synod Council naming additional members to committees
 - **Recommendation 16** 2023 Regional Resourcing Grant for Synod
 - **Recommendation 19** financial review for the Synod for 2023
 - **Recommendation 20** guest speaker for Synod 2023
 - **Recommendation 21** accept an invitation for the 2023 meeting of Synod
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Recommendation 1

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

ELECTION OF THE MODERATOR:

In 2019 the Synod adopted a new method for electing the Moderator before the annual meeting. The method adopted included the follow: (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.

What was not anticipated in 2019 was the shift from in person meetings to virtual and hybrid meetings, which posed a few challenges to having members vote for the Moderator by paper ballot. To navigate through some of the challenges and ensure more participation in voting for the Moderator, the election was moved to an online election service using electionbuddy.com.

The council received three nominations for Moderator of the 2022 meeting of Synod: The Rev. Brad Blaikie was nominated by the Presbyteries of Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick; the Rev. Barb Fotheringham was nominated by the Presbyteries of Pictou, and Newfoundland and Labrador; and the Rev. Glenn Sampson was nominated by the Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg.

Ministers and Representative Elders on the constituent rolls of the Presbyteries within the bounds of the Synod were invited to elect one of the nominees using the web-based election service to be presented to the Synod.

Recommendation 2

That the Rev. Bradford Blaikie be nominated for Synod Moderator for the 2022 Annual Meeting.

Recommendation 3

That the method for electing the Moderator be as follows: (1) presbytery nominations for Moderator be sent to the clerk by April 30 before the May meeting of Synod Council (2) Election for Moderator be held online with the election starting the day after the Official Call is circulated to Presbyteries and closing on September 30.

STUDENTS:**Recommendation 4**

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:

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| Pictou | Patricia Smith | VST – Year 3 |
| New Brunswick | Jacqueline Cleland | VST- Year 4 |

SYNOD BURSARY:

One bursary application was received this year. While the available bursary funds this year is around \$200 we recommend that bursary of \$500 be given with the additional funds being made up from Synod revenues.

Recommendation 5

That a bursary of \$500 be awarded to the sole applicant for the 2022-2023 academic year.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

This year's nominations for standing committees of Synod are marked in **Bold** print.

Synod Council:

Charles McPherson (2018-2021)(2021-2024); Convenor (2021-2024)

Nancy Harvey (2018-2021)(2021-2024)

Charles Greaves (2018-2021)(2021-2024)

Wendy MacWilliams (2021-2024)

Linda MacKinnon (2021-2024)

Corrie Stewart (2021-2024)

Membership: 6 persons, appointed by Synod, two in each of the three years (the Convenor to be nominated from among these), 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:

PA (Sandy) McDonald (2010-2013)(2013-2016)(2016-2019) (2019-2022); **Convenor** (2010-2013) (2013-2016)(2016-2017) (2021-2022) (**2022-2023**); Co-Convenor: (2017-2018) (2018-2019)(2019-2021)

Chris MacDonald, (2013-2016) (2016-2019) (2019-2022) (**2022-2025**); Co-Convenor: (2017-2018) (2018-2019) (2019-2021)

Harold Smith (2016-2019) (2019-2022) (**2022-2025**)

Ian Watson (2014-2015) (2015-2018)(2018-2020) (2020-2023)

Chelsey Joudrie (2018-2020) (2020-2023)

John Reeves (2018-2021) (2021-2024)

Greg Fraser (2021-2024); Vice-Convenor (2021-2022)

Calvin Burt (2021-2024)

Paul MacLellan (2021-2024)

Allison Jack (2022-2025)

Daniel Jack (2022-2025)

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 Presbytery of New Brunswick, 2 from each of the Presbyteries of Halifax & Lunenburg & Pictou (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)

Mission Committee:**Carol Stymiest (2022-2025) Convenor**

Anne Boudreau (2018-2021) (2021-2024)

Kathleen MacIsaac (2017-2020)(2020-2023)

Membership: 3 persons appointed by Synod, one in each of the 3 years(Convenor to be nominated among these) 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:**Marlene Phillips (2019-2022); Convenor (2022-2025)****Beth Mattinson (2019-2022) (2022-2025)**

Torrey Griffiths (2018-2021) (2021-2024); Convenor (2019-2022)

Enjei Achah (2021-2024)

Ken MacKeigan (2021-2024)

Debbie MacLean (2021-2022) (2022-2023)

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:**Glen Sampson (2022-2025) Convenor****Michael Koslowski** Served as Convenor: (2017-2020)(2020-2022) till February 28/23

Marion Barclay MacKay (2019-2022) (2022-2025)

Kate MacLellan (2021-2024)

Membership: 3 members appointed by Synod, in each of the 3 years,(Convenor to be nominated among these) 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: **Jeff Murray**

Assessor Presbyters to Presbytery of Newfoundland: **Charles McPherson, Bonnie McGrath**

Synod Meeting Committees:

Business Committee: John Barrett, Linda MacKinnon, Synod Clerk

Registration Committee: Jeanne Kaye Speight, Wendy MacWilliams, Cheryl Weeks(ex-officio)

Resolutions Committee: Dr. Cynthia J. Chenard, Davida Mackay

Examination of Synod Minutes, 2021: Charles Greaves, Nancy Harvey

Examination of Presbytery Minutes: Convenor, Charles Greaves

Cape Breton: Kent Burdett, William Hendbest

Newfoundland: Tom Summers, Nancy Harvey

Pictou: Calvin Burt, Cheryl Weeks

Halifax & Lunenburg: Charles McPherson, Merritt Scott

New Brunswick: P.A. McDonald & Doris MacWilliamss

Prince Edward Island: Lynn Hughes, Brenda Butler

****Recommendation 6**

That the nominations listed in bold print above be adopted.

****Recommendation 7**

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

REPORT OF THE HISTORY COMMITTEE:

The Archives for the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces has been located within First Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow, since 2007, when they were relocated from Summerside, P.E.I. and delivered into the keeping of Rev. Dr. Glen Matheson who has served as Archivist and Convenor of the History Committee. In April of this year Dr. Matheson resigned from this position and we give thanks for his 14 years of service of caretaker of the Archives.

The council appointed the Rev. Andrew MacDonald, minister of First Church to serve as the new archivist and convenor of the History Committee.

At present there is no need for financial support from Synod, but congregational histories, bulletins from significant events and documents dealing with the history of our congregations are always welcome.

Recommendation 8

That the Rev. Dr. Glen Matheson be thanked for his many years of service as Synod Archivist and History Committee Convenor.

HOSPITAL VISITOR

The Search Committee for the part-time position of Halifax Hospitals Visitor, which also serves as the Support Committee for this position continues to face challenges around hospital regulations related to the pandemic as it relates to bringing a new person into this role.

In the meantime, the Synod continues to be well served by Calvin Burt, the Synod Hospital Visitor who has continued to visit the hospitals on our behalf several times a month. Since Calvin is willing to serve as Hospital Visitor, the Council recommends that we continue with current arrangement and the Search Committee be disbanded with the thanks of the court.

Recommendation 9

That the Rev. Calvin Burt continue as Halifax Hospitals Visitor for the Synod.

Recommendation 10

That the Hospital Visitor search committee be disbanded with the thanks of Synod.

SYNOD STAFF

Synod Camping & Youth Consultant:

Our contract with Whitney Canning concludes at the end of December 2022. We acknowledge and give thanks for Whitney's continued leadership (especially in her role as Camp Geddie director), creativity, and dedication over her years of serving in this position. Despite the unique challenges posed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Whitney's presence and giftedness have helped to place

the ministry of Synod's Camping and Youth Consultant on good ground from which to move forward. The Synod has been blessed by Whitney's ministry among us, even as we pray God's continued blessing upon her as she moves forward in her calling.

Recommendation 11

That with thanksgiving to God, the Synod express its appreciation to Whitney Canning, for years of service and ministry to the Synod.

Recommendation 12

That the Synod provide to Whitney a gift in the amount of one month's stipend for January 2023 after the current contract ends as an expression of our appreciation.

Incoming Synod Camping & Youth Consultant:

Last year the Synod approved a new ministry description for the Camping & Youth Consultant position and tasked the Moderator with Synod Council to appoint a search committee to hire a suitable candidate under the terms of the new ministry description. The appointed search committee began their work in January. In April the job posting for this position was circulated among the Presbyteries, posted on the Synod webpage, and included on the National Church's webpage. After reviewing applications, conducting interviews, and reference checks the search committee unanimously recommended Helena Human to Synod Council for consideration and the Council is pleased to present her name for consideration by the Synod.

Recommendation 13

That the Synod enter a three-year contract with Helena Human for the position of Synod Camping and Youth Consultant commencing 1 November 2022 and ending 31 December 2025, and with starting stipend and allowances as follows: Stipend \$45,880; Housing Allowance \$16,000; Study Leave \$600; Mileage \$0.45/km.

FINANCES:

2021 Financial Reports:

Recommendation 14

That the Report of MacDonald & Murphy, Inc., be received as the financial statements of the Synod for the year 2021 and that the report be adopted.

2023 Budget:

Recommendation 15

That the following be the Approved as the Synod Budget for 2023:

| | 2022 BUDGET | Actual Jan. 1/22 to Sept.30/22 | PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| REVENUE | | | |
| Cape Breton Allocations | 19,527.71 | 18,776.62 | 19,180.96 |
| Pictou Allocations | 26,354.58 | 16,688.64 | 28,758.52 |
| Newfoundland Allocations | 8,377.67 | 7,165.59 | 8,114.08 |
| Halifax and Lunenburg Allocations | 27,617.51 | 29,610.74 | 30,598.00 |
| New Brunswick Allocations | 35,567.28 | 20,426.20 | 38,349.68 |
| P.E.I. Allocations | 38,330.15 | 12,943.36 | 43,052.90 |
| Total Allocations | 155,774.90 | 105,611.15 | 168,054.14 |

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Synod Offering | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 |
| Interest Earned | 300.00 | 341.06 | 350.00 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | 0.00 | | |
| Hospital Visitor Allocations | 10,000.00 | 2,304.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Regional Resourcing Grant(PCC) | 45,000.00 | 45,000.00 | 45,000.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$212,074.90 | \$153,256.21 | \$224,404.14 |
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| EXPENSES | | | |
| Synod Minutes | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 |
| Synod Travel | 12,989.19 | | 15,000.00 |
| Synod Accommodations and Meals | 5,412.16 | | 5,700.00 |
| Synod Speakers | 2,000.00 | 1195.08 | 2,000.00 |
| Synod- Other Expenses | 800.00 | | 800.00 |
| Synod Council | 2,706.08 | | 2,800.00 |
| Programme Committee | 8,000.00 | 1,150.00 | 8,000.00 |
| Personnel Committee | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 |
| Mission Committee | 11,500.00 | 19.13 | 11,500.00 |
| Camp Geddie Insurance check | 6,500.00 | 6,500.00 | 6,500.00 |
| Camp Geddie | 25,000.00 | 25,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Camp Geddie Insurance Relief | 22,000.00 | 22,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Camp Keir | 19,000.00 | 19,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Camp MacLeod | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 11,000.00 |
| MacGregor Cairn | 300.00 | | 300.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 500.00 | | 500.00 |
| Sexual Abuse/Harassment Committee | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 |
| Bank Charges | 100.00 | 20.21 | 100.00 |
| Canada Youth Busing | 8,000.00 | | 0.00 |
| Synod Workshop | 1,000.00 | | 0.00 |
| Camping & Youth Consultant Salary | 43,967.30 | 32,909.25 | 45,880.00 |
| Camping & Youth Consultant Travel | 7,959.06 | 1,817.97 | 8,000.00 |
| Camping & Youth Consultant Housing | 11,673.29 | 8,678.55 | 16,000.00 |
| Camping & Youth Consultant EI | 1,167.33 | 919.90 | 900.00 |
| Camping & Youth Consultant CPP | 2,334.66 | 2,220.91 | 3,000.00 |
| Camping & Youth Consultant Health | 4,669.32 | 3,513.00 | 4,784.00 |
| Camping & Youth Consultant Cont. Ed | 600.00 | | 600.00 |
| Camping & Youth Consultant Gen Exp | 4,000.00 | 682.83 | 4,000.00 |
| Camp Geddie Interim Director | 0 | | 0.00 |
| Pension Synod Share | 6,398.46 | 4,961.08 | 6,500.00 |
| Synod Hospital Visitor | 10,000.00 | 3,034.74 | 10,000.00 |
| Clerk's Honorarium | 3,700.00 | 3,700.00 | 3,700.00 |
| Clerk's Consultation | 0.00 | | 550.00 |
| Clerk's Expenses | 541.22 | 332.10 | 500.00 |

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| Moderator's Expenses | 541.22 | | 500.00 |
| Treasurer's Honorarium | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Treasurer's Expenses | 1,700.00 | 88.54 | 1,700.00 |
| Assessor Presbyter NL | 6,000.00 | | 4,000.00 |
| Synod Insurance | 2,000.00 | | 2,800.00 |
| Financial Review | 4,001.88 | 2,418.75 | 3,000.00 |
| Bad Debts Expense | 0 | | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 254,061.17 | 154,162.04 | 227,614.00 |

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| Net Income/Deficit | -41,986.27 | -905.83 | -3,209.86 |
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****Recommendation 16**

That Synod apply for a 2023 Regional Resourcing Grant in the amount of \$45,000 to help fund camping ministries within the Synod.

Travel rate:

The reimbursement of travel costs for those eligible is currently 30 cents/km, plus 5 cents/km for each passenger eligible for travel reimbursement, plus ferry or toll charges. The Finance committee reviewed the current rate and recommended an increase to match the national church's travel rate. To encourage carpooling it is also recommended that the additional 5cents/km for each passenger eligible for travel reimbursement be maintained.

Recommendation 17

That the Synod travel rates be increased to match the National church travel rate, plus 5cents per additional person eligible for travel reimbursement starting in 2023.

Recommendation 18

That the Synod dues for the year 2023 be set at a rate of 2.0% of the dollar base figure reported in the Acts and Proceedings of the 2022 General Assembly.

****Recommendation 19**

That Scott Bannerman from MacDonald & Murphy, Inc. be named to conduct a review engagement for the Synod for 2023. (Next review 2023)

****Recommendation 20**

That the Rev. Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls, be invited to be the guest speaker for Synod 2023.

****Recommendation 21**

That the Synod accept an invitation to hold the 2023 regular meeting of Synod, October 16th to 18th, at First Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.

Recommendation 22

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

THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Financial Statements
December 31, 2021



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INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members of The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces (the Synod) that comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2021, and the statements of revenues and expenses, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO), 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.

Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces as at December 31, 2021, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with ASNPO.

New Glasgow, Nova Scotia
September 8, 2022

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Chartered Professional Accountants



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THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Statement of Revenues and Expenses
Year Ended December 31, 2021

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|----------------|------------------|
| Revenue | | |
| Cape Breton | \$ 14,350 | \$ 20,551 |
| Halifax - Lunenburg | 17,614 | 26,007 |
| New Brunswick | 24,141 | 35,881 |
| Newfoundland | 6,297 | 8,823 |
| Pictou | 20,610 | 30,510 |
| Prince Edward Island | 26,513 | 39,654 |
| | <u>109,525</u> | <u>161,426</u> |
| Other revenue (Note 4) | 49,569 | 59,102 |
| | <u>159,094</u> | <u>220,528</u> |
| Expenses | | |
| Assessor - Newfoundland | | 200 |
| Camp Geddie | 36,500 | 41,500 |
| Camp Keir | 18,000 | 15,500 |
| Camp MacLeod | 9,000 | 7,500 |
| Camping and Youth Consultant (Note 5) | 60,436 | 52,172 |
| Clerk's expenses | 545 | 8 |
| Clerk's honorarium | 3,700 | 3,700 |
| Coverdale Centre for Women | | 2,000 |
| Coverdale Foundation | | 2,000 |
| Interest and bank charges | 29 | 31 |
| Interim Camp Geddie Director | 3,126 | 3,126 |
| Miscellaneous | 993 | 1,269 |
| Missions Committee | 11,103 | 7,448 |
| Professional fees | 2,419 | 3,040 |
| Programme Committee | 640 | |
| Regional resourcing grants | | 10,000 |
| Synod insurance | 1,808 | 1,758 |
| Synod hospital visitor | 4,285 | 3,835 |
| Synod meetings (Note 5) | 1,362 | |
| Treasurer's expenses | 436 | 192 |
| Treasurer's honorarium | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| | <u>158,382</u> | <u>159,279</u> |
| Excess of revenue over expenses | <u>\$ 712</u> | <u>\$ 61,249</u> |

Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended December 31, 2021

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Net assets - beginning of year | \$ 205,690 | \$ 144,441 |
| Excess of revenue over expenses | <u>712</u> | <u>61,249</u> |
| Net assets - end of year | <u>\$ 206,402</u> | <u>\$ 205,690</u> |



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THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2021

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 191,296 | \$ 192,640 |
| Accounts receivable (Note 6) | 23,632 | 23,721 |
| HST recoverable | 495 | 289 |
| Prepaid expenses | 2,994 | 1,307 |
| | 218,417 | 217,957 |
| Trust funds (Note 7) | 62,696 | 62,795 |
| | \$ 281,113 | \$ 280,752 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Current | | |
| Accounts payable (Note 8) | \$ 12,015 | \$ 12,267 |
| Trust funds (Note 7) | 62,696 | 62,795 |
| | 74,711 | 75,062 |
| NET ASSETS | | |
| Unrestricted net assets | 206,402 | 205,690 |
| | \$ 281,113 | \$ 280,752 |

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

_____ Director

_____ Director



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THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended December 31, 2021

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Operating activities | | |
| Cash receipts | \$ 159,182 | \$ 220,682 |
| Cash paid to suppliers and employees | (160,496) | (155,786) |
| Interest paid | (31) | (30) |
| | (1,345) | 64,866 |
| Increase (decrease) in cash flow | | |
| Cash - beginning of year | 192,640 | 127,774 |
| Cash - end of year | \$ 191,295 | \$ 192,640 |
| Cash consists of: | | |
| Cash | \$ 58,784 | \$ 110,363 |
| Guaranteed investment certificates | 132,511 | 82,277 |
| | \$ 191,295 | \$ 192,640 |



1. Purpose of the Synod

The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces (the "Synod") is a not-for-profit organization incorporated provincially under the Societies Act of Nova Scotia. As a registered charity the Synod is exempt from the payment of income tax under Section 149(1) of the Income Tax Act.

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.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNFPPO) and, in management's opinion, with consideration of materiality and within the framework of the following accounting policies:

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.

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 (2020 - \$nil) of contributed expenses were recorded.

Revenue recognition

The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

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..

Trust funds

Trust fund investments are primarily comprised of guaranteed investment certificates. Interest rates range from 0.40% to 0.65%.

Measurement uncertainty

Certain amounts in the financial statements are subject to measurement uncertainty and are based on the Synod's best information and judgment. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Examples of significant estimates include:

- the allowance for doubtful accounts;

(continues)

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments

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

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

3. Financial instruments

The Synod is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments and has a comprehensive risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage these risks. The following analysis provides information about the Synod's risk exposure and concentration as of December 31, 2021.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential that a counter party will fail to perform its obligations. The Synod is exposed to credit risk from customers. In order to reduce its credit risk, the Synod conducts regular reviews of its existing customers' performance. An allowance for doubtful accounts is established based upon factors surrounding the credit risk of specific accounts, historical trends and other information. The Synod has a significant number of customers which minimizes concentration of credit risk.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Synod is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its receipt of funds from its customers and other related sources, contributions to the pension plan, and accounts payable.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. In seeking to minimize the risks from interest rate fluctuations, the Synod manages exposure through its normal operating and financing activities. The Synod is exposed to interest rate risk primarily through its cash equivalents and trust fund investments.

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Synod is not exposed to significant other price risks arising from these financial instruments.

4. Other revenue

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Regional Resourcing Grant (PCC) | \$ 45,000 | \$ 55,000 |
| Hospital Visitor allocations | 4,285 | 3,835 |
| Interest earned | 284 | 267 |
| | \$ 49,569 | \$ 59,102 |

5. Expenses

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Camping and Youth Consultant | | |
| Wages and employee benefits | \$ 56,140 | \$ 50,052 |
| Travel | 1,696 | 747 |
| Office expenses | 2,600 | 1,373 |
| | \$ 60,436 | \$ 52,172 |
| | | |
| Synod meetings | | |
| Travel | \$ 505 | \$ |
| Other expenses | 407 | |
| Speakers | 450 | |
| | \$ 1,362 | \$ |

6. Accounts receivable

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Allocations receivable | \$ 39,079 | \$ 31,650 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | (16,365) | (16,601) |
| Interest receivable | 41 | 15 |
| Other receivables | 877 | 8,657 |
| | \$ 23,632 | \$ 23,721 |

7. Trust funds

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Trust funds | | |
| Dr. E.H. Bean Bursary | \$ 21,962 | \$ 22,216 |
| Grace Doucette Bequest | 10,288 | 10,224 |
| Dr. Frank Baird Bursary | 10,065 | 10,048 |
| Margaret MacDougall Bursary | 5,534 | 5,522 |
| Celina Heppell Bequest | 4,462 | 4,447 |
| Synod Bursary | 3,702 | 3,681 |
| Lady Sarah Smith Bequest | 3,399 | 3,384 |
| Dutch Bequest | 2,866 | 2,855 |
| Hospital Emergency Fund | 418 | 418 |
| | \$ 62,696 | \$ 62,795 |

The trust funds are represented by:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Guaranteed investment certificates | \$ 58,693 | \$ 58,792 |
| Cash in operating account | 4,003 | 4,003 |
| | \$ 62,696 | \$ 62,795 |

During the year, the trust funds received \$640 (2020 - \$1,915) of interest revenue. Bursaries totaling \$640 (2020 - \$694) were paid out of the trust funds.

8. Accounts payable

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Trade | \$ 6,111 | \$ 9,547 |
| Payroll remittances | 4,139 | 823 |
| Funds held for Comfort Fund - Hospital Visitor | 1,765 | 1,897 |
| | \$ 12,015 | \$ 12,267 |

9. 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 \$12,204 (2020 - \$12,056).

10. 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 to the financial statements.

CORRESPONDECE REPORT

| | | |
|------------------|--------|---|
| 1) M. Goslinski | Oct 28 | Regional Resourcing Grant changes |
| 2) G. Howard | Oct 12 | Estate of Cedric Pettigrew – Camp Geddie |
| 3) D. Muir | Jan 20 | 2022 Clerks’ Consultation postponed to 2023 |
| 4) J. de Combe | Jan 24 | Regional Resourcing Grant for Synod approved |
| 5) D. Rambeau | Feb 5 | Estate of Cedric Pettigrew – Camp Geddie |
| 6) P.A. McDonald | Feb 23 | H&L - Nom. for Synod Moderator: Rev. Glenn Sampson |
| 7) D. Kellington | Mar 4 | A. McCormick Fund Statement |
| 8) D. Kellington | Mar 4 | Annie Bingham Fund Statement |
| 9) N. Harvey | Mar 9 | PEI - Nom. for Synod Moderator: Rev. Brad Blaikie |
| 10) C. McPherson | Mar 23 | PI - Nom. for Synod Moderator: Rev. Barb Fotheringham |
| 11) G. Matheson | Mar 30 | Resignation – Synod Archives |
| 12) D. Krunys | Apr 13 | NL - Nom. for Synod Moderator: Rev. Barb Fotheringham |
| 13) D. Krunys | Apr 13 | NL rep to Synod Council – Lynne Allan |
| 14) K. Burdett | Apr 28 | NB - Nom. for Synod Moderator: Rev. Brad Blaikie |
| 15) N. Harvey | Sep 14 | PEI – Regional funding request |
| 16) A. MacDonald | Sep 14 | Invitation from First, New Glasgow to host 2023 meeting |

CLERK'S REPORT

In addition to moving registrations, memorials, order forms on-line, this year's vote for the Synod Moderator was moved to a web-based program to mitigate some of the challenges presbyteries were facing to accomplish in-person voting by ballot. The online voting was very user friendly, secure, and every effort was made to ensure that the eligible voter list and their emails were correct. Notice of this change to online voting was circulated to the clerks prior the election starting date, reminder emails about the election were circulated through the clerks on September 27 and October 4, reminder emails were sent to those who had yet to vote part way through the election period, and a final email was sent those who did not vote the morning the election was set to close.

Voting on-line was an efficient, effective, and economical way to select this year's Moderator, even though there were a few obstacles along the way. Hurricane Fiona was an unanticipated disruption although it did not seem to effect voter participation greatly, as some without power or internet were still able to vote and some with power and internet did not. Another challenge was that a few eligible voters do not have email. There are two ways of working around this: (1) those eligible voters could supply the email of a family or friend; (2) the program we use can print paper ballots with a unique identification number and those ballots could be mailed in.

A motion is included in the Synod Council report to adopted this method of online voting for the Moderator in the future. Should the Synod approve this change improvements will be made to the next election based on what we have learned this year.

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, continue 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> | 5 | 12 | 4 |
| <i>Newfoundland/</i> | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| <i>Pictou/</i> | 10 | 14 | 11 |
| <i>Halifax & Lunenburg/</i> | 10 | 11 | 11 |
| <i>New Brunswick/</i> | 11 | 18 | 14 |
| <i>Prince Edward Island</i> | 12 | 16 | 15 |
| Total 2022 | 50 | 75 | 59 |
| Total 2021 | 57 | 82 | 57 |
| Change | -7 | -7 | +2 |

Jeffrey M. Murray, Clerk

CAMPING AND YOUTH CONSULTANT SYNOD REPORT

We believe that children matter to the life of the church. We believe that the church can only be the people of God when members—including the youngest—participate in its life, engage in core practices and exercise their gifts as vital members of the body of Christ.

You have already heard much of the information of PAYS and Camp Geddie. Each one has its own challenges and opportunities for Christian faith formation, self-discovery, relationship building and strengthening.

PAYS has been online the last two years and has steadily been declining in interest and engagement for several years. I would encourage the Synod to reflect deeply on PAYS, its purpose, intent and its goals. To ask broadly, why do we hold PAYS, and to reflect with youth on the why. PAYS retreats online have been largely made up of adults and folks outside of the Synod. While I think that comes with many great relationship building opportunities, it does raise the question if the event is what is best needed for Presbyterian Atlantic Youth or whether new opportunities need to be explored.

This past year I had the wonderful opportunity to do a qualitative research study on camping ministry that was approved by the Research Ethics Board of the Atlantic School of Theology. The research focused on the staff who work at Christian overnight summer camps. I spoke to 5 young adults who have worked at various camps of various denominations across Canada. I learned so much from their wisdom and their stories. I think the biggest learning from this formal research study and my continued less formal research arose from asking the question, “what element of camp life would you like to bring to the church or what do you wish the church knew about the camp experience.” The responses are significantly consistent. Camp leaders consistently tell me they wish the church had more fun, laughter, awe and wonder. They wish the church was less rigid and narrow. They wish church was more of an open dialogue. The camp leaders wish the church felt more welcoming and open like camp does; where they can question, do their own theology, do communal theology and come up with answer without needing it to be the “correct” answer.

I don't think any of these wishes are new or unique. I do however wonder if our response to them needs to be more unique and creative. If we let go of the “sting and defense” and simply consider their perspective of the church, maybe we can see the work of the Holy Spirit in their comments.

The many young people I have had the immense pleasure of working with over the last 9 camping seasons has been such an amazing gift. They have taught me so much about what it means to be a Christian community and to love one another. They are some of the most dedicated and mature Christians I know but most of them will never be connected to a church. These young people give up year-round jobs, pay for apartments they are not living in and give up their social lives for the summer, to work at a Christian camp when there is a non-faith based camp just down the road. These young people choose Geddie because they love the community, the time of reflection, the space to ask questions and the way we seek to love as much as we are capable of. They choose Geddie because they desire a spiritual community. Staff do not come to work at Geddie because of our pay or positions, camp as many will tell you, is the hardest job they can imagine. These young people chose to work at camp and come back because at camp they feel loved, they feel valued, they feel esteemed and they are viewed as full members of the community.

I will be forever blessed by the time I have spent at Geddie. It has been an amazing place to grow, learn and discover. Campers and staff are full of great wisdom for the church. They are incredibly spiritual beings who have shared amazing insights with me. I pray this committee, the Synod and the church

will find ways to hear their voices, their wisdom and their questions. It has been an absolute privilege to serve the church with these remarkable young people.

Submitted by,
Whitney Canning

CAMP GEDDIE COMMITTEE

Camp Geddie Mission Statement: “Camp Geddie’s Mission is to invite all to experience the joy of God’s beauty and love in creation and to nurture a relationship with Christ and Christ’s people in a caring community through play and worship.”

The Committee, the Executive Director and the summer staff seek to pursue the fulfillment of the Mission Statement outlined above.

The Synod’s Camp Geddie Committee strives to take appropriate care of the property and the buildings on it and to provide a program for campers that is well connected to the Mission Statement.

Much effort is made by the Executive Director and the Program and Personnel Committee to select suitable staff and to provide helpful training for the staff before and during the summer camps.

In July, the Director noticed that anxiety was posing a challenge for some staff; consequently, she invited Mary Pyche, MSW, RSW and Gregg Lambert, MSW, RSW both of whom are licensed mental health social workers to talk to the staff.

Program:

The Bible Study is produced by “Inside Out Christian Resources for Outdoor Ministries” and is provided free of charge by Canadian Ministries of the Life and Mission Agency of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The 2022 resources focused on names in the Bible, on our being called by God and on how persons are transformed by the call of God. Campers were involved in exploring various Bible readings where an interaction with God resulted in a name change or a new perspective on who they were and on what they were called to do.

The Leader in Training Program had three participants, all of whom had been at camp several times in previous years.

In 2022, a gentle inclusive cabin was provided with sufficient requests being made for such a cabin that this cabin was provided at most of the Camps. This provision was regarded as a wise and successful initiative by the Director and the Committee.

COVID 19 posed some challenges in 2022; some staff needed time off and some campers had to cancel their registration. As well, intense heat in the middle of the camping season proved to be a significant challenge for some staff and campers.

Joe Grant served as the maintenance person on a part time basis. Once again Lorraine Wright was our cook (she is also the rental officer) with Lesley Duff and Sandra Pitts assisting her.

Chaplains were present for most camps: P.A. (Sandy) McDonald (2 camps), Calvin Burt, Mary Taylor, Joon Ki Kim, Jeff Murray and Andrew Campbell.

Property:

Some damage was done to several buildings by Hurricane Fiona. A major challenge for the committee is the deteriorating state of the wash house. Plans have been approved for the building of a new one but the fund for such a project does not have sufficient money in it to enable the Committee to proceed to erect a new one.

Work is required on the trailer where the chaplains stay, on both Chapels, on the medical cabin (2 persons from St. James', Truro did some work on this building in 2022), on the Margaret MacDougall Lodge and the dock. Efficiency Nova Scotia replaced a few light bulbs with LED bulbs, replaced shower heads with low-flow showerheads and installed aerators on taps.

Finances:

The Committee is returning to the task of doing fundraising. A fundraising committee is being established. A Variety Show was held in the DeCoste Centre in Pictou in late June; the results were positive. We were very pleased to receive the residue of the estate of the late Rev. Dr. Cedric Pettigrew of Ottawa; the amount received was \$35,000. Dr. Pettigrew was very active on the Camp Committee for many years and was instrumental in respect to the building of Irwin Lodge. The Committee appreciated receiving \$5,000 from the estate of the late Hugh Corkum, an elder of St. Andrew's Church, Lunenburg.

Attached are the audited 2021 financial statements. We are grateful for the fine work of our Treasurer, Marilyn Parker.

2022 Statistics

| DENOMINATION (SELF IDENTIFIED) | NUMBER OF CAMPERS |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Anglican | 5 |
| Baptist | 1 |
| Catholic | 38 |
| Christian | 7 |
| Hindu | 1 |
| Korean Presbyterian | 1 |
| None or N/A | 157 |
| Pentecostal | 1 |
| Presbyterian | 78 |
| Salvation Army | 1 |
| United | 24 |
| TOTAL | 314 |

| CAMP SESSION | NUMBER OF CAMPERS |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Novice-1 | 45 |
| Novice-2 | 31 |
| Mini Junior | 50 |
| Junior-1 | 43 |
| Junior-2 | 43 |
| Preteen | 45 |
| Intermediate-2 | 22 |
| Intermediate-2 | 32 |
| LIT | 3 |

On behalf of the Camp Geddie Committee, I express deep gratitude to our Executive Director, Whitney Canning, who will complete her contract on December 31, 2022 having served for nine years. This is a role that she fulfills on a 50% basis in her capacity as the Synod Camping & Youth Consultant. She has contributed significantly to the richness of the ministry that has been fulfilled at Camp Geddie. She demonstrated significant skills in so many areas of camping ministry. She was very effective in helping to develop the flavour of various aspects of camp life. Her manner of relating to and the training of staff was especially notable. Supervising staff, creating ideas for daily programs at camp and relating to campers with challenges such as homesickness were all done thoroughly with imagination and respect. We are very indebted to Whitney Canning for her dedication to the Camp and to the work of the Committee. We have been blessed by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ in her camp work. Thanks be to God.

The Committee has no recommendations. The Committee is indebted to those committee members who recently completed their service on the committee – Louise Nelson, Colleen McPherson, Daniel & James MacLeod. The Committee is very grateful to the Rev. Lorne MacLeod who has moved to PEI from the Little Harbour area of Pictou County and who did so much property work.

Rev. P.A. (Sandy) McDonald, Convenor

| 2021 Camp Geddie | 2022 | 2021 | 2021 | 2020 | 2020 | 2020 |
|--|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Operating Budget | Budget | Budget | to Dec 31 | Budget | Budget | to Dec 31 |
| Revenue | | | | REVISED | Re-REVISED | |
| Summer Camp Registration (1) | 74,595 | 85,000 | 53,043 | 89,900 | - | 3,370 |
| Summer Camp Registration (Campership Fund) (2) | 6,500 | 5,000 | 124 | 5,000 | - | 296 |
| Synod Grant | 25,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 |
| Synod grant - Property Check | 6,500 | 6,500 | 6,500 | 6,500 | 6,500 | 6,500 |
| Grace Doucette Bequest | | | - | | | - |
| Donations - Churches, NS *** | 20,000 | 24,000 | 21,680 | 24,000 | 5,000 | 16,035 |
| Donations - Churches, NB | 350 | | 260 | 500 | - | 100 |
| Donations - Churches, NL | 350 | | - | 500 | - | - |
| Donations - Churches, PEI | 50 | | - | 50 | - | - |
| Donations - Individuals | 2,000 | 2,500 | 2,506 | 2,500 | 2,000 | 3,041 |
| Donations - Groups | 3,000 | 5,500 | 2,545 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 1,475 |
| Donations - Memorials | 2,000 | 2,000 | 1,838 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 1,859 |
| Fund Raising (3) | 5,000 | 4,000 | - | 2,500 | 1,600 | 50 |
| Grants *** | 39,000 | 25,000 | 28,459 | 25,000 | 17,000 | 29,229 |
| Rentals | 29,500 | 25,000 | 19,126 | 35,000 | 5,000 | 2,520 |
| School group rentals (4) | | | | 8,000 | - | - |
| Sale of Clothing, etc | 1,000 | 500 | 963 | 1,000 | - | - |
| Donations in Trust (Missions) | | | 255 | | | |
| Other Income | | | | | | 2,673 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 214,845 | 215,000 | 167,298 | 242,450 | 79,100 | 102,148 |
| Synod funds to replace wages from 2020 | | | 1,995 | | | |
| Wage Subsidy Program | | | 8,815 | | | |
| Donation to Washhouse fund(see below) | | | 3,500 | | | 21,642 |
| Donation from Donald Horne Estate | | | 132,756 | | | |
| Donation from Maudie Haley | | | 25,000 | | | |
| | | | 339,364 | 242,450 | 79,100 | 123,790 |
| Loan from Site Development | | | 25,000 | | | |
| | | | 364,364 | | | |
| Loan for Van from PCC | | | | | | \$ 19,765 |
| ***Grants from: | | | | | | |
| Govt student Grants Fed/Prov | | | 12,959 | | | 13,539 |
| Watson grant - | | | 5,500 | | | 5,500 |
| W. Bean Grant - | | | | | | 300 |
| Presbytery for special program | | | | | | 5,000 |
| PCC Creative Ministry program | | | 10,000 | | | 4,390 |
| Halifax Lunenburg Presbytery | | | | | | 500 |
| <u>Washhouse Donations 2021</u> | | | | | In Bank = | \$9,120.65 |
| First Church Pictou AMS | | 125 | | | Plus Campership = | \$4,416.00 |
| St Andrews - Lunenburg | | 3,000 | | | Plus Waiting investment= | \$130,000.00 |
| St Andrews - New Glasgow | | 375 | | | Total | \$143,536.65 |
| Plus St Andrews - Dartmouth - In Site Development account | | 7,000 | | | | |
| Owed to Site Development - \$25,000 + 3500 - 14,936 = \$13,564. | | | | | | |
| 2021 Camp Geddie | 2022 | 2021 | 2021 | 2020 | 2020 | 2,020 |
| Operating Budget | Budget | Budget | to Dec 31 | Budget | Budget | to Dec 31 |
| Expense | No School | | | REVISED | Re- | |
| | Program | | | REVISED | REVISED | |

| | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Salaries (5) | 96,300 | 101,000 | 103,672 | 115,000 | 15,000 | 22,827 |
| CPP/EI/WCB | 7,345 | 8,050 | 8,383 | 12,000 | 1,500 | 3,044 |
| Food | 35,000 | 30,000 | 28,177 | 35,000 | 5,000 | 30 |
| Insurance | 20,000 | 22,000 | 19,300 | 22,000 | 22,000 | 21,352 |
| Property Checks for Insurance | 6,500 | 6,500 | 6,155 | 6,500 | 6,500 | 7,825 |
| Repairs & Maintenance (6) | 10,000 | 12,000 | 8,598 | 7,000 | 5,000 | 2,658 |
| Maintenance & Lawn Mowing person | 2,500 | 2,000 | 2,092 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 1,070 |
| Snow Removal | 1,000 | 1,300 | 500 | 1,000 | 1,300 | 1,310 |
| Waste Management | 3,000 | 3,300 | 2,894 | 3,300 | - | - |
| Honorarium for Treasurer | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| Utilities | 10,000 | 10,000 | 7,964 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 7,015 |
| Superior propane/Other propane | 500 | 750 | 480 | 1,000 | 100 | 383 |
| Telephone/Internet | 1,700 | 1,200 | 1,778 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,639 |
| Honorarium for Rental Officer | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,400 |
| Program | 1,000 | 600 | 970 | 1,000 | 500 | - |
| Clothing for Sale | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,093 | 1,000 | - | - |
| Camper & Staff Shirts | 2,750 | 3,000 | 2,750 | 3,300 | - | - |
| Personnel Comm | 100 | 150 | - | 200 | 100 | 240 |
| Business Fees & Licenses | 2,000 | 2,400 | 2,335 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,592 |
| Cleaning Supplies | 500 | 1,200 | 338 | 1,000 | 200 | 52 |
| Medical Supplies | 300 | 200 | 587 | 200 | - | - |
| Office Supplies | 300 | 500 | 252 | 500 | 100 | 91 |
| Printing, Ads & promotions | 500 | 1,500 | 339 | 500 | 250 | - |
| Postage | 200 | 150 | 213 | 300 | 300 | 138 |
| Van Operating Expense | 500 | 1,000 | 586 | 1,000 | 300 | 84 |
| Travel - Synod Bursery | - | - | - | 200 | - | - |
| Leadership Development | 200 | - | 200 | - | - | - |
| Travel | 250 | 250 | 209 | 250 | - | - |
| ACTIVE Fees | 1,000 | 1,200 | 428 | 1,500 | 100 | 96 |
| Credit Card Processing Fees | 1,750 | 2,000 | 1,435 | 2,000 | 100 | 137 |
| Bank Fees | 50 | 100 | 4 | 100 | 100 | - |
| Donations In Trust (Mission Offering) | - | - | 255 | - | - | - |
| Professional Fees & Lawyer | 100 | 3,500 | 100 | 2,000 | 1,800 | 1,935 |
| RV Expenses | 500 | 500 | 2,239 | 250 | - | 179 |
| Miscellaneous | 100 | 250 | - | 250 | 150 | 359 |
| | 214,845 | 225,500 | 212,224 | 242,450 | 84,500 | 82,955 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | | | | | | |
| Site Development - Defibulator, A/C, Sign | | | 14,936 | | | 2,526 |
| | | | 227,160 | | 84,500 | 85,481 |
| Payment on van loan | | | 5,000 | - | | 5,000 |
| Maudie Haley money moved to Site Development | | | 25,000 | | | 1,000 |
| Camperships covered | | | 3,005 | | - | |
| | | | 260,165 | | 84,500 | 91,481 |

2022 Budget Notes

- (1) This is based on 300 registrations
- (2) Interest on Investments made through Presbyterian Church in Canada
- (3) Based on 200 ticket sales at \$25 - other fundraising to help cover expenses
- (4) No School program for 2022

- (5) Based on 23 staff plus Lorraine with increase of wages?
- (6) Have another \$5000 for repairs and maintenance

SYNOD PROGRAMME COMMITTEE REPORT

The Synod Programme Committee is tasked with setting up workshops for the meeting of Synod. The committee also supports the Synod Camp and Youth Consultant, Whitney Canning, regarding the Presbyterian Atlantic Youth Synod (PAYS) event.

With last year's Synod meeting being held virtually, it was decided that we would forgo workshops for the 2021 Synod gathering. Instead, a recommendation was put forward, by the committee, to allocate the funds set aside for workshops to be used by Presbyteries to put on their own workshops. The maximum amount for each presbytery was set at \$1000. This motion was passed by the 2021 Synod. The Presbytery of PEI was the sole presbytery to request such funds and their request was approved by the committee.

After some discussion with Whitney, it was decided that this year's (2022) PAYS weekend would be conducted virtual. It was also decided that it would be shortened to a one-day event as opposed to a weekend. Debbie Richard, who spearheaded last year's PAYS weekend, volunteered to help Whitney in the planning. Very few youth registered for the event and only a handful of Youth leaders showed interest. However, despite the low numbers, PAYS took place virtually on Saturday, May 14, 2022, with ten participants. Those who took part had a great time with some awesome worship, meditation, discussion, and fellowship. The Rev Dr Emily Bisset was once again the guest speaker. With such a small turnout, as well as a wider questions regarding youth events and ministries in Atlantic Canada, discussion around the format and future of PAYS is on the agenda for the committee this fall.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Torrey Griffiths
Synod Programme Committee Convenor

THE SYNOD MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Although we continue to be facing difficult times of COVID 19, the projects presented show us that there continues to be need of support for our congregations and churches. The Synod Mission Committee Teleconference Meeting was held on December 2021. After careful consideration the following Synod Mission projects were granted: (Following the projects, I have included memos from various groups for information for the members of the Synod)

i. Baby Showers for At-Risk Mothers Kirk of St. James, Charlottetown, PE

During 2022 the Kirk of St. James undertook a new mission project with support from the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces. We teamed with the Island Pregnancy Centre, a charity that assists women who experience unexpected pregnancies, and who decide to keep their babies.

The Island Pregnancy Centre hoped to have a number of Island churches agree to sponsor baby showers for these new mothers about one month after their babies' birth. The participating churches were asked to collect baby necessities and the Island Pregnancy Centre uses these donations to create gift packages for the mothers, to be given to them at their babies' one-moth check in.

The Kirk applied for financial support with this initiative from the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, and received a \$2,200 grant for this purpose, for which we are extremely grateful! The Kirk agreed to do two collections for these mother-baby gift packages during 2022. We had outstanding support from our congregation, resulting in the collection of over 130 items, including diapers, baby wipes, baby clothing of all kinds, stuffed toys, board books, blankets, baby wash items and soothers. At the Island Pregnancy Centre's suggestion, we used \$1,100 from our Synod grant to supplement these items with 24 twenty-five dollar gift cards from Walmart and Giant Tiger, and a large number of boxes of various sized diapers. The Kirk is delighted to be able to support so many at-risk mothers and their babies, sharing God's love and much needed social support. We intend to hold our second donation drive in the lead up to Thanksgiving. At that time, we will similarly supplement the items collected from our congregation with the remaining \$1,100 from our Synod grant.

2. SONRISE and Toney River youth groups.

Our youth group had a bit of a hiatus this winter due to Covid restrictions, so we did not yet have the chance to do many activities using the funds. We did however hold a drive within our congregation to collect supplies urgently needed by Viola's Place, a homeless shelter in New Glasgow. We used \$100 of our funds to purchase Tim Horton's gift cards and dropped them off at Viola's Place along with the supplies. The volunteers thanked us and explained how appreciated the gift cards were because the people who used the shelter had to leave at lunchtime and we're not able to go back until after 7PM. The gift cards gave them a place to sit and have a snack or coffee while waiting for the shelter to open. We also used \$110 to host an end-of-year party for our Sunday School. Our Youth planned and supervised games with the younger children, then made and served ice cream sundaes! Our Youth Group will resume in September. Thank you so much for the opportunity for our Youth to participate in outreach within our community.

3. Bridges to Hope, Newfoundland

Bridges to Hope acknowledges with thanks the donation of \$1000.00 from the Atlantic Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to be used for our "Smart Snack" program. It is greatly appreciated at a time when so many families are looking to Bridges to Hope to help them with food. Bridges to Hope tries to encourage healthy eating among its clients both adults and children, and monies like your donation help in the purchase of healthy food and keep the program going. Our Smart Snack program provides healthy snack items to school-aged children. Each Smart Snack kit contains 5 days worth of nutritious snacks that include protein, dairy, fruit, and a homemade snack such as a bran muffin. Every hamper for families with children contains a Smart Snack kit. Approximately 3000 Smart Snack kits are delivered from our Food Pantry each year.

This year we have doubled the amount of fresh fruit included in our Smart Snack kits, and begun focusing on healthier juices (i.e. no added sugar) , which comes at an additional cost. This year, over the summer months, when children are out of school, we offer a program called "After the Bell". This program is intended to ensure school -aged children who would normally avail of Free lunch programs at school still have access to healthy snacks over the summer break.

Your grant to Bridges to Hope, along with those from other sources, enables these important programs to take place, and expand , helping us keep Smart Snack as an important healthy program for the children of our community.

4. Michael Veenema (REACH PCC CYCLICAL MINISTRY) \$2800 towards the Upgrade to the office for REACH.

We are very grateful for the grant of last year. It allowed us to purchase an excellent screen for our meeting space and this has made a terrific difference. Suddenly it became easy to play video clips and music videos. Most importantly, it greatly improved our twice weekly power point presentations for meetings and worship. Lastly, it also meant that we no longer have to rely on borrowed projection

equipment that I had to carry in and out of the building twice a week! The grant was more than we asked for and I believe that we have been wise with the use of the funds to cover expenses, including the fee for a spot at the Apple Blossom Parade. Every blessing in Christ to you. For all of us at REACH - Mike

5. Ruth Glendenning, AMS Treasurer Calvin Auxiliary, \$1500 for Bag Lunches for the Hungry project.

Hello, a brief note to thank you and let you know how our year went with our bag lunches. We started the Middle of March every Tuesday until the end of June making 36 lunches. If they all didn't go on a particular Tuesday, on my way home I would drop off at the local Hostel and offer lunches to who were outside at the time.

Our regular customer surprised me as I thought it would be marginalized young people, but just the opposite. The majority of clients were 60 and above and each week one or more thanked me for being there as they had something to look forward to. Heartbreaking some Tuesdays.

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Received from Synod. | 1500.00 |
| Receipts For Groceries | 1227.25 |
| Remainder | 272.75 |

I realize this is a lengthy report, but it will give the Synod members an idea how our monies are advancing the spread of Christian ideals even in the time of COVID 19. I have enjoyed being the Convenor of this committee but I find my schedule is busy right now, so I would like to turn this role over to another member of the Committee. Thank you.

Rev. Bonnie Langille Convenor of Synod Mission Committee

ASSESSOR PRESBYTERS' REPORT

The Presbytery of Newfoundland continues to meet by Zoom. This has proven effective although we all look forward to the day when we can meet in person.

The Synod has appointed Bonnie McGrath as the new Assessor Elder replacing the late Ian Ferguson who retired last year after serving faithfully. Bonnie is also the Representative Elder for Glenelg Church in the Presbytery of Pictou.

With the resignation of the Rev. Derek Krunys, the Presbytery has been somewhat diminished. The Rev. David Sturtevant is Moderator of the Presbytery and also Interim Moderator of St. Matthew's, Grand Falls/Windsor and St. Andrew's, St. John's. He is carrying a tremendous weight of responsibility on his shoulders and we support him in our prayers.

Mr. Bruce Templeton has taken over the duties of Clerk of Presbytery and is doing so very capably. Bruce is Clerk of Session in the Kirk and has served on many General Assembly agencies and Committees, notably the Pension Board.

St. Matthew's, Grand Falls/Windsor has begun to hold services in their beautifully restored sanctuary. They are at present applying for a Canada Ministries grant which will pay for supply preachers.

During the year, a book written by Dr. Ian Wishart was published. Entitled “Schleiermacher’s Interpretation of the Bible,” it is a version of a dissertation written for Knox College in 1968. At the September meeting of the Presbytery congratulations were extended to Dr. Wishart for his book having been designated Book the Month by the Expository Times, an international theological journal which has been published for over a century.

Once again it has been a privilege and pleasure to serve as an Assessor Presbyter (albeit at arm’s length) in the presbytery which stand as an inspiration to all of us.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Charles C. McPherson

ATLANTIC MISSION SOCIETY

The purpose of the Atlantic Mission Society (AMS) is to glorify God and support with prayer, study and service mission endeavours through The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

We are a group of women and men from the four Atlantic Provinces who have a heart for Christ’s mission in the world. The AMS provides financial support to Presbyterians Sharing and PWS&D projects from the general Society level and from local auxiliaries. The AMS members serve on national committees of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, including Assembly Council and Life and Mission Agency Committee and participates at Synod Council. Members also work with and support financially one synod and two presbytery camps.

Due to Covid 19, the Annual Meeting for 2022 was held using Zoom.

The AMS publishes *The Presbyterian Message* nine times a year. At the Annual Meeting it was decided to reduce the number of publications to five per year with no issue for July and August. Each issue would have devotions and prayers for each month. The Message is now available electronically.

At the Annual meeting we appointed representatives to PWS&D and International Ministries at the National Church level.

Many groups lead worship on Presbyterians Sharing and PWS&D Sundays, providing education for the whole congregation and opportunities for greater involvement in carrying out Christ’s mission for members of our congregations and Sunday Schools. Many AMS auxiliaries develop Lenten, Advent or other seasonal challenges to support the Canadian Food Grains Bank, Gifts of Change and other projects. The response from the congregations is generous and positive.

The way we do mission work is changing, but giving thanks to God, and relying on the Holy Spirit to lead us, we continue to share Christ’s love with the world.

Dear Presbytery,

We have come to another end of summer at Camp Keir. Thank you to everyone who helped this summer through donations, prayer, and coming out to the camp to either run a bible study with our staff or just to say “Hi.”

Camp had another successful summer season this year. There were approximately 100 campers this summer and the majority of those campers came back for a second week of camp. It is encouraging to see campers return throughout the summer getting to experience camp and genuine positive relationships with the staff as they invest into the campers. The relationship and amount of trust that develops over a week at camp is rare and incredibly beneficial.

We had a fantastic staff this summer. It seemed very evident that God placed them exactly where they needed to be at camp this summer. Our staff worked extremely well together and absolutely loved being at camp this summer. One of highlights about this Presbytery position is not only seeing and witnessing campers spiritually grow but also to watch the staff thrive in this ministry and observe them eager to serve.

Camp was able to sponsor twelve campers this summer. Thank you again to those who donated to the sponsorship program. It has been extremely beneficial and the amount of gratitude and positive feedback received from guardians and parents whose children were able to experience camp is very rewarding and encouraging.

This year, the camp was able to work closely with Child and Family Services and was able to include several children who are within PEI's child protection program at camp. One of the social workers reached out to the camp at the end of the summer and said, “Thank you for being able and willing to bring some of these kids to camp this summer. It was definitely the highlight of their summer and something they would not have been able to do without your generosity. I have only heard great things from the kids and again want to thank you for your work.”

Camp was able to provide a safe and loving environment for children who do not receive that in their day to day life. Camp was able to be the church and minister to these children in a way that they have rarely experienced. So, again, thank you to everyone who made donations to the sponsorship fund because without your generosity, we would not be able to do this aspect of ministry at camp.

We had another successful LIT (Leader In Training) program this year. For those who do not know, our Leader in Training program is an amazing opportunity for those who are 15 and older. The LIT program is specifically designed to teach youth important leadership skills they can use at camp, at school, and within the workplace. The program consists of two-weeks of leadership training where LITs learn specific leadership skills. Upon completion of the two week training the LITs volunteer during a week of camp where they can put those learned skills into action under the guidance of one of the senior counselors. The LIT director worked tirelessly with the LIT's who were all able to return to camp for a volunteer week. The LIT Director also was able to work during our senior weeks at camp and was able to encourage and promote the LIT program to potential campers for next summer.

This has been such a rewarding program and is part of the reason why the staff work so well at camp. This program has been able to set a foundation and teach youth and young adults the importance of servant leadership and following God's plan. It is exciting to see the fruits of this program and the potential it has in the development of future staff at camp. .

The majority of our senior campers and parents have reached out asking about the retreats that are planned throughout the winter. The goal for this season is to host two retreats for those in grades 4-6, two retreats for those in grades 7-12, one retreat for those between the ages of 18-25, and possibly two women's retreats this year as well.

Once more I am available to come and speak at any churches throughout the winter as well. In addition, if anyone wants help with a youth program within their church or help with starting a youth group, please contact me as I would love to help out.

Thank you all again for your continued support and prayers. It is very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Chloe Hamilton

| FINANCIAL STATEMENT , DECEMBER 2021 | Camp Keir | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance on Hand January 1, 2020 Chequing | | | | | \$9,590.75 |
| Balance on Hand January 1, 2020 Savings | | | | | 980.71 |
| Balance on Hand January 1, 2020 Sponsorship | | | | | \$0.25 |
| Balance on Hand January 1, 2020, Shares | | | | | \$124.23 |
| Total | | | | | \$10,695.94 |
| INCOME | | | | | |
| | Pres. Church of Canada | | | \$5,000.00 | |
| | Donations Churches | | | \$11,700.00 | |
| | Donations AMS | | | \$2,165.00 | |
| | Donation Individuals | | | \$975.00 | |
| | Donation Presbytery | | | \$20,000.00 | |
| | Donation Synod | | | \$18,000.00 | |
| | Interest Savings | | | \$0.71 | |
| | Interest Shares | | | \$0.09 | |
| | GST/HST Refund | | | \$738.25 | |
| | SponsorShip | | | \$10,600.00 | |
| | Registrations/SS | | | \$29,690.15 | |
| | Annon.Donation | | | \$200.00 | |
| | Removal of cheques | | | \$507.06 | |
| | Refund/Adj. Ins./ADL | | | \$701.82 | |
| | StudentWage Subsidy | | | \$4,123.00 | |
| | T Shirts/Hats/Sunglasses | | | \$208.00 | |
| | Rent | | | \$1,200.00 | |
| | Winter Retreat | | | \$620.00 | |
| | Total | | | \$106,429.08 | \$117,125.02 |
| EXPENSES | | | | | |
| | Lights | | | \$1,819.00 | |
| | Phone | | | \$1,262.00 | |
| | Advertising | | | \$17.98 | |
| | Fuel | | | \$2,087.04 | |
| | Repairs/Furnace Plan | | | \$4,030.75 | |
| | T Shirts etc | | | \$1,081.92 | |
| | Insurance Bldg/car/liability | | | \$13,731.00 | |
| | Travel and Auto | | | \$564.54 | |
| | Janitorial Wages | | | \$1,106.00 | |
| | Supplies | | | \$95.40 | |
| | Grass Cutting | | | \$700.00 | |
| | Repairs/Gas | | | \$314.55 | |
| | SponsorShip | | | \$3,450.00 | |
| | Presbytery | | | \$10,668.20 | |
| | Snow | | | \$805.00 | |
| | Office | | | \$1,085.70 | |
| | Property Tax | | | | |
| | Maintenance | | | \$2,066.65 | |
| | Program/Crafts/Photo | | | \$1,035.41 | |
| | Food | | | \$8,412.67 | |
| | Misc/First Aid | | | \$970.60 | |
| | Kitchen Supplies | | | \$376.27 | |
| | Salaries Staff | | | \$28,615.99 | |
| | WCB | | | \$240.00 | |
| | Rev. Can | | | \$4,154.78 | |
| | Alarm System | | | \$379.39 | |
| | Garbage | | | \$910.65 | |
| | Staff CPP | | | \$690.00 | |
| | Equipment | | | \$192.40 | |
| | Camp Fridge/Dehumidifier | | | \$4,592.78 | |
| | Training-LIT | | | \$691.57 | |
| | Licences/Fees | | | \$334.47 | |
| | Total | | | \$96,482.71 | \$20,642.31 |
| | BREAKDOWN IN EACH ACCOUNT | | | | |
| | | | | Balance in Cheque | \$12,346.92 |
| | | | | Balance in Savings | \$980.70 |
| | | | | Balance in Sponsorship Fund | \$7,190.25 |
| | | | | Balance in Shares | \$124.44 |
| | | | | TOTAL | \$20,642.31 |

Camp MacLeod Annual Report 2021

We are pleased to report that Camp MacLeod continued its ministry despite COVID-19 concerns this summer. However, in the late Spring months, the third wave brought some uncertainty to our plans for the camp Season. But with prayer and careful consideration, we chose to move forward.

The committee and the director would like to thank the Presbytery for their support this summer, as well as for last summer. Thanks to concerns regarding COVID, Camp MacLeod operated in a very different fashion from years previous, but it was in operation, unlike the previous summer.

The camp operated on a reduced staff and with a modified schedule. There were three staff, one director and one cook employed at the camp. It was run as a day camp, with drop off between 9am to 10am and pick up at 7pm. Despite these differences, most of the activities we associated with camp continued, such as games, swimming, bible study and crafts. In the first week, we had 10 campers. In the second week, we had 7. The third week, which was senior camp, there was a single camper. In the fourth week we had 8 campers. The fifth week we had 5 campers. And the sixth and final week, we had 3 campers. Needless to say, while this was significantly lower than a regular camp season, it still represents a good summer, in that we were able to have camp at all, and it was a day camp rather than a regular overnight camp.

While our camper numbers were low this year, the Presbytery's support both this year and last year allowed Camp MacLeod to make several needed improvements to the property. One improvement to the grounds this summer is the stairs that lead down to the waterfront. Reaching the waterfront is now significantly easier for staff and campers, not only because of the stairs, but also the path down to the shoreline has been improved significantly. Moreover, large rocks have been placed to mitigate erosion of the waterfront, which is an ongoing issue. The cabin floors have also been completely repainted. These all represent investments in the future of the camp.

As convenor, I want to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and support of the camp in these difficult past few years. It is a source of inspiration to the committee and the staff to know that the Camp's ministry is so strongly supported by our Presbytery.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the Camp MacLeod Committee

Rev. Peter MacDonald

Camp Macleod 2021 Director's report

This was my (Taylor) fourth year as Director at Camp MacLeod. This year was very different compared to other summers due to the Covid19 pandemic, but we made some changes and worked through situations as they arose.

We had 3 staff this year in total. Allie Nicholson was our lifeguard, Ryan Maxwell was our sports instructor, and Erin Matheson was our LIT.

The staff did awesome this year, working through the changes and coming up with new fun and safe activities for the campers to enjoy. We tried to stick to the same schedule as before but had to make slight adjustments due to time restraints and the numbers of campers.

Between 9am and 10am the campers were dropped off Monday – Friday, and were picked up at 7pm. We had a max of 10 campers per week. In the morning we would do outside activities like sports, games, bible study, while the temperature was still cool. We would have lunch every day at 12pm and chores following that. After lunch is when we went swimming, did water activities and crafts due to the hot temperatures. Since we had smaller groups of campers this year we played games like: dodge ball, Octopus, fireball, capture the flag, hide and seek, and manhunt. This year we did not have a designated craft instructor so the staff and I had to try our best to learn easy but cool crafts for the campers to do. This year we made: “stained glass” jars, finger puppets, God’s eyes, cross necklaces, friendship bracelets, superhero masks, and painting activities.

This year we did bible studies as one group together and each took turns picking a topic and having bible studies around it. We wanted to pick some topics that the campers might relate to today and hopefully find some relation to. Some of the topics we picked were: Fear, Having Faith, Love and Kindness, Works of Jesus, and Trust. We also read some classic parable stories like: David and Goliath, The Lost Sheep, Prodigal Son, and The Good Samaritan.

Some bible verses we focused around for the topic for:

Fear: Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand", and Hebrews 13:6 "That is why we can say without any doubt or fear, 'The Lord is my Helper and I am not afraid of anything that mere man can do to me.'"

Faith: Hebrews 10:38 "Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul" and "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" Ephesians 2:8.

Love and Kindness: "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." 1 John 4:8 and "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." John 13:34.

Works of Jesus: When we talked about the works of Jesus we talked about: feeding 5000, walking on water, healing the paralyzed man, The resurrection, healing the blind, etc.

Trust: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" Proverbs 3:5, "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation" Isaiah 12:2 KJV, and "Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning: for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee" Psalm 143:8 KJV.

Over all we had a great summer at Camp MacLeod. We had some new campers and some old attend. We had no major issues or injuries throughout the summer. The stairs and the waterfront are beautiful and a huge upgrade from before. Thank you for supporting camp to open during unprecedented times. Even though we were not 100% sure what we were getting into, in the end it all worked out and the campers got to experience Camp MacLeod this year.

Taylor Maxwell – Director

**CAMP MACLEOD
OPERATING FUND STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

RECEIPTS:

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Congregation allocations | \$13,687.75 |
| Camper registration fees | \$4,800.00 |
| Camperships | \$0.00 |
| Rentals | \$0.00 |
| Donations including memorials | \$5,091.34 |
| Payroll grants | \$12,656.90 |
| Fundraisers | \$0.00 |
| Synod support | \$9,000.00 |
| AMS support | \$1,150.00 |
| HST rebate & Interest | \$221.41 |
| Miscellaneous | \$0.00 |
| Total Contributions | <u><u>\$46,607.40</u></u> |

EXPENDITURES:**Staff & Benefits**

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Regular staff including benefits | \$21,234.85 |
| LITs | \$900.00 |
| | <u><u>\$22,134.85</u></u> |

Supplies & Equipment

| | |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| Food & Tuck | \$3,319.24 |
| Sports | \$122.58 |
| Crafts | \$120.31 |
| Photos | \$600.00 |
| First aid | \$0.00 |
| | <u><u>\$4,162.13</u></u> |

Administration

| | |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Postage & office | \$74.49 |
| Telephone | \$660.15 |
| Brochures | \$0.00 |
| Training & travel | \$0.00 |
| Publicity | \$0.00 |
| Fees & permits | \$0.00 |
| Bank charges | \$29.50 |
| Petty cash | \$0.00 |
| | <u><u>\$764.14</u></u> |

**CAMP MACLEOD
OPERATING FUND STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

| | |
|--|---------------------------|
| Property: | |
| Power | \$1,756.38 |
| Insurance | \$6,109.00 |
| Repairs & maintenance | \$1,273.02 |
| Capital transfer | \$5,000.00 |
| | <u>\$14,138.40</u> |
| Total Expenditures | <u>\$41,199.52</u> |
| Surplus (Deficit) | <u>\$5,407.88</u> |
| | |
| Other Items: | |
| Capital funds received | \$0.00 |
| Capital fund transferred | \$5,000.00 |
| Capital expenditures - waterfront and stairs | (\$6,725.50) |
| | <u>(\$1,725.50)</u> |
| | |
| Bank balance Beginning | \$41,298.68 |
| | |
| Bank balance, Ending | <u>\$44,981.06</u> |

CAMP MACLEOD
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021

| | FUND | | | | | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Operating | Shaw | Canoe | Mattress | Capital | |
| Net Assets: | | | | | | |
| Bank | \$28,357 | \$4,245 | \$2,328 | \$4,398 | \$5,654 | \$44,981 |
| Money market investment | \$20,990 | | | | | \$20,990 |
| Due From (To) other Funds | | | | | | \$0 |
| Restitution receivable | | | | | | \$0 |
| Fixed Assets | | | | | \$296,492 | \$296,492 |
| Net Assets | \$49,347 | \$4,245 | \$2,328 | \$4,398 | \$302,145 | \$362,463 |
| Equity: | | | | | | |
| Beginning Balance | \$43,918 | \$4,245 | \$2,328 | \$4,398 | \$297,145 | \$352,034 |
| Operating Surplus (Deficit) | \$5,408 | | | | | \$5,408 |
| Contributions & transfers | | | | | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| Non-capital expenditures | | | | | | \$0 |
| Money market earnings | \$21 | | | | | \$21 |
| | | | | | | \$0 |
| Ending Equity | \$49,347 | \$4,245 | \$2,328 | \$4,398 | \$302,145 | \$362,463 |

MARITIME CGIT

The Maritime CGIT Committee has disbanded as of December 31, 2021. There are two groups active in Cape Breton; they will continue to act under guidance of their respective Congregations (both groups are United Church).

On September 24, 2021, the group met for a social time in Summerside, PEI, and will continue to do so to maintain the warmth and friendship we have all enjoyed over the many years.

The Committee has proudly supported CGIT groups in the region with support and resources for many years and thereby providing leadership skills to young women in your Churches and your Communities.

Thank you to the Atlantic Synod for its support and encouragement over the years.

God bless you all!

Chris MacDonald,
Recording Secretary - The Maritime CGIT Committee

APPENDIX A

CHANGES AFFECTING STUDENTS, PROFESSIONAL CHURCH WORKERS AND CONGREGATIONS SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES (October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022)

STUDENTS CERTIFIED AS CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

PRESBYTERY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

Parker, David March 23, 2022

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU

Smith, Patricia November 16, 2021

CANDIDATES CERTIFIED FOR ORDINATION

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Henbest, William T., May 10, 2022

ORDINATIONS

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX & LUNENBURG

Arseneault, J. Markus, December 18, 2021

Burt, Calvin E., September 5, 2022

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Henbest, William T., July 3, 2022

DESIGNATION TO ORDER OF DIACONAL MINISTRIES

None Reported

RECEPTIONS FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS

None Reported

INDUCTIONS

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU

Kim, Joon Ki, Little Harbour, New Glasgow, September 11, 2022

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX & LUNENBURG

Burt, Calvin E., Kings, New Minas, September 20, 2022

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Henbest, William T., Zion, Charlottetown, assistant minister, September 11, 2022

INSTALLATIONS

None Reported

APPOINTMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX AND LUNENBURG

MacLean, E.M. Iona, stated supply, Church of St. David, Halifax, October 1, 2021

MacLeod, J. Kenneth, First Sackville, Lower Sackville and St. John's, Windsor, stated supply,
September 1, 2022

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Kay, Thomas J., stated supply, Brookfield Pastoral Charge January 1, 2022

DESIGNATION OF OVERSEAS MISSIONARIES

None Reported

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

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU

Smith, Susan., equalizing minister, September 14, 2021

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX & LUNENBURG

Barlow, Kimberly, Halifax, Canadian Forces Chaplaincy, July 1, 2022

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

None Reported

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

PRESBYTERY OF CAPE BRETON

Lyle, Robert, September 1, 2022

MacAulay, Jean K., May 31, 2022

Stewart, W. Corrie, June 1, 2022

PRESBYTERY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU

Chandler, Shelly M., January 31, 2022

Grant, Mary Anne, June 30, 2022

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX & LUNENBURG

Arseneault, J. Markus, December 18, 2021

Burt, Calvin E., September 5, 2022

Jorna, J. Christopher, January 11, 2022

Lyle, Robert, September 20, 2022

MacLean, Robert A.B., December 11, 2021

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Human, Andrew, January 26, 2022

Kreplin, J. Martin R., June 1, 2022

McDonald, W.G. Sydney, January 26, 2022

Sutherland, Alexander, September 1, 2022

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Diviney, Kay S., February 1, 2022

Griffiths, Dawn B., June 30, 2022

Kay, Catherine M., June 30, 2022
Kay, Thomas J., June 30, 2022
MacFadyen, Cheryl G., March 8, 2022
Son, Donghwi David, June 30, 2022

**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

Kreplin, J. Martin R., letter of standing granted, September 21, 2022

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Son, Donghwi (David), August 4, 2022

Glass, Ian C., deceased, August 7, 2022

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

None Reported

PLACED ON CONSTITUENT ROLL BY LEAVE OF ASSEMBLY

None Reported

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

None Reported

RESIGNATIONS

PRESBYTERY OF CAPE BRETON

Stewart, W. Corrie., St. Andrew's, North River and North Shore, June 1, 2022

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Brasier, Susan, St. Andrew's, Fredericton, January 9, 2022

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Son, Donghwi (David), WellSpring, St. Peters, June 30, 2022

DISSOLUTION OF PASTORAL TIE

PRESBYTERY OF CAPE BRETON

Stewart, W. Corrie, St. Andrew's, North River and North Shore, June 1, 2022

Lyle, Bob, Bethel, Sydney, August 30, 2022

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU

Chandler, Shelly M., First, Pictou; St. Andrew's, Pictou, January 31, 2022

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Son, Donghwi David, WellSpring, St. Peters, June 30, 2022

Griffiths, Dawn B., Hartsville, Hartsville, June 30, 2022

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Kreplin, J. Martin, St. Andrew's, Moncton, May 30, 2022

Sutherland, Alexander D., St. John's, Tabusintac, St. Matthew's, Oak Point and Zion, New Jersey,
September 1, 2022

TRANSLATIONS

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Barlow, Kimberly, to Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg, September 20, 2022

CERTIFICATES GRANTED

PRESBYTERY OF CAPE BRETON

Lyle, Robert, to Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg, September 20, 2022

PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX & LUNENBURG

McDonald, W.G. Sydney, to Presbytery of New Brunswick, November 30, 2021

Arseneault, J. Markus, to Presbytery of Superior, December 31, 2021

MacAuley, Jean K., to Presbytery of Cape Breton, May 31, 2022

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MacFadyen, Cheryl G., to Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, March 8, 2022

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Son, Donghwi (David), to Presbytery of Eastern Han-Ca, August 4, 2022

Kay, Catherine M., to Presbytery of Paris, September 20, 2022

Kay, Thomas J., to Presbytery of Paris, September 20, 2022

HISTORICAL CERTIFICATES

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Kreplin, J. Martin R., June 15, 2022

RETIREMENTS

PRESBYTERY OF CAPE BRETON

Lyle, Robert, Bethel, Sydney, August 30, 2022

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU

Steward, Debbie (diaconal), April 4, 2022

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Kreplin, J. Martin, St. Andrew's, Moncton, June 1, 2022

PRESBYTERY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Griffiths, Dawn B., Hartsville, Hartsville, June 30, 2022

MacRae, Karen G., June 21, 2022

LETTER OF STANDING GRANTED

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Kreplin, J. Martin, September 21, 2022

DEMITTED FROM THE MINISTRY

None Reported

SUSPENSION FROM THE MINISTRY

None Reported

DEPOSITION FROM THE MINISTRY

None Reported

CHANGE OF STATUS OF PRESBYTERY

None Reported

CONSTITUTION OF NEW CONGREGATIONS

None Reported

CHANGE OF STATUS OF CONGREGATION

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU

Bethel, Pictou Landing, became a single point charge, January 31, 2022

Little Harbour, became a single point charge, January 31, 2022

First, Pictou, became a single point charge, March 15, 2022

St. Andrew's, Pictou, became a single point charge, March 15, 2022

St. Andrew's, New Glasgow and Little Harbour, New Glasgow became a two-point charge,
September 11, 2022

DEDICATION OF CHURCH BUILDINGS

None Reported

DISSOLUTION OF CONGREGATION

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU

St. Luke's, Salt Springs, November 21, 2021

AMALGAMATION OF CONGREGATIONS

None Reported

NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT / NEW MINISTRIES

None Reported

TRANSFER OF CONGREGATION TO ANOTHER PRESBYTERY

None Reported

APPENDIX B

HARASSMENT AND RESPONSE TEAM (HAART)

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APPENDIX C

SYNOD BURSARIES

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

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

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

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

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

4. David Wark Bursary - Eligibility - Any student from this Synod in either Arts or Theology studying intramurally at a Canadian institution in preparation for the Ministry of our Church, with a preference for a candidate from any congregation in New Brunswick.

5. W. L. Harper Scholarship - Eligibility - Such students of Dalhousie as the Senate may see fit, preference to be given to a student who is looking forward to service in The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18. Mary Anne MacAuley - Eligibility - A student from the Maritime Provinces studying for the Presbyterian Church in Canada Ministry at either Knox or Presbyterian Colleges.

19. William McCullough - Eligibility - Student entering the ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, preference to a candidate from St. James, Truro, or First Church, Pictou.

20. David T. Thompson and Elizabeth J. Thompson - Eligibility - A student from Pictou Presbytery enrolled at Presbyterian College.

21. John and Mary P. Thompson - Eligibility - A student from Pictou Presbytery enrolled at Presbyterian College.

22. General Bursaries - Eligibility - Terms are varied - The Registrar, The Presbyterian College, Montreal

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For information re Scholarship 32 write the Secretary for Canada Ministries, Life and Mission Agency, The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

30. McKenzie Scholarship - Eligibility - Members of the graduating class of Knox or Presbyterian Colleges or the Vancouver School of Theology who is a fully accredited student at one of the above Colleges, and who during preparation for Ministry has served at least three summers under appointment of the Life and Mission Agency, and who in the judgment of that Agency has rendered the most valuable service to the Agency during the years of training.

APPENDIX D

SYNOD CAMPING STRATEGY

Historical Overview:

Camp Geddie:

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

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

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

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

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

Camp MacLeod:

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

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

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

Camp Keir:

Presbyterians have led the way in regards to camping ministry on the Island. While the Island currently has 5 Christian camps, Camp Keir is the longest running. It had its origins in 1947 when Rev. Jim McGowen, who was serving in Kensington at the time, bought some property in French River for the purposes of establishing a Presbyterian camp for our young people here on the Island. At the time, it was felt that sending our youth to Camp Geddie was not a feasible option for Island parents. The reasons for this were two-fold: first the travel and expense of transporting children back forth was unrealistic, and at the time Geddie was always running near full capacity.

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

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

Funding and Accountability:

Camp Geddie:

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

Camp MacLeod:

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

Camp Keir:

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

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

Synod's Current Camping Strategy:

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

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

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

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

APPENDIX E

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION Camping and Youth Consultant (Adopted - 2021 Annual Meeting)

This is a full-time 3 year contract position which consists of two roles; 1. Director of the Synod Camp, Camp Geddie and 2. Synod Youth Consultant.

The Duties of this position include:

1. Director of Camp Geddie:

- 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

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

2. Synod Youth Consultant:

- Actively promote camping/and youth ministry to the Synod.
- Initiate and facilitate regular training opportunities for Children/Youth/Young Adult ministry leaders throughout the Synod (i.e. retreats, online meetings, webinars, guest speakers)
- Actively provide online resource materials and/or links to online resources through the Synod's website to aid congregations in developing their own Children/Youth/Young Adult and ministries.
- Work in consultation with the Synod's Programme Committee to:
 - o initiate, plan, and provide leadership for Synod Children/Youth/or Young Adult ministry events including PAYS
 - o provide oversight of booking, registration and transportation for participants to CY.
- Initiate regular contact with Presbyteries for the purposes of:
 - o Promoting/advertising Children/Youth/or Young Adult ministry events within the Synod, or within the larger national church (i.e. PAYS, CY, etc.)
 - o Discerning together opportunities to share in initiating, planning, and leading Presbytery Youth Events
- Initiate personal contact with congregations for the purposes of:
 - o Networking and fostering supportive relationships with local ministry leaders
 - o discerning opportunities to assist with congregational Children/Youth/or Young Adult ministry events
- Initiate contact as a resource person to Camp Keir and Camp MacLeod for the purposes of helping to equip, support and train their staff
- To foster a relationship among the camps within the Synod

Education:

- University degree, preferably in a field relevant to the position.
- Theological education or other preparation for ministry 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 Program 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:

- Experience in camping and/or youth ministry leadership
- Self-directed, able to initiate and follow through on a variety of tasks
- Ability to work in a collegial way with others
- Strong interpersonal skills (including strong communication skills, conflict resolution, etc.)
- Ability to lead a variety of ages in a group task
- Skills in planning and time management
- Proficient in technology (i.e. web use, social media/networking platforms, etc.)
- 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 may be considered)
- Knowledge of the polity and practices of The Presbyterian Church in Canada
- Complete and up-to-date Child Abuse registry and Criminal Record checks

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 expected to seek out and attend continuing education opportunities to remain up to date
- 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 terms of the Human Resources Manual of the Synod

- Termination of the contract will be in compliance with the process outlined in the Synod's Human Resource Manual

Compensation:

This position is funded by The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces and its stipend and allowances are subject to the categories and rates of compensation regulated by the General Assembly's annual Minimum Stipend & Allowance Schedule.

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