

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## THE 92<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF LONDON CONFERENCE THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA MAY 27 - 29, 2016

*Hosted by Essex Presbytery*

Hellenic Centre, London, Ontario



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ANNUAL MEETINGS OF LONDON CONFERENCE

	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	
1925	London (Metropolitan)	Rev. A.E.M. Thompson	Rev. A.E. Duffield
1926	Stratford (Central)	Rev. D.C. McGregor	Rev. R.C. Copeland
1927	London (St. Andrew's)	Rev. Robert Hicks	Rev. R.C. Copeland
1928	Windsor (Lincoln Rd.)	Rev. W. R. McIntosh	Rev. R.C. Copeland
1929	London (Centennial)	Rev. J.A. Agnew	Rev. R.C. Copeland
1930	Woodstock (Central)	Rev. R.C. Peever	Rev. R.C. Copeland
1931	Chatham (Park St.)	Rev. N.M. Leckie	Rev. H. Royle
1932	St. Thomas (Grace)	Rev. B. Hunter	Rev. H. Royle
1933	London (Wesley)	Rev. J.R. Hall	Rev. H. Royle
1934	Sarnia (Central)	Rev. J.M. Haith	Rev. H. Royle
1935	Stratford (St. John's)	Rev. W.A. Walden	Rev. H. Royle
1936	London (Metropolitan)	Rev. W. A. Bremner	Rev. H. Royle
1937	Windsor (Lincoln Rd.)	Rev. W. Williams	Rev. H. Royle
1938	Chatham (Park St.)	Rev. W.M. Kiteley	Rev. H. Royle
1939	London (Centennial)	Rev. G.C. Raymer	Rev. H. Royle
1940	London (Centennial)	Rev. V.T. Mooney	Rev. R.B. Cumming
1941	Windsor (Lincoln Rd.)	Rev. H. Royle	Rev. R.B. Cumming
1942	London (Centennial)	Rev. A.M. Stuart	Rev. R.B. Cumming
1943	London (Centennial)	Rev. J.Y. MacKinnon	Rev. R.B. Cumming
1944	London (Centennial)	Rev. R.C. Copeland	Rev. R.B. Cumming
1945	London (Centennial)	Rev. D. McTavish	Rev. R.B. Cumming
1946	London (Centennial)	Rev. A.J. Smale	Rev. R.B. Cumming
1947	Chatham (Park St.)	Rev. J.M. Colling	Rev. R.B. Cumming
1948	Windsor (Westminster)	Rev. S.M. Sweetman	Rev. R.B. Cumming
1949	Sarnia (Central)	Rev. D.D. Gaynor	Rev. R.B. Cumming
1950	London (First-St. Andrew's)	Rev. E.J. Roulston	Rev. R.B. Cumming
1951	St. Thomas (Central)	Rev. W.A. Beecroft	Rev. R.B. Cumming
1952	London (Metropolitan)	Rev. R.B. Cumming	Rev. A.E. Duffield
1953	Woodstock (Chalmers)	Rev. C.D. Daniel	Rev. A.E. Duffield
1954	Windsor (Lincoln Rd.)	Rev. J.A. Walker	Rev. A.E. Duffield
1955	Sault Ste. Marie (Central & St. Andrew's)	Rev. E.G. Turnbull	Rev. A.E. Duffield
1956	Stratford (Central)	Rev. A.E. Duffield	Rev. G.A. Wishart
1957	St. Thomas (First)	Rev. H.J. Snell	Rev. G.A. Wishart
1958	Chatham (Park St.)	Rev. G.W. Butt	Rev. G.A. Wishart
1959	Sarnia (Central)	Rev. D.M. Guest	Rev. G.A. Wishart
1960	London (Calvary)	Rev. R.B. Craig	Rev. G.A. Wishart
1961	Woodstock (Central)	Rev. G.W. Goth	Rev. G.A. Wishart
1962	Sault Ste. Marie (Central)	Rev. R.D. Crosby	Rev. G.A. Wishart
1963	London (Westminster College)	Rev. C.G. Park	Rev. G.A. Wishart
1964	London (Westminster College)	Rev. G.A. Wishart	Rev. J.C. Hazlewood
1965	London (Westminster College)	Rev. D.G. Tipple	Rev. J.C. Hazlewood
1966	London (Westminster College)	Rev. A.P. Graham	Rev. J.C. Hazlewood
1967	London (Westminster College)	Rev. G.L. Mills	Rev. J.C. Hazlewood
1968	Windsor (Univ. of Windsor)	Rev. A.W. Meacham	Rev. J.C. Hazlewood
1969	Windsor (Univ. of Windsor)	Rev. A.W. Meacham	Rev. J.C. Hazlewood
1970	Windsor (Univ. of Windsor)	Rev. H.M. Hunter	Rev. J.C. Hazlewood
1971	Windsor (Univ. of Windsor)	Rev. W.L. Morden	Rev. R.G. Lindsey

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## CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS - 2016 - 2017

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Wednesday, June 28, 2017

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
92<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF LONDON CONFERENCE  
MAY 27 - 29, 2016

**FIRST SESSION — FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 27**

The London Conference of The United Church of Canada met May 27 – 29, 2016 at the Hellenic Centre, London, Ontario with Essex Presbytery acting as hosts. The Conference was **convened with a quorum** present at 11:00 a.m. on May 27 with Cathy Larmond, President, presiding and Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, Executive Secretary.

**OPENING OF CONFERENCE**

The morning began with an early-morning **First Nations smudging** ritual offered outside by Bruce Cook. This involves the use of traditional medicines to purify and sanctify in order to prepare people for their upcoming work; and to infuse the Creator’s spirit in those who participate in the smudging. This ritual represents the bringing together of First Nations and ancient Hebrew practice of using incense to lift prayers to God.

The smudging was followed by an **Orientation – First Timers Club** breakfast offered to those delegates who were attending the London Conference Annual Meeting for the first time. It was hosted by Bruce Cook, with Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, Past-President Jeffrey Crittenden and Kenji Marui, President-Elect offering leadership.

In the main plenary space **Worship and Joyful Song** were provided by the Music and Worship team of Devon Hansen and friends

**CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT**

President Cathy Larmond **constituted the London Conference Annual Meeting** as follows:

*“In the name of Jesus Christ, the one true Head of the Church, and by the authority vested in me as President by the 91st Annual Meeting of London Conference, I now declare this 92nd Annual Meeting of London Conference constituted for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it. The bounds of this meeting shall be the Hellenic Centre and Colborne Street United Church, London Ontario”*

**Motion**      **It was moved, seconded and carried to approve Proposal 1: Consent Docket for 92nd Annual Meeting of London Conference.** (Appendix 1: 28-29).

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## PROPOSAL 1 – CONSENT DOCKET

**Title:** Consent Docket for 91st Annual Meeting

**Origin:** Executive Secretary

**Financial Implications:** Within existing budget

**Staffing Implications:** Within existing capacity

The Executive Secretary proposes that London Conference:

1. Adopt the **Record of Proceedings** for the 91st Annual Meeting as printed and distributed;
2. Adopt the **Agenda for the 92nd Annual Meeting** as printed in the Delegate Handbook and authorize the Business Committee to make changes as necessary;
3. Establish the Bounds of Conference as the main space of the **Hellenic Centre**, London, Ontario and the sanctuary of **Colborne Street United Church**, London, Ontario;
4. Receive for information the reports and statements printed in the **Report Book** along with the Settlement Committee Report as printed in the **Delegate Handbook** based on completed paperwork received and processed as of the morning of May 12, 2016;
5. Establish the **Business and Agenda Committee** with Chair, Jeffrey Crittenden (Chair of Planning) and members: President Catherine Larmond, President-Elect Kenji Marui, Executive Secretary, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, Head Teller Charles McMillan, Parliamentarian Brad Morrison, Local Arrangements Chair, Cathy Collins-Barker, Minute Secretary Tanya Cameron with power to add;
6. Make Treasurer, Bev Slater, and Head Teller Charles McMillan, and all Young Adults in Transition and Youth at Conference (elected by Youth Forum) **Members of Conference**;
7. Recognize the following as **Corresponding Members** of the court: Chief Greg Peters, John Pentland, Moderator, Rt. Rev. Jordan Cantwell, Erik Mathiesen, Theological Reflector from The United Church of Christ, Campbell Lovett, representatives from the theological colleges, Music Leader Devon Hansen: Conference staff not already delegates: Tanya Cameron, Betsy Exley, Elaine Graham, Krista Ford and Pretima Kukadia, and other invited guests;
8. Receive **regrets** from Cheryl Kirk and Matthew Penny, and Sue Browning for Saturday and Sunday;
9. Set 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 28th, as the **deadline for any proposals** not already in the Proposal Handbook to be in the hands of the Business and Agenda Committee in writing;
10. Set 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 28th, as the deadline for **nominations for President-Elect**;
11. Adopt the following **procedure to elect the President**:
  - a) A Nominator may present the name of a nominee;
  - b) Pertinent biographical information regarding the nominee shall be prepared by the nominator and nominee on a form provided by the Conference. The completed form shall be submitted to the Chair of the Business Committee at the Business Table.
  - c) The foregoing information shall be read to the court.
  - d) Following the reading of the biographical information, the nominee shall address the court for up to five minutes outlining what s/he would hope to accomplish as President;
  - e) Ballots will be circulated, marked and counted by the tellers and scrutinized by the Acting Head Teller;
  - f) The nominee with the majority of all votes cast will be declared elected.

## INTRODUCTIONS

President Cathy Larmond introduced the following guests to the court:

1. **Moderator** – Right Rev. Jordan Cantwell
2. General Council Staff Representative – Erik Mathieson
3. **Theological Reflector** – Rev. Dr. Campbell Lovett
4. **Theme Speaker** – Rev. Dr. John Pentland
5. **Theological College Representatives**
  - Jenn Neufeld, Emmanuel College, Toronto
  - Lori Stewart – Centre for Christian Studies
6. **Music Team** – Devon Hanson, Christine Baribeau and John Green
7. **Chaplains** – Revs. Doreen Canavan, Robin Sherman, Jim Hatt and Frank Staples
8. **Parliamentarian** – Rev. Dr. Brad Morrison
9. **Chair-Elect, Youth Forum** – Ian MacGregor
10. **Explorer from BC Conference** – Maia Walker
11. **Local Arrangements** – Rev. Dr. Cathy Collins-Barker, Sue Anderson & team of 15!
12. **Business Table** – Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Crittenden, Doreen Hewitson

Rev. Dr. Cathy Collins-Barker, Chair of Local Arrangements for Essex Presbytery, formally welcomed everyone and thanked the many volunteers from Essex Presbytery who helped with the preparations for the meeting. She screened an engaging video from Tourism Windsor Essex and then noted that all Local Arrangements team members wore tams crocheted in the Essex tartan to identify them to delegates of the court as a source of information. The Essex Local Arrangements committee then took a few moments to familiarize the court with locations of the Book Room, food and refreshment procedures, safety procedures and emergency exits.

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## NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

President Cathy Larmond directed the court to read the President-Elect Position Description found in the Delegate Handbook (Appendix 1: 20-21). Upon declaring the nominations open, she invited nominations to be presented to the Business Table.

## WORSHIP, PRAYER AND COMMUNITY BUILDING

Rev. Wanda Burse, Rev. Mark Perry and Rev. Bruce Cook led the court in worship and community-building through table group discussions incorporating the Conference theme of “***Travelling Along with You***”.

Susan Campbell of the Huron Perth Resource Centre provided an overview of the book room.

Past-President and Chair, Business and Agenda, Jeffrey Crittenden provided grace in preparation for lunch.

**END OF SESSION 1**

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## **SECOND SESSION — FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 27**

President Cathy Larmond introduced **Rev. Dr. John Pentland** to the court to present his theme lecture touching on his book, *Fishing Tips: How Curiosity Transformed a Community of Faith*. He concluded this portion of his presentation with table group time.

### **MINISTRY CANDIDATES**

Rev. Jane Van Patter, Chair of London Conference Education and Students Committee, introduced the candidate for Ordination, Dave Exley. Rev. Olav Kitchen, Chair of the London Conference Interview Board, introduced the two applicants for Admission to The United Church of Canada, Rev. Dr. Sydney Elias and Rev. Dr. Grace Eun-Kyung Lee. All candidates addressed the court by responding to the following statement: “Reflecting on your journey to this place in your life, please tell us about one significant bend in the road. Can you tell us what you see beyond this meeting’s bend in the road?” Upon conclusion of the speeches, blessings were offered to the candidates. Ballots were distributed for the following motions:

**Motion**      **It was moved and seconded:**

**THAT THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATE BE ORDAINED TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD, SACRAMENT AND PASTORAL CARE WITHIN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA, ALL OTHER CONDITIONS OF THE MANUAL 2013 HAVING BEEN FULFILLED:**

**David Scott Exley**

**THAT THE FOLLOWING APPLICANTS BE ADMITTED TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD, SACRAMENT AND PASTORAL CARE WITHIN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA, ALL OTHER CONDITIONS OF THE MANUAL 2013 HAVING BEEN FULFILLED.**

**Grace Eun-Kyung Lee**

**Sydney Elias**

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Business continued as the tellers counted the ballots.

### **STEWARDSHIP MISSION AND SERVICE**

London Conference’s Stewardship and Gifts Officer Dave Jagger was unable to be in attendance but did provide a video for the court to watch based on the 2016-17 United Church Congregational Giving Program, ***Salt and Light*** (Appendix 2).

### **DOWNTOWN MISSION WINDSOR & WINDSOR YOUTH CENTRE**

Two of London Conference’s Mission Support Grant recipients, Tamara Kowalski of the Windsor Youth Centre and Ron Dunn of the Windsor Downtown Mission, provided an engaging presentation to the court based on their respective organizations. Following their presentations, an Energizer Break was announced with all ***food bank donations*** to be dropped off at the Windsor Youth Centre and Downtown Mission displays in the atrium.

## **CANDIDATES FOR MINISTRY**

Following the break, Cathy Larmond announced the results of the ballot and reported that all candidates and applicants for admission had been approved therefore the motions **carried**.

**Motion**      **It was moved, seconded and carried that the Education and Students ballots be destroyed.**

## **GREETINGS FROM THE MODERATOR**

Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa provided the history of the French language in The United Church of Canada and proceeded to give a welcoming ***présentation de la modératrice, en français*** and invited the Right Rev. Jordan Cantwell to the stage. The Moderator noted that August 2016 marks the 30th Anniversary of the United Church's Apology for the role it played in colonization and the destruction of Indigenous cultures and spiritual practices. She linked that information with the theme of our Conference, ***Travelling Along with You***, and challenged the court to consider: "Who is on the journey with you? Who is missing from the journey? Which paths do we need to learn how to walk?"

## **TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION & CAIRN**

Matthew Stevens and Carolyn Wilson Wynne addressed the court to provide insight into the Truth and Reconciliation events hosted. Matthew Stevens shared his personal reflection on his evening experiencing the original apology in 1986. In 1986, at its 31st General Council, The United Church of Canada responded to the request of Indigenous Peoples that it apologize to them for its part in colonization; a copy of the 1986 Apology is found in Appendix 3.

The Division of Social Justice attended the stage to highlight three areas that they had determined were a focus for the upcoming year. Bill Butt spoke on the effect that The United Church of Canada's support for Sand Dams has had on receiving communities. From the London Conference website:

*"The gift of a Sand Dam helps entire farmer communities. This is a highly regarded Canadian Foodgrains Bank program begun in 2008. Five sand dams were built in 2013 and they now have producing gardens. Five more dams were built in 2014 and they will produce their first crops after the rainy season (December to March). Five more dams will have been started in 2015.*

*Since each dam provides soil and water for an average of 65 farm families, this means that almost a thousand families are benefitting through clean water and added crops for nutrition and income. Dam sites are chosen in cooperation with the district government and its priorities, and in consultation with the Christian Council of Mozambique, the Mennonite Central Committee and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank."*

Curtis Marwood highlighted current events occurring in Palestine-Israel, while Marg Murray spoke on climate change. Their presentation focused on initiatives that will be taken within London Conference to highlight these justice issues.

## **EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP UPDATE**

Michelle Owens, Conference Personnel Minister presented an update of Effective Leadership to the court (Appendix 4).



Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa introduced our General Council Representative, Erik Mathieson, Chief Financial Officer. He noted that he welcomed the opportunity to answer any congregational financial questions in person during his time with us, as well as when he is at the General Council Office.

Erik led the court in grace for dinner.

## END OF SESSION 2

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### THIRD SESSION — FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 27

#### RURAL LIFE PRESENTATION

Eric Skillings spoke of the work of the Rural Life Committee via a PowerPoint slide containing information of rural life focusing on the global future of agriculture and food. He also highlighted the role of the Ridgetown Chaplaincy, partially supported by London Conference Mission Support Grants. A Youtube video of the Ridgetown Chaplaincy program can be found by searching “*Eric Skillings Chaplaincy Presentation*” on Youtube.com.

#### NOMINATIONS

Chuck Scott, Chair of Nominations, provided a background of the purpose of the Nominations Committee; the process of nominations; how vacancies are filled via the process; and how to apply.

#### PROPOSALS

Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa introduced the court to proposals, noting the specific instructions provided in the Delegate Handbook on page 27. The court was invited to consider Proposal 6 – Youth/Young Adult Representative to the London Conference Executive (Appendix 1: 34).

#### PROPOSAL 6

**TITLE:** Youth/Young Adult Representative to London Conference Executive  
**ORIGINATING BODY:** Executive of London Conference  
**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** One more member re Executive expenses  
**STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:** N/A

The Executive of London Conference proposes that:

London Conference create a voting position on the Executive for a term of three years to be filled by a Youth or Young Adult through the usual nominating process.

#### Background:

There has usually been a Youth/Young Adult on the Executive due to another role that person fulfilled. In September, the Executive realized it no longer had a member from this age group. In light of the fact that the Executive identified Ministry with Children, Youth and Young Adults as one of the Conference priorities, the Executive created a position for a corresponding member (voice but not vote) for a Youth/Young Adult with a view to bringing this request to the Annual Meeting to seek permission to make this position a voting one.

**Motion**      **It was moved and seconded to accept Proposal 6: Youth/Young Adult Representative to the London Conference Executive.**

The court was introduced to the correct usage and application of the “*warm*” and “*cool*” cards.

Cathy Larmond invited those in the court to approach the microphones to seek clarification on the motion. It was confirmed that “*Youth*” is 19 years of age and under, and “*Young Adult*” is up to and including age 30. There were several questions posed by delegates at the microphone: Can we connect this position to Youth Forum to maintain a connection rather than seeking outside members? Is there a way to include this position also as an ex-officio member to London Conference Youth Forum? How is this related to Young Adults in Transition (YATS)?

Cheryl-Ann confirmed that for this past year, there has been a corresponding member representing Youth and Young Adults and today’s process is to use the power of the court to grant this position full voting representation on the London Conference Executive; the London Conference Executive does not have the power to make a position permanent.

It was requested that the proposal be expanded to include representation by both a member of Youth Forum and a Youth and Young Adult. With the court’s agreement, Proposal 6 was removed from consideration in order to redraft the proposal to incorporate a connection to Youth Forum.

**VOCATIONS – DESIGNATED LAY MINISTRY**

Tanya Cameron, Minister of Vocations and Training, presented a video produced by the General Council Office titled, “*God’s Calling All Leaders*” in order that the assembled could visualize their unique roles in the identification of gifts for ministry in themselves and others. She concluded with a few details on the Designated Lay Minister program.

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2015**

Mary Ann Silverthorn, Chair of Finance, clarified the responsibilities of the Finance and Administration Committee of London Conference. Conference Treasurer Beverley Slater interpreted the 2015 Financial Statements for the benefit of the assembled (Appendix 1: 12-16).

At this point, surprise special guest, Allan Slater (Beverley’s husband), ascended the stage. Mary Anne spoke glowingly of Beverley’s history of service throughout the church and commented on Bev and Allan’s life of local and overseas mission to the church. Bev was presented with a gift and a standing ovation in honour of her years of dedicated service and attention to the social justice initiative and finances of London Conference.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND – REMIT 1: THREE COUNCIL MODEL**

General Council Representatives, Doug Wright and Wendy Brown, provided an educational background on Remit 1 – Three Council Model.

**Motion That (insert body) agrees that :**

- a)      **the United Church be re-organized into the three-council model approved by the 42nd General Council 2015; and that**
- b)      **the Basis of Union be amended to reflect this change**

## THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION & VESPERS

Campbell Lovett provided the closing theological reflection on the day, followed by a fun evening of following the traditions of United Church summer camp campfire skits and songs presented by those in attendance and enjoyed by all.

### END OF SESSION 3

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## FOURTH SESSION — SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 28

The morning began outside with an early-morning First Nations smudging ritual, followed by music provided by Devon Hanson & Friends and worship conducted by President Cathy Larmond.

## THEME PRESENTATION #2 WITH JOHN PENTLAND

John Pentland continued his presentation from the previous day. Effective use of table group time was enjoyed by the delegates as they could reflect and contribute thoughts and ideas to their group.

There was a call for further nominations for President-Elect, with the nominations closing at 1:00pm.

## CELEBRATION LUNCHEON FOR RETIREES AND JUBILANDS

The recognition service for Retirees and Jubilands was organized by Kate Crawford, Chair of Pensions. The retirees were asked by President Cathy Larmond to share their thoughts on the following: ***“Reflecting on your journey to this place in your life, please tell us about one significant “bend in the road.” Can you tell us what you see beyond this meeting’s bend in the road?”*** Their responses were read aloud to the court. Moderator Jordan Cantwell, President Cathy Larmond and Executive Secretary Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa presented each retiree and jubiland with a celebratory parchment commemorating their years in ministry. (Appendix 1: 24).

## RETIREES

Rev. THOMAS F. BEECROFT, LTh  
Rev. DAVID J. DYKE, BA, BTh, MA, MDiv, MTh  
Rev. JUDITH L. FAYTER BA, BEd, MDiv  
Rev. J. DON GRAHAM, BA, MDiv  
JUNE M. HAWTIN  
Rev. MARGARET TRAPNELL, BA, BD, DMin

## JUBILANDS

Rev. JOHN C. BROWN, BA, MDiv - 50 YEARS  
Rev. DOUGLAS A. GREENOUGH, BA, MDiv - 65 YEARS  
Rev. NORMAN E. JONES, BA, BD, ThM - 60 YEARS  
Rev. ALBERT E. LOREE - 70 YEARS  
Rev. GLEN E. MACPHERSON, BA - 60 YEARS

Rev. MICHAEL M. MANDICH, BA, BD, DMin - 50 YEARS

Rev. GEORGE A. MORRIS, BA, MBA - 50 YEARS

Rev. R. BRUCE SCOTT, BA, BD, ThM - 60 YEARS

Rev. BRUCE J. SMALL, BA, BD - 55 YEARS

Rev. MARJORIE J. SMITH, MA, MRE - 50 YEARS

Rev. HERBERT S. SUMMERS, BA, MDiv - 50 YEARS

Rev. T. ROSS WILLIAMS, BA, MDiv - 50 YEARS

There was a presentation of “Memorials, Hope & Legacy into the Future” – marking congregations who closed and those newly formed.

Moderator Jordan Cantwell offered grace.

## END OF SESSION 4

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### **FIFTH SESSION — SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 28**

Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa introduced Bev Oag, a guest from the General Council Office. Bev is the Program Coordinator, Duty of Care & Incorporated Ministries.

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Cheryl-Ann also noted regrets from Chief Peters, unable to attend our meeting in person due to his health.

### **CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT**

**Motion**      **It was moved, seconded and carried that nominations be officially closed for President-Elect.**

Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa introduced each nominee to the court: Rev. Judith Fayter from Kent Presbytery and Joyce Payne from Middlesex Presbytery. After the candidates' biographies were read aloud to the court, they each spoke for 5 minutes.

Following their speeches, the tellers distributed the ballots for President-Elect and business resumed while the tellers collected and counted the ballots.

### **GRANTS AND LOANS**

Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa and Tanya Cameron presented a slide show of various Grants and Loans available to pastoral charges, incorporated ministries and special interest groups within the United Church. These monies include (but are not limited to) technology grants for pastoral charges, modernization grants for United Church camps, capital loans for building projects, New Ministry initiatives related to EDGE – Network for Ministry Development. Information for all of these funds is available on The United Church of Canada website found at *www.united-church.ca*.

## UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Sandra Stock, UCW President presented the following speech:

*“Good Afternoon,*

*My name is Sandra Stock, I'm from Oxford Presbytery and I am President of the United Church Women of London Conference. First of all I would like to say, “thank you,” to the London Conference Annual Meeting Planning Committee for giving me this time to speak about the impact of the UCW upon our local churches, our communities, our conferences, our National Church and the world. There are 45,000 women across Canada who are proud to say that they are members of the UCW. London Conference has about 4,200 UCW members (I would ask the UCW members here this afternoon to stand, if able, and wave). Thank you for your attendance here this weekend and for your continued participation in all committee work and matters pertaining to the life of the United Church and London Conference. These UCW members worship, witness, study, sing, share in fellowship and give service to their church, community and beyond.*

*In 2012 UCW celebrated its 50th Anniversary by supporting the Morogoro Women's Training Centre in Tanzania. Originally UCW had hoped to train between 200 and 400 women in maternal health care, saving lives of mothers and infants. Exceeding all expectations, the project raised money to train more than 600 women. It is exciting to report that the training has now been taken by the trainees to the nomadic people of the rural areas. Leftover money may be used to include a fetal scope in the birthing kits. The Morogoro Centre continues to share their progress with the UCC and the UCW.*

*UCW's across Canada are now into the 2nd year of the 5-year Child Well Being Initiative that was introduced by the UCW of the Alberta and Northwest Conference to eradicate child poverty in Canada.*

*I would invite Laurel Kenney and Linda Woods to bring us an update on what they have been doing and what they plan to do in the future with this, “Bread not Stones” UCW Initiative.*

*Thank you Laurel and Linda for your passion and enthusiasm. Please visit our display table in the atrium.*

*National UCW President Phyllis Buchner stated and I quote, “We are looking to serve as an advocate for children and youth. (We recognize the wonder that was the Morogoro 50th Anniversary Project and we hope to pick up on some of that excitement). Who better than the UCW to intentionally look at child poverty in our local communities, our conference and beyond”*

*Our own London Conference UCW has, since 1979, supported the Medical Electives Overseas Program or as we call it MEOP, which is overseen by the Global Health Office at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry at Western University, London. To fulfill our vision commitment of devotion to all God's people in this community and the wider world, we financially support medical students attending UWO who choose to offer their services without re-numeration in under-serviced and remote areas of the world during their winter/summer breaks from school. The UCW of London Conference were asked to donate \$1,000 annually out of the \$10,000 - \$12,000 that we donate each year, to a special award to be made in the name of the United Church Women of London Conference and given to a student who is pursuing a career in Maternal and /or Infant and*



*Child Health. This award will be presented annually for a total of 10 years.*

*Each of us recognize that this past year has brought changes. It's been a year of exploration, change and commitment. As United Church Women we are grounded in service and rooted in our worship and discipleship. We explore the new challenges and turn them into opportunities. At the G C 42 last August Our National UCW President was given time on the agenda to speak about UCW, some UCW members took part in the worship service and the covenanting service for the new Moderator Jordan Cantwell, some acted as table group facilitators, provided Hope poverty dolls and funded the production of the prayer resource for Commissioners.*

*In London Conference, UCW has been very fortunate to have a place at the table of the Governing Body of the Pastoral Charges. The UCW Presbyterial Presidents are voting members of the Prebytery and the Presbytery Executive and the Conference UCW President is a member of Conference and also a voting member of Conference Executive.*

*United Church Women have traditionally supported their local congregations and the outreach work of the local communities. It is recognized by many that without the devotion and commitment of the UCW many congregations would have ceased to exist long ago. It should also be noted that the commitment to the wider work of our church through support of the Mission and Service fund is evident as in 2015 the London Conference UCW contributed \$220,377 while across Canada the UCW's gave \$1,383,014. In our 54 years the UCW has contributed on excess of \$130 million to the National Mission and Service fund.*

*Cheryl Curtis, Mission and Service Funding Officer's letter reads, in part, and I quote, "The United Church Women across the whole church have blessed God's mission with generous gifts. We give thanks! Gifts from United Church Women truly make a tangible difference in people's lives. Heartfelt appreciation is extended to all UCW members for their generosity with BOTH the local church AND Mission and Service. These gifts are a sign of compassion, they build community and offer hope.*

*The theme for my 2 years as President is, "It Only Takes a Spark" and we know how true that can be with United Church Women.*

*Our SPARK can become a BLAZE to send medical students to work abroad and to nourish youth and children here in our own land.*

*Our FLAMES will provide opportunities for Spiritual Growth, Christian Fellowship and Leadership Development.*

*Let our UCW SPARK PROMOTE TRUTH, JUSTICE, PEACE, CARING AND SHARING IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN THE WIDER WORLD*

*Thank you"*

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Cathy Larmond announced Joyce Payne as the London Conference President-Elect for 2016-2017.

**Motion      It was moved, seconded and carried to destroy the ballots for President-Elect.**

## **YOUTH FORUM PRESENTATION**

The youth delegates, as voted to this role at the 2016 Youth Forum program, gave a wonderful presentation to the court highlighting their experiences both at Youth Forum and their current and future participation in the wider church using the theme “***Roadtrip: Who would you take with you on your road trip and who has helped you in your faith journey?***”

## **PROPOSAL 2**

In preparation for discussion of the 2017 London Conference Budget, Bev Slater and Mary Anne Silverthorn presented Proposal 2 – 2017 Presbytery Assessments (Appendix 1: 30).

**TITLE:** 2017 Presbytery Assessments:  
**ORIGINATING BODY:** London Conference Executive  
**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** See proposal  
**STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:** Within existing capacity

The Executive of London Conference proposes that:

London Conference approve the Budget presented in the Delegate Handbook with an assessment rate of 2.7% of Line 40 averaged over three years for a total of \$643,052.

Bev Slater provided a narrative budget of the revenues and expenditures (Appendix 1: 16). She reminded the court that no General Council Grant is expected for 2018. Brent Caslick, Assistant Treasurer provided a staffing update re: staff severance should this be required due to GC43 Remit outcomes.

There were questions for clarification from the court including seeking information on the actual salary/benefits and the planned budget and cost of any expected severances payable. Cathy Larmond tested the will of the court on voting on the proposal, and the court was warm to the idea.

**Motion**      **It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the budget presented in the Delegate Handbook with an assessment rate of 2.7% of Line 40 averaged over three years for a total of \$643, 052.**

## **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: REMIT 4 – FUNDING A NEW MODEL**

President-Elect Kenji Marui and General Council Office Representative Erik Mathieson provided an educational background presentation to assist the court in understanding Remit 4: Funding a New Model.

**Motion**      **That (insert body) agrees to a new funding model for the United Church with the budgeting process guided by the following principles:**

- 1. use Mission and Service to fund ministry and mission activities;**
- 2. fund governance and support services of other courts/councils by assessing communities of faith/pastoral charges;**
- 3. share assessments equitably across the whole church;**
- 4. permit Conferences/presbyteries/regional councils to use additional resources for regional purposes; and**
- 5. encourage sharing of all resources across the church.**

There were several questions from delegates requesting clarification of both the amount of the assessment and any potential phasing-in of a transition strategy to alleviate financial pressure on communities of faith due to increased assessment.

### **LEARNING GRACE FOR CHILDREN AT CONFERENCE**

In preparation for the upcoming Children at Conference 2016 weekend Betsy Exley, Minister of Faith Formation, Youth and Young Adults, led the court in a grace that was videotaped for use prior to a meal during the 2016 Children at Conference weekend (June 9 – 12, 2016 at Camp Bimini in Huron-Perth Presbytery).

### **MOZAMBIQUE REFLECTION**

David Whiting, Jane Van Patter, Heddys Stevenson, Elizabeth Dunn and Cathy Larmond were part of a trip to Mozambique in the summer of 2015. Each presented a photo and described its meaning to them. They were able to visit partners from the Christian Council of Mozambique and tour the Sand Dams projects that are partly supported by London Conference donations.

### **AFFIRM PRESENTATION**

Eun-Joo Park, Michelle Down, Kenji Marui and Wanda Winfield presented their efforts to date with respect to London Conference's intention to become an Affirming Conference. Michelle Down and Wanda Winfield shared powerful and personal stories of their experiences in ministry as members of the LGBTQ2 community. Lambton Presbytery was excited to announce that they were hosting their first LGBTQ2 camp at Lambton United Church Centre in the near future.

### **PROPOSAL 3**

Parliamentarian Brad Morrison suggested that it was acceptable to set aside Proposal 4 – For Right Relations Transfer of Five Oaks Land to Six Nations (Appendix 1: 32) as we are the court of accountability.

Brad highlighted the wisdom of using Proposal 3 – Return of Five Oaks Land to Six Nations (Appendix 1: 31) as a discussion starter for the continued conversation around the closing of Five Oaks. There were several questions for clarification:

- Has the *transfer of property cost* in preparation for the wind-up of Five Oaks been considered?
- Is there confirmed interest from Six Nations in receiving this property? Do they want it?
- What is the history of the Five Oaks property in regards to land claims?

Delegate Agnes King approached the microphone to share her story of the personal relationship she shares with the Five Oaks land – it was originally held by her parents and sold to create Five Oaks. She wondered about the current efforts to identify future considerations: Is it premature to give away/sell? Is the proposal premature?

The Chair of Five Oaks, Chris Grose approached the microphone and requested permission to speak.

**Motion**      **It was moved, seconded and carried to extend corresponding privileges to Chris Grose, Chair of Five Oaks.**

Chris Grose provided an update of the activities of the Board of Directors of Five Oaks and noted the upcoming Annual Meeting of Five Oaks where proposals have been presented for discussion and decision.

Cathy Larmond tested the will of the court and the delegates were warm to making a motion on Proposal 3 – Return of Five Oaks Land to Six Nations.

### **PROPOSAL 3**

**TITLE:** Return of Five Oaks Land to Six Nations  
**ORIGINATING BODY:** Social Justice Committee of London Conference  
**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Unknown/Value of Land  
**STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:** Conference Staff Time

The Social Justice Committee of London Conference proposes that London Conference recommends that the Board of Directors of Five Oaks:

1. be encouraged to consult with Six Nations to determine if Six Nations is interested in the property and on what terms (demolition of existing buildings, etc.);
2. advise the participating Conferences of the financial support that might be necessary to facilitate the winding up of the Corporation without the benefit of a property sale to be able to transfer to Six Nations if there is interest in said transfer;
3. provided the Board of Directors secures the consent of the five participating Conferences, advises the General Secretary, General Council, of the same for the consideration of the General Council if it takes possession.

**Motion**            **It was moved and seconded to approve Proposal 3 – Return of Five Oaks Land to Six Nations.**

**Amendment**       **It was moved and seconded to remove point 2.**

It was clarified to the court that removal of point 2 would remove the capacity for London Conference to provide financial assistance to enable the fulfillment of this proposal.

**Amendment withdrawn.**

The court came to an agreement to consider Proposal 3 - Return of Five Oaks Land to Six Nations ad seriatim.

**Motion**            **It was moved, seconded and carried to approve point 1** [“be encouraged to consult with Six Nations to determine if Six Nations is interested in the property and on what terms (demolition of existing buildings, etc.)”].

After general discussion about how to find the funds to cover the costs related to point 2:

**Motion**            **It was moved, seconded and carried to approve point 2** (“advise the participating Conferences of the financial support that might be necessary to facilitate the winding up of the

Corporation without the benefit of a property sale to be able to transfer to Six Nations if there is interest in said transfer”).

**Motion** It was moved, seconded and carried to approve point 3 (“provided the Board of Directors secures the consent of the five participating Conferences, advises the General Secretary, General Council, of the same for the consideration of the General Council if it takes possession”).

**FAREWELL TO ELAINE GRAHAM**

The Staff Support Committee took to the stage to share a heartfelt farewell to Rev. Elaine Graham, London Conference Pastoral Support Minister. Elaine shared wonderful memories about her time with London Conference, and announced she was moving to the West Coast and becoming a part of BC Conference.

President Cathy Larmond offered grace for dinner.

**END OF SESSION 5**

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**SIXTH SESSION — SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 28**

Delegates gathered for the Celebration of New Ministries worship service at Colborne Street United Church in London, Ontario. The President, Cathy Larmond, presided with preaching provided by The Right Reverend Jordan Cantwell. Assisting in the service were Executive Secretary Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa and Jane Van Patter (Chair, Education and Students). The Colborne Street United Church Choir and St. Andrew’s United Church Chancel Choir (Chatham), led by music directors Sonja van de Hoef and Devon Hansen, respectively, led the congregation in hymns, anthems and responses (Appendix 5).

During the service, David Exley was Ordained and Grace Eun-Kyung Lee and Sydney Elias were Admitted to the Order of Ministry of The United Church of Canada.

**END OF SESSION 6**

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**SEVENTH SESSION — SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 29**

The morning began outside with an early-morning First Nations smudging ritual, followed by music provided by Devon Hanson and Friends and an opening prayer offered by Judith Fayter.

On behalf of Rev. Dr. Campbell Lovett, who was unable to attend this morning, Judith Fayter read Rev. Dr. Lovett’s theological reflection to the court.

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## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chair of Business, Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Crittenden, presented Proposal 5 - Authentic Holy Land Pilgrimages from London Conference. (Appendix 1: 33).

### **PROPOSAL 5**

**TITLE:** Authentic Holy Land Pilgrimages from London Conference  
**ORIGINATING BODY:** Social Justice Division  
**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** None to Conference  
**STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:** None

The Social Justice Division of London Conference proposes that London Conference encourage organizers of Holy Land visits for and by United Church people in London Conference be guided by the following principles for Authentic Holy Land Pilgrimages:

1. Visits to the Holy Land organized by or for United Church people should clearly identify the purpose of the visit to be in response, in large part to, 'the call from Palestinian Christians to come and see the Holy Land through their eyes.'
2. Materials to support ethical travel should be provided to the participants, such as information about the history leading to the formation of the State of Israel and the current occupied Palestinian Territory, in addition to the Christian/ Muslim/ Jewish history and archeology.
3. Opportunities should be provided for the participants to engage with Christian, Muslim and Jewish people and learn about the life experiences of the people in both the Occupied Palestinian Territory and in the State of Israel.
4. Support of Palestinian-based tourism should be encouraged.

The court indicated they were warm to considering the proposal.

**Motion** **It was moved and seconded that London Conference agree with Proposal 5 - Authentic Holy Land Pilgrimages from London Conference.**

By request, it was agreed to consider the proposal ad seriatim.

**Motion** **It was moved, seconded and carried to approve point 1** ("Visits to the Holy Land organized by or for United Church people should clearly identify the purpose of the visit to be in response, in large part to, 'the call from Palestinian Christians to come and see the Holy Land through their eyes.'")

**Motion** **It was moved, seconded and carried to approve point 2** ("Materials to support ethical travel should be provided to the participants, such as information about the history leading to the formation of the State of Israel and the current occupied Palestinian Territory, in addition to the Christian/ Muslim/ Jewish history and archeology.")

**Motion** It was moved, seconded and carried to approve point 3 (“Opportunities should be provided for the participants to engage with Christian, Muslim and Jewish people and learn about the life experiences of the people in both the Occupied Palestinian Territory and in the State of Israel.”)

**Motion** It was moved, seconded and carried to approve point 4 (“Support of Palestinian-based tourism should be encouraged.”)

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Parliamentarian Brad Morrison presented the revised Proposal 6 – Youth/Young Adult Representative to the London Conference Executive:

### **PROPOSAL 6**

**TITLE:** Youth/Young Adult Representative to London Conference Executive  
**ORIGINATING BODY:** Executive of London Conference  
**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** One more member re Executive expenses  
**STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:** N/A

The Executive of London Conference proposes that London Conference add two voting positions to its Executive;

1. a Young Adult representative for a three-year term to be filled through the London Conference Nominations Committee; and,
2. a representative selected by Youth Forum for a one year term.

Background:

There has usually been a Youth/Young Adult on the Executive due to another role that person fulfilled. In September, the Executive realized it no longer had a member from this age group. In light of the fact that the Executive identified Ministry with Children, Youth and Young Adults as one of the Conference priorities, the Executive created a position for a corresponding member (voice but not vote) for a Youth/Young Adult with a view to bringing this request to the Annual Meeting to seek permission to make this position a voting one.

Concerns from the floor included wondering how to incorporate a Youth and Young Adult who can participate in meetings during the daytime hours; it was posed this could potentially limit the pool of interested persons. Several delegates noted that daytime meetings would not serve as a barrier to participating as there are currently many youth that leave school for other activities. The court was reassured that at this time it is more crucial to name the position and complete the specific role requirements after it was confirmed the position would exist on the London Conference Executive. Betsy Exley confirmed that full communion membership is a requirement for the attendance at the London Conference Annual Meeting as a Youth Forum delegate.

**Motion** It was moved and seconded to change in the wording in point 1 in Proposal 6 – Youth/Young Adult Representative to the London Conference Executive from “Committee” to “process”.

“Youth Forum will select and nominate their own representative to the London Conference Executive and will not require further approval from the Conference Executive nor will they need to use the London Conference Nominations Process.”

**Motion** to approve the change in wording carried.

**Motion** It was moved, seconded and carried that London Conference approve Proposal 6 – Youth/Young Adult Representative to the London Conference Executive.

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**NOMINATIONS**

Chuck Scott, Chair of London Conference Nominations Committee presented the Nominations Report to the court (Appendix 6: 17).

**Motion** It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the Nominations Report.

**Motion** It was moved, seconded and carried to appoint Cathy Larmond to the Fairfield Museum Committee.

**Motion** It was moved, seconded and carried to appoint Anne Gregory to Chair of Archives Committee.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Remit 2 – Elimination of Transfer and Settlement**

Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa provided an educational background presentation to assist the court in understanding Remit 2: Elimination of Transfer and Settlement.

**Motion** That (insert body) agrees that:

- a) the processes of transfer and settlement for members of the order of ministry within the United Church be eliminated, including the elimination of the General Council Transfer Committee; and that
- b) the Basis of Union be amended to reflect this change

Education on Remit 3 – Office of Vocation

**Motion** That (insert body) agrees that:

- a) a denominational office of vocation be established in the structure of the United Church, with responsibilities and structure as approved by the 42nd General Council 2015; and that
- b) the Basis of Union be amended to reflect this change

Cheryl-Ann noted the process of remits and reminded how lucky we are to have a denomination that solicits and requires inputs from the congregations.

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Motion**      **It was moved, seconded and carried that the following be the members of the Planning Committee for the next Annual Meeting: Past President (Chair), President, President Elect, Registrar, Executive Secretary, Chair of the Worship Sub Committee, Chair of Local Arrangements, and that the Planning Committee have power to add.**

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Connie Ellis from Lambton Presbytery offered an expression of thanks and appreciation to outgoing President Cathy Larmond. Cathy Larmond then offered her own appreciation of gratitude to the London Conference Executive and the Conference staff.

## **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

Cathy Larmond and Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa installed Kenji Marui as the 2016-2017 London Conference President, entering into a covenant between Kenji and London Conference. Kenji's family, friends and Calvary Pastoral Charge participated in a laying-on of hands, and he was presented with the symbols associated with the office of the President including the traditional stole, cane and gavel. Following installation, Kenji introduced his theme for the upcoming year: **"To Reconcile and Make New,"** followed by a celebration of communion.

## **POWERS OF CONFERENCE**

**Motion**      **It was moved, seconded and carried that the powers of Conference be given to the London Conference Executive in accordance with The Manual 2013 of The United Church of Canada.**

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Connie Ellis and Louise Hall extended courtesies and officially invited everyone to the 2017 Annual Meeting hosted by Lambton Presbytery.

## **BLESSING OF THE LONDON CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE**

Kenji Marui facilitated the commitment ceremony with the London Conference Executive and repeated the affirmation with the full court and the London Conference Executive.

The service ended with a prayer in which Kenji closed the Annual Meeting with the words:

*"In the name of Jesus Christ, the one true Head of the Church, and by the authority vested in me by London Conference, I do now declare the sessions of the 92nd Annual Meeting of London Conference closed and I direct that Conference shall be called to meet in accordance with the law of the Church at a time and place to be decided by the London Conference Executive."*

**END OF SESSION 7**

# APPENDIX VII

## PRESIDENT OF LONDON CONFERENCE

Rev. Kenji Marui



The Reverend Kenji Marui is a minister at Calvary United Church since 2011. He enjoys the challenge of connecting our ancient faith story and scripture, to our present day situation, in an engaging and interactive manner. His work in the larger church has focused on children and youth ministry, racial justice and sexuality education, and, much involvement in the National Church.

Kenji grew up the son of Perth County farmers on a farm near Mitchell. He holds an undergraduate degree in environmental studies as well as a Masters of Divinity from Queen's University and Theological College. Kenji has previously served congregations in Arkona-Ravenswood and Glencoe-Appin. Kenji is also a self-professed nerd, iron chef, bookworm, basketball fan and patron of CBC Radio3.



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## ANNUAL MEETINGS OF LONDON CONFERENCE

		<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>
1972	London (Westminster College & Centennial Hall)	Rev. J.F. McKay	Mr. Neil Campbell
1973	Windsor (Univ. of Windsor)	Rev. F.M. Faist	Mr. D.A. Fisher
1974	London (Univ. of Western Ontario)	Rev. A.D. Churchill	Mr. D.A. Fisher
1975	Windsor (Univ. of Windsor)	Rev. W.B. Crowe	Mr. D.A. Fisher
1976	Windsor (Univ. of Windsor)	Rev. R.T. Hunt	Mrs. Anne Egilsson
1977	Sarnia (Canterbury Inn)	Rev. A.C. Moorehouse	Rev. L.T.C. Harbour
1978	Windsor (Univ. of Windsor)	Mrs. Anne Egilsson	Rev. L.T.C. Harbour
1979	Sault Ste. Marie (Central)	Rev. D.H. Ross	Rev. L.T.C. Harbour
1980	London (Wesley-Knox)	Rev. W.A. Sayers	Rev. L.T.C. Harbour
1981	Chatham (Park St.)	Rev. D.S. Mannell	Rev. L.T.C. Harbour
1982	Stratford (Central)	Rev. L. Snow	Rev. L.T.C. Harbour
1983	Woodstock (Central)	Rev. C.J. Holbrough	Rev. L.T.C. Harbour
1984	St. Thomas (Alma College)	Rev. N.S. Gibson	Rev. E.L. LeDrew
1985	Leamington (Leamington United)	Mr. John A. King	Dr. D.H. Ross
1986	Sarnia (Central)	Rev. Morley G. Clarke	Dr. D.H. Ross
1987	Sault Ste. Marie (Central)	Rev. M.E. Chapman	Dr. D.H. Ross
1988	London (Wesley-Knox)	Rev. W. Peter Scott	Dr. D.H. Ross
1989	Tillsonburg (Community Centre)	Rev. William Steadman	Dr. D.H. Ross
1990	Huron Park (Centralia College)	Mrs. Shirley Smith	Dr. D.H. Ross
1991	Ridgetown (Agricultural College)	Dr. George Harvey	Dr. D.H. Ross
1992	St. Thomas (Alma College)	Rev. David Carrothers	Dr. D.H. Ross
1993	Windsor (Place Concorde)	Rev. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa	Rev. W. Peter Scott
1994	Forest (Forest Arena)	Mrs. Sheila Duffin	Rev. W. Peter Scott
1995	Sault Ste. Marie (Ramada Inn)	Rev. Richard Hawley	Rev. W. Peter Scott
1996	London (First-St. Andrew's)	Rev. Richard Hawley	Rev. W. Peter Scott
1997	Woodstock (Community Complex)	Mrs. Celia Orth	Mr. W. Peter Scott
1998	Huron Park (Centralia International Academy)	Rev. David Woodall	Mr. W. Peter Scott
1999	Ridgetown (East Kent Memorial Arena)	Rev. Anne Beattie-Stokes	Mr. W. Peter Scott
2000	London (Hellenic Community Centre)	Rev. Heather McLean	Mr. W. Peter Scott
2001	Windsor (Hellenic Banquet Hall)	Rev. John Brown	Mr. W. Peter Scott
2002	Brigden (Fairgrounds)	Rev. Kirby Breithaupt	Mr. W. Peter Scott
2003	Sault Ste. Marie (Best Western)	Rev. Richard Bott	Mr. W. Peter Scott
2004	London (Hellenic Community Centre)	Mrs. Marilyn Hart	Mr. W. Peter Scott
2005	London (Hellenic Community Centre)	Rev. Donna Bowman-Woodall	Mr. W. Peter Scott
2006	Mitchell (Mitchell Community Centre)	Rev. E. Bruce Cook	Mr. W. Peter Scott
2007	Ridgetown (Ridgetown College)	Rev. E. Bruce Cook	Rev. David J. Woodall
2008	Aylmer (East Elgin Community Complex)	Rev. Susan H. Cameron	Rev. David J. Woodall
2009	Windsor (Hellenic Banquet Hall)	Rev. Douglas J. Wright	Rev. David J. Woodall
2010	London (Hellenic Community Centre)	Rev. Maya Landell	Rev. Heather McLean
2011	Sault Ste. Marie (Comfort Suites)	Rev. Gary Clark	Rev. Heather McLean
2012	London (Hellenic Community Centre)	Rev. Paul Browning	Rev. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa
2013	London (Hellenic Community Centre)	Rev. Philip Newman	Rev. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa
2014	London (Hellenic Community Centre)	Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Crittenden	Rev. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa
2015	London (Hellenic Community Centre)	Rev. Catherine Larmond	Rev. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa
2016	London (Hellenic Community Centre)	Rev. Kenji Marui	Rev. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa



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