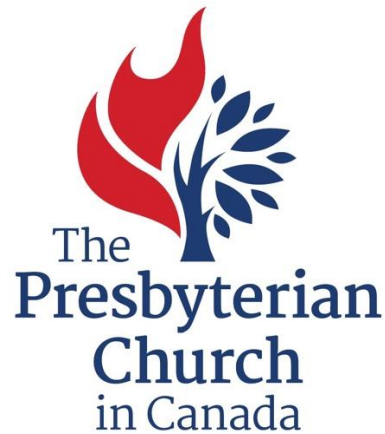


The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces



Minutes & Reports
of the
One Hundred and Fifty-First Annual Meeting

Zion Presbyterian Church
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
October 20 – October 22, 2025

Moderator: The Rev. Torrey R. Griffiths
Acting Clerk: Cheryl E. Weeks

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FIRST SEDERUNT

At Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, on the traditional and unceded territories of the Mi'kmaq people known as Mi'kma'ki, within Zion Presbyterian Church, on Monday, the twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-five at seven in the evening, the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces began its annual meeting with worship.

WORSHIP

As a result of the passing of the Moderator, the Rev. Glen Sampson, worship was conducted by the Moderator of the 148th annual meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, the Rev. Bradford Blaikie, and Ministers of Zion Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Kirk MacLeod and the Rev. Allyson MacLeod. 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 Ministers, Ruling Elders and Diaconal Ministers who died since the last meeting of the Synod.

Ministers: Duncan Ross MacDonald, Presbytery of Pictou; G. Clair MacLeod, Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg; Gordon J. Matheson, Presbytery of PEI; M. Glen Sampson, Presbytery of NB

Order of Diaconal Ministeries: Ina Grace Adamson, Presbytery of Pictou

Ruling Elders: Walter Andrews, Brookfield Charge, PE; James K Campbell, St. John's, New London, PE; Betty Carr, St. John's, New London, PE; Robert (Bob) Cochrane, Zion, Charlottetown; Edward Derby, Zion, Charlottetown; Terrence Donnelly, Summerside; Robert Dunfield, Iona, Dartmouth; Ruth Ann Gillan, Northside Presbyterian Pastoral Charge, CB; Howard Jack, Iona, Dartmouth; R. Elmer MacDonald, North Tryon; Duncan (DK) MacLeod, Bethel, Sydney; Shane MacFarlane, Knox Church, Baddeck/ Ephraim Scott, South Haven; Kathryn Grace MacLeod, St. Andrew's North River & North Shore; Peter MacLeod, Iona, Dartmouth; Sheila May MacLeod, St James-Knox, Boularderie; Azalia Mae Matheson, Zion, Charlottetown; Frank Matheson, St. Andrew's Whycocomagh/Little Narrows; Sharon Anne Montgomery, Summerside; Laura Pearl Paynter, Summerside; James Russell, St. Andrew's, Dartmouth; Isabel Sarson, St. Andrew's, Dartmouth; George Douglas Scott, Iona, Dartmouth; Katherine Shirley Sharpe, East River/Calvin Church, Sunny Brae; Joyce Simard, St. Andrew's, Dartmouth; Wallace (Wally) Smith, Zion, Charlottetown.

Following the final hymn, the Moderator, the Rev. Bradford Blaikie, constituted the Court, with prayer.

THE ROLL OF THE SYNOD

The Moderator called for the Roll of the Synod. The Clerk indicated that she received the Rolls of each Presbytery from the Clerks of Presbytery, and to the best of her knowledge, the Rolls were accurate and in order. She presented the Roll of Synod:

Presbytery of Cape Breton: Ministers: David Coull, Peter MacDonald, Lydia MacKinnon, Brian MacLeod, J. Kenneth MacLeod, Corrie Stewart, Bonnie Wynn; Elders: Wendy Bryan, Charles Greaves, Diane MacEachern, Gordon MacIver, Mary MacLeod, William (Bill) MacLeod, Raymond MacPhail, Darlene MacRury, Donald H Morrison, Donald R Morrison, Wes Stewart, Ernest Wiesner.

Presbytery of Newfoundland: Ministers: *Presbytery of Newfoundland:* David T. Sturtevant, Ian S. Wishart (Ministers); Elders: Lynne Allan, Lillian Crawford, Robert Henderson.

Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg: Ministers: Calvin E. Burt, Whitney E. Canning, Andrew G. Campbell, Krishna Rao Durbha, Michael A. Koslowski, Sukho Lee, Peter Alexander McDonald; Elders: Jan Alchorn, Sandra Cameron, Bill Jardine, Ann MacDonald, Davida Mackay, Linda MacKinnon, Karen MacLeod, Ross Morrow, Frances Perrin, Cindy Shea, Cheryl E. Weeks, Peter Van Harmelen.

Presbytery of New Brunswick: Ministers: Anne J. Boudreau, David Chung, Charles S. Cook, John J. Crawford, Wendy L. MacWilliams, Todd E. Nelson, M. Jeffrey Murray and Jane E. Swatridge; Elders: Eugene R. Craig, Nils A. Dickie, Donna M. Foreman, Jessie A.M. Kelly, Stanley C. MacDonald, Kenneth G. MacKeigan, Kate M. McLellan, Cheryl A. Messer, J.S. Gerald Morton, Brian J. Neilson, Wina M. Parent, Peter K. Parnell, Joseph B. Sheasgreen, Brian H. Smith, Rose Carolyn Smith, Carol J. Stymiest, Fred S. Thorburn.
Presbytery of Prince Edward Island: Ministers: Brad Blaikie, Mark Buell, Torrey Griffiths, Paula Hamilton, Thomas Hamilton, Will Henbest, Amanda Henderson-Bolton, Allyson MacLeod, Kirk MacLeod, Steven Stead. Elders: Russell Banfill, John Barrett, Arthur Campbell, Juliana Elsinga, Rob Griffiths, Nancy Harvey, Watson MacDonald, Joy MacIntyre, Edward MacLean, Pat MacLean, Doris MacWilliams, Evelyn McCarthy, Shauna Sullivan Curley, Doris Taylor, Alan White.

REGRETS: Ministers: Whitney Canning, David Coull, David Chung, John Crawford, Barbara Fotheringham, Thomas Hamilton, Bonnie Langille, Andrew MacDonald, Susan Smith. Appendix to the Roll: Robert Lyle. Elders: Bill Jardine, Doris MacWilliams, Frank Parker, Frances Perrin, Cindy Shea, Bill Thompson, Peter Van Harmelen.

WELCOME TO GUESTS AND OTHER VISITORS TO THE COURT

The Moderator welcomed the following to the Court: Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee, guest speaker; Guy Smagge, Director, PWS&D; Dr. Adrian Langdon, Director of Program & Leadership Center – The Presbyterian College; Rev. Jeffrey Murray, Moderator of the 150th General Assembly; Callie Long, Associate Secretary, Communications; John Barrett, Associate Secretary, Congregational & Communities Ministries; Jennilee Psarologos, Director, Alumni Relations, Knox College. The Moderator offered a warm greeting on behalf of the Court.

SIT AND CORRESPOND

The following persons were welcomed to the Court by the Moderator: Tim Archibald, Ian-Ross McDonald, Glenn Soderholm, Sarah Travis and Dr. Ernest van Eck. On motion Cheryl E. Weeks/P.A. McDonald, the persons were invited to sit and correspond.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Recommendations marked with an * are presented as consent recommendations and will be adopted by one motion unless any member of the Court wishes to have one or more recommendations removed from the consent agenda.

Recommendation 1

On motion, P.A. McDonald, and duly seconded, that the Business Committee report be received, and its recommendations considered. Adopted.

On motion, P.A. McDonald, and duly seconded, that the following recommendations be adopted by consensus. Adopted.

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| * Recommendation 2 | Order of Business |
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| * Recommendation 4 | Leave to Withdraw |
| * Recommendation 5 | Orders of the Day |

First Sederunt:

Constitution of the Court

The Roll of the Synod

Regrets

Welcome of guests (eligible ones invited to sit & correspond)

Welcome new members of Synod

Report of Synod Council (Recommendations 1 & 2)

Election of Moderator
Report of the retiring Moderator
Installation of new Moderator
Presentation of Canadian Bible Society Bible to Moderator
Registration Committee Initial Report
Presentation of Presbytery and Synod minutes
Notices of motion
Adjournment

Second Sederunt:

Constitution and Prayer
Business Committee
Guests: Dr. Ernest van Eck & Callie Long
Presentation 1 – Synod Speaker
Notices of motion
Announcements
Adjournment

Third Sederunt:

Constitution and Prayer
Business Committee
Clerk's Report
Synod Council Report (Rec. # 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 15, 16, 17)
Camp Geddie, Program, Mission and AMS Reports
Proposed 2026 Synod Budget
Hospital Visitor
Guest: Dr. Adrian Langdon
Workshops 1 & 2
Notices of motion
Announcements
Adjournment

Fourth Sederunt:

Constitution and Prayer
Business Committee
Guest: John Barrett
Moderator of the 150th General Assembly
Presentation 2 – Synod Speaker
Registration – final report
Receive reports from Camp Keir and Camp MacLeod
Committees to examine Presbytery Minutes & Synod Minutes
Resolutions Committee
Appointment of Commission on Unfinished Business
Adjournment

Fifth Sederunt: (if necessary)

***Recommendation 3**

That the schedule for sederunts be as follows:

- a. First Sederunt - Monday, October 20, Constitution following worship to the end of business
- b. Second Sederunt - Tuesday, October 21, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- c. Third Sederunt - Tuesday, October 21, 1:05 – 5:15 p.m.
- d. Fourth Sederunt - Wednesday, October 22, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- e. Fifth Sederunt - Wednesday, October 22 - 1:15 – 3:00 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 guest addressing the Court be Orders of the Day:

1. Synod Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee
Tuesday 10:30 a.m. to noon & Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

REPORT OF THE SYNOD COUNCIL

The Moderator called upon the Convener of the Synod Council, Charles McPherson, to present the Report of the Synod Council.

Recommendation 1

It was moved by Charles McPherson, seconded by Linda MacKinnon, that the report of the Synod Council be received and its recommendations considered. Adopted.

Recommendation 2

It was moved by Charles McPherson, seconded by Linda MacKinnon, that the Rev. Torrey R. Griffiths from The Presbytery of Prince Edward Island be nominated for Moderator of the 2025 Annual Meeting of The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces. Adopted.

REPORT FROM THE REV. BRADFORD BLAIKIE, MODERATOR PRO TEM

Brad Blaikie kindly agreed to serve as Moderator of the Synod following the death of Glen Sampson on February 6, 2025. He also served as Moderator in 2024 after Marlene Phillips died on December 23, 2023. He expressed his delight in serving the Synod as Moderator over the past three years and hoped that anything he said or did made a small difference in the life of the Synod.

INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR

The Rev. Torrey Griffiths was conducted to the chair by the Moderator and was asked the appointed questions; he was then installed as the Moderator of the 151st Synod of the Atlantic Provinces. The Moderator led in prayer and extended the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the Court. The newly elected Moderator thanked the Court for its support in electing him as Moderator. He also expressed deep thanks to the Rev. Brad Blaikie for once again serving as the Moderator of Synod after the untimely death of the Rev. Glen Sampson. The Court offered a warm round of applause to show its gratitude to Brad Blaikie.

PRESENTATION BY CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY

On behalf of the Canadian Bible Society, the Rev. Don Shephard brought greetings to the Court and presented the Moderator with a Bible.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Registration Committee's preliminary report was presented by Ken Heckbert, the Committee's Convener. He reported that 25 ministers, 29 representative elders and 7 on the Appendix Roll registered. He also reported 8 guests were registered as well as a person Certified for Ordination. The Moderator declared that a quorum was reached and thanked K. Heckbert for the report.

PRESENTATION OF PRESBYTERY AND SYNOD MINUTES

The Moderator called for the minutes of presbyteries and of the synod. The minutes were brought forward by the respective clerks.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The Moderator called for notices of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by C. Greaves, duly seconded, that the first sederunt be adjourned. The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer and stated that the court would meet on Tuesday, October 21, at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary of Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, PEI.

The Rev. Torrey Griffiths, Moderator

Cheryl E. Weeks, Clerk

SECOND SEDERUNT

At Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, on the unceded and traditional territories of the Mi'kmaq people known as Mi'kma'ki, within Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-five at nine o'clock in the morning, the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces began the second sederunt. The Moderator of the 150th General Assembly, the Rev. Jeffrey Murray, conducted worship.

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator constituted the court, with prayer.

GUESTS OF THE COURT

(a) The Moderator called upon Dr. Ernest van Eck, President of Knox College, Toronto, to address the court. Dr. van Eck highlighted the activity at Knox College. He noted that Knox welcomed students from across Canada and around the world in September. He also noted the Ministry Forum, Knox's centre for lifelong learning, which connects ministry leaders across Canada.

(b) The Moderator called upon Callie Long, Associate Secretary, Communication of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Callie Long highlighted communication tools available to all congregations. She emphasized the need for a website to be up to date. Communications staff are available to do workshops.

SYNOD SPEAKER

The Moderator called upon the Convenor of Synod Council, Charles McPherson, to introduce the Synod Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee. Dr. Byassee previously taught preaching and held the Butler Chair in Homiletics and Biblical Hermeneutics at the Vancouver School of Theology. He is the author or editor of 20 books on Christian faith, biblical interpretation, thriving congregations, leadership, and church history. His primary vocation is to reinvigorate today's church with the best of ancient and contemporary wisdom for creatively faithful living. He was previously the senior pastor of Boone United Methodist Church in Boone, North Carolina. There, he directed eight other pastoral staff members, led a staff of sixteen, and ministered

to a congregation of 1500 from five worshiping communities. He is married to Jaylynn Warren Byassee, a fellow Methodist minister from the US, who is presently serving as Assistant Minister at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Toronto. Together they have three boys, ages 22, 20, and 18. Things still break in their house! His theme for the Synod was “what preaching is not!”

NOTICES OF MOTION

The Moderator called for notices of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by M. Koslowski, duly seconded, that the second sederunt be adjourned. The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer and stated that the court would meet on Tuesday, October 21, at 1:05 p.m. in the sanctuary of Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, PEI.

The Rev. Torrey Griffiths, Moderator

Cheryl E. Weeks, Clerk

THIRD SEDERUNT

At Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, on the unceded and traditional territories of the Mi'kmaq people known as Mi'kma'ki, within Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-five, the third sederunt of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces began at 1:05 p.m.

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator constituted the court, with prayer.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Moderator called for the Clerk's Report. Ms. Weeks expressed her gratitude to the members of Synod and the Synod Council for its support and guidance as she assumed the responsibilities of Acting Clerk following the resignation of John Barrett on June 30, 2025. Ms. Weeks extended the thanks of the Court to John Barrett for his dedicated service as Clerk and wished him well in his new position as Associate Secretary, Congregational & Community Ministries of the Life and Mission Agency. She drew attention to the statistical report below:

Statistical report for 2025:

	Ministers	Elders	Appendix
Presbytery of CB	7	12	4
Presbytery of Pictou	10	20	13
Presbytery of NL	2	3	4
Presbytery of H&L	7	12	13
Presbytery of NB	8	17	12
Presbytery of PEI	10	15	19

C. Weeks moved and duly seconded that the Clerk's Report be adopted.

SYNOD COUNCIL REPORT (continued)

The Moderator called upon Charles McPherson, Convener of Synod Council, to continue the Synod Council report.

It was moved by Charles McPherson, seconded by Linda MacKinnon, that the following recommendations be adopted by consensus:

Rec. 6 Nominations for working committees of Synod (pg. 13)

Rec. 7 Synod Council power to name additional members to Committees (pg. 13)

Rec. 8 Hospital Visitor permission to address the Court (pg. 14)

Rec. 10 Adoption of 2024 Financial Review by MacDonald & Murphy, Inc. (pg. 18)

Rec. 12 Applying for \$45,000 PCC Resource Grant for camping (pg. 18)

Rec. 13 Invitation to Tom Reynolds to be 2026 Guest Speaker (pg. 19)

Rec. 14 Invitation from Bethel Church, Sydney, NS, to host 2026 Synod (pg. 19)

Recommendation 3 (pg. 11 bursary) was moved by C McPherson and seconded by L. MacKinnon. Adopted.

Recommendation 4 (pg. 11 Nominating Report) was moved by C. McPherson and seconded by L. MacKinnon. Adopted.

Recommendation 5 (pg. 13 Program membership) was moved by C. McPherson and seconded by L. MacKinnon. Adopted.

Synod Personnel Report (pg. 13)

The Moderator invited Marion Barclay, Convener of the Personnel Committee, to speak to the report. The Convener referenced some items in the report found on page 15. At this time, Calvin Burt, the Hospital Visitor, addressed the Court and expressed his gratitude to the Synod for the strong support of the Hospital Visitor Ministry.

Additional Motion to refer back the Synod Council report

It was moved by Kate McLellan, seconded by Wendy MacWilliams, that the Synod Council report be referred back to the Synod Council as presented in its current form.

The motion was ruled out of order by the Moderator because the Synod Council Report had been received at a previous sederunt.

Additional Motion to establish a Special Committee

It was moved by Kate McLellan, seconded by Wendy MacWilliams, that the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces establish a Special Committee of individuals not involved in the initial decision to discern whether proper process was followed in the case of the dismissal of the Camping & Youth Consultant, and provide recommendations, if any, to the Synod as a result of its findings. Motion was defeated.

Additional Motion

It was moved by C. McPherson, seconded by B. Blaikie, that the action of the Synod Council in removing Helena Human from the position of Camping & Youth Consultant be affirmed. The motion was defeated.

Recommendation 9 (pg. 14 Terms of Reference, Personnel) was moved by C. McPherson, seconded by L. MacKinnon. Adopted.

Additional Motion re Standing Orders of the Synod

It was moved by Wendy MacWilliams and duly seconded that the Synod Council establish Standing Orders for the Synod and that Terms of Reference for each of the other Standing Committees be examined and updated as necessary, and to report back to the 2027 Synod. Adopted.

Recommendation 11 (pg. 18 Audit 2024) was moved by C. McPherson, seconded by L. MacKinnon. Adopted.

Recommendation 15 (pg. 19 Appt Synod Clerk) was moved by C. McPherson, seconded by L. MacKinnon. Adopted.

Recommendation 16 (pg. 19 Synod Staffing) was moved by C. McPherson, seconded by L. MacKinnon. Adopted.

Recommendation 17 (pg. 19 2027 budget) was moved by Corrie Stewart, seconded by David Sturtevant. Adopted

Synod Council report as a whole

It was moved by C. McPherson, seconded by L. MacKinnon, that the report as a whole be adopted. Adopted.

Recess

The Moderator called for a 5-minute recess.

OTHER REPORTS

The Moderator called for the reports of Program, Mission, Camp Geddie and AMS.

Program: The Convener of the Program Committee, Davida Mackay, highlighted areas of the report as printed on page 15.

Mission: The Convener of the Mission Committee, Carol Symiest, highlighted areas of the report as printed on pages 15–16.

Camp Geddie: The Convener, P.A. (Sandy) McDonald, highlighted areas of the report as printed on pages 16–17.

AMS: The President, Carol Stymiest, highlighted areas of the report as printed on pages 17-18.

It was moved by John Barrett and duly seconded that the Program, Mission, Camp Geddie and AMS reports be received. Adopted.

GUEST OF THE COURT – Dr. Adrian Langdon, Director of Programs, Leadership Centre, The Presbyterian College, Montreal. The Moderator introduced Dr. Langdon to the Court. Dr. Langdon spoke about the programs offered by the College to support the life and leadership of congregations and individuals and updated the Court on the new Certificate in Lay Leadership, which was launched in October, 2025. The Moderator thanked Dr. Langdon for his presentation.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The Moderator called for notices of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Karen MacLeod, seconded by David Sturdevant, that the third sederunt be adjourned. The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer and stated that the court would meet on Wednesday, October 22, at 9:35 a.m., following worship at 9:00 a.m., in the sanctuary of Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, PEI.

WORKSHOPS

A coffee break was held, after which Session 1 and Session 2 workshops were held. Synod members attended 2 of the 3 workshops available.

Discernment – Collectively and Intentionally Listening for God's Voice to make Decisions About the Future
Presenter: Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald

Reclaiming Lay Leadership in the Pulpit Presenter: Rev. Dr. Sarah Travis

Living Faithfully: The Mission and Work of Presbyterian World Service and Development
Presenter: Guy Smagghe

FOURTH SEDERUNT

At Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, on the unceded and traditional territories of the Mi'kmaq people known as Mi'kma'ki, within Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, on Wednesday, the twenty-second day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-five at nine o'clock in the morning, the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces began the fourth sederunt. The Moderator of the 150th General Assembly, the Rev. Jeffrey Murray, conducted worship.

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator constituted the Court, with prayer.

GUEST OF THE COURT

The Moderator called upon the Clerk to introduce John Barrett, the newly appointed Associate Secretary, Congregational & Community Ministries of The Life & Mission Agency. Mr. Barrett spoke about his new position and its responsibilities, and responded to a few questions.

The Moderator thanked Mr. Barrett for his presentation and wished him well in his new role within our church.

SPEAKER

The Moderator invited Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee to give his second presentation. On behalf of the Court, the Moderator thanked Dr. Byassee for his insightful presentations about what to do and not to do from the pulpit and about how changes in language impact both the preacher and the congregation. The Court acknowledged its gratitude with applause.

THE MODERATOR OF THE 150TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Moderator welcomed the Moderator of the 150th General Assembly, the Rev. Jeffrey Murray to the Court. Mr. Murray recently had a Moderator's trip to Israel/Palestine, and during that journey, he met citizens from Israel & Palestine. He shared with the Court some of what he saw and heard during his trip. The Moderator thanked Mr. Murray for his presentation and, on behalf of the Court, expressed appreciation for his time spent with the Synod, not only as worship leader but as Moderator of the General Assembly. The Court acknowledged its gratitude with applause.

REPORT OF REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Convener of the Registration Committee, Ken Heckbert, presented the final registration report.

Ministers: 25, Representative Elders: 29, Appendix: 7, Guests of Synod: 10 and 1 Certified for Ordination for a total of 72. The Convener reported that the Committee granted leave to withdraw to the following persons: Amanda Henderson Bolton, Gerald Thompson, Joon Ke Kim and Glen Matheson.

The Moderator thanked Mr. Heckbert for his report and his assistance during the Synod meeting.

It was moved by Kirk MacLeod/duly seconded, that the report of the Registration Committee be accepted.

Adopted.

EXAMINATION OF PRESBYTERY AND SYNOD MINUTES

It was moved by Brad Blaikie, seconded by Brenda Butler, that the minutes of the Presbyteries of Cape Breton, Pictou, Newfoundland, Halifax & Lunenburg, and Prince Edward Island be approved as neatly and correctly kept and that the Presbytery of New Brunswick be approved as correctly kept with a note. Adopted.

It was moved by Brad Blaikie, seconded by Brenda Butler, that the minutes of the 2024 Synod Meeting be approved as neatly and correctly kept and that the 2024 Synod Minutes be sustained as printed. Adopted.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Convener of the Resolutions Committee, Don Shephard, presented the report. Mr. Shephard wished the Synod to consider the following to be Courtesies. It was moved by Karen MacLeod and seconded by P.A. McDonald that the following report be accepted. Adopted.

1. We give thanks to the ministers, Kirk Session, staff, choir, and cooks from Zion Presbyterian Church, who made us feel welcome.
2. We give thanks to the Rev. Brad Blaikie for serving as Moderator of Synod during the past 3 years.
3. We give thanks to the Rev. Jeffrey Murray, Moderator of the 150th General Assembly and Deputy Clerk of the General Assembly and for his thoughtful morning worship.
4. We give thanks to those who were guests of the Synod, Dr. Adrian Langdon, The Presbyterian College, Dr. Ernest van Eck of Knox College, the guest speaker, Dr. Jason Byassee, workshop leaders, Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald, Rev. Dr. Sarah Travis and Director Guy Smagghe of PWS&D, Associate Secretary, Callie Long, Associate Secretary Congregational & Community Ministries, John Barrett, the Rev Glen Soderholm for his gift of music at our Tuesday dinner. Thank you to each person for your inspiring words and presentations.
5. We give thanks to the Moderator, the Rev. Torrey Griffiths and the Acting Clerk & Treasurer, Cheryl Weeks for all the work before and during our meeting.
6. We give thanks to God, our Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, for the 2025 Synod of the Atlantic Provinces and especially for the 151 years of faithful service.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was moved by P.A. McDonald, duly seconded that the Moderator, Acting Clerk and Convener of the Synod Council be appointed to deal with any unfinished business. Adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by M. Koslowski, duly seconded, that the Synod adjourn its meeting. Adopted.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer and the Benediction and announced that the court would gather again at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Sydney, Nova Scotia on Monday, the 19th day of October, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. for worship followed by the business of the court.

Synod Council Report

The Recommendations that follow will be presented as *consent recommendations* and will be adopted by one motion unless any member of the Court wishes to have one or more removed from the consent agenda.

#6 Nominations for working committees of Synod

#7 Synod Council power to name additional members to Committees

#8 Hospital Visitor permission to address the Court

#10 Adoption of 2024 Financial Review by MacDonald & Murphy, Inc.

#12 Applying for \$45,000 PCC Resource Grant for camping

#13 Invitation to Tom Reynolds to be 2026 Guest Speaker

#14 Invitation from Bethel Church, Sydney, NS, to host 2026 Synod

Recommendation 1

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

Election of the Moderator

The election of the Moderator was held by online voting.

Recommendation 2

That the Rev. Torrey R. Griffiths from The Presbytery of Prince Edward Island be nominated for Moderator of the 2025 Annual Meeting of The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces.

Bursary to a student certified as a Candidate for Ministry of Word and Sacraments

Recommendation 3

That a bursary of \$2,600 be awarded to Norna Hugasdottir for the 2025-26 academic year.

Report Of the Nominating Committee:

Recommendation 4

That the nominations for Standing Committees & Assessors be adopted. (This year's nominations for standing committees of Synod are marked in bold print.)

Synod Council

Charles McPherson (2018-21) (2021-24); Convener (2021-24) (2024-2025); **(2025-2028)**
(Convener 2025-2026)

Dawn Griffiths (2023-26)

Brian Neilsen (2024 – 2026)

Linda MacKinnon (2021-24) (2024-2027)

Corrie Stewart (2021-24 (2024-2027)

Charles Greaves (2018-21) (2021-24) (2024-25) **(2025-2028)**

Membership: 6 persons, appointed by Synod, two in each of the three years (the Convener 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 (2010-13)(2013-16)(2016-19) (2019-22) (2022-25)**2025-2026**; Convener (2010-13) (2013-16)(2016-17) (2021-22) (2022-23)(2023-24) (2024-25); Co-Convener: (2017-18) (2018-19) (2019-21); **(2025-2026) Convener**

Ian Watson (2014-15) (2015-18)(2018-20) (2020-23) (2023-26)

Chelsey (Joudrie) MacLean (2018-20) (2020-23) (2023-26)

Patricia St. James Smith (2023-26)
John Reeves (2018-21) (2021-24) (2024-27)
Greg Fraser Vice-Convener (2021-22); (2021-24) (2024-27)
Calvin Burt (2021-24) (2024-27)
Paul MacLellan (2021-24) (2024-27)
Harold Smith (2016-19) (2019-22) (2022-25) **(2025-2028)**
Lauren Curtis (2025-2028)
Katrina Bates (2025-2028)
Grace Taylor (2025-2028)

Membership: 12 persons appointed by Synod, four in each of the 3 years (the Convener to be nominated from among these), plus the following members: Geddie Treasurer,), 1 from 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

Lydia MacKinnon (2024-27) Convener 2025-2027
Kathleen MacIsaac (2017-20) (2020-23) (2023-2026)
Lillian Crawford (2025-2028)

Membership: 3 persons appointed by Synod, one in each of the 3 years (Convener 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.

Program Committee

Davida Mackay (2024-2026) Convener
Torrey Griffiths (2024-2026)
Cheryl MacFadyen (2024-2027)
Enjei Achah (2021-24)(2024-2027)

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

Personnel Committee

Marion Barclay (2019-22) (2022-24) (2024 – 2026) Convener
Kate MacLellan (2021-2024) (2024-2027)
Corrie Stewart (2025-2028)

Membership: 3 members appointed by Synod, in each of the 3 years, (Convener 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:

Linda MacKinnon

Assessor Elders to Presbytery of Newfoundland: Charles McPherson, Bonnie McGrath

Recommendation 5

That commencing with 2026 appointments, the Program Committee have three members appointed by Synod, with the Convener chosen from those three, plus additional members as noted.

The membership of the Program Committee commencing in 2026 would then read:

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

Recommendation 6 (consent)

That the nominations listed below for the working Committees of Synod be adopted.

Business Committee: P.A.(Sandy) McDonald, David Vroege

Registration Committee: Ken Heckbert, Cheryl Weeks (Ex-officio)

Resolutions Committee: Don Shephard

Examination of Synod Minutes: P.A. (Sandy) McDonald, Karen MacLeod

Examination of Presbytery Minutes: Convenor, Brad Blaikie

Cape Breton: Charles McPherson, Peter MacKay

Newfoundland: Michael Koslowski, Nancy Harvey

Pictou: Paula Hamilton, Ernie Wiesner

Halifax & Lunenburg: Wendy MacWilliams, Carol Stymiest

New Brunswick: Peter MacDonald, Linda MacKinnon

Prince Edward Island: Lydia MacKinnon, Lynne Allen

Recommendation 7 (consent) That Synod Council be given power to issue in naming additional members to committees as the need arises.

SYNOD PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 2024–2025 Annual Report

The Personnel Committee met three times via Zoom during the year, and an additional time via Zoom for the sole purpose of developing the review tools for the position of the Synod Youth and Camping Consultant.

During the November 2024 and March 2025 Zoom meetings, the committee met informally with Helena Human, Synod Youth and Camping Consultant, for conversation about her on-going ministry within the Synod and approved her work goals for 2025.

In December 2024, Christmas gifts on behalf of the Synod were given to Helena and to the Rev. Calvin Burt, Synod Hospital Visitor.

The Committee prepared two review tools in anticipation of an end of the term contract review of the Synod Youth and Camping Consultant: “Questions To Church Communities” distributed by the Synod Clerk in later June to presbyteries within the Synod bounds, and “Questions For

Synod Youth and Camping Consultant” distributed to Helena in early June. Responses to “Questions To Church Communities” were received from two presbyteries, one session and one congregational leader. While most responses indicated an “absence of youth” all four expressed appreciation for Helena’s contributions to Camp Geddie and her work with youth and leaders within the Synod.

An emergent matter concerning Helena in early July was addressed by the Synod Executive and Council. The Personnel Committee received a letter of concern from a committee member related to this emergent matter. The Convener advised this member to direct her concern to the Synod Council through the Acting Clerk, which she has done.

Hospital Visitor

Recommendation 8 (consent)

That permission be granted to the Hospital Visitor, the Rev. Calvin Burt, to address the Court.

Report of Hospital Visitor. It is my pleasure to correspond with the Synod of The Atlantic Provinces as the Presbyterian Hospital visitor within the Halifax Health Care system.

As I write this, I reflect upon how illness and accidents can happen to any of us - at any time - making a hospital stay challenging on two fronts, both the medical and the psycho-spiritual. In a busy, medical-focused environment like a modern hospital, the need for Soul Care becomes even more crucial. And for our contemporary society, that care does not only look like a prayer; it is also a matter of being seen as a human being, not just a chart or a test result, but given time to express emotions and feel valued. Eighty percent of a pastoral care visit's effectiveness lies in simply being present – just showing up. In this way, as Christians, we are all called to share in this vital ministry within our families, churches, and communities.

A person of faith recently shared with me that if they were to be hospitalized, I could just read their favourite psalm to them, and all would be well. However, about seventy-five percent of the people I see, who have at some point declared themselves Presbyterian, really have no connection to the church, or if they do, it is a very historic one. And yet, as a spiritual care provider, I watch as people reconnect with their faith and the support it offers them during challenging times, such as a hospital stay.

I am grateful for the Synod's support in this important ministry. I am thankful to work alongside a team of spiritual care providers who work to humanize the modern medical system for patients, their families, support people, and staff.

I am always happy to hear from individuals who are coming to Halifax, as well as the clergy who support them, as they access the services and hospitals that comprise the Halifax Health Care System. While I have specific times that I cover the hospitals, I am more than happy to connect people with the Spiritual Care office and my colleagues at any time.

Terms of Reference

Recommendation 9

That the Terms of Reference for the Synod Personnel Committee (2007) be examined by the Personnel Committee and report back to the Synod Council prior to the 2026 meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, Marion Barclay, Convener

Camping & Youth Consultant

In early summer, the Synod Executive of the Synod Council received a confidential letter from a minister of the church and held a discussion with that minister and another minister from the synod; both means of communication raised for the Executive significant concerns about the Camping & Youth Consultant. The circumstances were out of the ordinary with potential implications on the ministry of the Camping & Youth Consultant. The Executive, after careful and extensive consideration and consultation with our national office, retained legal counsel in Saint John, NB, with expertise in employment law and related matters. The lawyer provided advice and emphasized the seriousness of the matter, stressing that confidentiality was of paramount importance. The Executive was careful to follow the lawyer's advice.

The Synod Council held 2 meetings and agreed with the lawyer's advice to release the Camping & Youth Consultant from the remainder of her contractual responsibilities. However, the Camping & Youth Consultant would continue to receive full salary, housing allowance, health and dental benefits, vacation pay, and study leave until December 31, 2025, which is the date of the end of the contract. On August 18, 2025, four members of the Synod Council met with the Camping & Youth Consultant to give her the notice of release.

The Executive and the Synod Council have diligently sought to fulfill their employment responsibilities and confidentiality and responsibilities to the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces.

Synod Program Committee Report

The Synod Program Committee is responsible for overseeing Leadership Development (workshops during the Synod meeting) and for providing funds for PAYS weekends.

2024 Workshops

At the 2024 meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, held at St. James Presbyterian Church in Truro, we hosted three workshops:

- Capital Campaign Fundraising Ideas Presenter: John Barrett
- Finding Funding – Exploring Places and Ways to Support Ministry Ideas Presenters:
Jennifer Astop and Karen Plater
- Storm Clouds and Rainbows Presenter: Helena Human

2025 Workshops

The workshops offered for the 2025 Synod meeting at Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, are:

- Discernment – Collectively and Intentionally Listening for God's Voice to make Decisions About the Future Presenter: Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald
- Reclaiming Lay Leadership in the Pulpit Presenter: Rev. Dr. Sarah Travis
- Living Faithfully: The Mission and Work of Presbyterian World Service and Development Presenter: Guy Smagghe

Presbyterian Atlantic Youth Synod (PAYS) Retreat

The spring 2025 PAYS Retreat was held on May 24-25 at Camp Geddie, with 15 youth in attendance from four Presbyteries – New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Pictou, and Halifax-Lunenburg .

Instead of holding a Fall PAYS Retreat, plans are underway for the Synod youth to attend a concert featuring the modern praise band “Rend Collective” in Moncton on October 19.

Davida Mackay, Convener

Synod Mission Committee

Mission is service, a call to help people in need and to permeate all of life with the compassion of God.

Living faith 9.1.3

For the past few years, the focus of the Mission Committee has been to support local projects in Congregations across the Synod.

The Committee corresponded by email and Zoom. Since the last Synod meeting, three Zoom meetings were held. The major items of business were to inform the Presbyteries of the money available for Mission Projects, to review and to approve applications.

December 5, 2024 Zoom meeting.

The Canada Postal strike could pose a problem with getting grant funds to project contact persons. As a result, it was decided to check with the Synod Treasurer on how best to address this issue. The Committee was advised to wait until the strike was over, as a result the disbursements were delayed until January. A total of \$13,500 was allocated to ten grant applications.

January 28, 2025 Zoom meeting

Following up on suggestions from the December Meeting, the Mission Committee decided to change the application process. A cover letter and an application form would be sent out to Clerks of Presbytery and Clerks of Sessions in the Pastoral Charges in Synod with a change of date. It was decided that April 30, 2025 would be the new application deadline. This would allow funds to be in the hands of applicants for summer and fall projects.

May 8, 2025

The Mission Committee met to discuss the 16 applications for 2025 Mission Grants. An amount of \$13,500 was allocated.

NEW BRUNSWICK

St. Luke's, Bathurst \$ 1,000.00 Meals for homeless; clothing and personal supplies for homeless
Knox, Kouchibouguac 500.00 Socialization for Seniors
St. James, Hanwell 1,250.00 Feed the Bears Backpack Program, Blessings Cupboard and First Fridays Games Night
Calvin, Chatham 750.00 Bag Lunch for the Hungry
St. Paul's, Woodstock 1,250.00 St. Paul's Closet and Pantry and Coffee Room
St. Andrew's, Fredericton 1,000.00 Breakfast to Go Program

NOVA SCOTIA

St. James, Truro 1,250.00 Laundry Support Program
Calvin, Halifax 500.00 Kids Breakfast Program and Food Cupboard
Iona, Dartmouth 720.00 Feed Others of Dartmouth (Margaret's House Project)

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

West Point, O'Leary 750.00 Feed the Body, Feed the Mind (School Breakfast Program)
St. James, Charlottetown 500.00 Kirk Cross Comforts
Kensington and New London 1,250.00 Kensington Seniors Lunch Program
Summerside 500.00 Sensory Friendly Space

NEWFOUNDLAND

St. Andrew's, St. John's 1,000.00 Meal Preparation for Bridges to Hope Food Aid Centre
St. David's, St. John's 640.00 Breakfast for Children
St. David's, St. John's 640.00 Soup's on Us – Help Us Celebrate

The total funds were used for projects rather than for travel or other Committee expenses. We also wanted to ensure that the entire Synod was represented in funding projects.

Carol Stymiest, Convener

Camp Geddie Report 2025

Once again, I report that your Camp Geddie Committee seeks to provide a suitable camp program for teens and children 7 & over and provides care for the Synod Camp Geddie property at Ponds, near Merigomish, Nova Scotia. Camp Geddie started in 1946; thus it will mark its 80th Anniversary in 2026! Plans are being made to celebrate this milestone.

The Committee once again expresses its appreciation to the Synod and to Helena Human for her work on the Camp Geddie program over the first half of 2025. This work involved a multitude of tasks.

Once again, there was a slight reduction in the 2025 registration numbers over the 2024 registration numbers. I regret that we do not have in this report for 2025 summer statistics but that was beyond my control.

Each camp in the summer had a chaplain; these were recruited by Helena Human in the spring. The directing of the Camp by the Rev. Andrew MacDonald of New Glasgow and Patricia St. James Smith of Garden of Eden (a recent graduate of Vancouver School of Theology (St. Andrew's Hall) did not work out as was intended by the Synod Council. Concerns voiced concerning the leadership of A. MacDonald were communicated to the Camp Geddie Committee and in an appropriate fashion to The Presbytery of Pictou. Before the Camp program began in early July, there were some staff issues. Later in July and in early August, there were a few other staff problems.

The Life & Mission Agency once again kindly provided the Bible Study for 2025.

For the first time in many years, we had 2 campers from The Presbytery of Newfoundland! This was much appreciated.

The very dry conditions meant that there were very few campfires in the evenings during the 2025 season.

After many years of extensive service to the Camp and then on the Camp Geddie Committee, Allison & Daniel Jack are taking a break from serving on the Camp Geddie Committee. I express my appreciation to them and the Camp Geddie Committee and especially to the staff & Chaplains of 2025, the Treasurer, Marilyn Parker, John Reeves, our Property Convenor, and our Rental Officer, Lorraine Wright (who does a daily check on the Camp during the days when the Camp is empty.

A word about 2026. Two meetings were held in September 2025, with the second, in particular, focusing on ideas and proposals for the 2026 Season, including the 80th Anniversary. Another meeting is planned for immediately after Synod! Several changes in scheduling, programming and staff positions are being considered. A better way of doing Bible Study and more staff training are two propositions being considered. The Camp Committee would be pleased to receive suggestions.

May the grace of God continue to guide, enrich and nourish the ministry of Camp Geddie.

P.A. (Sandy) McDonald, Convener

Atlantic Mission Society Report

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

The AMS includes 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 Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D) projects from the General Society level and from local auxiliaries. Members serve on national committees of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, including Assembly Council, Life and Mission Agency Committee, PWS&D, and the International Affairs Committee. Members are also on Synod and Presbytery Committees and Synod Council. AMS Members also work with and support financially one Synod

and two Presbytery camps. Each year members of the Mission Education Committee prepare the service for Mission Awareness Sunday.

The AMS continues to publish *The Presbyterian Message*, with subscriptions going across Canada. The *Message* keeps its members connected with each other and the wider church with mission studies and news of mission events happening locally, nationally and internationally. There are five publications each year *The Message* is also available electronically. Circulation in 2025 was 458 print subscriptions and 15 digital subscriptions. The Editor of *The Message* is the Rev. Marion Barclay. For anyone interested in receiving a subscription, the contact person is Corinne King: 24 Fagan Dr. St. John's, NL A1A 3N3; corinne247@gmail.com. Group (5 or more to one address) or electronic subscription at \$15 and individual at \$20. e-transfer can be sent to presbyterianmessage@gmail.com.

The 148th Annual Meeting was held September 19-21, 2025, at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Pictou Landing, NS. The guest speakers included: the Rev. Calvin Burt, Synod Hospital Worker, the Rev. Dr. Hyung Jin (Pablo) Kim Sun, Intercultural Liaison, PCC, Priya Andrade, Intercultural Program Coordinator, and Janet Brewer, Women's Missionary Society (WMS) Past President.

The AMS annually gives out four bursaries, valued at \$1200, to students studying for ministry under the care of the Atlantic Synod. Information and applications can be sent to the president, Carol Stymiest, stymiestcarol@gmail.com.

The following recommendations were passed at the Annual meeting in September 2025:

- Two candidates applied and were awarded student ministry bursaries.
- \$35,000 donation to The Presbyterian Church in Canada.
- Donation of \$3600 to be shared among the camps within the Synod.
- A Disbursement from Royal Bank Shares of \$20,000 for: \$10,000 to Priority for Mission Fund, PCC, and \$10,000 to Auxiliaries for local mission projects in their communities.

The President attended General Assembly in June and reported on the work of the AMS.

The AMS focus has changed to educating and empowering the people in our congregations to reach out to others with Christ's love in communities across the Atlantic Synod as well as supporting the many Mission Projects of the PCC. We continue to give thanks to God for the many blessings received and rely on the Holy Spirit to lead us, as we continue to fulfill the AMS purpose: to glorify God and support with prayer, study and service, mission endeavors through The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Carol Stymiest, AMS President

Recommendation 10 (consent)

That the Report of MacDonald & Murphy, Inc., be received as the financial statements of The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces for the year 2024 and that the report be adopted.

Recommendation 11

That the firm of MacDonald & Murphy, Inc. from New Glasgow, NS, conduct the financial review of The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces for the years 2025-2029.

Recommendation 12 (consent)

That the Synod Clerk apply for \$45,000 through the Regional Resourcing Grant Program of The Presbyterian Church in Canada to support camping within the bounds of Synod.

Recommendation 13 (consent)

That an invitation be extended to Tom Reynolds to be the guest speaker at the 2026 Synod. (He is a Professor at Emmanuel College; his focus will be on theology and disability – how one can change the conversation)

Recommendation 14 (consent)

That the invitation from Bethel Presbyterian Church, Sydney, NS, be accepted to host the 2026 meeting of The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces on October 19 to October 21, 2026.

Appointment of Synod Clerk

Recommendation 15

That the Presbyteries be invited to submit nominations to the Acting Clerk for the position/office of Clerk of Synod by February 28, 2026.

Synod Staffing

Recommendation 16

That a special committee composed of a representative named by each Presbytery and the Synod Moderator serving as Convener, examine staffing needs and make recommendations to Council by March 31, 2026.

2026 Synod Budget

Recommendation 17

That the following be approved as the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces budget for 2026, and the dues be set at a rate 1.95% of the 2024 dollar base as recorded in the 2025 Acts & Proceedings of the General Assembly.

	Actual to Dec. 31/24	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	Actual to Aug. 31/25	2026 Proposed Budget
REVENUE					
Cape Breton Allocations	17,969.00	18,192.79	20,978.45	12,758.69	20,041.77
Newfoundland Allocations	8,985.00	8,984.82	11,567.32	7,450.04	7,966.02
Pictou Allocations	28,265.00	28,189.20	26,712.37	16,869.01	28,926.50
Halifax and Lunenburg Allocations	28,258.00	31,166.60	27,726.21	25,584.89	28,682.08
New Brunswick Allocations	36,603.00	38,511.11	38,104.74	25,085.82	31,606.91
P.E.I. Allocations	42,719.00	42,718.56	44,159.68	19,608.47	48,975.54
Synod Offering	594.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	800.00
Interest Earned	339.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
PCC Investment Income	1,121.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,125.00
Hospital Visitor Allocations	7,202.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Regional Resourcing Grant(PCC)	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	39,750.00	45,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	217,055.00	223,763.08	225,248.77	147,106.92	223,123.82
EXPENSES					
Synod Minutes	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	300.00
Synod Travel	8,415.95	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	13,000.00
Synod Accommodations and Meals	3,360.38	5,700.00	5,800.00	0.00	6,000.00
Synod Speaker	867.20	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Synod- Other Expenses	997.81	800.00	800.00	0.00	1,000.00

Synod Council	1,019.98	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00
Mission Committee	14,000.00	13,500.00	13,500.00	13,500.00	15,000.00
Programme Committee	4,692.64	8,500.00	9,000.00	1,105.79	8,500.00
Personnel Committee	200.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,500.00
Geddie Insurance Check	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
Camp Geddie	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	24,000.00	22,000.00
Camp Keir	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	22,000.00	20,000.00
Camp MacLeod	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	13,000.00	11,000.00
MacGregor Cairn	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	500.00	500.00	150.00	500.00
Sexual Abuse/Harassment Committee	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Bank Charges	21.00	100.00	100.00	18.33	50.00
Uplift - Youth Conference	5,161.32	0.00	0.00		5,500.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Salary	48,631.00	48,631.00	50,138.00	36,180.28	44,265.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Travel	8,528.62	8,500.00	8,500.00	4,379.76	8,500.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Housing	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	10,666.72	16,000.00
Camping & Youth Consultant EI	1,468.77	1,500.00	1,600.00	1,087.89	1,600.00
Camping & Youth Consultant CPP	3,637.32	3,500.00	3,800.00	2,631.21	3,800.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Health	5,164.00	4,900.00	5,200.00	4,260.00	5,200.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Cont. Ed	1,600.00	1,000.00	1,100.00	142.20	1,200.00
Camping & Youth Consultant Gen Exp	3,880.29	4,000.00	4,300.00	2,486.05	4,000.00
Camp Geddie Remuneration				2,275.91	
Synod Hospital Visitor	7,201.72	10,000.00	10,000.00	3,778.35	10,000.00
Education Grant Hosp Visitor				600.00	1,200.00
Presbytery of NL Workshop				458.00	
Clerk's Honorarium	3,700.00	3,700.00	3,700.00	1,850.00	3,700.00
Clerk's Expenses	906.00	600.00	600.00	279.46	600.00
Moderator's Expenses	307.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
Treasurer's Honorarium	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00
Treasurer's Expenses	1,150.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	352.30	1,300.00
Assessor Presbyter NL	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
VanBuskirk Law				1,678.34	
Synod Insurance	2,490.00	2,800.00	2,900.00		2,900.00
Clerk's Consultation			550.00	600.00	
Financial Review	2,688.00	2,600.00	2,800.00		2,900.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	209,689.00	224,331.00	228,388.00	155,980.59	230,815.00
NET INCOME	7,366.00	-567.92	(3,159.23)	(8,873.67)	(7,691.18)

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, 2024, and the statements of revenues and expenditures, 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, 2024, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with ASNPO.

New Glasgow, Nova Scotia
September 24, 2025

MacDonald +
Murphy Inc.

Chartered Professional Accountants

THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Year Ended December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
Revenue		
Cape Breton	\$ 17,969	\$ 19,304
Halifax - Lunenburg	28,258	30,598
New Brunswick	36,603	40,268
Newfoundland	8,985	8,114
Pictou	28,265	28,476
Prince Edward Island	42,719	43,243
	<u>162,799</u>	<u>170,003</u>
Other revenue (Note 4)	54,256	54,734
	<u>217,055</u>	<u>224,737</u>
Expenses		
Assessor - Newfoundland		1,856
Camp Geddie	28,500	26,500
Camp Keir	20,000	20,000
Camp MacLeod	11,000	11,000
Camping and Youth Consultant (Note 5)	88,905	88,500
Clerk's expenses	906	630
Clerk's honorarium	3,700	3,700
Interest and bank charges	21	28
Miscellaneous	100	1,637
Mission Committee	14,000	11,500
Moderator's expenses	307	817
Personnel Committee	200	
Professional fees	2,688	2,419
Programme Committee	4,693	3,206
Synod Council	1,020	
Synod hospital visitor	7,202	6,255
Synod insurance	2,490	2,589
Synod meetings (Note 5)	13,641	15,476
Treasurer's expenses	1,150	1,013
Treasurer's honorarium	4,000	4,000
Youth Conference (Uplift)	5,161	
	<u>209,684</u>	<u>201,126</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses from operations	7,371	23,611
Other income		
Unrealized gain on Consolidated Investment Portfolio	15,435	7,437
Excess of revenue over expenses	<u>\$ 22,806</u>	<u>\$ 31,048</u>
Net assets - beginning of year	\$ 212,248	\$ 181,200
Excess of revenue over expenses	<u>22,806</u>	<u>31,048</u>
Net assets - end of year	<u>\$ 235,054</u>	<u>\$ 212,248</u>

THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 114,401	\$ 96,729
Accounts receivable (Note 6)	28,169	39,064
HST recoverable	1,447	1,888
	<u>144,017</u>	<u>137,681</u>
Long term investments (Note 7)	108,817	92,261
Trust funds (Note 9)	<u>233,123</u>	<u>229,824</u>
	<u>\$ 485,957</u>	<u>\$ 459,766</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable (Note 8)	\$ 17,780	\$ 12,707
Deferred income		4,987
	<u>17,780</u>	<u>17,694</u>
Trust funds (Note 9)	<u>233,123</u>	<u>229,824</u>
	<u>250,903</u>	<u>247,518</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted net assets	<u>235,054</u>	<u>212,248</u>
	<u>\$ 485,957</u>	<u>\$ 459,766</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

 Director

 Director



THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
Operating activities		
Cash receipts	\$ 221,842	\$ 217,861
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(204,152)	(207,460)
Interest paid	(18)	(29)
	<u>17,672</u>	<u>10,372</u>
Investing activities		
Presbyterian Church in Canada Consolidated Fund investment	(24,470)	
Camp Geddie funds held in trust	(25,000)	
Guaranteed investment certificates held in trust	<u>49,470</u>	
Increase in cash flow	<u>17,672</u>	<u>10,372</u>
Cash - beginning of year	<u>96,729</u>	<u>86,357</u>
Cash - end of year	<u>\$ 114,401</u>	<u>\$ 96,729</u>
Cash consists of:		
Cash	\$ 114,401	\$ 46,729
Guaranteed investment certificate		<u>50,000</u>
	<u>\$ 114,401</u>	<u>\$ 96,729</u>



THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2024

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 (ASNPO) 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 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 (2023 - \$nil) of contributed expenses were recorded.

Revenue recognition

The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces follows the deferral fund 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.

Investment income is recognized as revenue when earned.

Trust funds

Funds held in trust are comprised of guaranteed investment certificates with interest rates ranging from 3.35% to 4.90%. Also held in trust are funds invested with an investment portfolio managed by The Trustee Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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;
- the recoverability of long term investments;

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THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2024

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, 2024.

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 members. In order to reduce its credit risk, the Synod reviews a new members credit history before extending credit and conducts regular reviews of its existing members' credit 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 members 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 members and other related sources, contributions to the pension plan, and accounts payable.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Synod is exposed to this risk in respect of its investment portfolio.

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.

THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2024

4. Other revenue

	2024	2023
Regional Resourcing Grant (PCC)	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
Hospital visitor allocations	7,202	6,255
Synod Offering	594	721
Interest earned	339	308
Consolidated Investment Portfolio income	1,121	2,450
	<u>\$ 54,256</u>	<u>\$ 54,734</u>

5. Expenses

	2024	2023
Camping and Youth Consultant		
Wages and employee benefits	\$ 74,900	\$ 76,542
Travel	8,529	7,602
Office expenses	5,476	4,356
	<u>\$ 88,905</u>	<u>\$ 88,500</u>

Synod meetings		
Travel	\$ 8,416	\$ 8,976
Accommodation and meals	3,360	4,087
Speaker	867	2,096
Other expenses	998	317
	<u>\$ 13,641</u>	<u>\$ 15,476</u>

6. Accounts receivable

	2024	2023
Allocations receivable	\$ 41,745	\$ 50,811
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(13,885)	(12,777)
Other receivables	309	1,030
	<u>\$ 28,169</u>	<u>\$ 39,064</u>

THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2024

7. Long term investments

	2024	2023
Presbyterian Church in Canada - Consolidated Investment Portfolio, at cost	\$ 93,165	\$ 92,044
Market value to December 31st	\$ 108,817	\$ 92,261

The Synod has invested in the Consolidated Investment Portfolio, an investment fund managed by the Trustee Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Board acts as trustee of the Consolidated Investment Portfolio and monitors the investments in the fund for conformity to appropriate investment and Church policies. The investment is comprised of longer term fixed income and equity securities.

8. Accounts payable

	2024	2023
Trade	\$ 10,489	\$ 6,732
Payroll remittances	6,176	4,335
Funds held for Comfort Fund - Hospital Visitor	1,115	1,640
	\$ 17,780	\$ 12,707

9. Trust funds

	2024	2023
Trust funds		
Camp Geddie	\$ 166,536	\$ 164,020
Dr. E.H. Bean Bursary	24,490	23,377
Grace Doucette Bequest	10,329	10,702
Dr. Frank Baird Bursary	10,248	10,559
Margaret MacDougall Bursary	6,028	5,793
Celina Heppell Bequest	4,669	4,608
Synod Bursary	3,773	3,877
Lady Sarah Smith Bequest	3,620	3,508
Dutch Bequest	3,012	2,962
Hospital Emergency Fund	418	418
	\$ 233,123	\$ 229,824

The trust funds are represented by:

Presbyterian Church in Canada - Consolidated Investment Portfolio	\$ 216,538	\$ 164,020
Guaranteed investment certificates	10,605	61,551
Cash in operating account	5,980	4,253
	\$ 233,123	\$ 229,824

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THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES
Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2024

9. Trust funds (*continued*)

During the year, the trust funds held in guaranteed investment certificates received \$3,667 (2023 - \$2,206) of interest revenue. Bursaries totaling \$1,000 (2023 - \$nil) were paid out of these trust funds during the year.

Funds held in trust invested with the Presbyterian Church in Canada Consolidated Portfolio realized \$1,844 of investment income (2023 - \$4,355) and an unrealized gain of \$24,855 (2023 - \$13,222). Any realized or unrealized gains or losses during the year are allocated to each individual trust funds, consistent with the original investment allocation.

The funds held in trust invested with the Presbyterian Church Consolidated Portfolio represent 67% (2023 - 60%) of total funds invested with the fund, with the remaining portion consisting of Synod funds.

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.

CAMP GEDDIE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2024 Camp Geddie	2025	2024	2024	2023	2023
Operating Budget	Budget	Budget	To Dec 31st	Budget	to Dec 31
Revenue					
Summer Camp Registration	75,000	84,000	68,929	75,000	71,311
Campership Fund	3,000	6,500	806	9,650	2,367
Synod Grant	22,000	22,000	22,000	25,000	20,000
Synod grant - Property Check	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
Donations - Churches, NS ***	25,000	25,000	22,491	20,000	30,192
Donations - Churches, NB	750	500	490	500	100
Donations - Churches, NL	500	250	0	500	
Donations - Churches, PEI	250	250	0	250	
Donations - Individuals	4,000	4,000	2,180	2,000	2,556
Donations - Groups	7,500	7,500	5,359	6,000	6,610
Grace Doucette Bequest			690		
Donations - Memorials	2,500	500	3,476	1,000	400
Fund Raising	5,000	6,000	1,326	5,000	1,301
Grants	30,000	35,000	18,747	37,500	20,346
Rentals	75,275	70,000	81,197	42,000	55,642
School group rentals	2,500	4,000	1,519	4,000	
Sale of Clothing, etc	1,500	1,600	399	1,600	1,587
Donations in Trust (Missions)			33		109
Other Income **	500	500	531		134
	261,775	274,100	236,674	236,500	219,155
TOTAL REVENUE					
Transferred from PCC Campership fund			25,100		
Donations Water Treatment Unit			3,550		
MOPC Grant for Water Treatment System			15,000		
Donation Washhouse fund			158		
Interest from GIC #44			1,002		
Transfer from Site Dev for water Treatment cost			30,000		
			311,484		219,155
Loan from Site Development					45,000
Water treatment grant					10,000
GST/HST Rebate for 2022					4,517
Hurricane Insurance payment					37,429
			311,484		316,101
***Grants from:					
Govt student Grants Fed/Prov			18,747		14,846
					5,500
** Other Income - Bible funds	450				
***Kings Pres - Geddie Spagedd	911			In Bank =	\$12,687.44
***St. Andrew's, NG - Geddie Spaged	1290			Total	

2024 Camp Geddies	2025	2024	2024	2023	2023	
Operating Budget	Budget	Budget	To Dec 31st	Budget	to Dec 31	
Expense						
Salaries	135,000	151,420	130,356	115,000	113,143	
CPP/EI/WCB	11,200	12,155	9,204	9,000	9,923	
Food	37,000	40,000	35,633	37,000	38,122	
Insurance	20,500	20,500	43,103	20,500	1,455	
Property Checks for Insurance	6,500	6,500	5,916	6,500	6,424	
Repairs & Maintenance	10,000	6,000	15,879	10,000	13,151	
Maintenance & Mowing person	3,500	2,500	4,244	2,000	2,540	
Snow Removal	1,200	1,000	1,161	1,000		
Waste Management	3,000	4,000	2,857	4,000	3,905	
Honorarium for Treasurer	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	
Utilities	9,000	9,000	9,044	7,500	9,561	
Superior propane/Other propane	1,000	1,000	755	600	1,111	
Telephone/Internet	1,700	1,700	1,879	1,700	1,908	
Honorarium for Rental Officer	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	
Program	500	500	404	1,000	420	
Clothing for Sale	250	250	0	1,000	2,422	
Camper & Staff Shirts	2,750	750	1,338	2,750	3,658	
Business Fees & Licenses	3,000	2,400	2,699	2,400	2,425	
Cleaning Supplies	750	500	735	500	645	
Medical Supplies	100	100	8	300	63	
Office Supplies	250	200	212	300	338	
Printing, Ads & promotions	250	500	52	500	555	
Postage	250	200	213	200	209	
Van Operating Expense	1,000	1,000	1,514	500	1,726	
Leadership Development	350	100	325		117	
Travel	200	100	198	250	94	
ACTIVE Fees	1,250	1,250	1,241	1,250	1,273	
Credit Card Processing Fees	2,000	2,000	2,109	1,900	2,102	
Bank Fees	25	25	23	50	2	
Donations In Trust (Mission Offer)			33		109	
Professional Fees & Lawyer	100	100		100	100	
RV Expenses	500	250	999	500	177	
Miscellaneous ***	750	200	862	200	719	
Total Expenses	261,775	274,100	280,896	236,400	226,294	
Site Development			2,273			
					33,695	
					10,000	
Water Treatment system			31,436		9,427	
					5,520	
					8,383	
					2,239	
Payment on van loan					4,765	
					1,110	
					4,031	
Camperships covered			8711		4,444	
***includes purchase of life jackets			323,316	236,400	309,907	

Water treatment system

Total costs \$42,923.75

MOPC Grant \$15,000.00

From Site Development \$30,000.00

Donations \$3,550.00

Unrestricted Campership					2024	2023	2022	2021
Jan. 1/24					\$ 3,667.17	\$ 2,880.80	\$ 12,184.58	\$ 11,551.83
Reinvested								
					\$ 3,667.17	\$ 2,880.80	\$ 12,184.58	\$ 11,551.83
Interest earned& GIC Int.					\$ 94.93	\$ 787.62	\$ 697.47	\$ 634.00
					\$ 3,762.10	\$ 3,668.42	\$ 12,882.05	\$ 12,185.83
Donations 2024								
						\$ 3,668.42	\$ 12,882.05	\$ 12,185.83
Fees charged						\$ 1.25	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.25
						\$ 3,667.17	\$ 12,880.80	\$ 12,184.58
Transferred to PCC								
Investment							\$ 10,000.00	
Dec 31/24 Balance					\$ 3,762.10	\$ 3,667.17	\$ 2,880.80	\$ 12,184.58
Site Development					2024	2023	2022	2021
Jan. 1/24					\$52,297.84	\$84,887.52	\$58,631.12	\$ 30,827.85
Trans from/to operations					\$5,000.00			
Trans from/to operations					\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
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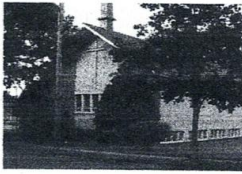
Donations			\$500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Trans. from Rev Pedigrew			\$35,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Trans to General				
Acct		\$45,000.00		\$ 25,000.00
For Water Filter System	\$30,000.00			
Interest from GIC			\$77.50	\$ 77.50
	<u>\$22,297.84</u>	<u>\$49,887.52</u>	<u>\$84,208.62</u>	<u>\$ 41,405.35</u>

Interest earned			\$797.03	\$2,410.32	\$1,180.15	\$ 31.81
			\$23,094.87	\$52,297.84	\$85,388.77	\$ 41,437.16
Fees charged			\$0.00		\$1.25	\$ 4.15
			\$23,094.87	\$52,297.84	\$85,387.52	\$ 41,433.01
GIC Matured						\$ 20,698.11
Invested in GIC						
In Bank Account			\$23,094.87	\$52,297.84	\$85,387.52	\$ 62,131.12
Expenses - other					\$12,451.00	\$ 14,936.00
			\$23,094.87	\$52,297.84	\$72,936.52	\$ 47,195.12
			\$23,094.87	\$52,297.84	\$72,936.52	\$ 47,195.12
Owing from operations			\$29,017.07	\$29,017.07	\$11,951.00	\$ 11,436.00
Actual Balance			\$52,111.94	\$81,314.91	\$84,887.52	\$ 58,631.12

			2024	2023	2022	2021
Other GIC's						
Restricted Campership			\$25,899.10	\$25,874.15	\$ 26,456.00	\$ 26,456.00
Interest to Operat			\$1,002.74		3 GIC's moved	\$ 5,370.83
Unrestricted Campership					to PCC	\$ 15,724.15
						\$ 5,066.03
Site Development						\$ -
Total Dec. 31			\$25,573.36	\$25,899.10	\$ 26,456.00	\$ 52,616.54

GIC's 2024					Amount
#40			\$25,573.36	\$25,899.10	\$26,456.00
#43				Cashed	\$5,399.90
#39				Cashed	\$16,009.47
#23				Cashed	\$5,000.00
PCC Investment Fund					
			2024	2023	2022
Donald Horne Estate					\$ 130,000.00
URC GIC				Combined into	\$ 15,000.00
URC GIC				PCC Inv. Account	\$ 5,000.00
URC Bank Account					\$ 10,000.00

Value Jan. 1/24 164,019.37; withdrawal 2024: \$25,000.



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May 9, 2025

We have completed a review of the financial records of Camp Geddie for the year ended December 31, 2024.

We confirm the prepared Financial Statements represent an accurate picture of the financial position of the Camp as of December 31, 2024.

John Bonnell

Wayne Campbell

CAMP KEIR REPORT

Camp Keir in 2024 was a very different year, after having Chloe Hamilton as our Director for several years she resigned as of December 31, 2023. The Camp Committee have to start looking for a new Director which wasn't an easy task. After advertising for several months in May we hired Sheila Smith as our new Director along with several others to complete our staff. Our camper numbers were low this summer as we didn't do any promoting of summer camps as we were focused on finding enough staff to run the camp. Overall, we had a pretty good summer with 68 campers, and those who came are talking about coming back.

One of the things that both our staff and campers appreciated this summer was the new heat pump that we installed early in 2024 that kept the camp much cooler and less humidity in our building. It certainly helped in the extreme heat of the day and help everyone have a better night's rest.

In the coming year, Camp Keir has a lot of maintenance and updating to our building and grounds.

Camp Keir Convener
Amelia Campbell

Presbytery Camp Report 2024 from our Director, Sheila Smith

Camp Keir is a beautiful property with many resources and space for games and activities, time in the water and at the beach, as well as sports and campfires.

Each week the campers had fun in activities and heard and participated in Bible studies and songs about key characters such as Adam and Eve, Noah, Moses, David and New Testament Stories of the Prodigal Son, the Samaritan Woman and the Well, Nicodemus and the Feeding of the 5,000.

The gospel message was shared each week that Jesus died for everything each person has done wrong and he rose again from the dead so that we could know God. Campers were prayed with to accept Jesus as their Saviour and begin a friendship with God as well as have a deeper relationship with God. Many campers were impacted and asked further questions as well as listened and participated in stories and songs.

The camp committee is faithfully stewarding the responsibility of continuing the camp ministry, as it is such a vital ministry in campers' lives and the future of the church. Many campers do not come from Christian families and hear the message of Jesus at camp for the first time. Some campers who come from a church background also have little understanding or knowledge of Bible stories.

A concentrated time of fun as well as worship, prayer and Bible study activities provides a unique and essential opportunity and role in spiritual formation that can impact young people for their entire lives.

One staff member attended Camp Keir in past years as a camper and LIT and was on staff this year. He comes from an Atheist home and his parents actively discourage his faith; however, he has a strong Christian faith because of camp and was one of the greatest assets practically and spiritually among the staff this summer. Camping ministry is so important and has much potential to be developed in the future.

The buildings at Camp Keir are functional and offer a lot of space to grow. The addition of A/C this year made the camp very comfortable and reduced problems with humidity and mould. Some areas of the property are in need of painting, both outdoor and indoor, and some minor repairs, which can hopefully be completed by the next camping season.

More advertising and churches working together for upkeep and promotion would go a long way to ensuring Camp Keir has continued success and impact.

Many have a heart to volunteer and fill essential support needs that cannot be completely covered by paid staff. The camp clean up day was so helpful and others continued to offer support during the summer.

The camping season was a success with staff fulfilling their roles and campers enjoying the activities and learning about God's love. The future of Camp Keir is bright with good facilities and programs as well as many with a heart to share the message of the gospel and impact lives for the kingdom of God.

Camp Keir Financial Report 2024	
Balance on Hand January 1, 2024 Chequing	\$4,304.83
Balance on Hand January 1, 2024 Savings	\$4,010.47
Balance on Hand January 1, 2024 Shares	\$125.58
Total	\$8,440.88
Revenue	
Donations - AMS	\$2,627
Donations - Private Individuals	\$3,999
Donations - Presbytery	\$22,500
Donations - Synod	\$20,350
Donation - Churches	\$11,088
Regional Resource Grant PCC	\$10,000
Interest Income	\$24
GST Refunds	\$3,380
Sponsorship	\$1,515
Rent	\$8,950
Registrations/SS	\$20,341
Federal Student Wage Grants	\$4,636
T-Shirts/Hats/Kitbags/Photos	\$560
Sale of Old Furnace 2024	\$2,000
PEI Government Rebate for Heat Pump	\$7,525
Canada Helps	\$192
Fundraiser Supper	\$3,810
Returned Cheques	\$2,027
Total Income	\$125,524
Expenses	
Advertising	\$576
Telephone	\$98
Starlink	\$1,449
Electricity	\$6,520
Collabria	\$1,710

Insur. -Building, Car, Officers' & Directors' Liability	\$16,891
Travel & Auto Expenses	\$2,996
Janitorial Services and Supplies	\$955
Grass Cutting Services (plus repairs/gas)	\$650
Garbage Removal Services	\$1,725
Snow Removal Services	\$1,150
Repairs and Maintenance	\$7,718
Provincial Property Tax	\$744
Sponsorship Program	\$3,600
Office Supplies	\$1,145
Program Supplies, Photos/ T-shirts	\$122
First Aid Supplies/Misc.& Training	\$150
Food and Provisions	\$12,617
Salaries and Benefits/WCB	\$45,654
Alarm System	\$500
Rent Deposit & Registration Refunds	\$600
Misc Petty Cash & Supper Expenses	\$2,438
Capital Expenditures	\$0
Total Expenses	\$110,008
Balance on Hand December 31, 2024 Chequing	\$22,912.94
Balance on Hand December 31, 2024 Savings	\$916.54
Balance on Hand December 31, 2024 Shares	\$127.77
Total	\$23,957.25

Camp Macleod Director Report 2024

Summer 2024 was a very successful year for Camp Macleod, plenty of campers attended and with a good number of staff helping, camp ran fairly smooth this year.

There were a total of 14 staff this year with the majority of staff being new, the director and lifeguard were the only returning staff. Although the new staff seemed like it would be a challenge, they have been campers for multiple years which helped them adapt to their roles. Our staff consisted of: Braeden Axworthy (Director), Maggie Ball (Lifeguard), Bria Curnew (Craft Instructor), Taylor Sommers (Sports Instructor), Madeline Kelly (Devotional Leader), Cohen LeFrense (Senior Staff), Wanda Ball (Cook), our LITs "Leaders in Training" Lily Pentecost, Sara MacIntosh, Annie MacCarthy, Maggie Kelly, Jacob Tomiczek, Conall Francis and one consistent volunteer, Madison Johnson.

Camp Macleod received roughly 217 campers this year which is quite the increase from the 153 campers from the previous summer. The amount of homesick campers being sent home went down a significant amount to where only a handful of campers ended up going home early for the purpose of being homesick this summer. Due to the staff's fast efforts when campers were homesick or getting the parents to convince the camper into staying we were able to prevent any early departures. In previous years we have had a large majority of campers in the novice week get homesick. However, it was very different this year, although we made a second novice week we only had 1 camper leave early and was the night before the week was over, so I would consider the novice weeks a great success.

We had made slight changes to the Camp Schedule this year, we had cut out the fourth intermediate week and added a second novice week which normally had a higher number of campers, novice weeks were shorter as it was only 4 days long instead of the average 7 day week to accommodate for the younger age group. We had also cut the regular weeks down a day so we would run the camp weeks for Junior and intermediate from Monday to Saturday, which ended up eliminating out the church visit from campers on Sunday. This actually made campers want to stay the whole week because unfortunately there's a fairly large group of campers who don't like to go to church and tend to fake sick to go home before Sunday. We actually had a camper who said she was very sick this year and when we said it "sucks since you're going to miss out on the last full day since you'd be going home on Saturday now" and when she realized she didn't have to go to church that week she all of a sudden didn't feel sick anymore. Personally I believe we should try to change it back to going to church on Sunday as the church does look forward to seeing the campers at the end of each week and it's good to have the campers exposed to the church environment at least once. Additionally there should be a safer more efficient way of transportation for the campers to get to church as walking on the highway is dangerous.

Bible study this year was relatively the same as previous years, it would start at 10am and we would read a story like the Good Samaritan, Seats of Honour (or "How to be a guest" there were 2 names for the story) Daniel in the Pit of Lions, etc... and after we are done reading we will

ask the campers questions about the story like what they thought or any questions and ask everyone what they believe the moral or message of the story was. The campers seemed very interested this year especially the older groups in intermediate. When Reverend Peter stopped in to conduct a bible study the campers were very interested in what he had to say and seemed to be very engaged with the lessons he would teach.

We did have to fire one staff member this year. This staff member was continually ignoring policies, breaking rules and behaving inappropriately with the campers. They have been warned many times and before another situation occurred I decided I was not comfortable giving the staff member another chance to act accordingly, therefore I let them go. Furthermore, two other male staff had quit this year near the end of the summer due to them realizing this wasn't the right kind of job for them. For the most part the staff were very good and as far as we know we are to expect 6-7 returning staff in 2025.

By the end of the summer we had a very large number of campers that were very interested in working as a staff member in the summer of 2025, I have very high hopes that we will have a strong large staff in the following year. We are looking forward to another successful summer at Camp Macleod!

CAMP MACLEOD
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024

	FUND					
	Operating	Shaw	Canoe	Mattress	Capital	TOTAL
Net Assets:						
Bank	\$27,027	\$4,245	\$2,328	\$4,398	\$3,213	\$41,211
Money market investment	\$23,427					\$23,427
Due From (To) other Funds						\$0
Restitution receivable						\$0
Fixed Assets					\$298,932	\$298,932
AccountSpayable	-\$4,843					-\$4,843
Net Assets	\$45,611	\$4,245	\$2,328	\$4,398	\$302,145	\$358,727
Equity:						
Beginning Balance	\$41,574	\$4,245	\$2,328	\$4,398	\$302,145	\$354,690
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$2,993					\$2,993
Contributions & transfers						\$0
Non-capital expenditures						\$0
Money market earnings	\$1,044					\$1,044
						\$0
Ending Equity	\$45,611	\$4,245	\$2,328	\$4,398	\$302,145	\$358,727

**Camp MacLeod
Income Statement
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

**2024
ACTUAL**

RECEIPTS:

Congregation allocations	\$15,420.40
Camper registration fees	\$34,450.00
Camperships	\$1,700.00
Rentals	\$400.00
Donations including memorials	\$8,145.00
Payroll grants	\$4,793.00
Fundraisers	\$800.00
Synod support	\$11,000.00
AMS support	\$1,060.00
Interest	\$0.37
HST rebate	\$775.51

Total Receipts	\$78,544.28
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EXPENDITURES:

Staff & Benefits

Regular staff including benefits	\$39,438.97
LITs	\$6,050.00
	<u>\$45,488.97</u>

Supplies & Equipment

Food & Tuck	\$13,762.68
Offering paid	\$0.00
Christian education	\$0.00
Sports	\$532.88
Crafts	\$794.22
Photos & T-shirts	\$224.83
First aid	\$164.38
	<u>\$15,478.99</u>

Camp MacLeod
Income Statement
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

2024
ACTUAL

Administration

Postage & office	\$473.36
Telephone	\$685.52
Brochures	\$0.00
Training & travel	\$0.00
Publicity	\$0.00
Fees & permits	\$89.01
Bank charges	\$207.79
Petty cash	\$0.00
	\$1,455.68

Property:

Power	\$3,541.23
Insurance	\$7,387.00
Repairs & maintenance	\$2,199.79
Capital Allocation (transfer)	
	\$13,128.02

Total Expenditures

\$75,551.66

Surplus (Deficit)

\$2,992.62

Camp MacLeod Annual Report 2024

We are again pleased to report that Camp MacLeod has had a successful season of regular camping. Our director this year was one of the co-directors from last year. Some of the staff however was new, but we engaged in the same was the ministry that characterizes Camp MacLeod. It is a place where young people can encounter God and each other in the beauty of creation and learn about His Son while living together in fellowship.

As convenor, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the ministry of the Camp for their efforts and support. From the congregations that fund Camp MacLeod, to the staff that work there, the committee members that volunteer their time and their efforts and the campers that come and take part in the activities there. I also once again wish to thank the various congregations and individuals for their great generosity in food donations. This response we received was doubly helpful in that it stretched our food budget further, and the cook had to spend less time shopping. We are so very grateful for all the help we have received. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the Camp MacLeod Committee

Rev. Peter MacDonald

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

1875	Montreal	Robert Sedgewick, Musquodoboit NS
1875	Saint John	Robert Sedgewick, Musquodoboit NS
1876	Halifax	Thomas Duncan, St. Andrew's, Halifax NS
1877	Charlottetown	James Byers, Clifton NS
1878	Pictou	Alexander Ross, Knox, Pictou NS
1879	Truro	William McCullough, First, Truro NS
1880	Chatham	J. B. Logan, Kentville NS
1881	New Glasgow	Allan Pollok, D.D., Presbyterian College, Halifax NS
1882	Charlottetown	Prin. McKnight, D.D., Presbyterian College, Halifax NS
1883	Halifax	Robert Burns, D.D., Fr. Massey, Halifax, NS
1884	Pictou	James McLean, D.D., Great Village NS
1885	Saint John	Thomas Sedgewick, D.D., Tatamagouche NS
1886	Truro	Alexander McLean, D.D., Hopewell NS
1887	New Glasgow	E.A. McCurdy, D.D., James, New Glasgow NS
1888	Charlottetown	Jno. McLeod, Zion, Charlottetown PEI
1889	Pictou	Neil MacKay, D.D., St. John's, Chatham NB
1890	Moncton	Jno. MacMillan, D.D., Chalmers, Halifax NS
1891	Halifax	H.B. McKay, Wallace NS
1892	Saint John	Isaac Murray, D.D., North Sydney NS
1893	Truro	Allan Simpson, D.D., Park St., Halifax NS
1894	New Glasgow	P.M. Morrison, D.D., Church Agent, Halifax NS
1895	Charlottetown	J. MacGregor McKay, (retired), New Glasgow NS
1896	Pictou	Alexander Falconer, D.D., Prince St., Pictou NS
1897	Moncton	J. H. Chase, Onsloe NS
1898	Halifax	FJ. Forbes, St. Andrew's, Sydney 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	C.J. 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

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

MEETING PLACES AND MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES FROM 1966 TO PRESENT

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., Riverview NB
1979	Fredericton	Murray M. Graham, B.A., B.Th., B.D., Campbellton NB
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, B.A., B.D., M.A., Halifax NS
1991	Moncton	D. Laurence Mawhinney, B.A., 8.D., Lunenburg NS
1992	Truro	J. Kenneth Macleod, B.A., B.D., D.Min., New Glasgow NS
1993	Dartmouth	L. George Macdonald, B.A., B.Th., Halifax NS
1993	Pictou	L. George Macdonald, B.A., B.Th., Halifax NS
1994	Sydney Mines	L. George Macdonald, B.A., B.Th., Halifax NS
1995	Truro	L. George Macdonald, B.A., B.Th., Halifax NS
1995	New Glasgow	Mark R. McLennan, B.A., B.Th., M.Div., Scotsburn, NS
1996	Stellarton	H. Kenneth Stright, B.A., M.Div., Pictou NS
1997	Fredericton	Davida Stewart, Charlottetown PEI
1998	Pictou	Patricia A. Rose, B.N.Sc., M.Th., M.Div., Windsor NS
1999	Sydney	David W. K. Sutherland, B.Comm., M.Div., M.Th., St. John's NF)
2000	Charlottetown	R. Ritchie Robinson, B.A., B.Th., M. Div. Boularderie NS
2001	Dartmouth	E. M. Iona MacLean, B.A., M. Div., A.R.C.T., Pictou NS
2002	New Minas	Charles McPherson, B.Sc., B.Th., M.Div., Stellarton NS
2003	New Glasgow	Donald W. MacKay, B.A., B.D., S.T.M., D. Min., New Glasgow, NS
2004	Charlottetown	Robert Lyle, B.A., M.Div., Sydney NS
2005	Hanwell	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
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, B.A., M.Div., Halifax, NS
2019	Charlottetown	Marion Barclay MacKay, Dip.CE., B.A., M.A., M.Div., D.D., North Sydney, NS
2020	No meeting due to COVID-19 Pandemic	
2021	Virtual Zoom	Charles Greaves, Albert Bridge, NS
2022	Hanwell	Bradford Blaikie, B.A. (Hons.), M.Div., Summerside, PE
2023	New Glasgow	Marlene Phillips, Harvey, NB
2024	Truro	M. Glen Sampson, B.Sc., M.Div., NB
2025	Charlottetown	Torrey R. Griffiths, B.A., B.Ed., M. Div., Kensington, PE

APPENDIX A

Changes affecting Ministers/Diaconal Ministers/Students/Congregation within the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces

STUDENTS CERTIFIED AS CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg

Hugasdottir, Norna W. June 18, 2004

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Human, Helena J. April 23, 2025

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

Hamilton, Susanna March 11, 2025

RECEPTION FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS

Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg

Vroge, David, Christian Reformed Church in North America July 2, 2025

INDUCTIONS

Presbytery of Pictou

Johnson-Murdock, Gail, St. Andrew's, Westville August 8, 2024

Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg

Siracusa, Antonia, Church of Saint David, Halifax November 30, 2004

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

Henbest, William T., St. John's, Belfast & Wood Island, Belle River September 29, 2024

APPOINTMENTS & RECOGNITIONS

Presbytery of Cape Breton

MacLeod, J. Kenneth, Northside Pastoral Charge, interim minister, June 5, 2025

PLACED ON CONSTITUENT ROLL

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Nelson, Todd E., Dorchester Penitentiary, Chaplain, June 19, 2024

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

Buell, Mark, St. Andrew's, Montague and St. Andrew's, Cardigan, equalizing minister September 1, 2025

PLACED ON THE APPENDIX MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENTS

Presbytery of Pictou

Fotheringham, Barbara J., June 18, 2024

Johnston, W. Grant, June 18, 2024

McLennan, Mark R. August 6, 2024

Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg

Mattinson, Beth M., August 31, 2024

Siracusa, Antonio, November 11, 2024

MacLean, E.M. Iona, November 30, 2024

Veenema, Michael, June 30m 2025

Vroege, David, July 2, 2025

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Parks, Kathryn A., October 1, 2024

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

Thompson, Stephen, March 11, 2025

REMOVED FROM APPENDIX, MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENTS

Presbytery of Pictou

MacDonald, D. Ross, deceased, June 3, 2025

Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg

MacLeod, G. Clair, deceased, November 6, 2024

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Sampson, M. Glen, deceased, February 5, 2025

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

Matheson, Gordon J., deceased, March 3, 2025

REMOVED FROM APPENDIX DIACONAL MINISTERS

Presbytery of Pictou

Adamson, Dolina (Ina) G., deceased, May 27, 2025

RESIGNATIONS

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Parks, Kathryn A., Northern New Brunswick Regional Ministry, October 1, 2024

APPOINTMENT CONCLUDED

Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg

MacLean, E.M. Iona, Church of St. David, Halifax, stated supply, November 30, 2024

TRANSLATIONS

Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg

Barlow, Kimberly to Presbytery of Winnipeg, June 15, 2025

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Brachmayer, Seaton, to Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew, August 1, 2025

Stewart, David A., to Presbytery of Ottawa, November 27, 2024

RETIREMENTS

Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg

Mattinson, Beth M., St. Matthew's, Elmsdale & Hardwood Lands, January 1, 2025

DEATHS

Presbytery of Pictou

Adamson, Dolina (Ina) G., (diaconal), May 27, 2025

MacDonald, D. Ross, June 3, 2025

Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg

MacLeod, G. Clair, November 6, 2024

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Sampson, M. Glen, February 5, 2025

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

Matheson, Gordon J., March 3, 2025

CHANGE OF STATUS OF CONGREGATIONS

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Knox, Carlisle became a preaching point, January 24, 2024

St. James, Hanwell, became a single point charge, June 30, 2025

St. Paul's, Woodstock, became a single point charge, June 30, 2025

DISSOLUTION OF CONGREGATIONS

Presbytery of New Brunswick

St. Paul's, Black River Bridge, March 1, 2025

ECUMENICAL SHARED MINISTRY ESTABLISHED

Presbytery of New Brunswick

St. Andrew's, Fredericton with St. Paul's United Church, October 20, 2024

PREACHING POINT (MISSION POINT) ESTABLISHED

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Knox, New Carlisle, January 24, 2024

APPENDIX B

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 the Synod does contribute a significant portion to support its camp.

Camp MacLeod:

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

Camp Keir:

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

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

Synod's Current Camping Strategy:

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

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

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

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

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

APPENDIX C

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APPENDIX D

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 7 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.
7. St. John's Windsor Bursary – Eligibility – A student who is preparing for ministry in The Presbyterian Church in Canada, in this order of priority: (a) a person from the Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg, (b) applicants from the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, (c) applicants across The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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 17 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 26 through 29 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 the bursary below contact The Life & Mission Agency of The Presbyterian Church in Canada

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.