

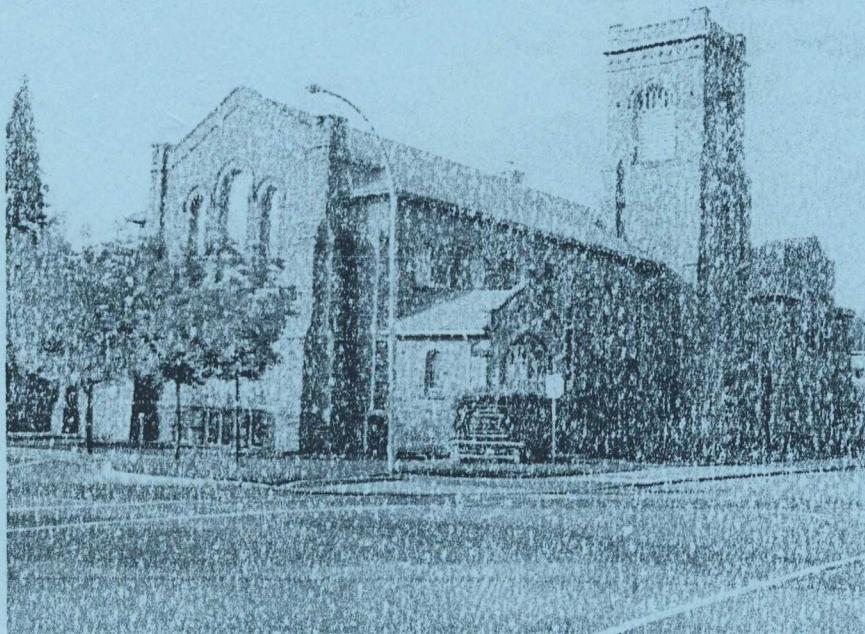
**LE SYNODE DU QUÉBEC ET DE L'EST DE L'ONTARIO  
L'ÉGLISE PRESBYtérienne AU CANADA**

**MINUTES AND REPORTS**

**The 132<sup>nd</sup> Synod Meeting  
October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006**

**Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Smiths Falls, Ontario**

**THE PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW**



**THE SYNOD OF QUEBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO  
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**



ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND MEETING  
 OF THE SYNOD OF QUÉBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO  
 WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
 SMITHS FALLS, ONTARIO  
 OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006

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**FIRST SEDERUNT**

In the Town of Smiths Falls, and within Westminster Presbyterian Church, on Friday the twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and six, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

At which place and time, the ministers and ruling elders being commissioners from the several presbyteries of The Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, convened as appointed by The Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario held in the City of Sherbrooke and the borough of Lennoxville, Québec, in its final sederunt on the fifteenth day of October 2005.

The public worship of God, including the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, was held in the sanctuary of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Smiths Falls. The Moderator, the Rev. John P. Vaudry, conducted worship and preached the sermon, entitled "Cords and Stakes". The Rev. James Patterson, assisted by the Rev. John Vaudry, celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Elders serving were Grace Buffam, Carolyn Fraser, Katie Grant, Gina Lewis. Organist Christian Allen provided music and a solo was offered by Bev Labelle.

**SYNOD CONSTITUTED**

Thereafter, following a brief recess, at three fifteen o'clock in the afternoon, the Moderator, the Reverend John P. Vaudry constituted the Synod with prayer in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, to transact all the business which might properly come before it.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

The clerk read the following names of those ministers and elders of the synod who had died during the previous year.

From the Presbytery of Québec: no names.

From the Presbytery of Montréal:

retired ministers the Rev. Ross MacKay and the Rev. Arthur Iarrera; elder Mr. Joseph Chuno, Hungarian Church.

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From the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry:

minister the Rev. Duncan Scott Kennedy and retired minister the Rev. Dr. Wallace MacKinnon; elders Mr. Roger Belanger, Knox Church, Vankleek Hill, Mr. Clive Rochfort, Kenyon Church, Dunvegan and Mr. Howard Miller, St. Andrew's Church, Prescott.

From the Presbytery of Ottawa:

retired minister the Rev. William J. Nesbitt, St. Paul's Church, Ottawa; retired Diaconal Minister Mrs. Dorothy Nekrassoff, Parkwood Church, Ottawa; elders Mr. Paul Garceau, Knox Church, Ottawa; Mr. John Sinclair, St. Stephen's Church, Ottawa; Mr. Grant Kalblfleisch, St. Stephen's Church, Ottawa; Ms. Susan Toth-Blackburn, Calvin Hungarian Church, Ottawa; Mr. John Mackenzie Paul, St. Paul's Church, Ottawa; Mr. Harold Stinson, Knox Church, Ottawa; Mr. J. William Ferguson, St. Giles Church, Ottawa; Mr. John A. Thomson, St. Giles Church, Ottawa; Mr. John Small, St. David and St. Martin Church, Ottawa; Mr. Gerald Fyke, Knox Church, Ottawa; Mr. Joseph McKibbon, Knox Church, Ottawa; Mr. Robert Frew, St. Paul's Church, Ottawa; Ms. Helen C. Bayne, St. Giles Church, Ottawa; Ms. Mary Wadleigh, Parkwood Church, Ottawa.

From the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew:

elders Ms. Barbara Edmonds, Petawawa Church, Petawawa; Ms. Willie Bowes, Almonte Church, Almonte; Mr. Donald Roche, Snow Road Church, Snow Road; Mr. Ashton Dale, Westminster Church, Smiths Falls; Mr. Jack (John) Campbell, Renfrew Church, Renfrew; Mr. Donald Oliver, St. Andrew's Church, Perth; Mr. Russel Bradford, St. Andrew's Church, Perth; Ms. Margaret Drummond, St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place; Mr. Donald Montgomery, St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place.

Following the reading of the names, the Moderator offered a prayer of thanksgiving and a moment of silence was observed.

**MOTION:** It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Ian MacLean that the memorial minutes presented to the synod be included in the minutes from the 132<sup>nd</sup> synod meeting. **AGREED.**

The Memorial Records for Mr. John Mackenzie Paul, the Rev. Duncan Scott Kennedy, the Rev. Dr. Wallace MacKinnon, Mrs. Dorothy Nekrassoff, the Rev. William J. Nesbitt, are found at Appendix N – pages 87-88.

**WELCOME**

On behalf of the session and congregation, the host minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church, the Rev. James M. Patterson welcomed the commissioners and guests to the 132<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario and to Westminster Church.

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**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS**

MOTION: It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Ian MacLean that the Report on the Committee on Business be received and considered. AGREED.

**Recommendation No. 1**

It was moved by Ian MacLean and seconded by Allan Thom that the Roll of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario be those commissioners appointed by its several presbyteries. AGREED.

**Presbytery of Quebec**

The Rev. Charles Deogratias *	Mrs. Sarah MacDonald
The Rev. John Barry Forsyth	Mrs. Carol Converse *

**Presbytery of Montreal**

The Rev. Peter Szabo *	Mrs. Elizabeth Turbine *
The Rev. Glynis Williams	
The Rev. Dr. Richard Topping	
The Rev. Dr. Barry Mack	
The Rev. Dr. Dan Shute	
The Rev. John P. Vaudry	

**Presbytery of Ottawa**

The Rev. Peter M. Laszlo (absent)	Mr. Stan Currie
The Rev. Shaun Seaman (absent)	Mrs. Marlene du Charme
Mrs. Dorothy Herbert	Mrs. Betty Fraser-Smith
The Rev. Cedric Pettigrew	Mrs. Susan McKellar
<u>The Rev. James Hurd</u>	Mr. George Toller
The Rev. Susan Clarke	Mr. W. Phil Campbell

**Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew**

The Rev. James M. Patterson	Ms. Beverley Labelle
The Rev. Patricia Van Gelder	Ms. Kathy Lesway
The Rev. Dr. Ruth Syme	Ms. Joan Morison

**Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry**

The Rev. Paul Chambers	Mrs. Janet Stark
The Rev. Ian MacLean	Mr. Allan Thom
The Rev. John McPhadden	Mr. Jorris Zubatek

- \* commissioners who sent regrets are marked with an asterisk
- name of commissioner underlined is a member of Synod Council

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**MOTION:** It was moved by James Patterson and seconded by Stan Currie that the Presbytery of Montréal be reminded that it is their duty to fulfill the requirement to name ruling elder commissioners to each synod meeting. **AGREED.**

It was agreed that further recommendations from the Committee on Business would be considered later.

**Regrets:**

In addition to those commissioners who sent in regrets, the following regrets were noted:  
 Mr. Gordon Walford, synod web-servant; Mrs. Margaret Reynolds (WMS Synodical President);  
 Dr. Michael Pettem, Presbytery of Montréal Clerk.

**Visitors:**

Synod Council: Donna McIlveen (Synod Clerk and Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry Clerk); Ross Davidson (Treasurer and Presbytery of Québec Clerk); Sandy McCuan (Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew Clerk), Donald MacMillan (Mission and Outreach Committee convener); Henny Donkersteeg (Regional Staffing Committee convener); Peter Rombeek (Youth Committee convener); Mark Bourgon (Resource Committee on Sexual Abuse and/or Harassment convener); William Klempa (History Committee convener); William Ball (Gracefield Operating Committee convener).

Others: Mrs. Dorothy Herbert, Co-Director Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre (the Presbytery of Ottawa), Mrs. Christine Ball, Synod Regional Staff (the Presbytery of Ottawa); Mrs. Anita Mack, Synod Regional Staff (the Presbytery of Montréal); Mrs. Corinne Bourgon (the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry).

The Moderator welcomed all visitors to the synod meeting.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Patricia Van Gelder and seconded by Ruth Syme that the visitors be invited to sit and correspond. **AGREED.**

**ELECTION OF MODERATOR**

The time having come to elect a Moderator to preside over the 132<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, the clerk reported that four nominations for Moderator had been received by four of the five presbyteries within the bounds of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario. By rotation the nominees were to come from the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew. The nominees were: the Rev. James D. Ferrier from the Presbytery of Québec; the Rev. Marilyn Savage from the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry; the Rev. Milton Fraser from the Presbytery of Ottawa; and the Rev. James M. Patterson from the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew. The clerk contacted all nominees prior to the synod meeting. The Rev. James D. Ferrier, the Rev. Marilyn Savage and the Rev. Milton Fraser withdrew their names. The Rev. James M. Patterson agreed to let his nomination stand.

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The Moderator called for nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations.

MOTION: It was moved by Ian MacLean and seconded by Ruth Syme that nominations close.  
 AGREED.

MOTION: It was moved by Ian MacLean and seconded by James Hurd that the Rev. James M. Patterson be declared elected as Moderator. AGREED.

The Rev. John P. Vaudry declared the Rev. James M. Patterson elected Moderator of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario.

**INSTALLATION OF THE MODERATOR**

The Rev. James M. Patterson was invited to the front of the sanctuary. The Rev. John P. Vaudry asked him the appointed questions and then with prayer installed the Rev. James M. Patterson as Moderator of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario.

The Rev. John P. Vaudry expressed thanks to the Court for the opportunity to serve as moderator and for all the support shown him as moderator throughout this past year. The Court then expressed their thanks to the Rev. John P. Vaudry for his service to the synod, with a round of applause.

The Rev. James M. Patterson thanked the Court for their expression of confidence and trust placed in him by his election as Moderator. He asked for their support in the conduct of the business of the Court.

**MINUTES OF PRESBYTERIES AND SYNOD COUNCIL**

The Synod called for the minutes of the several presbyteries within the bounds, and the minutes of the synod council, that they might be placed in the hands of the Committee to Examine Minutes. The clerk announced that all the minutes were available for examination.

**ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET** (Appendix A – pages 31-32)

MOTION: It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Glynis Williams that the proposed docket be received. AGREED.

Two changes were noted. It was agreed that:

- (1) the report from the Youth Committee be moved from the first to the second sederunt at the appointed time for the youth presentation
- (2) the report from the Presbytery of Ottawa re: Gracefield be moved from the third sederunt to the first sederunt following the report from the Regional Staff.

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MOTION: It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Glynis Williams that the proposed docket, as amended, be adopted. AGREED.

The docket is as followed by these minutes.

**MINUTES OF THE 131<sup>ST</sup> SYNOD MEETING**

The minutes of the 131<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario had been circulated to the commissioners named, the members of Synod Council, and one copy to each congregation within the bounds of the Synod.

The following correction was noted:

Page 1: third paragraph – the title of the sermon in the opening worship should correctly have been entitled “Where Would You Rather Be?”

MOTION: It was moved by John Vaudry and seconded by James Hurd that the minutes of the 131<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, as corrected, be adopted. AGREED.

**RECESS**

The time for a refreshment break having arrived, the moderator declared a fifteen minute recess.

**BUSINESS ARISING**

The following two items were brought forward for the information of the court:

1. Synod Treasurer: (page 7) Ross Davidson remains as treasurer. Synod Council circulated the presbyteries. One application was received. The Synod Council agreed to defer action on naming a new treasurer until a convener for the Finance Committee was named as the two persons would be working closely together and would need to be compatible. The position of Finance Committee convener remains vacant.
2. Liability Insurance Rebate: (page 27 and 42) Marsh Canada issued a refund to the Presbyterian Church in Canada and in return issued a cheque for \$831.31 to the synod.

**CORRESPONDENCE (Appendix B – pages 33-38)**

MOTION: It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Richard Topping that the following items of correspondence be received. AGREED.

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**CORRESPONDENCE (Cont'd):**

1. La Vie Chretienne, autumn 2005 issue, rec'd Dec. 29, 2005; summer 2006 issue, rec'd July 28, 2006.  
 - Received for information.
2. J. Ross H. Davidson, clerk to the Presbytery of Québec. A letter seeking additional and special financial support for the washroom facilities project being undertaken at the Camp d'action biblique. Rec'd May 25, 2006.

**Recommendation No. 1 – from Synod Council**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Glynis Williams and seconded by Barry Mack that the Synod Council recommend to the 132<sup>nd</sup> Synod that \$2,000 be taken from reserves and contributed to Camp d'action biblique for their new washroom facilities. **AGREED.**

3. Richard Fee, General Secretary, Life and Mission Agency. Copy of letter to Gracefield Camp acknowledging awarding of grant money of \$13,657.00 for water and septic projects. Rec'd May 30, 2006.  
 - Received for information.
4. Richard Fee, General Secretary, Life and Mission Agency. Copy of Letter to Camp d'action biblique acknowledging awarding of grant money of \$13,657.00 for water and septic projects. Rec'd May 30, 2006.  
 - Received for information.
5. Nominations for synod moderator from the various presbyteries within the synod:  
 From the Presbytery of Québec (the Rev. James D. Ferrier) received July 21, 2006  
 From the Presbytery of Montréal – no nomination received  
 From the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry (the Rev. Marilyn Savage) received June 23, 2006  
 From the Presbytery of Ottawa (the Rev. Milton Fraser) received October 18, 2006  
 From the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew (the Rev. Jim Patterson) received July 13, 2006  
 - Received for information.
6. Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Assembly Office. Letter re synod appointment of members to the 2007 General Assembly Committee to Nominate to Standing Committees. Rec'd Sept. 8, 2006.  
 - Considered under the Committee on Business, recommendation no. 13.
7. Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk. Letter re action of the 2006 General Assembly re overture No. 3, including camp contact information in the A&P. The prayer of the overture was granted. Rec'd August 28, 2006.  
 - Received for information.

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**CORRESPONDENCE (Cont'd):**

8. Assembly Office. 130<sup>th</sup> Synod Minutes returned after examination by the 132<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly.  
   - Received for information.
9. Ruth Syme, clerk pro tem to the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew. Letter, with accompanying documentation, concerning an appeal of the Rev. Robert Hill against the disciplinary action of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew.

**Recommendation No. 2 – from Synod Council**

**MOTION:** It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Ruth Syme that the letter from the clerk pro tem of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew concerning the appeal of the Rev. Robert Hill against the disciplinary action of the presbytery, Appeal No. 1, 2006, be received and that it be referred to the Synod council for consideration as to whether it is in proper order. **AGREED.**

**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS**

**Recommendation No. 2**

It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Ian MacLean that attendance be recorded in the Synod's Register, and travel expenses be paid upon authorization of the Finance Committee in consultation with the Committee on the Roll and Leave to Withdraw. **AGREED.**

**Notice of Motion:**

**Recommendation No. 3**

That the Synod Council gives notice that, at a future sederunt, they will move or cause to be moved that section 3.3.2.3 of the Synod Standing Orders for the Missions Committee be revised to read, "Missions Committee shall review all presbytery requests for mission grants and mission personnel appointments to the Life and Mission Agency of the General Assembly. The Missions Committee shall then make recommendations to Synod."

**Notice of Motion:**

**Recommendation No. 4**

That the Synod Council gives notice that, at a future sederunt, they will move or cause to be moved that section 3.3.4.1 of the Synod Standing Orders for the Regional Staffing Committee be revised to read, "Membership: Three members from the Synodical. Three members from the Synod. The Convener will alternate between Synod and Synodical, and depending on the rotation, a fourth member will be appointed by the Synod or Synodical. Members and Conveners will serve a maximum of two terms of three years each, one third to retire each year, beginning the rotation after the first three years of the committee's life."

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**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS (Cont'd):**

**Notice of Motion:**

**Recommendation No. 5**

That the Synod Council gives notice that, at a future sederunt, they will move or cause to be moved that section 3.4.6 of the Synod Standing Orders for the Synod Sexual Abuse and / or Harassment Resource Team be revised to include that the convener of the Resource Team be a non-voting corresponding member of Synod Council, thus relieving the convener of the burden of attending the regular meetings of Synod Council.

**Recommendation No. 6, No. 7 and No. 8 withdrawn**

It was agreed to withdraw recommendation No. 6, No. 7 and No. 8 as the stated hours being requested were already agreed to when the docket was adopted.

- **Recommendation No. 6 (withdrawn)**

That a stated hour of 7:30 p.m. Friday be observed for Kim Arnold, Chief Archivist, to address the synod on the subject "Caring for Church Records".

- **Recommendation No. 7 (withdrawn)**

That a stated hour of 10:00 a.m. Saturday be observed for Arlene Onuoha, mission speaker from Nigeria to address the synod.

- **Recommendation No. 8 (withdrawn)**

That the regional staff, Christine Ball and Anita Mack, be invited to speak on Friday afternoon at 5:00 p.m., that representatives from youth work be invited to speak on Friday evening at 8:30 p.m., that representatives from Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre be invited to speak on the Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m., and that a representative from Camp d'action biblique be invited to speak on the Saturday at 12:00 noon.

**Recommendation No. 9**

It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Ian MacLean that commissioners desiring to leave the Synod early (12:00 noon Saturday) receive permission from the court through the Committee on the Roll and Leave to Withdraw. AGREED.

**Recommendation No. 10**

It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Ian MacLean that the Committee on the Roll and Leave to Withdraw be Dan Shute and Glynis Williams, commissioners from the Presbytery of Montreal. AGREED.

**Recommendation No. 11**

It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Ian MacLean that the Committee to Examine Presbytery Minutes and Minutes of the Synod Council be convened by John Barry Forsyth, commissioner from the Presbytery of Quebec, and Joan Morison and Patricia Van Gelder, commissioners from the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew. AGREED.

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**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS (Cont'd):**

**Recommendation No. 12**

It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Ian MacLean that the Committee on Courtesies be Susan Clarke and Susan McKellar, commissioners from the Presbytery of Ottawa. AGREED.

**Recommendation No. 13**

It was moved by Ian MacLean and seconded by Richard Topping that the Committee to Review the Minutes of the meeting of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario be the Moderator of Synod and the Clerk of the Presbytery of Ottawa. AGREED.

**Recommendation No. 14**

It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Ian MacLean that the Presbytery of Ottawa be named to appoint members (a minister/diaconal minister commissioner and an elder commissioner) to the 2007 General Assembly Committee to Nominate to Standing Committees. AGREED.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

In the absence of a Finance Committee convener, Sandy McCuan, presented a report including the auditor's report 2005, a proposed 2007 budget, and a five year forecast.

**Audited Report 2005 (Appendix C – pages 39-46)**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Richard Topping and seconded by James Hurd that the auditor's report be received and the financial statement as at December 31, 2005 be adopted. AGREED.

**Proposed Budget 2007 (Appendix C – pages 47-48)**

Sandy McCuan read the following:

At the Synod meeting in 2005, approval was given to proceed with a Water and Septic System project. Approval was given for a loan of \$150,000 provided that the required money was received to cover the remaining cost of the project. The loan was to be paid back over a period of 20 years and this was reflected in the report of projected expenses over the next five years as shown in the minutes of synod. The yearly payback amount was shown as \$11,700 based on 5%.

It is estimated that the total cost of the project including work already done, would be \$262,900 including tax. Funding received to date from various sources is \$82,555 leaving a balance of \$180,345. Based on a loan of \$150,000 this leaves a shortfall of \$30,000. Planning and preliminary work has been done allowing the project to be put out to tender at anytime if the

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (Cont'd):**

money were available. It has been determined that the present septic system could fail at any time which would mean that the camp would be closed until the project was done.

In view of this situation, it is recommended to synod that they consider raising the amount of the loan from \$150,000 to \$180,000 to allow the project to be completed prior to the 2007 summer season. Since interest rates have increased over the past year financial institution rates are now 6.75% rather 5% with a yearly payback amount of \$15,360 yearly over 20 years.

The proposed budget is based on approval being given for the amount of loan being raised to \$180,000 and applying a rate of interest of 6.75%. It is proposed, however, that church sources be approached to see if a loan could be received at a more favourable rate of interest. It is also proposed to continue the effort to obtain more donations towards this project.

The following recommendation, No. 1, was presented to the court for consideration and reflection. It was agreed to defer discussion on the recommendation until a future sederunt.

**Recommendation No. 1**

That the Synod Council recommend to the 132<sup>nd</sup> Synod that they consider raising the amount of the loan for the water treatment and septic system projects from \$150,000 to \$180,000 to allow the project to be completed prior to the 2007 summer season.

The hope was expressed that funding could be secured from sources other than financial institutions. A discussion was held concerning other possible sources for funding.

The commissioners from the Presbytery of Montreal expressed concern over the financial strain that raising synod allocations places on congregations.

**5-Year Forecast (Appendix C – page 49)**

The five-year forecast was presented to the court for information. It was agreed to defer discussion on the forecast until a later sederunt.

**HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Ian MacLean and seconded by Dorothy Herbert that the report of the History Committee be received and considered. **AGREED.**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Patricia Van Gelder and seconded by Dorothy Herbert that each presbytery before the end of 2006 appoint one corresponding member to assist the Synod Historian with the work of the Oral History Project.

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Clerk:

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**HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT (Cont'd):**

Kim Arnold, Chief Archivist, briefly spoke to the Oral History project. She indicated that the Archives would pay for cassette tapes being used for the Oral History Project.

The vote was called for. AGREED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Treasurer's Report on Synod Finances from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005**

(Appendix D – pages 50-52)

MOTION: It was moved by Barry Mack and seconded by Ruth Syme that the treasurer's report on Synod Finances from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005 be adopted.

Ross Davidson, treasurer, spoke to the treasurer's report. He noted that the \$29.75, listed as unreconciled difference, is the amount carried over from the transition between treasurers in July 2005, but whose source has not been able to be identified. The \$29.75 has been transferred into the Project Gracefield account.

The vote was called for. AGREED.

**Financial Statement to September 30, 2006** (Appendix D – pages 53-54)

MOTION: It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Ruth Syme that the financial statement of January 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006 be received for information. AGREED.

**RESOURCE TEAM ON SEXUAL ABUSE AND / OR HARASSMENT**

MOTION: It was moved by Ian MacLean and seconded by Patricia Van Gelder that the report from the Synod Resource Team On Sexual Abuse and/or Harassment be received. AGREED.

Mark Bourgon, convener, spoke to the report. (Appendix E – page 55)  
 Mark indicated that he is stepping down as convener.

Ian MacLean questioned whether the \$400.00 allocated in the 2007 budget for the work of the team is sufficient. In the event that the team is called upon, the cost of holding meetings would be considerably greater than \$400.00.

MOTION: It was moved by Ian MacLean that the amount in the 2007 budget for the work of the Resource Team on Sexual Abuse and/or Harassment be increased from \$400.00 to \$5,000.00.

- No one seconded the motion, consequently the motion fell.

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**RESOURCE TEAM ON SEXUAL ABUSE AND / OR HARASSMENT (Cont'd):**

The Moderator thanked Mark Bourgon for his service to the synod as convener of the Resource Team on Sexual Abuse and/or Harassment for the past three years, and thanked him for his willingness to continue to serve on the team.

MOTION: It was moved by Ian MacLean and seconded by Patricia Van Gelder that the report be adopted. AGREED.

**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY SYNODEICAL REPORT**

(Appendix F – page 56)

MOTION: It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Betty Fraser-Smith that the report of the Women's Missionary Society Synodical, be received for information. AGREED.

It was noted that the Synodical of Québec and Eastern Ontario would be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007. The Montréal Presbyterial will be hosting the annual meeting.

**REGIONAL STAFFING COMMITTEE REPORT**

(Appendix G – page 57)

MOTION: It was moved by Patricia Van Gelder and seconded by Ian MacLean that the report of the Regional Staffing Committee be received for information. AGREED.

Henny Donkersteeg, convener, spoke to the report. She highlighted the various aspects of the work undertaken this past year by the two regional staff, Christine Ball and Anita Mack.

**REPORTS FROM THE REGIONAL STAFF**

The Moderator introduced the Regional Staff to the Court – Christine Ball, regional staff in the Eastern Ontario part of the synod and Anita Mack, regional staff in the Québec part of the synod.

Each regional staff presented their report, highlighted the various aspects of their work, and answered questions. (Appendix H – pages 58-60)

MOTION: It was moved by Dorothy Herbert and seconded by Susan McKellar that the synod record its thanks for the dedicated service of its regional staff. AGREED.

**REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA re: Gracefield Camp 2005-2006**

(Appendix I – pages 61-65)

MOTION: It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Cedric Pettigrew that the report from the Presbytery of Ottawa for the year 2005-2006 regarding the management of the Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre be received and considered. AGREED.

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Clerk:

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**REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA (Gracefield Camp 2005-2006) (Cont'd):**

The report was distributed to the members of the court. The moderator allowed for a few minutes for the commissioners to read through the report.

James Hurd apologized for not having the report before the commissioners prior to the beginning of the synod meeting.

James Hurd, clerk to the Presbytery of Ottawa, spoke to the report. For the information of the court, James Hurd briefly summarized the history of the oversight of the Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre (GCC) by the Presbytery of Ottawa. The oversight began with a three year trial period from October 2000 – 2003. The 129<sup>th</sup> Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario agreed that the management of the GCCC continue to be the responsibility of the Presbytery Ottawa, subject to review every three years by the synod and the presbytery.

Discussion followed with a time of questions and answers.

Ross Davidson, treasurer, advised that the matter noted on page 3 of the Presbytery of Ottawa report concerning the presbytery's resolve to strongly urge the Synod Council to take immediate steps to meet the synod's financial obligations to the camp, has been met. At the May 25, 2007 meeting of the Synod Council, the treasurer was directed to provide the operating grant to the GCCC on a monthly basis.

James Hurd noted that the Presbytery of Ottawa received a request from John Wilson to be relieved of the convenership of the Gracefield Operating Committee as of September 2006. The presbytery agreed to the request.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Ruth Syme and seconded by Stan Currie that the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario record its thanks for the long and faithful service of John Wilson to the Gracefield Operating Committee from January 2001 - September 2006.  
**AGREED.**

Discussion on the report continued.

It was noted that the Gracefield Operating Committee has not yet submitted to the Presbytery of Ottawa a final or audited or reviewed version of the financial statement for the year 2005 nor the balance sheet for December 31, 2005, and therefore there is no financial report for consideration by the synod.

**MOTION:** It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Cedric Pettigrew that the report from the Presbytery of Ottawa for the year 2005-2006 regarding the management of the Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre, as amended with the addition of the record of thanks, be adopted. **AGREED.**

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**COMMITTEE ON ROLL AND LEAVE TO WITHDRAW**

MOTION: It was moved by Dan Shute and seconded by Glynis Williams that James Hurd be granted leave to withdraw for the second sederunt and the first part of the third sederunt. AGREED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: It was moved by Betty Fraser-Smith that the Synod adjourn. AGREED.

The Moderator adjourned the Synod to reconvene at 7:00 o'clock in the evening in the same place. The sederunt closed with prayer by the Moderator.

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Moderator

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Clerk

**SECOND SEDERUNT**

On the same day and place at seven o'clock in the evening, the synod met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator began the second sederunt with a reading from scripture, followed by the court singing together the hymn, "At Evening, When The Sun Had Set". The Moderator then constituted the court with prayer.

**MISSIONS COMMITTEE & ROBERT FUND COMMITTEE** (Appendix J – pages 66-73)

MOTION: It was moved by Dorothy Herbert and seconded by Richard Topping that the report of the Missions Committee, including the Robert Fund Committee, be received and its recommendations considered. AGREED.

Donald MacMillan, convener of the Missions Committee and Robert Fund Committee, spoke to the report.

**Recommendation No. 1**

It was moved by Ian MacLean and seconded by Sarah Macdonald that the Synod grant requests for 2007 be approved.

Donald MacMillan commented on two specific areas.

The first involved the funding of chaplaincies and camping. Other synods across the country currently receive proportionally greater funding from Canada Ministries for their specialized

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**MISSIONS COMMITTEE & ROBERT FUND COMMITTEE (Cont'd):**

ministries of chaplaincy and/or camping. It is the hope of the committee that the funding to this synod could also be increased.

The second involved funding to the Montréal Presbyterian Bible Church (MBC). It was resolved at the 131<sup>st</sup> synod meeting in 2005, that the committee review further the continuance of the grant to the MBC. The committee discovered that the Presbytery of Montréal were undertaking a review of the MBC, and agreed to wait until that review was completed. The Presbytery of Montréal established a project group that brought several recommendations concerning the future of the MBC. The recommendations included seeking a grant of up to \$20,000 for 2007 and \$10,000 for 2008. The Synod Missions Committee received a copy of the report and the recommendations approved by the Presbytery of Montréal. In light of the extensive work undertaken by the Presbytery of Montréal, the committee felt an additional review was not necessary at this time.

The question was called for. AGREED.

**Recommendation No. 2**

It was moved by Ian MacLean and seconded by Sarah MacDonald that for 2007 the proposed distribution of funds for the Robert Fund remain the same as in 2006.

It was noted that there was no indication given in the printed report from the committee what the projects were or what the proposed distribution of funds would be.

The convener referred the court to the 2005 report, found on page 78 of the appendix to the minutes of the 131<sup>st</sup> synod meeting, which lists the 4 projects that are currently funded and the amount of monies available for distribution based on \$8,000, \$10,000 and \$12,000 income.

It was agreed that the report would be amended to include the information found on page 78.

The vote was called for. AGREED.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Ian MacLean and seconded by Richard Topping that the report of the Missions Committee and the Robert Fund Committee, as amended, with its recommendations, be adopted. AGREED.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

The Moderator welcomed Ms. Kim Arnold, chief archivist and records administrator, and invited her to address the synod.

Ms. Kim Arnold thanked the synod for the invitation and for opportunity to be present for the synod meeting.

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**GUEST SPEAKER – Ms. Kim Arnold, chief archivist (cont'd):**

Ms. Arnold addressed the synod on the topic of “Caring for Church Records”. She highlighted the following topics: history of the archives, care and conservation of records, records management, microfilming, special media and using your archives. There was a time of discussion and questions at the end of the presentation.

Ms. Arnold also drew to the court's attention, Appendix G of the Book of Forms, Archives and Records Management. She encouraged all congregations to microfilm their official records and to place a copy with the Presbyterian Church Archives. The Archives staff welcomes and encourages enquiries about managing church records. Ms. Arnold reminded the court of the ongoing Oral History Project, and encouraged the synod in its endeavours in this area. She also spoke to the court of the Moment in Time history project being undertaken during this Year of the Sabbath, and encouraged congregations to participate. Ms. Arnold further encouraged all congregations to undertake the writing of their history.

The Moderator thanked Kim Arnold for her informative presentation. He noted that Ms. Kim Arnold has served the Presbyterian Church in Canada in the archives for 25 years.

The court showed their appreciation to Ms. Kim Arnold with a round of applause.

**YOUTH COMMITTEE** (Appendix K – pages 74-75)

**MOTION:** It was moved by Ian MacLean and seconded by Janet Stark that the report of the Youth Committee be received and considered. **AGREED.**

Peter Rombeek, convener of the Youth Committee, spoke to the report. Peter highlighted the various events, retreats and projects that the Youth Committee was involved with since the synod last met. The highlight was Canada Youth 2006 held at Brock University, St. Catharines from July 4-9, 2006. The theme was “Let's Hit the Road”. 53 young people and adults from the synod filled a bus, traveled to the event and participated either in the youth or youth leader track. Special thanks were extended to Christine Ball and Anita Mack for all the work they undertook to coordinate the transportation, T-shirts, and pre-conference events.

The committee is considering the future and how best to fulfill its mandate. The committee would like to find out from each congregation who has not participated in an event, why. Each commissioner was challenged to bring back to their respective presbyteries the following questions:

- (1) is this a communication issue? (2) are the programs not useful? (3) bad timing?
- (4) are synod led retreats/programs not needed or desired? (5) how can we help you?

**MOTION:** It was moved by Ian MacLean and seconded by Janet Stark that the report of the Youth Committee be adopted. **AGREED.**

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**NOTICES OF MOTION**

(1) Standing Orders - section 3.3.2.3, changes to the Missions Committee

MOTION: Pursuant to the notice of motion given in the first sederunt, it was moved by Patricia van Gelder and Richard Topping that section 3.3.2.3 of the Synod Standing Orders for the Missions Committee be revised to read, "Missions Committee shall review all presbytery requests for mission grants and mission personnel appointments to the Life and Mission Agency of the General Assembly. The Missions Committee shall then make recommendations to Synod." AGREED.

(2) Standing Orders – section 3.3.4.1, changes to the Regional Staffing Committee

MOTION: Pursuant to the notice of motion given in the first sederunt, it was moved by Ian MacLean and seconded by Patricia Van Gelder that section 3.3.4.1 of the Synod Standing Orders for the Regional Staffing Committee be revised to read, "Membership: Three members from the Synodical. Three members from the Synod. The Convener will alternate between Synod and Synodical, and depending on the rotation, a fourth member will be appointed by the Synod or Synodical. Members and Conveners will serve a maximum of two terms of three years each, one third to retire each year, beginning the rotation after the first three years of the committee's life." AGREED.

(3) Standing Orders – section 3.4.6, changes Sexual Abuse and/or Harassment Resource Team

MOTION: Pursuant to the notice of motion given in the first sederunt, it was moved by Ian MacLean and seconded by Ruth Syme that section 3.4.6 of the Synod Standing Orders for the Synod Sexual Abuse and/or Harassment Resource Team be revised to include that the convener of the Resource Team be a non-voting corresponding member of Synod Council, thus relieving the convener of the burden of attending the meetings of Synod Council. AGREED.

**COMMITTEE ON ROLL AND LEAVE TO WITHDRAW**

The committee reported that no requests had been received.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: It was moved by Ian MacLean that the Synod adjourn. AGREED.

The Moderator adjourned the Synod to reconvene on Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock, in the same place. The sederunt closed with prayer by the Moderator.

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**THIRD SEDERUNT**

On Saturday, the twenty-first day of October, two thousand and six, at nine o'clock in the morning within Westminster Presbyterian Church, Smiths Falls, Ontario, the Synod met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator, the Rev. James Patterson, led in a time of worship. Participating in the worship service were Carolyn Fraser, Michelle McLagan and Abigail McLagan, readers; Christian Allen, pianist; and Carolyn Fraser, Michelle McLagan, Abigail McLagan and Fraser Bedford, chimes.

Following worship the Moderator constituted the Synod with prayer at 9:30 a.m.

**CHANGE TO THE DOCKET**

At the request of the convener of the History Committee, the court agreed to grant the History Committee an additional time on the docket at the beginning of the third sederunt.

**HISTORY COMMITTEE**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Ian MacLean and seconded by Richard Topping that an amount of \$1,000 be budgeted for the work of the Synod Historian and the corresponding members appointed to work on the Oral History Project, and that this request be referred to the Synod Finance Committee. **AGREED.**

**APPEAL No. 1 2006**

The Moderator, the Rev. James Patterson, removed himself from the chair, as he is a member of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew the presbytery whose action is being appealed against. John Vaudry, past moderator, took the chair.

It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Ian MacLean that subject to the action of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew in homologating the action of the clerk pro tem in transmitting Appeal No. 1, 2006 to the Synod that it be received and remitted to a Special Commission of this Synod with full power to issue.

The letter from the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew was read to the court.

The vote was called for. **AGREED.**

It was moved by Ian MacLean and seconded by James Patterson that the composition of the Special Commission be named by the past moderator, John Vaudry, and brought forward to the court prior to the closing of the Synod meeting for consideration. **AGREED.**

The Past Moderator stepped down, and the Moderator resumed the chair.

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**GUEST SPEAKER**

The Moderator welcomed the Rev. Arlene Onuoha, International ministries mission personnel, and invited her to address the synod. Arlene works with the Presbyterian Church in Nigeria as Finance Officer and Secretary to the National Directorate of Missions, and as Secretary of the Board of Governors for Presbyterian Urban Health Services.

Arlene addressed the synod, beginning with prayer and the reading of scripture from Micah 6:6-8 and Matthew 28:16-20. She spoke on the mission of the church here at home and abroad. She then divided those present into small groups and asked each group to consider mission work around the world. She asked the question, who is in mission? The geographical areas considered were Africa, Central America and the Caribbean, South America, Middle East, South Asia and Europe. Following the small group time, everyone reconvened to the larger group for a discussion on the topic of who is involved in mission.

Arlene shared some of her experiences of being involved in mission work in Nigeria. She spoke about the history of mission work in Nigeria and what is happening today. She noted that every state in Nigeria now has a Presbyterian presence. God is working amongst the people of Nigeria. Arlene spoke about the WASAY project – Win A Soul A Year – and how we all need to be willing to be made available to help win souls. She challenged each congregation to be used. She also highlighted the OPAC project – Operation Plant A Church – and spoke to the challenges of opening new churches. Arlene spoke passionately about how we are all called to work for God, and how we all need to work together. She encouraged everyone to continue being faithful partners in mission. The Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Presbyterian Church in Nigeria can only be as strong as the people within the churches. The question before us then is, as churches, how alive and active are we willing to be?

Arlene thanked everyone for their ongoing prayerful and financial support of mission work around the world.

The Moderator thanked the Rev. Arlene Onuoha for her inspiring presentation to the court and for her continued ministry in Nigeria.

**Recess**

The court agreed to take a fifteen minute recess.

**GRACEFIELD TESTIMONIALS**

The moderator called upon Dorothy Herbert, co-director at the Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre to introduce the campers from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Smiths Falls: Fraser Bedford, Abigail McLagan, Michelle McLagan and Jenny Wilkins. The Moderator then invited each camper to address the court.

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**GRACEFIELD CAMPER TESTIMONIALS (Cont'd):**

Several camper testimonials were offered. Following is the text of one of the testimonials.

Abigail McLagan wrote:

*"Good morning. Today I would like to talk to you about my experiences at Gracefield camp. I have attended Gracefield's summer camp for the past four years.*

*I first heard about Gracefield when my dad told me about his wonderful experiences as a camper back in the 1970's. When I was finally old enough, my parents sent me to Tenderfoot camp, which is an introduction to overnight camping for young children.*

*I've also attended the Pioneer and Frontier camps, which provide older kids with a more diverse set of activities such as canoeing, hiking and swimming. We also get a chance to camp overnight across the lake in tents instead of in our regular cabins. It's a great opportunity to make new friends and have a lot of fun with new experiences.*

*Every morning before breakfast, we gather by the lake to read bible scriptures and pray. In the evening we all meet at a campfire and sing songs that tell stories from the Bible. Before bed, we gather in our own cabins and take turns reading more from the Bible and talking about what we've read. We also do many different types of prayers.*

*This past summer, I also had the opportunity to attend family camp with Jim and Brenda Patterson. While we were at Family Camp, some other families from our church were also in attendance. There were group activities for us to choose between. For example, we could make crafts, play games, canoe, swim and do other fun things appropriate for all ages.*

*Gracefield is a great learning experience. It is wonderful to learn more about God, Jesus, and the stories of the Bible while spending time with other people who are interested in the same thing.*

*Please consider sending your children or grandchildren to Gracefield for summer camp, or visiting Gracefield for a family vacation. I'm certain that you'll enjoy every minute!"*

The campers ended by singing together the camp song, "The Sheep Song".

Dorothy Herbert reminded the court that the mission of the Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre is to invite all people to experience the loving presence of the living God in creation, in Christ and in Christian community. She encouraged everyone to come and visit the camp and see what it has to offer.

George Toller spoke of the many fond memories he has of the camp. He recalled the opening of the camp at its present site in Gracefield, Quebec in 1962. He encouraged everyone to visit the beautiful site and to see how they can support the camp so that its ministry can continue, grow and flourish.

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**GRACEFIELD OPERATING COMMITTEE** (Appendix L – pages 76-79)

**MOTION:** It was moved by Marlene du Charme and seconded by Stan Currie that the report of the Gracefield Operating Committee be received and considered. **AGREED.**

William Ball, convener, spoke to the report. He summarized the report, highlighting the program priorities.

The active program priorities are:

1. Christian Camps for Children and Youth
2. Leader-in-Training and Staff Development
3. Ministries with Families and Individuals
4. Seasonal Camper Community – “Tent & trailer”
5. Presbyterian Church in Canada Team Building
6. Environmental Education

The passive program priorities are:

1. Congregational Retreats, Group Hosting
2. Family Vacations, Transient Guests

William noted that the 2006 summer camping season was more costly than expected, largely in part due to frequent and prolonged power failures, which resulted in food spoilage and the need to buy fuel for gas powered generators. The power outages also caused havoc with the computers, and resulted in the loss of financial data, that needed to be re-entered. This has taken considerable time and a complete financial picture is not available at this time. In addition, the GOC is currently without a convener of their Finance Committee.

Clarification was sought regarding the use of the Manse. The directors are unable to reside in the Manse due to the effects of off gassing, a side effect of some of the building material used in its construction. The manse is well used and at the present time it is supplementing staff accommodations.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Marlene de Charme and seconded by Stan Currie that the report of the Gracefield Operating Committee be adopted. **AGREED.**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Barry Mack and seconded by Stan Currie that the Gracefield Operating Committee be commended for their dedicated, faithful and committed service to the camp. **AGREED.**

**CAMP D'ACTION BIBLIQUE** (Appendix M – pages 80-81)

The Moderator invited Mr. Craig Dewar, Director General and Secretary of the Camp d'action biblique (CAB) camp committee, to address the court.

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**CAMP D'ACTION BIBLIQUE (Cont'd):**

Mr. Dewar thanked the court for the privilege of addressing the court. He also thanked the synod for the \$1,500 donation to the camp received last spring and the additional \$5,000 donation in support of the new washroom construction.

Mr. Dewar indicated that the camp committee consists of 9 volunteers who are kept extremely busy year round, doing many diverse jobs. The camp has been in operation since 1947. Most of the buildings on site were built in the early 1960s and need a lot of tender loving care. Several construction projects are underway, including the new washroom and shower facility, which was started in late spring 2006. The hope is that it will be completed by late spring 2007. Other construction projects include a new dock, parking area, roof repairs, walk-in-fridge refurbishment, an overhang on the dining hall entrance, the removal of dead and / or fallen trees, the tin roof on the art cabin painted, and the construction of 7 new tables. In addition a new trailer was donated and overhauled.

The mission of CAB is to assist in leading young people and the wider community to a living faith in Christ and to a continuing discovery of the abundant life of Christian discipleship.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Barry Mack and seconded by John Vaudry that the report from Camp d'action biblique be received for information. AGREED.

**COMMITTEE ON THE ROLL AND LEAVE TO WITHDRAW**

According to Recommendation No. 9 of the Committee on Business, commissioners are only required to seek permission from the court to leave the Synod early prior to 12:00 noon on Saturday. Therefore Glynis Williams and Dan Shute reported no requests.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** It was moved by James Hurd that the Synod adjourn. AGREED.

The Moderator adjourned the Synod to reconvene at 1:20 o'clock in the afternoon, in the same place. The sederunt closed with prayer by the Moderator.

The Moderator led the synod in the singing of the hymn Father We Adore You as a grace prior to the lunch meal.

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Moderator

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**FOURTH SEDERUNT**

On the same day and place at 1:20 o'clock in the afternoon, the synod met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator began the fourth sederunt by leading the court in the singing of the hymn Thou Shalt Arise. The Moderator then constituted the court with prayer.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** (cont'd from page 11)

**Proposed Budget 2007**

a) History Committee

**MOTION:** It was moved by Cedric Pettigrew and seconded by Susan Clarke that the proposed 2007 synod budget be amended to include line 21 History, with an amount of \$1,000.

**AMENDMENT:** It was moved by Ruth Syme and seconded by Betty Fraser-Smith that the proposed 2007 synod budget be amended to include line 21 History, with an amount of \$1,000 and that the \$1,000 come out of the reserves bringing the deficit to \$4,500. AGREED.

Motion as amended. AGREED.

This brings the proposed synod budget to \$97,360.00, with no increase to presbytery allocations.

b) Water Treatment and Septic System Projects

The following recommendation was presented to the court in the first sederunt for their consideration and reflection:

**Recommendation No. 1**

That the Synod Council recommend to the 132<sup>nd</sup> Synod that they consider raising the amount of the loan for the water treatment and septic system projects from \$150,000 to \$180,000 to allow the project to be completed prior to the 2007 summer season.

For reference and information, the court was directed to the following action of the 131<sup>st</sup> synod:

From the 131<sup>st</sup> Synod (2005): page 26-27

It was moved by Mark Bourgon and seconded by Jim Patterson that the contracting authority be empowered to: (1) retain a civil engineering firm to manage the septic system project; (2) solicit funds for the septic system project; and (3) borrow any additional funds required up to \$150,000.00. AGREED.

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Clerk:

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE (Cont'd):**  
**Proposed Budget 2007**

**Recommendation No.1**

MOTION: It was moved by Stan Currie and seconded by Patricia Van Gelder that the synod approve the borrowing of additional funds required for the water and septic system projects at the Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre from up to \$150,000.00 to \$180,000.00. . .

AMENDMENT: It was moved by Dan Shute and seconded by Richard Topping that the synod approve the borrowing of additional funds required for the water and septic system projects at the Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre from up to \$150,000.00 to up to \$180,000.00 at the lowest possible interest rate.  
AGREED.

Motion as amended: AGREED.

MOTION: It was moved by Ruth Syme and seconded by Patricia Van Gelder that the proposed budget for 2007, as amended, be adopted. AGREED.

**Five-Year Forecast**

MOTION: It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Betty Fraser-Smith that the five-year forecast, as amended with the addition of the History Committee line, be received for information. AGREED.

**COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERIES AND THE SYNOD COUNCIL**

MOTION: It was moved John Barry Forsyth and seconded by Patricia Van Gelder that the report of the Committee to Examine the Minutes of the Presbyteries and Synod Council be received and considered. CARRIED.

**Recommendation No. 1**

It was moved by John Barry Forsyth and seconded by Patricia Van Gelder that the minutes of the Presbytery of Québec, the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry, the Presbytery of Ottawa, the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew and the Synod Council of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, be attested as neatly and correctly kept. AGREED.

**Recommendation No. 2**

It was moved by John Barry Forsyth and seconded by Patricia Van Gelder that the minutes of the Presbytery of Montréal be attested as neatly kept with note. AGREED.

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**COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERIES AND THE SYNOD COUNCIL**

MOTION: It was moved by John Barry Forsythe and seconded by Patricia Van Gelder that the report as a whole be adopted. AGREED.

**SPECIAL COMMISSION RE APPEAL No. 1 2006**

The past moderator, John Vaudry, brought forward for consideration the names of Cedric Pettigrew, Glynis Williams, James Hurd, Sarah MacDonald and Janet Stark as suggested members for the Special Commission re Appeal No. 1.

MOTION: It was moved by Richard Topping and seconded by Paul Chambers that the Special Commission re Appeal No. 1 be as follows: Cedric Pettigrew (convener), Glynis Williams, James Hurd, Sarah MacDonald and Janet Stark. AGREED.

The treasurer noted that there is no line item for the Special Commission re Appeal No. 1 in the approved budget. It was agreed that expenses incurred by the Special Commission should be submitted to the treasurer and that such expenses would be covered by the reserves.

**MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

Re: Montreal Bible Church, page 16

Donald MacMillan, convener, asked the court's indulgence with respect to an additional item for inclusion in the committee's report.

MOTION: It was moved by Ian MacLean and seconded by Sarah MacDonald that the Presbytery of Montreal report entitled Report of the Project Group Looking at the Future of the Montreal Bible Church, be included as part of the Missions Committee report, for information. AGREED.

**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS** (cont'd from page 10)

**Standing Committee Nominations**

James Hurd reported the following, on behalf of the Committee to Nominate:

1. Resource Team on Sexual Abuse and / or Harassment: Patricia Van Gelder has agreed to let her name stand as convener of the Resource Team. She will also remain the representative from the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew.

MOTION: It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Ian MacLean that Patricia Van Gelder be named convener of the Resource Team on Sexual Abuse and / or Harassment. AGREED.

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**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS (Cont'd):**

2. Synod Web-Site Oversight Committee: Stan Currie has agreed to let his name stand as a member of the Synod Web-Site Oversight Committee.

MOTION: It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Ian MacLean that Stan Currie be named to the Web-Site Oversight Committee. AGREED.

3. Missions Committee: subject to his willingness to serve, the name of Maurice Bergeron, was put forward as a possible representative for French ministries within the presbyteries of Québec and Montréal.

MOTION: It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Ian MacLean that Maurice Bergeron, Presbytery of Montréal, be approached to ascertain his willingness serve on the Synod Missions Committee as the representative for French ministries within the presbyteries of Québec and Montréal. AGREED.

MOTION: It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Richard Topping that the presbytery clerks write to each Clerk of Session within their bounds, seeking the names of potential candidates for the position of convener of the Synod Finance Convener. AGREED.

James Hurd expressed his appreciation to Henny Donkersteeg and Margaret Reynolds for their assistance on the Committee to Nominate.

**Recommendation No. 15**

It was moved by James Hurd and Ian MacLean that Synod Council be authorized to fill any vacancies which may occur with (in the membership of) Synod Standing Committees prior to the next Synod meeting. AGREED.

**Synod Standing Committees**

**Synod Council – Committee to Nominate**

Moderator, Past Moderator, Clerk, Clerks of the Presbyteries, Conveners of the Standing Committees, Representatives of the WMS Synodical and a representative from the GOC.

**Finance Committee**

Vacant (Convener), Synod Treasurer, 5 Presbytery Treasurers or Presbytery Finance Conveners: I. MacArthur Beattie (Quebec), Tracy Lloyd (Montreal), Ian MacMillan (Seaway-Glengarry), Mark Ranson (Ottawa), Sandy McCuan (Lanark and Renfrew) and vacant (Finance Convener, Gracefield).

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**Synod Standing Committees (cont'd):**

**Youth Committee**

Peter Rombeek (Convener), Christine Ball (Regional Staff and Ottawa rep.), Anita Mack (Regional Staff and Montreal rep.), Dorothy or Alan Herbert (Gracefield rep.) Donna McIlveen (Seaway-Glengarry rep.), Marilyn Savage (Lanark and Renfrew rep.), Nadine Fafard (Camp d'action biblique rep. and Quebec rep.).

**Missions Committee and Robert Fund Committee**

Donald MacMillan (Convener), conveners from the 5 Presbytery Missions Committees (Sarah MacDonald, Quebec; Peter Kerr, Montreal; Floyd McPhee, Seaway-Glengarry; Don MacMillan, Ottawa; and Daniel Forget, Lanark and Renfrew); *vacant* (representing the French ministries within the Presbyteries of Quebec and Montreal) and the Synodical President, Margaret Reynolds.

**The Regional Staffing Committee**

Henny Donkersteeg (Convener), with three members from the Synodical (Catherine Blatch, Sheila Paterson and Lois Klempa) and three members from the Synod (Dan de Silva, Wayne Menard and Brenda Patterson).

**Synod Historian** – William Klempa, plus one representative from each of the presbyteries within the bounds. (Québec - *vacant*, Montréal - *vacant*, Seaway-Glengarry - *vacant*, Ottawa - *vacant*, and Lanark and Renfrew - *vacant*).

**Pension Board – Synod Corresponding Representative** - Synod Treasurer

**The Resource Team on Sexual Abuse and/or Harassment**

Patricia Van Gelder (Convener), with representation from the various presbyteries. (Joycelyn MacKay - Montreal; Mark Bourgon, Ian MacLean – Seaway-Glengarry; Patricia Van Gelder – Lanark and Renfrew; *vacant* - Ottawa; *vacant* - Québec).

**Synod Web-Site** – Webservant, Gordon Walford

**Synod Web-Site Oversight Committee**

Gordon Walford, Stan Currie, *vacant*, and Donna McIlveen.

**Synod Representative to Assembly Council**

Gordon Walford (lay person for 2005-2008)

**Recommendation No. 16**

It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Ian MacLean that the above be the Standing Committees of Synod. AGREED.

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**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS (Cont'd):**

**Recommendation No. 17**

It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Ian MacLean that the Synod Council be given power to issue to advance any nominations to the General Assembly Committee to Nominate on behalf of the Synod, and to encourage members to consider the various committee and agencies for possible nominations to them. AGREED.

**Recommendation No. 18**

It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Ian MacLean that the Synod accept the invitation from Côte des Neiges Presbyterian Church, Montréal, Québec within the Presbytery of Montréal, to host the 133<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007. AGREED.

MOTION: It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Ian MacLean that the report of the Committee on Business, as amended, be adopted. AGREED.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

MOTION: It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Cedric Pettigrew that the Moderator and Clerk be authorized to deal with any matters left unattended to. AGREED.

**COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES**

MOTION: It was moved by Susan Clarke and seconded by Susan McKellar that the report of the Committee on Courtesies be received and considered. AGREED.

The Committee on Courtesies, on behalf of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, would like to extend thanks and appreciation as follows:

To our Host Church, Westminster, Smiths Falls: the Rev. Jim Patterson, elders and members for hosting us, leading us in worship and feeding us.

To those who offered billets, for their gift of hospitality.

To the Rev. John Vaudry, for serving as Moderator of the past Synod.

To the Rev. Jim Patterson, for serving as Moderator of the present Synod.

To those who presented information on camping ministries, and all those involved with the work of the Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre and Camp d'action biblique.

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**COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES (Cont'd):**

To those who served on Synod Committees during the past year, and those who presented reports.

To Christine Ball and Anita Mack, for their work within our Synod, educating and empowering our leaders in their roles within our church.

To Kim Arnold, for her commitment to preserving our past.

To Arlene (Randall) Onuoha, for showing us the future of missions at home and abroad.

To our Synod Clerk, Donna McIlveen, and our Synod Treasurer, Ross Davidson for giving us a balanced view of our present.

To all commissioners for their diligent attendance and participation.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Susan Clarke and seconded by Susan McKellar that the report of the Committee on courtesies be adopted. **AGREED.**

The Rev. James Patterson expressed thanks to the synod for the opportunity of hosting this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At two o'clock in the afternoon, the business being finished, the Moderator entertained a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION:** It was moved by James Hurd that the Synod adjourn. **AGREED.**

The Moderator thanked the commissioners and participants for their diligence throughout the several sederunts. The Moderator led the synod in prayer followed by the singing of the hymn God's Name Forever Shall Endure. He then said:

"In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, and by the authority of this Synod, I declare the Synod adjourned to meet again in Montréal, Québec and within Côte des Neiges Presbyterian Church there, on Friday the nineteenth day of October in the year of our Lord, two thousand and seven, at two o'clock in the afternoon."



Moderator: Rev. John Vaudry

Clerk: Mrs. Donna McIlveen

**132<sup>nd</sup> MEETING PROVISIONAL DOCKET**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 to SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2006**

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SMITHS FALLS, ONTARIO**

**FIRST SEDERUNT**

Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.

1. 2:00 p.m. Opening Worship / Communion
2. 3:15 p.m. Constitution of the Synod
3. Memorials
4. Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church
5. Roll of Synod / Regrets / Visitors
6. Election of Moderator / Installation of the Moderator
7. Records of Presbyteries and Synod Council
8. Adoption of the Docket (Appendix Pages 1-2)
9. Minutes of the 131<sup>st</sup> meeting
10. Business Arising
11. Correspondence
12. Committee on Business / Notices of Motion (Appendix Pages 3-6)
13. 3:45 p.m. Refreshment Break
14. Finance Committee (Appendix Pages 7-17)
15. Treasurer's Report (Appendix Pages 18-22)
16. History Committee
17. Resource Team on Sexual Abuse and/or Harassment (Appendix Page 23)
18. Women's Missionary Society Synodical (Appendix Page 24)
19. Regional Staffing Committee (Appendix Page 25)
20. 5:00 p.m. Regional Staff: Christine Ball and Anita Mack (Appendix Pages 26-28)
21. Youth Committee
22. 5:50 p.m. Committee on Roll and Leave to Withdraw
23. Announcements and Adjournment / Prayer
24. 6:00 p.m. Supper

**SECOND SEDERUNT**

Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

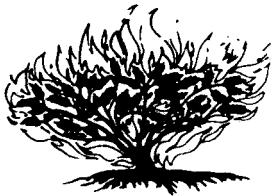
1. 7:00 p.m. Prayer/Constitute the Court
2. 7:05 p.m. Missions Committee and Robert Fund Committee (Appendix Pages 29-30)
3. 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker, Kim Arnold, archivist
4. 8:30 p.m. Youth Presentation
5. 8:50 p.m. Committee on the Roll and Leave to Withdraw
6. Announcements, Adjournment/Prayer
7. 9:00 p.m. Fellowship

**THIRD SEDERUNT**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

	8:00 a.m.	Committee Meetings
1.	9:00 a.m.	Worship
2.		Prayer to Constitute the Court
3.	9:30 a.m.	Report from the Presbytery of Ottawa re: Gracefield
4.	10:00 a.m.	Guest Speaker, Arlene Onouha
5.	11:00 a.m.	Gracefield Camper Testimonials
6.		Gracefield Operating Committee (Appendix Pages 31-34)
7.	12:00 p.m.	Camp d'action biblique (Appendix Pages 35-36)
8.		Committee on Roll and Leave to Withdraw
9.	12:15 p.m.	Lunch

**FOURTH SEDERUNT**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

1.	1:00 p.m.	Prayer to Constitute the Court
2.	1:05 p.m.	Finance Committee
3.		Committee to Examine the minutes of the Presbyteries and the Synod Council
4.		Unfinished Business
5.		Committee on Courtesies
6.		Time and Place of the next Synod meeting
7.		Adjournment/Prayer



February 17th, 2006

The Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario,

Donna McIlveen, clerk

Greetings,

At its meeting of February 4th, 2006, the Presbytery of Québec approved two recommendations from the Camp committee of Camp d'action biblique. They are:

1. that the Presbytery seek permission for the committee to make another visual presentation to the Synod at its meeting this fall;
2. that the Presbytery appeal to the Synod on behalf of the Camp for some additional and special financial support for its washroom facilities project to be undertaken and completed during the summer of 2006.

Thank you for your attention to this matter arising from the Presbytery of Québec. We wish the Synod (and Council) well in its deliberations.

J. Ross H. Davidson  
(clerk)

# The Presbyterian Church in Canada

## L'Église presbytérienne au Canada

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May 24, 2006

Alan & Dorothy Herbert  
Managing Co-Directors  
Gracefield Camp & Conference Centre  
37 Chemin des Loisirs, C. P. 420  
Gracefield, QC  
J0X 1W0

Dear Alan & Dorothy:

Thank you for your application for grant money for camp projects which relate to water and/or sanitation. Please find enclosed a cheque in the amount of \$13,657.00 to be used for this purpose.

In keeping with the requirements of receipt of this grant, please submit to the Office of Children, Youth and Families at national offices a one-page report on how the money was used, as well as a photo of the results of the expenditure.

Continued blessings on your important ministry.

Sincerely,

  
Richard W. Fee  
General Secretary  
Life & Mission Agency  
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

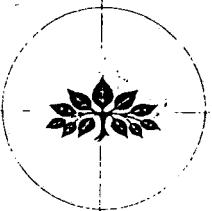
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cc: Chair of the Board, Gracefield Camp  
Ms. Donna McIlveen (Clerk, Synod of Quebec & Eastern Ontario)

# The Presbyterian Church in Canada

## L'Église presbytérienne au Canada

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May 24, 2006

Craig Dewar  
Director General (Convenor)/Secretary  
Camp d'action biblique  
P. O. Box 3154  
Richmond, QC  
J0B 2H0

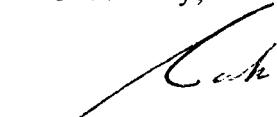
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Sincerely,

  
Richard W. Fee  
General Secretary  
Life & Mission Agency  
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

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cc: Director, Camp d'action biblique;  
Ms. Donna McIlveen (Clerk, Synod of Quebec & Eastern Ontario)

# The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew

CLERK:

October 13, 2006

The Reverend the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario:

Enclosed herewith is the appeal of the Rev. Robert Hill against the disciplinary action of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew on September 19, 2006. Because the Clerk of the Presbytery, Mr. Sandy McCuan, is a member of the Session from which the complaint against Rev. Hill originated, the Moderator has asked me to act as Clerk Pro Tem in this matter. I am a commissioner to the upcoming meeting of Synod and will be available for consultation as needed.

The action of the Presbytery is the culmination of ten years of complaints against Rev. Hill by the recent incumbent minister and the Session of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Carleton Place, for continual interference in the ministry of the congregation. The friction between the supporters of Rev Hill and the members of the leadership and congregation who supported the ministry of the Rev. Hugh Jack was a divisive and damaging undercurrent for the full ten years Rev. Jack served the congregation. There have been many verbal allegations of interference including a series of anonymous death threats addressed to Rev. Jack which were clearly not the work of Rev. Hill but which indicate the seriousness of the dysfunction within the congregation.

The report of the Ministry and Personnel Committee of June 20, 2006, appended to Rev. Hills's appeal, outlines some of the background for the Presbytery's action. Documentation is provided in the file labeled "Correspondence and Reports," numbered as follows:

#1 Sept 5, 1996. Letter from the Session to Rev. Hill granting permission to perform two weddings he had already arranged but asking that he desist from further pastoral service in the congregation.

#2 June 11, 1999. Letter from Rev. Linda Robinson to the Presbytery complaining that Rev. Hill was offering pastoral services in the McDonald's Corners, Elphin and Snow Road pastoral charge without her knowledge or consent.

#3 June 15, 1999. Presbytery minute documenting a change in the Standing Orders of the Presbytery in response to complaint #2. The Rev. Dave Nicholson was asked by the court to speak informally to Rev. Hill to remind him that he should not be offering pastoral services without the knowledge and consent of the incumbent minister.

#4 April 18, 2000. Letter from concerned members of the congregation of St. Andrews, Carleton Place complaining about actions of Rev. Hugh Jack. Minute of the Presbytery appointing a special committee to investigate.

- #5 June 20, 2000. Report of the Special Committee.
- #6 Jan. 29, 2004. A complaint from the Session of St. Andrews concerning ongoing interference by Rev. Hill.
- #7 Feb. 17, 2004. Minutes of Presbytery in response to Session complaint.
- #8 Handwritten report of Presbytery Executive Committee.
- #9 Feb. 23, 2004. Letter from Presbytery to Rev. Hill pointing out that he was in breach of the Book of Forms and that Presbytery would be obliged to take action against him if the problem persisted.
- #10 April, 2004. Rev. Hill's response to Presbytery's letter indicating his failure to understand the seriousness of the situation.
- #11 Presbytery minute receiving and referring Rev. Hill's letter to the Ministry and Personnel Committee.
- #12 May 20, 2004. Letter to Rev. Hill from the Ministry and Personnel Committee in response to his letter.
- #13 June 15, 2004. Minute of report of the Ministry and Personnel Committee to the Presbytery. The letter to Rev. Hill was not read to the court.
- #14 June 17, 2004. Letter of complaint from the Session of St. Andrews indicating their distress at the tone of the Presbytery's response to Rev. Hill.
- #15 Sept 21, 2004. Report from the Executive Committee to the Presbytery upholding the concerns of the Session.
- #16 Sept. 21, 2004. Minute of Presbytery documenting the reception and approval of the report of the Executive Committee.
- #17 Sept 30, 2004. Letter from Presbytery to Rev. Hill clarifying the fact that the Book of Forms takes precedence over Presbytery standing orders.
- #18 April 4, 2006. Letter of complaint from the Session concerning recent funerals conducted by Rev. Hill.
- #19 April 18, 2006. Minutes of Presbytery receiving the letter from the Session as a charge against Rev. Hill. This was withdrawn after consultation with the principal clerk of General Assembly, who pointed out that the letter from Session must be received and investigated as a complaint before a charge could be laid.

#20 Letter to Rev Hill advising him of the letter of complaint and the Presbytery' response.

#21 Citations to Rev. Hill and the Session (withdrawn as per #19)

#22 June 12, 2006. Letter from Rev. Hill requesting a stay of hearing.

#23 Correction and apology to Rev. Hill for the procedural error.

#24 June 20, 2006. Minute recording the correction of the word "charge" to "complaint" wherever it appears in the record.

#25 June 27, 2006. Letter to Presbytery from the Clerk informing the court of Rev. Hill's request for a delay of proceedings and indicating the approval of the Executive Committee of granting the delay on compassionate grounds.

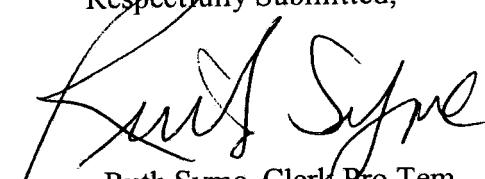
#26 Letter of confession from Rev. Hill.

#27 Sept. 19, 2006 including the motion to censure Rev. Hill.

The reports of the Ministry and Personnel Committee are in a labeled file. I have also included a file of recent correspondence. Rev. Hill has been provided with copies of all the documentation listed above.

I have included with the documentation a file containing notes and e-mails of the meetings of the investigating committee. The committee did not keep formal minutes but the notes were agreed on by the members by consensus. They also contain personal reflections by committee members, and record the various meetings of the committee with all parties.

In addition to the above, I am in possession of a large file of letters in support of Rev. Hill and his ministry, some of which are included as documentation for his appeal. Because the strength and value of Rev. Hill's ministry has never been in question, these letters have no direct bearing on the case at hand but are available to a Synod Committee should they be deemed useful.

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
 Ruth Syme, Clerk Pro Tem  
 Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA  
The Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2005**

**AUDITOR'S REPORT****To The Members of the**

The Presbyterian Church in Canada  
The Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario

I have audited the statement of financial position of The Presbyterian Church of Canada The Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario as at December 31, 2005 and the statements of net assets, continuity of reserved funds and statements of operations for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Synod's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

Except, as explained in the following paragraph, I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many charitable organizations, the Synod reports revenues from donations and other receipts the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. My examination in this respect, therefore, was restricted to a comparison of receipts with recorded deposits and I was not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to assets, revenue and unexpended funds.

In my opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which I might have determined to be necessary had I been able to satisfy myself concerning the completeness of the donations and other income referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Synod at December 31, 2005 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles appropriate for not-for-profit organizations as outlined in Note 2 to these financial statements.

*Brian D. Mulligan*  
Chartered Accountants  
Nepean, Ontario  
May 13, 2006

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
**The Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2005**

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Investment in Capital Assets</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Net Assets 2005</u>	<u>Net Assets 2004</u>
<b>ASSETS:</b>					
Cash on hand and in bank	\$ 39,440	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,440	\$ 36,868
Investments - at cost	-	-	-	-	8,129
Amounts receivable	-	-	-	-	4,223
GST recoverable	1,444	-	-	1,444	166
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 40,884</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 40,884</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 49,386</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES, RESERVED FUNDS AND NET ASSETS:</b>					
Current liabilities:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 741	\$ -
Reserved Funds:					
- Regional Staffing Accrued Education Allowance	-	-	2,478	2,478	1,786
- Regional Staffing Fund	-	-	-	-	-
- Gracefield & Conference Centre Reserves -					
- 5 year Capital Maintenance Reserve	-	-	5,504	5,504	16,042
- Manager's Residence Reserve	-	-	-	-	5,860
- Water Treatment Reserve	-	-	16,375	16,375	18,265
- White Pine Lodge Septic System Reserve	-	-	1,033	1,033	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,390</u>	<u>25,390</u>	<u>41,953</u>
Investment in Net Assets:					
- Operating Fund Balance	<u>14,753</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,753</u>	<u>7,433</u>
<b>Total Liabilities, Reserved Funds and Net Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 14,753</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 25,390</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 40,884</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 49,386</u></b>

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
**The Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario**  
**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - OPERATING FUND**  
**AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2005**

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Investment in Capital Assets</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Net Assets 2005</u>	<u>Net Assets 2004</u>
<b>Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	\$ 7,433	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,433	\$ 9,292
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures	9,393	-	-	9,393	9,958
Transfer to Reserved Funds:					
- Regional Staffing Accrued Education allowance	(792)	-	-	(792)	(858)
- Regional Staffing Fund	(1,017)	-	-	(1,017)	641
- Gracefield & Conference Centre Reserves -					
- 5 Year Capital Maintenance Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
- Manager's Residence Reserve	(264)	-	-	(264)	(5,600)
- Water Treatment Reserve	-	-	-	-	(6,000)
<b>Balance, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 14,753</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 14,753</b>	<b>\$ 7,433</b>

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
**The Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario**  
**CONTINUITY OF RESERVED FUNDS**  
**AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2005**

<b>Fund Description</b>	<b>Balance Jan.1, 2005</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Transfer from Operating Fund</b>	<b>Inter Fund Transfer</b>	<b>Balance Dec. 31, 2005</b>
Regional Staffing Accrued Education Allowance	\$ 1,786	\$ -	\$ (100)	\$ 792	-	2,478
Regional Staffing Fund	-	88,407	(89,424)	1,017	-	-
Gracefield & Conference Centre Reserves						
- 5 Year Capital Maintenance Reserve	16,043	51,545	-	-	(62,084)	5,504
- Manager's Residence Reserve	5,860	-	(51,207)	264	45,084	-
- Water Treatment Reserve	18,265	-	(11,890)	-	10,000	16,375
- White Pine Lodge Septic System Reserve	-	-	(5,967)	-	7,000	1,033
	<b>\$ 41,954</b>	<b>\$ 139,952</b>	<b>\$ (158,588)</b>	<b>\$ 2,073</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 25,390</b>

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
**The Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

	<b>For the year ended December 31</b>		
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>
(Unaudited)			
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>			
<b>Presbytery Assessments:</b>			
-Quebec	\$ 4,065	\$ 4,065	\$ 2,637
-Montreal	30,660	30,660	28,854
- Seaway - Glengarry	14,225	14,225	11,247
- Ottawa	27,830	27,830	24,045
- Lanark & Renfrew	11,570	11,570	10,782
	<u>88,350</u>	<u>88,350</u>	<u>77,565</u>
<b>Donations and Other Receipts:</b>			
Goods & Services Tax Refund Claimed	-	1,569	172
Offering at Synod Meeting	-	234	-
Refund re Quebec Declaration Expense	-	412	45
Interest on overpayment of CPP	-	328	-
Quebec Sales Tax Refund	-	7,945	4,234
Interest on Guaranteed Investment Certificate	-	46	152
	<u>-</u>	<u>10,534</u>	<u>4,603</u>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b><u>88,350</u></b>	<b><u>98,884</u></b>	<b><u>82,168</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Administration and general overhead (Schedule 1)	15,350	21,231	12,750
Programme costs and Mission related grants (Schedule 2)	73,000	68,260	59,460
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b><u>88,350</u></b>	<b><u>89,491</u></b>	<b><u>72,210</u></b>
<b>EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 9,393</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 9,958</u></b>

## Schedule 1

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
**The Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS - ADMINISTRATION AND OVERHEAD**

	<b>For the year ended December 31</b>		
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>
	(Unaudited)		
<b>Administration</b>			
Synod Meeting	\$ 3,400	\$ 7,692	\$ 2,984
Minutes	800	578	482
Annual Declaration Expenses	-	86	737
	<u>4,200</u>	<u>8,356</u>	<u>4,203</u>
<b>Honoraria</b>			
Clerk	2,000	2,000	2,000
Treasurer	1,000	1,000	1,000
Audit	800	2,156	150
	<u>3,800</u>	<u>5,156</u>	<u>3,150</u>
<b>Clerk's Office</b>			
Photocopying, Postage, Communication	500	835	273
Liability Insurance	1,700	1,684	1,194
Conference	-	-	275
	<u>2,200</u>	<u>2,519</u>	<u>1,742</u>
<b>Committee Expenses</b>			
Synod Council	1,750	2,237	1,602
Youth	500	348	181
Sexual Abuse/ Harassment	500	157	87
Mission / Outreach	1,000	928	706
Finance	800	1,169	869
Regional Staffing	600	361	210
Gracefield Camp & Conference Ctr 3 Year Review	-	-	-
	<u>5,150</u>	<u>5,200</u>	<u>3,655</u>
<b>Total administration and general overhead</b>	<b><u>\$ 15,350</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 21,231</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 12,750</u></b>

## Schedule 2

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
**The Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS - PROGRAMME EXPENDITURES**

	For the year ended December 31		
	2005	2005	2004
	Budget	Actual	Actual
	(Unaudited)		
<b>Gracefield camp &amp; conference centre</b>			
Operating Grant	\$ 47,000	\$ 47,000	\$ 40,500
Finance Committee Expense	600	92	-
Quebec Sales Tax Refund	-	7,945	4,499
Water Treatment Facilities	4,000	-	-
White Pine Lodge Septic System	3,000	-	236
	<u>54,600</u>	<u>55,037</u>	<u>45,235</u>
<b>Camp d'action biblique</b>			
Camp d'action biblique	1,500	1,500	1,500
Family Upgrade Program	5,000	5,000	5,000
	<u>6,500</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>6,500</u>
<b>Finance</b>			
Reserve Fund	1,200	-	-
<b>Vie chretienne</b>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,700</u>
<b>Regional staffing</b>			
Eastern Ontario Regional Staffing	1,600	1,644	1,735
Quebec Regional Staffing	1,600	1,563	2,004
	<u>3,200</u>	<u>3,207</u>	<u>3,739</u>
<b>Mission / Outreach</b>			
Program	300	-	-
<b>Youth</b>			
Youth Program	1,500	161	423
PYPS	-	-	-
Triennium	-	-	1,038
Leadership Training	1,500	1,655	825
	<u>3,000</u>	<u>1,816</u>	<u>2,286</u>
<b>Sexual Abuse /Harassment</b>			
Training	2,500	-	-
<b>Total programme costs and Mission related grants</b>	<b><u>\$ 73,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 68,260</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 59,460</u></b>

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**  
**The Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2005**

**1. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND NATURE OF OPERATIONS:**

The Synod operates under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and is comprised of representatives being both lay and ordained/diaconal ministers, known as Commissioners, from the various Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in Quebec and Eastern Ontario. The Synod's purpose is to co-ordinate the work of its constituent presbyteries through a number of standing committees which report through a properly constituted Synod Council.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES:**

**Financial Instruments –**

The Synod's financial instruments consist of cash, investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued liabilities and reserved funds. Unless otherwise noted it its management's opinion that the Synod is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from the financial instruments. The fair value of these instruments approximate their carrying value, unless otherwise noted.

**Revenue recognition –**

Revenue is recognized in the period in which it is earned. As a result, donations and funds transferred from the Presbyterian Church in Canada which are designated to be spent on particular operations and which are not expended in the current fiscal year are deferred and recorded as Reserved Funds. These funds are reflected in the Statement of Continuity of Reserved Funds.

**Donated Supplies and Services –**

Donated supplies and services are not recognized in these financial statements due to the difficulty in determining their estimated fair market value.

**Budgeted Amounts –**

Budgeted amounts presented were provided by management and have not been audited.

### Proposed Synod Budget 2007

At the Synod meeting in 2005, approval was given to proceed with a Water and Septic System project. Approval was given for a loan of \$150,000 provided that the required money was received to cover the remaining cost of the project. The loan was to be paid back over a period of 20 years and this was reflected in the report of projected expenses over the next five years as shown in the minutes of Synod. The yearly payback amount was shown as \$11,700 based on 5%.

It is estimated that the total cost of the project including work already done, would be \$262,900 including tax. Funding received to date from various sources is \$82,555 leaving a balance of \$180,345. Based on a loan of \$150,000 this leaves a shortfall of \$30,000. Planning and preliminary work has been done allowing the project to be put out to tender at anytime if the money were available. It has been determined that the present septic system could fail at any time which would mean that the camp would be closed until the project was done.

In view of this situation, it is recommended to Synod that they consider raising the amount of the loan from \$150,000 to \$180,000 to allow the project to be completed prior to the 2007 summer season. Since interest rates have increased over the past year financial institution rates are now 6.75% rather 5% with a yearly payback amount of \$15,360 yearly over 20 years.

The following proposed budget is based on approval being given for the amount of loan being raised to \$180,000 and applying a rate of interest of 6.75%. It is proposed, however, that church sources be approached to see if a loan could be received at a more favourable rate of interest. It is also proposed to continue the effort to obtain more donations towards this project.

#### Proposed Synod Budget for 2007

##### INCOME

##### ASSESSMENTS

<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Year 2006</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Year 2007</u>	<u>%</u>
Quebec	101	4,490	5.1	3,993	4.3
Montreal	102	29,670	33.7	31,387	33.8
Seaway Glengarry	103	15,410	17.5	16,065	17.3
Ottawa	104	26,940	30.6	28,879	31.1
Lanark & Renfrew	105	11,540	13.1	12,536	13.5
<b>Total Assessment</b>		<b><u>88,050</u></b>		<b><u>92,860</u></b>	
GST Rebate		300			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>88,350</u></b>		<b><u>92,860</u></b>	

**Proposed Synod Budget 2007**  
**EXPENDITURES**

<b><u>Area</u></b>	<b><u>Line</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2006</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2007</u></b>
Administration	1	Synod meeting	3,200	3,200
	2	Minutes	500	500
Honoraria	5	Clerk	2,000	2,000
	6	Treasurer	1,000	1,000
	7	Audit/Review	1,000	500
Clerk's Office	10	Photocopy, postage, communication	350	500
	11	Liability insurance	1,900	1,700
	12	Clerk's Consultation	500	0
Committees	15	Synod council	1,800	2,200
	16	Finance	1,000	1,000
	17	Regional staffing	400	500
	18	Mission/outreach	800	800
	19	Youth	400	400
	20	Sexual abuse/harassment	400	400
	21	History		1,000
<b><u>Programs</u></b>				
Gracefield	30	Operating grant	47,000	48,400
	32	Major maintenance	5,000	0
	33	Finance committee	400	400
	35	Water/Septic system <b>(see note below)</b>	3,400	15,360
Camp d'action	45	Operating grant	1,500	1,500
biblique	46	Facility upgrade	5,000	5,000
Finance	50	Reserve fund	1,000	1,000
	51	Contingency	300	300
Vie chretienne	55	Operating grant	1,700	1,700
Regional staff	60	Eastern Ontario expenses	1,600	1,800
	62	Quebec expenses	1,600	1,600
	63	Transfer to reg. staff & retreat	300	300
Missions	70	Mission/outreach program	300	300
Youth	75	Youth program	1,500	1,500
	77	Canada youth	4,000	1,000
	79	Leadership training	1,500	1,500
Sexual abuse	85	Training <b>(see note below)</b>		0
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>95</u></b>		<b><u>91,350</u></b>	<b><u>97,360</u></b>
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>96</u></b>		<b><u>88,350</u></b>	<b><u>92,860</u></b>
<b><u>PROFIT (DEFICIT)</u></b>	<b><u>97</u></b>		<b><u>(3,000)</u></b>	<b><u>(4,500)</u></b>

**Notes:**

Line 85 – if training is approved by council the funds will come from reserves (see line 50).

Line 35 – based on a \$180,000 loan @ 6.75% for 20 years.

PROPOSED 5 YEAR FORECAST

<u>Line Description</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
<b>Administration</b>					
1 Synod meeting	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200
2 Minutes	500	500	500	500	500
<b>Honoraria</b>					
5 Clerk	2,000	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100
6 Treasurer	1,000	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050
7 Audit/Review	500	500	500	1,000	500
<b>Clerk's Office</b>					
10 Photocopy, postage, communication	500	500	500	500	500
11 Liability insurance	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,800
12 Clerk's Consultation	0	500	0	500	0
<b>Committees</b>					
15 Synod council	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
16 Finance	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
17 Regional staffing	500	500	500	500	500
18 Mission/outreach	800	800	800	800	800
19 Youth	400	400	400	400	400
20 Sexual abuse/harassment	400	400	400	400	400
21 History	1,000				
<b>Programs</b>					
<b>Gracefield</b>					
30 Operating grant	48,400	49,850	51,370	52,900	54,480
32 Major maintenance	0	0	0	0	0
33 Finance committee	400	400	400	400	400
35 Water/Septic system <b>(see note)</b>	15,360	15,360	15,360	15,360	15,360
<b>Camp d'action biblique</b>					
45 Operating grant	1,500	1,550	1,600	1,650	1,700
46 Facility upgrade	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>Finance</b>					
50 Reserve fund	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
51 Contingency	300	300	300	300	300
52 Escalation (cost of living)	0	510	520	530	540
<b>Vie chretienne</b>					
55 Operating grant	1,700	1,750	1,800	1,850	1,900
<b>Regional staff</b>					
60 Eastern Ontario expenses	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
62 Quebec expenses	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
63 Transfer to reg. staff & retreat	300	300	300	300	300
<b>Missions</b>					
70 Mission/outreach program	300	300	300	300	300
<b>Youth</b>					
75 Youth program	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
77 Canada youth	1,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,000
79 Leadership training	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,000
<b>Sexual abuse</b>					
85 Training <b>(see note below)</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>95 TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>97,360</b>	<b>99,070</b>	<b>101,200</b>	<b>102,940</b>	<b>103,130</b>

**Notes:** Line 5 & 6 – 5% increase in 2008

Lines 30, 45 & 55 – 3% increase per year

Line 52 – escalation (cost of living increase) for most other lines

Line 35 – yearly pay back (interest & premiums) on \$180,000 loan over 20 years at 6.75%

Line 85 – if training is approved by council the funds will come from reserves.

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
ON  
SYNOD FINANCES  
FROM  
JANUARY 01<sup>ST</sup>, 2005 to DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2005**

**RECEIPTS DURING THE PERIOD**

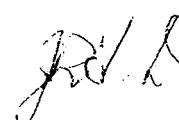
	<u>LINE ITEMS</u>	<u>2005 BUDGET</u>	<u>YEAR 2005</u>
101	Québec	4,065	4,065
102	Montréal	30,660	30,660
103	Seaway\Glengarry	14,225	14,225
104	Ottawa	27,830	27,830
105	Lanark\Renfrew	11,570	11,570
106	Other	-----	234
107	Refunds	-----	9,020.62
108	Donations for 5-year plan (see footnote)	-----	67,829.81
109	Regional staffing grant (12 X 7,336.33)	88,035.96	88,035.97
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>176,385.96</b>	<b>253,470.40</b>

**EXPENDITURES FROM JULY 01<sup>ST</sup> to DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2005  
BUT COMBINED WITH THE REPORT OF JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, to JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2005**

	<u>LINE ITEMS</u>	<u>2005 BUDGET</u>	<u>YEAR 2005</u>
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>			
01	Synod meeting	3,400	7,736.12
02	Synod minutes	800	578.00
03	Bank charges	-----	218.07
05	Clerk's honorarium	2,000	2,000.00
06	Treasurer's honorarium	1,000	1,000.00
07	Auditor's fees	800	2,156.00
10	Office expenses (clerk & treasurer)	500	1,046.41
11	Liability insurance	1,700	1,683.27

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<u>LINE ITEMS</u>	<u>2005 BUDGET</u>	<u>YEAR 2005</u>
<b>COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS</b>		
12 Conference	-----	-----
15 Synod council	1,750	2,143.04
16 Finance committee	800	769.62
17 Regional staffing committee	600	290.00
18 Mission committee	1,000	927.85
19 Youth committee	500	100.30
20 Sexual harassment committee	500	-----
21 Commission for the Ottawa Presbytery	---	157.00
<b>GRACEFIELD CAMP &amp; CONFERENCE CENTRE</b>		
30 Annual grant	47,000	47,000.00
33 Gracefield finance committee	600	92.00
35 Septic system	3,000	-----
36 Tax rebates for the camp	---	7,994.80
<b>CAMP D'ACTION BIBLIQUE</b>		
45 Annual grant	1,500	1,500.00
46 Facility upgrade programme	5,000	5,000.00
<b>FINANCES</b>		
50 Reserve fund	1,200	-----
51 Contingency fund	---	-----
52 Déclaration annuelle	---	86.00
<b>LA VIE CHRÉTIENNE</b>		
55 Annual grant	1,700	1,700.00
<b>REGIONAL STAFFING</b>		
60 Eastern Ontario expenses	1,600	1,643.60
61 Québec expenses	1,600	1,563.30
63 Eastern Ontario educational grant	---	100.00
64 Québec educational grant	---	-----
65 Stipends, benefits, and deductions	88,036	89,227.60
<b>PROGRAMMING:</b>		
70 Mission programme	300	-----
75 Youth programme	1,500	160.98
79 Leadership development	1,500	1,855.00
85 Training against sexual abuse	2,500	-----
91 5-year plan for projects	---	-----
92 Gracefield residence project	---	51,378.71
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>172,686</b>	<b>241,757.67</b>



CONSOLIDATION STATEMENTS - December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005:

Designated funds totalling:

i)	residence	-----0
ii)	septic system	1,033.06
iii)	water treatment	16,375.08
iv)	capital projects	5,583.52

Synod funds: 15,200.04

Regional staff funding 1,218.19

TOTAL FUNDS FROM COMBINED REPORTS: 39,409.89

RUNNING LEDGER TOTAL: 39,439.64

UNRECONCILED DIFFERENCE with combined reports: **29.75**HOWEVER, AS OF DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2005:

-December's bank statement balance: 47,071.46

-less outstanding cheques: 7,631.82

-plus deposits to bank not yet recorded: -----0

-year end balance: 39,439.64 **39,439.64**

## FOOTNOTE:

Donations received for the Five-year Plan at Gracefield Camp since July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005:

Kinburn Presbyterian Church	1,000	James Parker, Vancouver	200
Knox, Morrisburg	233.25	Norman Inglis	400
James Ferrier	80	John Vaudry	112
Brian Mulligan	250	Knox Church, Vankleek Hill	1,000
St. John's Church, Cornwall	275	Presbytery of Montréal	3,000
St. Stephen's Church, Ottawa	1,000	St. Timothy's Church, Ottawa	1,250
Montréal West Church, Montréal	275	Parkwood Church, Ottawa	910

Total amount received since July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005: \$10,085.25

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**THE TREASURER'S REPORT ON SYNOD FINANCES  
FROM JANUARY 01<sup>ST</sup> TO SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2006  
(3/4 OF THE YEAR)**

**1. SYNOD FUNDS**

RECEIPTS DURING THE PERIOD:	<u>2006 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2006 BUDGET</u>
Brought forward from December 31 <sup>st</sup>	15,200.17	
Assessments:		
Québec	4,490.00	4,490
Montréal	22,252.50	29,670
Seaway\Glengarry	10,500.00	15,410
Ottawa	20,872.50	26,940
Lanark\Renfrew	8,000.00	11,540
Refunds - PCC insurance	831.31	
- GST rebate	1,443.76	300
CY'06 bus fares	<u>4,064.10</u>	<u>  </u>
 TOTAL	87,654.34	88,350
 EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD		
Synod Council meetings	1,463.15	1,800
Bank charges	170.25	
Office expenses	564.75	350
Notary	271.46	
In Memoriam for John Paul	1,000.00	
Clerk's consultation	262.50	500
Committee meetings:	1,326.78	3,000
(mission, youth, regional staff, finance, abuse)		
Printer	484.84	500
Camp d'action biblique grant	1,500.00	1,500
CAB facilities upgrade programme	5,000.00	5,000
La vie chrétienne	1,700.00	1,700
Gracefield grant	31,336.00	47,000
Auditor's report	2,461.00	1,000
Clerk's honorarium (1/2)	1,000.00	2,000
Treasurer's honorarium (1/2)	500.00	1,000
Group insurance premium	1,590.97	1,900
Youth programming	100.91	1,500
Youth leadership development	445.14	1,500
CY'06 (see also receipts)	<u>8,096.61</u>	<u>4,000</u>
 TOTAL	59,374.36	69,250
 BALANCE:	<b>87,654.34</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>59,274.36</b>	<b>=</b>
		<b>28,379.98</b>

**2. PROJECT GRACEFIELD****RECEIPTS DURING THE PERIOD:**

Brought forward from December 31 <sup>st</sup>	5,583.52
Donations up to September 30 <sup>th</sup>	10,029.25 (see list below)
Transfer from Water Treatment account	16,375.08
Transfer from Septic System account	<u>1,033.06</u>
 TOTAL	33,020.91

**EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD:**

Manse electricity (February)	207.04
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<b>BALANCE:</b>	<b>33,020.91</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>207.04</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>32,813.87</b>
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**3. REGIONAL STAFF****RECEIPTS DURING THE PERIOD:**

Brought forward from December 31 <sup>st</sup>	1,218.19
Grants (7,445.83 X 9)	<u>67,012.47</u>
 TOTAL	68,230.66

**EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD:**

Stipends	39,045.63
Social benefit payments	25,867.35
Expenses for the staff (includes 2 advances)	2,541.51
Continuing education	<u>1,420.81</u>
 TOTAL	68,875.30

<b>BALANCE:</b>	<b>68,230.66</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68,875.30</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>- 644.64</b>
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**CONSOLIDATION STATEMENT:**

On hand:	1 =	28,379.98	Respectfully submitted, <b>J. Ross H. Davidson</b>
	2 =	32,813.87	
	3 =	<u>- 644.64</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		60,549.21	
<b>RUNNING LEDGER TOTAL</b>		60,549.21	

**Donations to “Project Gracefield” in 2006:**

St. John's, Cornwall	20	St. Paul's, Hawkesbury	200
Messers Inglis & Neelin	1,250	Taiwanese & Robert. Campbell	500
St. Andrew's, Ottawa	3,000	J. Vaudry	70
Knox, Mountain	200	Parkwood, Ottawa	946
St. Paul's, Ottawa	1,500	Transfer into account	29.75
D. MacMillan	1,000	A. MacLennan	1,000
M. Amankwah	40	Knox, Westport	100
Seaway-Glengary Pres.	173.50		

## REPORT OF SEXUAL ABUSE/HARASSMENT TEAM

The sexual abuse/harassment team has had no occasions to be deployed in the past year. The team currently has four members who have all confirmed that they will remain on the team should Synod wish them to. They are the Rev. Ian MacLean, Ms. Jocelyne MacKay, the Rev. Patricia van Gelder, and the Rev. Mark Bourgon. I am ending my three year appointment as convener of this team and, due to other commitments, am not letting my name stand for another three years, although I will stay on the team as mentioned above.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Mark Bourgon  
Convener

**SYNODICAL OF QUEBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO**  
**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

**Report to the 132<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario**  
**October 2006**

The Synodical of Quebec and Eastern Ontario now has only three presbyterials functioning - Brockville, Lanark and Renfrew and Montreal. We were saddened that Glengarry Presbyterial ceased to exist this past spring. Ottawa and Quebec Presbyterials have not been in existence for several years but all three have local groups meeting within their bounds.

Knitters across the synodical continue to diligently knit for India and Malawi. Thirty-one large boxes have been mailed to date.

Mission Awareness Sunday services were held in many of our congregations in April.

Two synodical meetings have been held this year. In the fall of 2005 in Maxville, the Rev. Friday Inya of Nigeria was the speaker. Our two day annual meeting in Smiths Falls in the spring had a challenging theme: "I was a stranger and you took me in". The Rev. Jim Patterson interviewed Iyabosa Ekhator who entered Canada through the Presbyterian Church in Canada in Thunder Bay as a refugee from Nigeria. The Rev. Andrew Johnston and Gwen Gamble did presentations on the HIV / Aids situation in the world. A panel of local ladies spoke of their organization's work in reaching out to those with varying needs.

In May 2007 anniversary celebrations will be held at Presbyterian College in Montreal.

The members of the synodical continue in their local groups to serve God through the Women's Missionary Society by means of study, prayer, service and fellowship.

Yours In His Service,

Margaret Reynolds, President

**Report of the Regional Staffing Committee  
to the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario held in Smiths Falls, ON  
October, 2006**

Our two Regional Staff workers have been doing their job again this year, and have done their best to satisfy the requests in their area, Christine Ball working in the Ontario part of the Synod, and Anita Mack in Quebec. They work with the Youth of this Synod, they conduct workshops, they educate congregations about certain subjects, e.g. Leading with Care, term service for elders, church school curriculum. They attend WMS Presbyterials and Synodical meetings.

There are still congregations where they have never been. We do hope that those congregations are aware of the help that is available.

The committee has held two meetings this year. We have three representatives of the WMS Synodical, and three reps for Synod. Two of the Synod reps completed their six years in the Spring of this year, so we had to find two people willing to serve on the committee. We were happy to get Brenda Patterson of Smiths Falls and Wayne Menard of Ottawa to fill those spots. Since Synod Council was not able to appoint these people, they will be on the nomination list for this meeting to approve (or not) their appointment.

The convener is the seventh person on this committee, and alternate between Synod and Synodical every two years. This year is my second year; I am “Synodical”, therefore Synod has to find another person to serve on the committee, so that one of the (then) four reps. can be the convener. If, however, a proposed change in the Standing orders is approved, and the words “every two years” are taken out, I would be eligible to stay on for another year.

We requested an increase in the expense budget for Christine Ball, since she is at the limit or slightly over budget. Quite a bit of her expense money goes for photo-copying.

Christine and Anita are both hired for a 2/3 position, appr. 27 hrs per week. Synod is subsidized by the National Church-office in Toronto for the Regional Staff, but Synod is obligated to provide for any monies needed over and above that subsidy. The stipend part of the subsidy is raised annually by the National Church according to COLA, but the rest is fixed.

They have both been in this position for five years now. I think it is time that Synod look into their salary situation, and possibly increase their housing and/or travel allowance.

We pray that the Lord will continue to bless them and the work they are doing in His Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Henny Donkersteeg, convener.

**Regional Staff Report**  
**Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario 2006**  
**Christine Ball**

It has been with great pleasure that I have had the opportunity to work with the children, youth, church school teachers and youth leaders, elders, WMS groups and congregations of this synod. Every week I encounter a tremendous variety of new questions and challenges as well as new opportunities to meet the people of our church. I very much enjoy the wide scope of the job. I continue to work in four main areas: Youth, Education, Mission and Committee work. The position is a 2/3 time position but I am finding it increasingly difficult to keep my hours confined to a part time job. Sept-November and February- June are very busy and I unusually need to work full time during these months. During March, December and July and August I work less. I do take my vacation during this time since there are few requests or work needed by congregations during these periods.

I find it difficult to describe my work in a written report and so I have opted to listed some of my activities on the back of this report to give you an idea of my experience as regional staff. My work includes a lot of time corresponding by email and telephone and finding resources and information for leaders and congregations. The most visible aspect of the job is probably the workshops and events that I am involved in such as Natural Church Development workshops and educational events of church school leaders, youth leaders and elders, Leading with Care, pastoral care of leaders, regional youth events for junior high and high school youth, support of national, presbytery and local youth initiatives, work in the areas of mission, CGIT, mission education and the WMS and national, synod and presbytery and committee work.

I am very grateful and truly appreciate the warm reception and support that I receive from leaders, ministers and the congregations of the synod. I would also like to thank those who serve on the Regional Staffing Committee for their continued encouragement, patience and their understanding of this unique position. I especially appreciate the time and effort the convener of the Regional Staffing committee, Henny Donkersteeg has made to work on the behalf of Anita and myself.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Ball

**Youth**

Presbytery of Ottawa Youth Worship Services (Monthly)  
 Evaluation Meeting with youth for Presbytery Youth Worship  
 Synod Youth Worship Forum VanKleek Hill  
 Support group for Presbytery of Ottawa Director of Youth Worship  
 Meet with congregational youth workers and visits with new Youth Leaders  
 Pastoral Care and Support for Youth Leaders  
 CY pre-events, CY Orientation, CY Transportation  
 CY Youth Ministry Training Track and Workshop Leader  
 Junior High Retreat (2) including Pentecost Party  
 Senior Youth Retreat CAB  
 Volunteer Pastoral Care AY Secondary School  
 Pastoral Care in Secondary schools meeting  
 Synod Youth Committee  
 Presbytery of Ottawa Youth Event  
 Youth Mentoring Meeting  
 Sedar Supper, Youth Vigil, good Friday Service  
 Chaplain at Gracefield  
 Youth Communications Workshop  
 Youth Ministry consultations with Congregations and sessions

**Education:**

Curriculum Options (8)  
 Workshop: Season's Intro  
 Children in Communion Workshop  
 Teacher Training: CE as an outreach and support of family  
 Teacher Training New in Educational Theory,  
 Teacher Training Bible, Story Telling  
 Using technology and computers in the classroom and youth work  
 Multiple intelligences  
 Sunday School Superintendents Workshop, Visioning, Planning  
 Presbytery Leading with Care Workshop  
 Leading with Care consultations (6)  
 Leading with Care Gracefield LIT  
 Adult Study series at St. Andrews. Family and Faith

**Presbytery and Committee**

Term Service for Elders:  
 Natural Church Development Introduction (3)  
 NCD Greenview Survey  
 Continuing NCD implementation Team  
 Facilitate Meeting for Kinburn Survey  
 Presbytery of Seaway Glengarry  
 Presbytery of Ottawa  
 Presbytery of Lanark Renfrew  
 Biennial Council ODM  
 Worship and Witness Committee Ottawa  
 Visitation to St. Timothy's, St. Stephens's for Presbytery of Ottawa  
 Synod Regional Staff Meetings (2)  
 Orientation for General Assembly  
 General Assembly, St. Catherine's  
 CTE Committee on Theological Education  
 Regional Staff Retreat at Crief

**Mission and WMS**

CGIT Labyrinth Workshop, CGIT AIDS Workshop, Vesper Service  
 Synodical, Smith Falls and Fall Rally  
 Presbyterials Glengarry Presbyterial, Worship  
 Presbyterial Lanark Renfrew, Introduction to AIDS Study and Bible Study  
 Intro to Study on AIDS, Bhil, Bible Studies on Job, Peace, Scripture, Leading with Care  
 Perth WMS in the future  
 Dunvegan Anniversary Celebration

**SYNOD REGIONAL STAFF REPORT – Anita Mack**  
**Presbyteries of Québec and Montréal**  
**October 2006**

Looking back on the past year a few things stand out from the many routine aspects of the Regional Staffing job. Very enjoyable for me was preparing a workshop on *Sabbath Practices* for the Montréal WMS Presbyterial annual meeting in light of the Presbyterian Church in Canada's *Year of the Sabbath*. Now, if only we would remember the commandment to observe the Sabbath when we are caught up in yet another round of dizzying activity.....

*Canada Youth 2006* was another highlight. It was a privilege to be a *Caravan Group Leader* (small group leader) and so meet an outstanding bunch of young people. Duties of *Caravan Leaders* included leading the daily 2 1/2 hour 'class' in the morning, helping out at recreation events in the afternoon and evening. Night patrol rounded off the day. The conference was an excellent event and many participants are already looking forward to the next CY in 2009!

It was a great pleasure to become more involved at Camp d'action biblique over the past year. Though humble and rustic, this camp nonetheless served close to 250 kids last summer. I was the Chaplain for the second Bilingual Junior Camp (for kids aged 8-12). At CAB, the Chaplain is responsible for the early morning Staff devotions, the main worship hour with the kids (though not the music), the story time at the evening Camp Fire and a readiness - at all times - to be thrown into the pond. The recent Fall Weekend drew 35 teenagers, 15 adult helpers - and even a delegation from Ottawa (colleague Christine Ball and four young people).

Due to the number of vacancies in the Presbytery of Quebec, I have had the privilege of leading worship services in the Inverness, Scotstown and Melbourne congregations. Doing so proves to be not only edifying for me but appears to be a good way of getting to know the congregations at the same time.

This year again I have been involved with organizing the annual ROQ (*Réseau Œcuménique du Québec* or *Quebec Ecumenical Network*) gathering – to take place at the renowned Grand Séminaire in downtown Montréal in October 2006. This bilingual (French/English) event offers a means of connection and support for Christian leaders who work in a society that frequently views the Church as irrelevant.

As always, I wish to extend thanks to all those - the regional Staffing Committee, family, friends and colleagues - who have offered helpful advice, encouragement and support over the past year. And, above all, thanks be to God!

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Mack ([anitamack@sympatico.ca](mailto:anitamack@sympatico.ca))

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October 19, 2006.

The Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario,  
c/o Mrs. Donna McIlveen, Clerk.

The Presbytery of Ottawa, charged by the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario to oversee the Gracefield Operating Committee responsible for the operation of the Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre, begs to submit the following report for the year 2005-2006.

The Presbytery of Ottawa received a report from the Gracefield Operating Committee at each of its stated meetings during the year.

At the November, 2005 stated meeting, the presbytery recorded thanks to Dr. Elizabeth McLean for her work in fundraising in support of the mission of the Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre, and agreed to assist the committee in finding someone to continue to her work. To date the presbytery has been unsuccessful in finding anyone, but continues, through its Committee on Policy and Planning, to look for persons to serve on the Finance Committee of the Gracefield Operating Committee.

The court was advised of all resolutions adopted by the 131st annual meeting of the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario relating to the work of the Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre, pertaining especially to the water and septic system projects and their funding, and ordered the text of all such resolutions to be spread in the minutes of the presbytery for reference.

The resolutions adopted by the synod at its meeting October 14-15, 2005 were as follows:

That an engineering firm be engaged by the contracting authority as project managers for the septic system for White Pine Lodge to: (1) prepare an RFP (request for proposals) which, on approval of the contracting authority, be circulated to at least three competent contractors to undertake the implementation of the Fondex engineering study which has recently been approved by the provincial environment ministry; (2) analyze proposals received and make recommendations to the contracting authority to award a construction contract; and (3) supervise any construction approved by the contracting authority of the septic system project at the Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre on behalf of the Synod Council of the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, while keeping the co-directors of the GCCC informed.

That the Synod give authority to Synod Council to appoint a "contracting authority" to represent them on

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the septic system project and to give the authority the 'power to issue' to implement the septic system project.

That the synod "contracting authority" select from among 2 civil engineering project managers a firm to: (1) prepare a costed preliminary estimate of the works to be undertaken to implement the BPR recommendations; (2) prepare a RFP (request for proposals) to be distributed to at least two competent contractors on behalf of the synod; and (3) supervise any construction approved by the contracting authority of the water treatment project at the Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre on behalf of the Synod Council of the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, while keeping the co-directors of the GCCC informed.

That the Synod give authority to Synod Council to appoint a "contracting authority" to represent them on the water treatment project, and to give the authority the 'power to issue' to implement the water treatment project.

That the Synod Council recommend to Synod that the Synod authorize the expenditure of up to \$225,000.00 for the new septic system at GCCC.

That the contracting authority be empowered to: (1) retain a civil engineering firm to manage the project; (2) solicit funds for the project; and (3) borrow any additional funds required up to \$150,000.00.

A related resolution adopted by the Synod Council at its meeting October 15, 2005 was as follows: That John Paul be appointed coordinator of the contracting authority to find 2, no more than 3 others, to work together.

At the stated meeting in January, 2006, the presbytery on recommendation of the Committee on Policy and Planning appointed Mr. Ross Allan of Grace Church, Orleans as the new treasurer and also resolved to appoint him as a signing officer for the Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre.

The presbytery also agreed to undertake through the Committee on Policy and Planning to attempt to find a replacement for Mr. Inglis as convener of the Finance Committee of the Gracefield Operating Committee.

At the same meeting, it was agreed that W. J. Ball be released from being co-convener of the Gracefield Operating Committee, and that Mr. John Wilson be confirmed as the convener of the Gracefield Operating Committee, and thanks to Mr. Ball and to Mr. Inglis for their service was recorded.

The court also was advised at its stated meeting in January, 2006, of the passing of Mr. John Paul, convener of the Finance Committee of the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario, and was aware of the challenges his death presented to the Synod Council in the management of the capital water and septic system projects at the Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre.

According to the new timetable agreed by the Presbytery of Ottawa and the Gracefield Operating Committee last year, the committee submitted its proposed budget for 2006 in late January, in time for presbyters to review the budget prior to the March, 2006 stated meeting of the presbytery. At that meeting, held March 21, 2006, the court

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approved a proposed operating budget for the Gracefield Camp and Conference for the year 2006 balanced between income and expenditure, in the amount of \$359,290. This compared to the proposed balanced budget of \$347,250. for the year 2005. Final 2005 figures were not available, but the court was advised that the estimated results for 2005 were revenue of \$334,666 and expenditure of \$333,609, showing an estimated surplus of \$1,057. In addition to the operating budget, the committee advised the presbytery that a balanced capital budget for major projects of \$20,000, funded by the synod, was anticipated.

At its stated meeting in May, 2006, the court was advised of the challenges presented to the Gracefield Operating Committee occasioned by the irregular and delayed receipt of installments of the annual operating grant from the synod, and the court resolved as follows: That the Presbytery of Ottawa strongly urge the Synod Council to take immediate steps to meet the synod's financial obligations to the Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre in a timely manner.

The court also received at its May, 2006 stated meeting a letter from J. R. Wilson requesting to be relieved of responsibilities with respect to the Gracefield Operating Committee as of September, 2006. This was referred to the Committee on Policy and Planning, on whose recommendation the court resolved in June to appoint W. J. Ball as the new convener of the Gracefield Operating Committee, effective September, 2006.

At the June, 2006, stated meeting, the presbytery received a copy of the communication of June 1, 2006 from the clerk of the synod on behalf of the Synod Council, advising the Gracefield Operating Committee as follows: (a) that the Gracefield Operating Committee and the Presbytery of Ottawa to explore financing by way of loan or loans of \$150,000.00 at the lowest interest rate and that they report to the Synod Council with the understanding that the Synod Council will meet or confer, as necessary, to approve proceeding in the matter; and (b) that the Synod Council will attempt to raise between \$30,000.00 and \$50,000.00 in cash or pledge as soon as possible, and that conditional upon raising \$30,000.00 the Council will meet or confer with the view to giving approval to proceed with the water treatment and septic system project.

By way of response to this, the Gracefield Operating Committee reported to the Presbytery of Ottawa that it lacked sufficient manpower to do the work involved in exploring sources for the loan. In the light of this, the presbytery resolved that the matter of sourcing the loan for the water and septic system work at Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre be referred to the Committee on Finance and Maintenance.

Prior to the stated meeting of the Presbytery of Ottawa held September 19, 2006, the clerk, at the behest of the convener of the Gracefield Operating Committee, conveyed to the Synod Council at its meeting September 14, 2006 the recommendation of the Gracefield Operating Committee that a meeting be scheduled within three weeks including representatives from the Gracefield Operating Committee, the Finance Committee of the synod, the Finance and Maintenance Committee of the Presbytery of Ottawa, the Managing Directors of the Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre (GCCC), the Contracting Authority (Malcolm Leith) and possibly the consulting engineer, to discuss financing and the timetable for the implementation of the water treatment and septic system projects at the GCCC. The Synod Council adopted the

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recommendation, and reported this by letter to the Presbytery of Ottawa, which letter was received at the September, 2006 stated meeting.

At the September stated meeting, the Presbytery of Ottawa resolved as follows: that the court record its thanksgiving to God and express its gratitude to J. R. Wilson for his long and faithful leadership in the Gracefield Operating Committee.

At the same meeting, the presbytery received a report from its Committee on Finance and Maintenance, as follows:

#### Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre

At the June meeting of the court, this Committee was tasked with making initial inquiries, at the request of the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario, into possible sources of funding for the much-needed upgrades of the Gracefield water and septic systems.

During the summer months, Doug Kendall undertook to do substantial research. In consulting with other camps and with various boards of our national church, it was discovered that it was highly unlikely that either the Presbyterian Church Building Corporation or the Church Lending Funds would underwrite a loan for this kind of project. It does not fit within their guidelines. However, the Synod may still apply if that court desires.

As there seem to be no sources of guaranteed loans available from within our denomination, the Synod may want to approach commercial banks to explore the possibility of borrowing the necessary funds. The Synod would likely have the options of obtaining a secured loan, currently available at prime interest rate (six percent) plus one percent, or an unsecured loan, currently available at prime interest rate plus two and one-half percent.

The Committee on Finance and Maintenance is willing to engage in further research if it is requested. At this time, however, the committee makes the following recommendation: that the above portion of this report entitled, "Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre" be the response of the Presbytery of Ottawa to the financial research request of the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario.

The presbytery adopted the foregoing recommendation, and reports this to the synod.

At its stated meeting in October, 2006, the presbytery received a brief verbal report from the convener of the Gracefield Operating Committee indicating that the meeting concerning funding for the capital water and septic projects authorised by the Synod Council had been held, and that a proposal would go to the synod to authorise borrowing up to \$180,000. instead of the \$150,000. as previously authorised in order to enable the work to proceed.

The presbytery is also pleased to report that it was able to name some new and additional members to the Gracefield Operating Committee, effective September 2006. For reference, as appointed by the presbytery, the membership of the Gracefield Operating Committee is as follows: William J. Ball, Convener; Robert Ewing, Minister;

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W. Phil Campbell, John G. Davidson, and Douglas Powell, Elders; David Britain, Malcolm Clarke, Paul Chambers, Terry Flett, Milton Fraser, Pamela Gemmell, Sandy Higgs-Nesbitt, Mark Nesbitt, Anna Pinck, and Glenn Sinclair, Members; Ross Allan, Treasurer; Christina Ball, Area Educational Consultant (ex officio); Alan Herbert, Managing Co-Director (ex officio); Dorothy Herbert, Managing Co-Director (ex officio), and Anita Mack, Area Educational Consultant (ex officio).

The Presbytery of Ottawa has not received to date from the Gracefield Operating Committee a final or audited or reviewed version of the financial statement for the year 2005 nor the balance sheet for December 31, 2005, and thus cannot forward these materials to the synod.

In the spring of 2005, the Presbytery of Ottawa appointed a special committee "to initiate a complete review of the operating procedures of the Gracefield Operating Committee with a view to addressing their persistent financial difficulties". The special committee, consisting of G. L. Zimmerman, Convener, M. duCharme, M. Ranson, and A. Auret, has made progress reports to the court throughout the year, but the final report has yet to be presented. The special committee has indicated that it anticipates its report will be ready within the next month.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

For the Presbytery of Ottawa,

*J. T. Hurd*  
J. T. Hurd,  
Clerk.

**SYNOD Missions and Outreach Committee   October 2006-10-06**

This committee met twice in 2006:

on May 18 in Vankleek Hill at Knox Presbyterian Church  
on Sept.21 at Camp d'action biblique, near Richmond Quebec

At the May meeting, the committee welcomed a new convener, Don MacMillan from the Presbytery of Ottawa. The former convener, Druse Bryan served this committee well for over 5 years, and will be sorely missed. Each member presented a summary of the mission developments in their respective Presbyteries.

We held our September meeting at Camp d'action biblique, hosted by Nadine Fafard and her husband Luc. This camp is owned by the Quebec Presbytery; it is used by families from all Presbyteries in our Synod, as well as some from as far away as Toronto. The mission of the camp is to assist in leading young people to a living faith in Jesus Christ and Christian discipleship. Language-wise, some of the weekly camps are in English-only, some are bilingual, and some are French-only.

The Canada Ministries grant requests were presented by the Presbytery reps at both meetings (see the attached table).

In September, we welcomed a new member from Seaway-Glengarry, Floyd McPhee. For the last 5 meetings, we have not had any rep. from Lanark-Renfrew.

In continuation of a theme from 2005, we discussed our desire to increase the Canada Ministries funding available to chaplaincies and camping ministries. This issue will be addressed at the 2006 Canada Ministries conference, held 29-31 October at Crieff Hills (near Kitchener).

**Robert Fund**

For 2007, the proposed distribution of funds remains the same as in 2006.

Next meeting will be scheduled at Tyndale St-George in Montreal. Likely date is 17 May 2007.

**Don MacMillan**

Convener

Synod QEO Summary

Don MacMillan, Missions Convener

6 October 2006

Presbytery	2006 Approved	2007 forecasts from Synod minutes		2008	
		CM Forecast	Requested	CM Forecast	Requested
<b>Ottawa</b>					
Carleton Chaplaincy	3200	3200	3200	under discussion	
<b>Quebec</b>					
Inverness	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
Scottstown	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Leggat's Point	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
Sherbrooke Francophone	5000	37554	37554	37554	37554
St. Andrew's Melbourne	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000
Camp d'action biblique				under discussion	
<b>Montreal</b>					
Montreal Bible Church	60000	70025	20000	10000	10000
Ghanaian Church	25348	25000	25348	25000	25348
Eglise St.Luc	52187	49634	37347	49172	49172
McGill Chaplaincy	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000
Action Refugees	32070	28410	31869	31880	31880
Tyndale ProgramDirector	25903	25264	25711	25722	25722
Tyndale Exec.Director	23500	23500	23500	23500	23500
Concordia Chaplaincy	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000
<b>Seaway Glengarry</b>					
Kemptville-New Work				under discussion	

**ROBERT FUND**  
**PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION FOR 2006**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Approved 2005</b>	<b>Based on \$8,000</b>	<b>Based on \$10,000</b>	<b>Based on \$12,000</b>
Mission St-Paul (Sherbrooke)	\$1,500	\$600	\$1,000	\$1,500
Camp d'action biblique	\$1,500	\$600	\$1,000	\$1,500
La Vie Chrétienne	\$7,500	\$6,200	\$7,000	\$7,500
Mission Montreal	\$1,500	\$600	\$1,000	\$1,500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>

**Note on the Robert Fund**

This fund was established in 1951 from the estate of Mr. William Robert and his sister, Sarah, both then deceased. They had been members of St. Edward's Presbyterian Church in Beauharnois, Quebec. In their last will and testament they provided that one half of the residue of their estate be given to the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Montreal Trust Co. was appointed trustee and to invest this bequest. From this investment one third of the income is to be used annually for "religious and charitable schemes in the Province of Quebec." Over the last few years, interest rates being what they are, the amount of monies available for distribution has decreased from \$14,000 in 1998, \$12,000 in 1999 to \$10,000 in 2003. In 2005 however, \$12,000 was available and the latest estimate from Canada Ministries is that \$12,000 will again be available for 2006.

## **The Presbytery of Montreal Le Consistoire de Montréal**

### **REPORT OF THE PROJECT GROUP LOOKING AT THE FUTURE OF THE MONTREAL BIBLE CHURCH**

The Project Group was asked by the Convener of the Beyond Ourselves Committee, to meet, evaluate, and bring a report with recommendations to the Presbytery of Montreal concerning the future of Montreal Bible Church. The Group, consisting of Druse Bryan, Shuling Chen, Peter Kerr and Clyde Ervine, met twice for lengthy meetings; the lay leaders of the Montreal Bible Church joined us for part of the first meeting, the Rev. Cirric Chan, met with us for part of the second. We met at other times via the internet.

#### **Background:**

The Montreal Bible Church is the result of the vision of Mr. Chan who dearly seeks to bring his fellow Chinese into a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ, particularly those who speak Mandarin. In this mission endeavour, Cirric was initially encouraged by the Taiwanese Robert Campbell congregation. In May of 2003, with the blessing of the Presbytery, the Montreal Bible Church began and Cirric was appointed, financial support having been granted for up to five years from the New Church Development Fund of Canada Ministries.

The initial enthusiasm of Cirric and his little flock was severely shaken by an early dispute, the result of which was that several families left the Montreal Bible Church. Since that time, Cirric and the Montreal Bible Church have continued with great dedication. In the last three years, Cirric has had the great privilege of baptizing twenty persons, seventeen of these being adults who, from an atheistic, Chinese background, professed faith in Jesus as Lord. Having said that, the Montreal Bible Church has not been able to reach the sort of benchmarks that had been originally accepted by all parties, including the goal of having 60 persons attending the church after three years, as well as having reached a monthly income of nearly \$3000. A year ago, the Beyond Ourselves Committee, aware of the failure to meet the benchmarks, proposed that the Montreal Bible Church be closed. Rejecting that conclusion, the Presbytery of Montreal has allowed the struggling congregation to continue, but now faces the issue once again of what future the Montreal Bible Church might have.

#### **Our Thoughts:**

1. The Project Group was impressed with the lay leaders we met. They make up a young, fragile group, trying to strike Christian roots into pretty unforgiving soil. It is difficult to be a mission church in Montreal in 2006. To be such for a traditionally non-Christian, ethnic, immigrant group is even more so. Many of these leaders are well-educated and fluent in English.

2. Cirric Chan is an enthusiast; that is, he is deeply motivated and convicted about bringing his fellow Chinese to a meaningful relationship with Christ. As an enthusiast, he is willing to take risks, to suffer personal loss, and to sacrifice for his cause. There is no question about Cirric's zeal and hard work, and his place as very much the 'father in Christ' to a group, many of whom have become Christian believers under Cirric's ministry. The group is still dependent on Cimic.
3. While Cirric is the founder of the mission and its preacher and pastor, he has been willing and able to begin to delegate authority and responsibilities. A Leader's Council has been formed, with which we met. Some of the encouragement and training for these young leaders has been supplied by Cirric, but also the Verdun Community Church in which the Montreal Bible Church meets, led by a warm-hearted Irishman (formerly Presbyterian).
4. The Montreal Bible Church has some significant challenges that must be faced. One is clearly financial. Of the twelve leaders with whom we met, two are employed; many are students. Approximately 33 people attend Sunday worship, including children. This group is thus not able to be financially self-supporting, and will not be such anytime soon. It has therefore not been able to reach the numerical nor financial benchmarks that have been used by both Canada Ministries and the Presbytery of Montreal to assess the mission. Currently, the Montreal Bible Church is able to raise between \$1,400 and \$1,800 per month towards its own support.
5. The Montreal Bible Church is a Mandarin-speaking mission; Cirric is Cantonese. Appreciated deeply as he is, it is sometimes difficult for Cirric to be understood. Some find it easier to understand Cirric's English than his Chinese. Accordingly, there was a desire expressed that the mission invite outside preachers. This issue should not be interpreted as a dilution of the respect in which Cirric is held within the mission, but it does illustrate Cirric's zeal rather than his knowledge.
6. Cirric's leadership is, as we have said, enthusiastic. It may also at times be scattered rather than strategic. He is understood to be honest, hard-working, and serious. He may need to lighten up, and at the same time to be more attentive to organization.
7. The lay leaders at the Montreal Bible Church give credit to the landlord church for setting a modest rent, for an ongoing encouragement to be involved in their programming, and for hands-on pastoral support. While the Montreal Bible Church leaders are thankful for financial help from the Presbyterian Church in Canada, they otherwise feel distant from us and have few clues as to why or what makes them a Presbyterian-related mission. Cimic, understandably in many ways, has concentrated on presenting the Christian faith, rather than denominational distinctives.

### **Our concerns:**

As a Project Group we believe that it would be inappropriate to squash this young Christian plant. But how can the Montreal Bible Church continue as is? First, we want to ask some questions about how this mission began.

As we have already said, the initial vision was Cirric's. For that we commend him. But we also wonder if from the very beginning, that individual vision was individually owned rather than corporately owned. Yes, the Presbytery and Canada Ministries gave 'permission' for Cirric's new work. But the question must be faced, was this new mission essentially individualistic rather than corporate? It seems to us that the fundamental ethos of Presbyterianism is corporate. That is, the zeal of any individual needs to function, and the vision of any individual for mission needs to be brought within the courts of the church. We believe it would have been much healthier if the Montreal Bible Church had begun under the wing of an existing Session and Congregation within the Presbytery of Montreal, rather like the Arabic Fellowship that currently meets at and exists as an extension of the ministry at Westminster Church, Pierrefonds. We could have expected such an arrangement to involve a very minimal rent or none at all. This raises the issue for the Presbytery. Do we have a heart for mission to Mandarin-speaking, Chinese people within our city? If not, then perhaps the Montreal Bible Church should be folded, or the group encouraged to find a different denominational affiliation. Right now, the Montreal Bible Church seems to us to have been orphaned by the Presbytery. [The support of the Taiwanese Robert Campbell congregation certainly existed when the Montreal Bible Church was formed. But this did not mean that Taiwanese Robert Campbell had space for the new Montreal Bible Church. To complicate matters further, Taiwanese Robert Campbell shortly afterwards began in its own space a new Mandarin initiative which has since ceased].

We have to ask if going to Canada Ministries through the New Church Development Fund was wise. This fund and its regulations are in place to help establish new congregations in Canada along well-known, traditional lines, with new congregations being planted where the probability exists for making a broad appeal to growing new neighbourhoods. Whether these regulations really 'fit' the sort of primary evangelism that Cirric is engaged in is a moot point. If the answer is that the normal regulations and expectations of Canada Ministries are not a good 'fit' for this new mission, then the arrangement was almost bound to fail, with Canada Ministries being disappointed at the seemingly slow progress of the new mission, accordingly to its normal guidelines, and now the prospect of a withdrawal of financial support from the mission by Canada Ministries.

The Montreal Bible Church began with great vision and energy, mostly from Cirric. The initial plans were financially expensive, including a full-time stipend for Cirric. We wonder if those plans were ever realistic, and ask the question whether the mission might have not better begun as a part-time enterprise.

We do not believe that current arrangements at the Montreal Bible Church are sustainable. Some of the young leaders are very well-educated and dedicated believers who have leadership ability. The issue arises: does this group need Cirric's full-time leadership, the cost of which the group cannot afford? Our sense right now is that the group would fold without Cirric. But given a different set of circumstances, we could imagine this group in two or three years time being stronger, in faith, leadership and finances, and able to afford a half-time minister.

**Our recommendations:**

1. That MBC continue as a mission after January 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 only if it is able to find or be found by an existing congregation within the Presbytery that will welcome the mission into its space and into its life, at either no rental cost, or at minimal cost, as well as being formally linked to that Session.
2. That if the conditions of Recommendation 1 are met, the Rev'd Cirric Chan be appointed to the reconstituted mission as a half-time missionary for a period of two years.
3. That MBC be encouraged to plan for its continuation in 2007 and begin creating a budget not to exceed \$42,000. [MBC already has savings of at least \$16,000. This, plus anticipated givings in 2007 should make \$42,000 a realistic goal].
4. That MBC and the Presbytery approach Canada Ministries asking for a grant for MBC of up to \$20,000 for 2007 and \$10,000 for 2008.
5. That the appointment of assessor elders from the Taiwanese Robert Campbell congregation cease as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2006, assuming that the conditions of recommendation 1 have been met
6. That MBC, if and when reconstituted, encourage the visits to their worship service of laity from the new host congregation, as well as a monthly guest preacher who will generally need to be translated.
7. That the Presbytery give a grant of \$1,000 to MBC in 2007 to encourage at least six of its lay leaders to enroll in the new Diploma in Lay Leadership programme being offered in Chinese by Presbyterian College.
8. That the future of the MBC be reassessed by the Presbytery no later than the spring of 2008.
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L'ÉGLISE PRESBYtérienne AU CANADA — THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA  
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June 22, 2006

Mr. Donald MacMillan, Chairman  
 Synod Mission and Outreach Committee  
 838 Eastvale Drive  
 Gloucester, Ontario  
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Dear Mr. Macmillan:

At Montreal the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 2006:  
 Which day the Presbytery of Montreal met and was constituted, with prayer.  
 Among other matters addressed,  
 Grant Requests

A chart listing the grants for 2007 and 2008 was distributed at the May presbytery meeting. An adjustment has since made to the request from Eglise St-Luc assuming a change of status to student charge, and amounts have been added for the Montreal Presbyterian Bible Church.

<i>Receiving Organization</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>
Église St-Luc	\$ 37,347	\$ 50,638
Action Réfugiés Montréal	\$ 31,869	\$ 31,880
Tyndale St-Georges		
Executive Director	\$ 23,500	\$ 23,500
Tyndale St-Georges		
Program Director	\$ 25,711	\$ 25,722
Ghanaian Presbyterian		
Church of Montreal	\$ 25,348	\$ 25,348
Montreal Presbyterian		
Bible Church	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000
McGill Ecumenical Chaplaincy	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Concordia Ecumenical Chaplaincy	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000

**MOVED** by I. Fraser / B. Mack that the above grants be passed and forwarded to Canada Ministries.  
**CARRIED**

Extracted from the minutes of the Presbytery of Montreal by Michael Pettem.

Michael Pettem  
 Clerk of Presbytery

# Synod Youth Committee

## report to synod 2006

### 1. The Committee

- a. Members: Marilyn Savage [Lanark-Renfrew Rep], Christine Ball [Ottawa rep, Synod Staff], Peter Rombeek [convener], Donna McIlveen [Seaway-Glengarry rep], Anita Mack [Montréal Rep, Synod Staff], Dorothy (or Alan) Herbert [Gracefield Rep], Nadine Fafard [camp d'action biblique Rep]
- b. Meetings: we meet 3 times, over e-mail and the phone.

### 2. Canada Youth 2006:

This was a big focus for last year. There were information events, post-registration/pre-trip events, transportation organization, chaperon organizing, a synod t-shirt and synod activity time at CY. Those who went had a great time and came back very excited. We were able to fill a coach bus. This proved to be a great vehicle for the participants to build friendships before meeting 800 or so others.

We had some issues with a perceived Toronto centric focus (participation, language), but on the whole thought it was a very good conference.

Special thanks should go to Christina Ball, Anita Mack and Kim Webster for their work!

### 3. Youth Retreats

- a. Junior High: The spring retreat was mutated into a day even due to a lack of numbers. Those few that came (some driving for an hour) had a good time. They were also mostly youth who had come to previous activities. The churches who participated appreciated having a fun and theological time for their youth that all they had to do was drive to.
- b. Senior High: This was mostly all tied up into CY2006 events (see above). We did promote the fall camp d'action biblique retreat (and even got a car load to travel from Ottawa).

### 4. Leadership Development

- a. Youth Worship Forum 2: We a hit with participation from a variety of churches and four synods. We held this in Vankleek Hill and were billeted (participating in Sunday morning worship). The participant were able to learn, explore and share about leading worship services (from a reformed theological perspective). The next one is in Ottawa at Gloucester Presbyterian Church on November 18<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Youth Leaders Sabbath Retreat: This was an attempt to provide those involved with leading youth ministry with an overnight retreat that would have time for them relax and participate in some devotions with others who share their ministry. Due to difficulties in time commitments this reformed itself into a dinner.

- c. We are again planning on sending out small honourariums (\$35) to youth associated with our synod who participated in a Presbyterian mission or LIT opportunity (others assessed on an individual basis). This is done in the spirit of recognizing their sacrifice of time and money. We also hope to hear back on their experience and be able to encourage them in the future. If you know of anybody please mention them to Christina Ball or Peter Rombeek.

## 5. The Future:

We are debating how to proceed in the future. We are noticing several difficulties with fulfilling our mandate (basically: encouraging youth ministry). Two of the problems we are wrestling with are...

- a. different regional natures: There are several distinct regions within our synod. Our attempts to encourage and foster their ministries in ways that the regions are receptive to has been difficult. This leads into...
- b. general lack of participation from congregations in events we have sponsored to foster youth ministry. We have organized events for adolescents (age 11-13 and 14-18), college & careers level, youth leaders and for those leading youth worship. The participation is predominantly only from those congregations associated with committee members (with a few exceptions).

One exciting thing we did about this was to have our last meeting in Ottawa and to invite those in youth ministry to come to the first part of the meeting. Although most of those had only recently started, it was still a good time to support our ministry.

This year we are likely to do less of our own activities and try to promote other opportunities as we find them. Our initiatives will also likely be more regional than synod targeted.

We do need to know why your congregation has not participated yet (every congregation should have members who know an adolescent) ...

- ¿ Is this a communication issue?
- ¿ Are the programs not useful?
- ¿ bad timing?
- ¿ Are synod led retreats/programs not needed or desired?
- ¿ How can we help you?

respectfully submitted  
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## GRACEFIELD CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTRE

### Report to Synod 2006

*The mission of Gracefield Camp & Conference Centre is to invite all people to experience the loving presence of the living God, in Creation, in Christ and in Christian Community. The centre is open to all people who wish to experience the peace of our natural environment coupled with the joy of good fellowship.*

This mission remains the focus of the work of the Gracefield Operating Committee along with the many volunteers and staff. Our report is presented following the outline of the Camp's Strategic Ministry Plan, as developed in 2003. The statistics shown in brackets are from attendance records of 2005, where a camper or guest night is one person spending a night and eating meals at the Camp. For example, a camper who arrives on Monday morning and departs on Saturday morning will have spent 5 camper nights at Camp. Total attendance in all programs in 2005 was 11,000 guest nights.

#### Active Program Priorities

Active programs are the ones for which Gracefield staff develop the program plans and provide leadership.

##### ***Priority #1 Christian Camps for Children and Youth.***

*Goal: To provide opportunities for young people to learn and live, through study and example, the three Cs of our mission statement: to experience the loving presence of the living God in creation, in Christ and in Christian community. (Summer & winter, 1471 camper nights, 13.4% of total use)*

The March Break camp was full with a program on prayer enjoyed by all. The summer campers this year explored the theme "Peace Talks," focussing on a different word for peace and different understandings of peace each day. By all accounts, campers had a wonderful time. Youth campers were each given a copy of The Bible; for some, it was the first Bible they had ever had in their home. While our goal was 250 campers, we hosted 242 at GCCC in 2006, with 193 paid places and 49 on full or partial camperships. This year's total was five fewer than last year.

A few Gracefield staff took to the road and brought a Gracefield experience to children in their neighbourhood. GCCC's first ever "Camp for a Day" was held in Kanata at Trinity Presbyterian Church. A number of children had never been inside the church before, but they had a wonderful time. Plans are underway to do more "Camp for a Day" programs. If your congregation would like to host one, contact the Camp Office.

##### ***Priority #2 Leader-in-Training and Staff Development.***

*Goal: To make disciples of Jesus Christ, equip young people for spiritual and community leadership, and invigorate a deeper, faithful relationship with God. (Summer & winter, 2532 camper nights, 23.1% of total use)*

Summer staff training—a minimum of sixty hours refresher instruction each year—this year included familiarizing all staff with the "Leading with Care" policy. All staff were requested to sign a "Covenant of Care." Most of the provisions in "Leading with Care" have been standard practice at Gracefield Camp for many years, as they are similar to provincial accreditation standards. Ten young people from three synods completed the 2006 LIT program at Gracefield, which is accredited by Association des camps du Québec.

**Priority #3 Ministries with Families and Individuals.**

*Goal: To provide opportunities for spiritual growth as a family/community, as per mission statement. (Summer, fall & winter, 1047 guest nights, 9.5% of total use)*

Thirty-three adults, thirty-seven children and four youth attended the 2006 Family Camp in August. Ages ranged from over seventy to not quite four years old. Guest speakers were Jim and Brenda Patterson of Smiths Falls, who drew on their experiences in Central America to stimulate exploration of the theme, "Peace Talks." Family retreat weekends in the winter continue to have strong registrations, as "regulars" introduce new families to a Gracefield experience.

**Priority #4 Seasonal Camper Community - "Tent & Trailer."**

*Goal: To be the keepers of Gracefield's common memory and wisdom, and provide support for staff and camp programs; to form the core of Gracefield's worshipping and serving community, and be a point of contact to invite transient guests into our mission. (May - October, 1178 guest nights, 10.7% of total use)*

The T&T community remains an important part of Gracefield life, especially with Sabbath worship and volunteer service.

**Priority # 5 Presbyterian Church in Canada Team Building**

*(September - June) Programs under development. Assistance welcome.*

*Goal: To provide an environment for stirring the flames of faith and practice within Presbyterian congregations through teacher/leader skills development, team building, stewardship of creation, biblical and theological studies. (No usage in 2005)*

While we continue to hope that this area develops, this ministry has not seen much action. Stakeholder surveys in two presbyteries indicate there is demand for things like teacher training. While there are a few vacant weekends, there are many mid-week opportunities for events.

**Priority #6 Environmental Education.**

*Goal: To explore the wonders of creation and teach environmental stewardship to school children within the nurturing context of Gracefield's Christian community. (September - June, 122 camper nights, 1.0% of total use)*

**Passive Program Priorities**

Passive programs are the ones Gracefield staff host, and while they may provide program support, Gracefield staff do not take primary leadership.

**Priority #1 Congregational Retreats, Group Hosting.**

*Goal: To provide a ministry of hospitality in support of congregational groups and not-for-profit organizations who are providing their own programs of spiritual retreat and Christian education, training in peace, justice and environmental issues, individual healing and community development. (All year, 2844 guest nights, 25.9% of total use)*

Throughout the September-June period this remains a staple of Gracefield's ministry, with Presbyterian, United, Anglican, Reformed and Catholic groups, as well as a number of independent church groups. This year we welcomed a local music group called Harmonie Richeleau, and Aboriginal groups continue to find healing and hope at Gracefield. Unfortunately, some cancellations and cut-backs on government funding to groups such as Katimavik and Mamisarvik will hurt the Camp's bottom line, but we are saddened by the human cost, which is incalculable.

### ***Priority #2 Family Vacations, Transient Guests***

*Goal: To welcome all those who would enjoy the peace of our natural environment coupled with the joy of good fellowship, and invite them into our mission. To provide a place of safe retreat, wholesome recreation and personal renewal. (All year, 1806 guest nights, 16.4% of total use)*

Gracefield Camp & conference Centre continues to be a destination of choice for families and individuals who enjoy spending time together in Gracefield's beauty and quiet, surrounded by a supportive community of faith. In our ministry of hospitality, we aim to create the setting for epiphanies, where people can draw closer to God and each other.

### **Other news from Gracefield Camp**

#### **PROMOTION**

Managing Co-Director Alan Herbert and a retreat guest involved in another camp launched the idea of a Christian Camping Camp Fair. The inaugural event was held in March in Ottawa. While attendance by the public was disappointing, since there was little lead time and the date was the end of March Break, the various Christian camps had the opportunity to make connections. Only accredited Christian camps were permitted to exhibit in the fair.

Visitations were made by either the Camp Managing Co-directors or the GOC convener to Seaway-Glengarry, Lanark-Renfrew and Ottawa Presbyteries. There were several visits to church groups and congregations for 'camp Sundays,' as well.

#### **FINANCES**

The finance convener, Norm Inglis, reported that 2005 ended with a \$1,057 surplus. (Property tax rebates were applied to the years in which they were paid, resulting in surpluses for both 2004 and 2005.)

Our new Treasurer, Ross Allan, reports that based upon results for this year to the end of June, 2006, expenses are being kept below budget, despite increased energy costs, but income is also below budget by about \$20,000, principally due to lower revenues from adult programmes (lower group rentals & cancellations). The treasurer does not anticipate that group rental revenues in the second half of the year will compensate for the first half's shortfall. As compared to 2005, the 2006 income is similar but our expenses increased such that, at the end of June, we show a net loss of \$11.5 K (2006) versus that of \$7.8 K (2005).

Due to frequent and prolonged power failures this summer, Gracefield experienced extraordinary expenses for fuel to power generators, and food spoilage because we lack a generator capable of powering the walk-in refrigerator. The extra fuel costs will exceed any savings on the Hydro bill. The total cost of the power outages remains to be determined (as of Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>) but it will increase expenses. The Treasurer therefore reported that he was pessimistic about the Camp's ability to break even this year.

These power failures also caused a loss of electronic data which has had to be recovered from hard copy records and re-entered. We aim to have the financial picture as of the end of September, 2006 by the date of the Synod meeting.

#### **SUMMER 2006**

As convener I am making special note of the challenges this past summer. Some of you may have already heard of the major power outages. Starting on July 17<sup>th</sup> there were three major outages. During the second, third and fourth weeks of co-ed camps the hydro was off for 10 days. The campers hardly

seemed to notice and had a great time. Program staff carried on admirably. Operations staff, especially the kitchen and the people looking after the generators day and night, were stretched to their limit. Further outages have occurred since then, and continue to be a concern.

### FUNDRAISING

While the Synod 5 year capital maintenance program was in place, GOC stepped back from any aggressive fundraising, to avoid multiple appeals to the same people. We recognize that some serious work needs to be done for major capital projects. GOC will therefore be seeking to put in place a Fundraising Team who will begin to look at the larger and longer-term issues which need to be addressed to secure significant grants from outside agencies as well as long-term donations from supporters of GCCC.

### LONG - TERM PLANNING

Ever since GOC worked to put a Strategic Ministry Plan into place (2003), the intent has been to follow through with a Business Plan. We need to explain and cost our entire business plan so that the Fundraising Team has something concrete with which to work. We have set aside time early in 2007 to do this and are seeking outside facilitation to assist us.

### CURRENT MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS: Drinking Water and Septic System

With representation from GOC, the Synod Finance Committee, the Presbytery of Ottawa Finance Committee, and the Synod's Contracting Authority (Malcolm Leith) an ad hoc group met recently to discuss progress toward achieving the stated goal of the Synod Council, putting in place "financing and the timetable for implementation of the water treatment and septic systems at the GCCC" which would lead to "further steps being taken to ensure that (these) projects are completed in a timely fashion." We have scheduled a further meeting for the week following Synod.

As of our meeting of September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the total cost of the two projects is listed at \$262,900. This includes work done earlier than the 2005 Synod meeting at which permission was given to seek funding. The total project cost would then be spread over 2004-2007. Revenues from all sources (grants and designated donations) as of Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> totals \$82,555, or approximately 31% of the total.

The new funding required would include the \$150,000 synod long-term loan, but leave us with a further \$30,345 to be raised. (Note: the plea from Synod Council to congregations has so far raised \$23,000, which is included in the total donations above).

### PASSING THE TORCH

Finally, we note the retirement of the Rev. John Wilson from the convenership of GOC. He has been vitally and passionately involved in the mission of GCCC for many years, taking two 3-year terms as convener as well as doing earlier work on behalf of the Synod. GOC express our appreciation of all John has given to this ministry, and covets the Synod's prayers as the new GOC convener, the Rev. William Ball, tries to fill some very large shoes.

OPENING BALANCE JAN 1, 2006	\$35,761.19
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**REVENUE**

PRES OF QC - DONATIONS TO DATE 2005	\$945.00
ROBERT FUND	\$1,500.00
SESSION # 1	\$4,885.00
SESSION #2	\$4,630.00
SESSION # 3	\$835.00
SESSION #4	\$835.00
SESSION # 5	\$3,745.00
SESSION # 6	\$4,075.00
SESSION # 7	\$2,830.00
FALL RETREAT	\$40.00
RENTAL	\$400.00
DONATIONS	\$1,734.86
PRES OF QUEBEC - LEADERSHIP TRAINING	\$3,000.00
PRES OF QUEBEC - GSF	\$1,000.00
SYNOD OF QUEBEC & EASTERN ONTARIO	\$1,500.00
SPONSORSHIP	\$1,486.00
BETHEL LIFE CENTRE	\$175.00
SILENT AUCTION/OPEN HOUSE	\$395.00
CCI OVERPAYMENT OF REGISTRATION	\$179.75
FOOD	\$30.00
ETFS INC INSURANCE	\$1,000.00
PRES OF MONTREAL MISSION FUND	\$4,540.00
TUCK	\$161.73
TSHIRT	\$2.00
WASHROOM DONATIONS	\$17,704.60
DONATIONS FOR PLUMBING	<u>\$2,629.00</u>
	\$60,257.94
	<b>\$96,019.13</b>

**EXPENSES**

HONORARIUMS	\$17,075.00
BELL	\$678.01
PROPERTY	\$12,087.66
SUPERIEUR PROPANE	\$179.44
HYDRO QUEBEC	\$301.73
STAFF PARTY	\$125.00
STATIONERY	\$515.70
POSTAGE	\$302.21
PROGRAM	\$1,108.58
FOOD	\$9,293.54
FAFARD TRAVEL	\$720.00
FAFARD GAS	\$258.86
R JOHNSTON GAS	247.45
CANADA POST BOX RENTAL	\$97.77
CITQ	\$218.55
CCI CANADA REGISTRATION	\$1,885.00
C. MCGEE VERIFICATION OF BOOKS	\$75.00
CAMPER REFUND	\$330.00
NSF CHEQUE	\$50.00
SERVICE CHARGE ON NSF CHEQUE	\$10.00

MISC	\$0.08
ADVERTISING	\$7.00
INSURANCE	\$5,929.60
NEW WASHROOM EXPENSES	<u>\$12,373.68</u>
	\$63,869.86

BOOK BALANCE AUGUST 31, 2006	\$32,149.27
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**WASHROOM SUMMARY FOR 2006**

WASHROOM DONATIONS	\$17,704.60
DONATIONS FOR PLUMBING	<u>\$2,629.00</u>
	\$20,333.60

WASHROOM EXPENSES	<u>\$12,373.68</u>
	\$7,989.92

*Some additional information:*

2. The final numbers for the summer of 2006 were:
  - a. Campers 249;
  - b. Staff 140 (including pre-camp and Praise & Worship week);
  - c. Praise & Worship Evenings 15; and
  - d. Anticipate about 40 more for the fall retreat happening the same weekend as the Presbytery meeting.
3. The camp was blessed with a significant number of returning staff and a few new ones. The final list of summer staff is attached by weeks for your information.
4. The following is the status of property projects:
  - a. Construction of new Washroom/Shower Facility started late in the spring due the weather. (Too much rain.) The excavation was done and foundation walls were completed before camp and work will continue based on funding and volunteer availability. Current fund raising has been successful and about 60% of the required funding is in place. It is anticipated that it will take another 12-24 months to raise the remaining funding and complete the work. Ideally the camp needs the washroom to be completed before the end of June 2007;

## **MEMORIAL RECORD**

### **MR. JOHN MACKENZIE PAUL**

Mr. John Mackenzie Paul, a good and faithful servant, passed into the presence of His Lord and Saviour on Sunday evening, January 5, 2006. He died peacefully at home sitting in his favourite chair. John was a tireless worker for the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario. He served as convener of the Synod Finance Committee from 2000 until the time of his death. He spent countless hours following up on numerous synod matters, including serving as interim treasurer from January 1 to July 1, 2005.

John spearheaded the Five Year Major Maintenance and Capital Projects Program for the Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre, which began in 2000 and ran until the end of 2005. Throughout the five successful years of the fundraising campaign, John kept everyone informed as to the projects being undertaken through regular written reports to the presbyteries, congregations and individual Gracefield Camp supporters. He also undertook annual spring visits to many of the presbyteries within the synod to promote the upcoming camping season and to encourage prayerful and financial support of the camp and its ministry. John was a dedicated worker, and he was not content to sit on the sidelines and watch the work being done – he actively participated and enjoyed being a part of whatever job needed to be done! He recruited volunteer work teams, and swung his hammer with the best of them. Together the volunteer work teams erected the rainy day program space known as the Picnic Pavilion, enclosed the stairwells in White Pine Lodge to meet building code, and built the Manse, which was dedicated to the Glory of God on October 1, 2005. John had a deep passion for Gracefield Camp. He knew what an important mission Christian camping is and how children of all ages can come to know Christ through a camping experience such as that found at his beloved Gracefield.

John was also a dedicated member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Ottawa, where he served as an elder. John participated fully in congregational life and could often be found around the church tending to various matters. He was very involved in the recent building extension project.

John was a man of deep and abiding faith. He was blessed with many gifts that he used in service to his Lord's Church. John had the ability to gather people together for the purpose of working on a common project, while encouraging them along until the work was completed. John also had a wonderful sense of humour that went a long way in getting the job done.

John was a retired director of JL Richards and Associates and a life member of the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT).

John is survived by his wife Lorna and their children David, Donna, Heather, and Bonnie. A service of remembrance and thanksgiving was held for John Paul on January 9, 2006 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

### **The Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry**

#### **THE REVEREND DUNCAN SCOTT KENNEDY**

The Reverend Duncan Scott Kennedy, peacefully but unexpectedly, died at his home on January 4, 2006, aged 61 years. A native of Glengarry County, Duncan was educated in the local schools, and after attending Teacher's College, was an elementary school teacher from 1964 – 1970. Receiving his B.A. in history from Carleton University, Ottawa in 1972, he then worked for a few years for the federal government, before sensing his Call to the Ministry. He subsequently entered Presbyterian College, and graduated with his M.Div. in 1982. Duncan served as the Ordained Missionary to St. Andrew's, Maxville and Gordon, St. Elmo from 1982-1984. His career also included working as part-time student minister at Westminster, Ottawa, Assistant Minister at Knox, Ottawa and then Minister of St. Giles, Ottawa for 13 years. After serving a time as stated supply for St. Paul's, Winchester, he returned to Glengarry in 2005 to work again in his first pastoral charge, now augmented by the addition of Knox, Moose Creek. He ministered faithfully and was well-loved by his people.

Duncan was a quiet, gentle, loving person, who enjoyed the riches of classical literature and music. Frequent travels abroad with his beloved Katalin enlarged his mind and fed his soul. He was a faithful Presbyter, delivered well-thought out sermons, and was a friend to many in need. His untimely death is mourned by his dear wife, Katalin, to whom he was married for 33 wonderful years, his only brother MacRae, his many relatives and friends in Glengarry, and his colleagues in the Presbytery.

A well attended Service of worship as Witness to the Resurrection was held in St. Andrew's, Maxville, on January 9, 2006, the Moderator of the presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry, the Rev. Mark Bourgon, presiding, assisted by the Rev. Robert Martin and the Rev. Dr. Fred Rennie, associated of Duncan from his first years "with the bounds". Cremation followed, with interment of his ashes in the family plot in the Maxville Cemetery. Duncan will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

"Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

#### **THE REV. DR. WALLACE MACKINNON**

The Rev. Dr. Wallace MacKinnon, 92, entered into his rest on January 20, 2006 after several years residency in the Maxville Manor, Maxville, Ontario. Wallace was born in 1914 in the nearby community of St. Elmo. He was one of six children born to Alexander MacKinnon and Christena McGillivray.

Wallace received his early education in St. Elmo and Maxville public schools. He entered McGill University to prepare himself for ministry in The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and he graduated from The Presbyterian College in 1939. He spent two summers as a summer student – one in P.E.I. and the other at Petawawa. Wallace was ordained in May 1941 and commenced to serve the Church across Canada for over 40 years.

During his ministry Wallace served congregations in Bristol, Quebec, Winchester, Ontario, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, St. Andrew's, New Brunswick, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia before finally returning to Ontario to serve St. Matthew's, Ingleside in his home Presbytery of Glengarry. He retired in 1982 and with his beloved wife, Evelyn, he built a retirement home in St. Elmo. Evelyn was his companion since their marriage in 1940, and who sadly passed away in 1984. They are survived by their daughters, Jane and Grace and a son Wallace, Jr., as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Wallace received a number of honours during his ministry: he was appointed as Personal Chaplain to the Rev. Dr. Norman D. Kennedy, while he was Moderator of the General Assembly in 1951. In 1978 Wallace was honoured by The Presbyterian College, Montreal, when the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him. He was also the recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship from the Rotary Club International.

On the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination, Wallace gifted the Presbyterian College with a substantial sum of money to fund an annual bursary, the Cameron Bursary, to honour a lifelong friend, Hugh Cameron, who had saved his life in a near drowning incident on July 19, 1936, while both were youths. It was that incident which motivated Wallace to enter the ministry, in gratitude for life preserved.

Wallace worked hard in the courts of the church. His last official position being Clerk-Treasurer to the Presbytery of Glengarry. He was a gracious, gentle and wise man, a dear friend, a faithful pastor who had a special interest in working with young people. He loved hockey and had a passion for curling. He took pride in gardening and his great interest in retirement was of course, St. Elmo and its history. Following his retirement, Wallace built a substantial building to house his dream of a museum containing local artifacts and history. Unfortunately his failing health did not allow his dream to materialize.

Wallace's family, neighbours, friends, members of the congregations of the Presbytery, and colleagues in ministry, gathered in St. Andrew's Church, Maxville, Ontario on January 24 to give thanks to Almighty God for his life and ministry and to witness to our hope in the resurrection through our Lord Jesus Christ. The Rev. Dr. Fred Rennie and the Rev. Robert Martin, two of his dear friends and colleagues in ministry, conducted the service. Internment took place in Gordon Presbyterian Church cemetery, St. Elmo.

Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on,” “Yes” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.” (Revelation 14:13).

### The Presbytery of Ottawa

#### MRS. DOROTHY NEKRASOFF

May 25, 1928 - January 16, 2006

Mrs. Dorothy Nekrasoff (nee Lukes), retired member, Order of Diaconal Ministries and active elder, Parkwood Church, Ottawa, was called to higher service on January 16, 2006, after suffering a stroke two days previously.

Born in Midland, Ontario, Dorothy taught in a one-room school house before enrolling in the Missionary and Deaconess Training School, from which she graduated in 1957. She served with the Women's Missionary Society as Port Receptionist in Montreal 1957-1964 welcoming new immigrants and teaching some of them English.

While in Montreal, Dorothy met Vladimir Nekrasoff, and after their marriage, moved to Ottawa, where Dorothy worked for many years with the Children's Aid Society, aiding teenagers.

Dorothy was received as a member of Parkwood Church, Ottawa by transfer of certificate on May 12, 1971, and was ordained a ruling elder on April 26, 1974, continuing to serve until her death. For several years, she facilitated a recovery group for separated and divorced persons. Active in and committed to many aspects of the congregation's life and witness, Dorothy served as secretary for the Pastoral Care Team, and co-ordinated a prayer chain. Known and appreciated for remembering both those absent from worship on account of illness or infirmity and students away at studies elsewhere, she wrote many cards and notes of encouragement.

In recent years, Dorothy gave passionately of her time, talent and treasure to support the work of the CanHave Children's Centre, aiding AIDS orphans in Uganda, serving as secretary of the Board of Directors.

Dorothy was predeceased by her husband Vladimir, in November 2000; by her mother, Leona Lillian Davey, in 1977; by her father, John Horatio Lukes, in 1951; and by her sister Margaret Catherine Lukes, in 1950.

A memorial service was held at Parkwood Church, Ottawa on January 20, 2006, conducted by the minister, J.T. Hurd, assisted by Mrs. Donna McIlveen, Administrator/Treasurer of the Order of Diaconal Ministries of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Interment of the cremated remains took place in the spring 2006 at Lakeview Cemetery, Midland.

The session of Parkwood Church records its thanksgiving to God for the life and witness of Dorothy Nekrasoff. The text at the memorial service was her testimony:

*"I know whom I have believed,  
and am confident that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.  
(2 Timothy 1:12, NIV)*

## THE REV'D MR. WILLIAM NESBITT

William John Nesbitt was born July 2, 1928 in Kingston, Ontario. After graduation from Kingston Collegiate and Vocational Institute, he enrolled in London Bible Institute (now part of Tyndale College, Toronto), and after receiving a diploma, enrolled in Knox College, Toronto. Graduating with the diploma of the college, he was licensed on May 10, 1960 and ordained September 8, 1960 by the Presbytery of London.

His first appointment was as ordained missionary to the three-point charge of Wanham, Belloy, and Heart Valley, in the Presbytery of Peace River, and he also served the communities of Blueberry Mountain and Silver Valley during the three years of his service in the Peace country. On June 24, 1963, he was inducted by the Presbytery of Macleod as minister of St. Andrew's Church, Fort Macleod and Knox Church, Jumbo Valley, Alberta.

On February 14, 1967, the Presbytery of Ottawa sustained a call to Mr. Nesbitt from St. Andrew's Church, Richmond and St. Andrew's Church, Stittsville, to which congregations he was inducted on March 31, 1967, serving until his resignation effective October 1, 1971.

Pursuing further studies, Mr. Nesbitt obtained the degree of Bachelor of Library Science from the University of Ottawa, and from 1972 until his retirement in 1993 worked as a librarian with the Government of Canada. From December 1, 1989 through November 30, 1993, he served a series of four successive one-year appointments as stated supply for St. Andrew's Church (Aylmer), Gatineau, Quebec. He continued as an active member on the appendix to the roll of the Presbytery of Ottawa, regularly attending meetings of the court and providing pulpit supply in many congregations.

He was an active member of St. Paul's Church, Ottawa, serving as a ruling elder from 1973 to 1991. In January, 2006, the session and congregation of St. Paul's recognized his long and devoted service to Christ including his leadership in organizing, maintaining, and promoting the congregational library.

Throughout his life Bill was an active member of several choirs, including the Ottawa Choral Society, the Nepean Choir, the Ottawa-Carleton Male Choir and the choir of St. Paul's Church.

Called home suddenly on February 7, 2006, Mr. Nesbitt's earthly remains were laid to rest on February 10, 2006 in the family plot in Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston, in a graveside service conducted by the Rev'd Mr. William F. Duffy. A largely attended memorial service was held at St. Paul's Church, Ottawa on February 11, 2006, conducted by the minister of St. Paul's Church, J.L. Archibald, assisted by the Rev'd Dr. F.R. McPhee and the clerk of the presbytery, J.T. Hurd.

Mr. Nesbitt is survived by his wife Irene, son Mark and wife Sandy, and daughter Elizabeth and husband Stephen, and three grandchildren: Benjamin, Jesse and Madison.

*“I am not ashamed of the gospel,  
because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.”*  
(Romans 1:16, NIV)

## MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF QUÉBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO 1945- 2006

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MODERATOR</u>	<u>HOME PRESBYTERY</u>
1945	Montréal	James Foote, B.A.	Lanark and Renfrew
1946	Ottawa	Robert Good, B.Litt, D.D.	Ottawa
1947	Montréal	C. Ritchie Bell, B.A., D.D.	Montréal
1948	Smiths Falls	Donald B. MacKay, B.A., D.D.	Québec
1949	Montréal	D.N. MacMillan, M.A., Ph.D.	Glengarry
1950	Montréal	Joseph K. Lattimore, B.A., D.D.	Lanark and Renfrew
1951	Brockville	Quincey A. McDowell, B.A.	Montréal
1952	Montréal	J. Logan-Vencta, OBE, M.A., D.D.	Ottawa
1953	Montréal	Allan S. Reid, B.A., D:D.	Montréal
1954	Montréal	A.C. Young, B.A.	Brockville
1955	Ottawa	Robertson Miller	Glengarry
1956	Montréal	W.F. Butcher, B.A., D.D.	Québec
1957	Québec	J.D. Wilkie, B.A.	Montréal
1958	Brockville	James M. Ritchie, M.A.	Lanark and Renfrew
1959	Montréal	R.C. Creelman, M.B.E., M.A., B.D.	Ottawa
1960	Ottawa	Alex J. Morrison, B.A.	Brockville
1961	St. Lambert	J.S. McBride, B.A., B.D., D.D.	Montréal
1962	Smiths Falls	W.L. MacLellan, B.A., B.D., D.D.	Glengarry
1963	Montréal	P.C. MacInnes, B.A.	Lanark and Renfrew
1964	Ottawa	A.B. Casselman, B.A.	Ottawa
1965	Almonte	Clifton J. MacKay, B.A., B.D., D.D.	Montréal
1966	Pierrefonds	Alex. M. McCombie, B.A., B.D.	Québec
1967	Québec	Leslie R. Renault	Brockville
1968	Montréal	Charles C. Cochrane, B.A., D.D.	Montréal
1969	Cornwall	Iver D. MacIver, D.D.	Glengarry
1970	Brockville	William F. Duffy, B.A., B.Sc., B.D.	Ottawa
1971	Ottawa	Robert A. Sinclair	Lanark and Renfrew
1972	Arnprior	Arthur van Seters, Th.D.	Montréal
1973	Chateauguay	Hamish M. Kennedy	Ottawa
1974	Ottawa	Leo E. Hughes, B.A.	Lanark and Renfrew
1975	Montréal	Wallace MacKinnon, B.A., D.D.	Glengarry
1976	Smiths Falls	Lawrence J. Cowper, B.Th.	Brockville
1977	Prescott	George E. Dobie, B.A., B.D., M.Th., D.D.	Ottawa
1978	Cornwall	James C.M. Jack, M.A.	Québec
1979	Ottawa	Bill McElwain, M.A., Th.M.	Ottawa
1980	Sherbrooke	Donovan G. Neil, B.A., B.D., Th.M.	Montréal
1981	Arnprior	Wilfrid M. Moncrieff, B.A., M.Div.	Lanark and Renfrew
1982	St. Lambert	Robert Martin, M.A.	Glengarry
1983	Brockville	Allan M. Duncan, B.A., B.D.	Brockville
1984	Ottawa	P. Lyle Sams, C.C., B.A.	Québec
1985	Vankleek Hill	Graham Kennedy, B.A., B.Th., M.Th.	Ottawa
1986	Perth	J. Bruce Robertson, S.T.M.	Montréal

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1987 Montréal	Linda Bell, B.A., M.Div.	Lanark and Renfrew
1988 Iroquois	Fred Rennie, M.Th., D.D.	Glengarry
1989 Cornwall	Nicholas Vandermay, M.Th.	Brockville
1990 Gloucester	Daniel H. Forget, M.Th.	Québec
1991 Richmond	Floyd McPhee, M.A., D.Min.	Ottawa
1992 Gracefield	Wally Hong, B.Sc., S.T.M.	Montréal
1993 Smiths Falls	Larry Paul, B.A., B.D., S.T.M., M.A.	Lanark and Renfrew
1994 Montréal	Garry van Bruchem, S.T.M., M.A., D.Min.	Seaway-Glengarry
1995 Ingleside	Garry Morton, B.A.	Ottawa
1996 Ottawa	J.S.S. Armour, B.A., B.D., S.T.M., D.D., M.A.	Montréal
1997 Renfrew	Ruth Syme, B.A., B.Ed., M.A., Dip.Min., Ph.D.	Lanark and Renfrew
1998 Montréal	Ian MacLean, B.A., B.Th., M.Div.	Seaway-Glengarry
1999 Prescott	Anthony Boonstra, B.Ed., B.Th., M.Div.	Ottawa
2000 Ottawa	Daniel Shute, B.A., M.Div., L.M.S., Ph.D.	Montréal
2001 Arnprior	Joan Hilliard	Lanark and Renfrew
2002 Lachute	J. Ross. H. Davidson, B.A., B.D.	Québec
2003 Kemptville	Geoffrey P. Howard, B.A., B.Th., M.Div.	Seaway-Glengarry
2004 Ottawa	Charlene E. Wilson, B.A., B.Th., M.Div.	Ottawa
2005 Lennoxville	John P. Vaudry, B.A., S.T.M.	Montréal
2006 Smiths Falls	James M. Patterson, B.A., B.Th., M.Div.	Lanark and Renfrew