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**OF**  
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**HELD AT**  
**MELBOURNE, QUÉBEC**  
**OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> – 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

**FIRST SEDERUNT**

In the Canton de Melbourne, Richmond, Québec, and within St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, on Friday the fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, 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 Ottawa, Ontario, in its final sederunt on the seventeenth day of October 2009.

The public worship of God was held in the sanctuary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Melbourne. The service was conducted jointly by the Interim Moderator, the Rev. John Barry Forsyth, and the Presbytery Clerk, the Rev. Ross Davidson. The Moderator, the Rev. James T. Hurd, preached the sermon, entitled "Is It Time?" The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated. Elders serving were Carol Converse, Robin Converse, Brenda Shea, and George MacDougall (St. Andrew's, Sherbrooke). The Organist, Ann Clark, provided music for the worship service.

**WELCOME**

On behalf of the Presbytery of Québec and the session and congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Melbourne, the Rev. John Barry Forsyth, Interim Moderator, welcomed the commissioners and guests to the 136<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario.

**SYNOD CONSTITUTED**

Following the worship service, commissioners were invited to go to the lower hall, where a brief recess was held. At thirty-five past three o'clock in the afternoon, the Moderator, the Reverend James T. Hurd 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 names of elders within the synod who had died during the previous year.

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**MEMORIAL SERVICE (Cont'd):**

From the Presbytery of Québec (no names received)

From the Presbytery of Montréal (no names received)

From the Presbytery of Ottawa

Elders: Edgar Albert George Shaw, St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa; Floyd Henry, Knox Church, Manotick; Thomas Kennedy, St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa (formerly Parkwood Church, Ottawa); Eoin Archibald Matheson, Grace Church, Orleans; Charlotte Jean Phillips, formerly of Erskine Church, Ottawa; George Brown, formerly Parkwood Church, Ottawa, Catherine Margaret Kennedy, St. Timothy's Church, Ottawa, Edwin Stow, formerly Erskine Church, Ottawa; Jean James, St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa; Larry Bland, St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa.

From the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry

Elders: Muriel Belanger, Knox Church, Vankleek Hill; Donald Eaman, St. Matthew Church, Ingleside; Linda Burwash, Knox Church, Vankleek Hill; Neil Bush, St. Andrew's Church, Avonmore; Danny Hartrick, Kenyon Church, Dunvegan; Donald Fraser, Knox Church, Vankleek Hill; Gordon MacIntyre, St. Luke's-Knox Church, Finch; Margaret Billingham, Gordon Church, St. Elmo; Robert Beatty, St. Paul's Church, Caintown; Hugh McIntyre, St. Matthew's Church, Ingleside.

From the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew (no names received)

Following the reading of the names, the hymn "For all the Saints" was sung.  
 The Moderator then offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed.

**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS**

MOTION: It was moved by John Vaudry and seconded by Warren Wong that the Report of the Committee on Business be received and considered. ADOPTED.

**Recommendation No. 1**

It was moved by John Vaudry and seconded by Warren Wong that the Roll of Synod be those Commissioners appointed by its several presbyteries. ADOPTED.

**ROLL OF SYNOD**

**Presbytery of Québec**

The Rev. Katherine Burgess  
 ~ The Rev. Giancarlo Fantechi

Mr. Alex Cook  
 Ms. Carol Converse

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Clerk:



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**ROLL OF SYNOD (cont'd)**

**Presbytery of Montréal**

The Rev. Ian Fraser  
 The Rev. Coralie Jackson-Bissonnette  
 The Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson  
 The Rev. Samy Said  
The Rev. Luke Vanderkamp  
 The Rev. John Vaudry

Mr. Warren Wong  
 Ms. Cathy Delisle  
 Mr. Peter McDougall  
 Mrs. Sarah MacDonald (from Presbytery of  
 Québec)

**Presbytery of Ottawa**

The Rev. James T. Hurd  
 The Rev. Douglas Kendall  
 The Rev. Teresa Charlton  
 ~ The Rev. Alex Mitchell  
 The Rev. Dan MacKinnon

Ms. Bonnie Anderson  
 Ms. Janet Banks  
 Ms. Carol Pavelich  
 Mr. John Tyler  
 Mr. Gordon Walford

**Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew**

The Rev. Seung Kim  
 \* The Rev. Eric Muirhead

Mr. Brian Cavanagh

**Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry**

\* The Rev. Ruth Draffin  
 The Rev. Douglas Johns  
 The Rev. Samer Kandalaft

Ms. Dorothy Forrester  
 Mr. Peter Oxtobee  
 \* Ms. Ann Langabeer

Note: – names of commissioners underlined indicate a member of Synod Council  
 \* commissioners who sent regrets are marked with an asterisk symbol  
 ~ commissioners who did not send regrets are marked with the tilde symbol

**Regrets:**

In addition to the regrets received from commissioners (noted above) the following members of Synod Council submitted regrets: Mr. Sandy McCuan (Clerk to the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew); Mr. Don MacMillan (Missions Committee Convener), Mrs. Joan Hilliard (WMS Synodical President).

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

**ELECTION OF MODERATOR**

The time having come to elect a Moderator to preside over the 136<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, the clerk reported that three nominations for Moderator had been

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**ELECTION OF MODERATOR (cont'd):**

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 Montréal. The nominees were: from the Presbytery of Québec: the Rev. John Vaudry; from the Presbytery of Montréal: the Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson; from the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry: the Rev. Dr. Glynis Williams. The clerk contacted all nominees prior to the synod meeting. The Rev. John Vaudry and the Rev. Dr. Glynis Williams withdrew their names. The Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson agreed to let his nomination stand.

MOTION: It was moved by John Tyler and seconded by John Vaudry that the name of the Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson be placed before the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario as a nominee for moderator of the 136<sup>th</sup> synod meeting. ADOPTED.

The Moderator, the Rev. James T. Hurd, called for nominations from the floor. He then repeated the call two additional times. There were no further nominations.

MOTION: It was moved by Doug Kendall and seconded by Katherine Burgess that nominations cease. ADOPTED.

The Moderator, the Rev. James T. Hurd, declared that the Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson elected Moderator of the 136<sup>th</sup> Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, by acclamation.

**INSTALLATION OF THE MODERATOR**

Moderator elect, the Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson was invited to step forward. The Moderator, the Rev. James, T. Hurd, asked the court the appointed questions, followed by the appointed questions to the moderator elect. The Rev. James T. Hurd then offered prayer and installed the Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson as Moderator of the 136<sup>th</sup> Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario. The Rev. James T. Hurd then offered the right hand of fellowship to the Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson and presented him with the synod gavel.

The Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson thanked the Court for the privilege of serving as Moderator.

The Moderator then thanked the Past Moderator, the Rev. James T. Hurd, for his service to the Court this past year.

He also thanked all those who participated in the opening worship service.

**VISITORS**

The Moderator welcomed the visitors to the synod meeting.

Synod Council: Mrs. Donna McIlveen (Synod Clerk and Clerk to the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry); the Rev. Ross Davidson (Treasurer and Clerk to the Presbytery of Québec), Dr. Michael Pettem (Clerk to the Presbytery of Montréal), Mr. Gordon Walford (Synod Webservant).

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**Visitors:**

**Others:** Mrs. Christine Ball (Synod Regional Staff, Eastern Ontario), Mrs. Anita Mack (Synod Regional Staff, Québec); Mr. Craig Dewar, (Camp d'action biblique), Mrs. Relena Lyddon Myers (Executive Director, Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre) and Mrs. Yvonne Johns (Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry); Mrs. Diane Walford (Presbytery of Ottawa; Mr. Ellis Clark (Presbytery of Québec).

MOTION: It was moved by John Vaudry and seconded by Warren Wong that the visitors be invited to sit and correspond. ADOPTED.

**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 the minutes from the Presbytery of Québec, the Presbytery of Montréal, the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry, the Presbytery of Ottawa, the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, and the synod council were available for examination.

**ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET** (Appendix A – pages 1-2)

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Luke Vanderkamp that the proposed docket be received. ADOPTED.

The following changes were noted:

First Sederunt: 10 – Business Arising: Review of Synod as a Commissioned Court will be considered as part of the Committee on Business report.

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Luke Vanderkamp that the proposed docket, as amended, be adopted. ADOPTED.

The docket is as followed by these minutes.

**MINUTES OF THE 135<sup>th</sup> SYNOD MEETING**

The minutes of the 135<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario were circulated to the presbyteries within the bounds for distribution as follows: (a) commissioners named (b) one copy to each congregation within the synod bounds (c) members of Synod Council.

The following corrections were noted:

Following the Table of Contents: the history of Westminster Presbyterian Church:

1. Spelling correction – First section, second paragraph: (now know as the lower hall) should correctly be spelled: (now known as the lower hall)

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**MINUTES OF THE 135<sup>th</sup> SYNOD MEETING (Cont'd):**

2. Spelling correction – Third section, second paragraph: "...were not only complimentary but an excellent..." should correctly be spelled "...were not only complementary but an excellent..."

**In the Minutes:**

1. Spelling correction – page 7, under Notice of Motion. The second line reads they Synod Standing Orders be reconsidered, and should correctly be spelled: the Synod Standing Order be reconsidered.
2. Missing phrase – page 7 and page 16: Under the heading RECESS the complete phrase should be: The time for a refreshment break having arrived, the moderator declared a fifteen minute recess, and thereafter the Synod reconvened at the call of the Moderator.
3. Spelling correction – page 9, under Synod Council – Committee to Nominate: the word representatives should correctly be spelled representative.
4. Spelling correction – page 19, under Camp d'action biblique: the word Convenor should correctly be spelled Convener.
5. Spelling correction – page 20, under Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre, second paragraph, third line: the word Gracfield should correctly be spelled Gracefield.
6. Spelling correction – page 22, under Missions Committee and Robert Fund, Motion: the word Chretienne should correctly be spelled Chrétienne and the word dispersement should correctly be spelled disbursement.

**In the Reports:**

1. Grammatical error – Appendix I – page 13, second paragraph, third line: the word like should be as.
2. Spelling correction – Appendix J – page 14, Title: the word SYNODIC should correctly be spelled SYNODICAL.
3. Extra word – Appendix J – page 14, second paragraph: fifteenth line: remove the word of from "...despite of rain, mice and lice."
4. Spelling correction – Appendix J – page 15, second paragraph, second line: the word program should correctly be spelled programs.
5. Spelling correction – Appendix J – page 15, sixth paragraph, second line: the word my-self should correctly be spelled myself.
6. Punctuation error – Appendix M – page 18, second paragraph: the word our is missing quotations marks followed by a comma: (When I say "our", I really mean...")
7. Punctuation error – Appendix M – page 19, under CY Transportation, second paragraph, first line: a comma should replace the period and a lowercase b for the word By, after the word years: "...over the past 3 years, by more than \$2,000..."
8. Spelling correction – Appendix M – page 20, under Western Sub-committee, third point: the word quite should correctly be spelled quiet.
9. Spelling correction – Appendix M – page 21, under Referring back to our standing orders & other issues, second point: the word convenor should correctly be spelled convener.
10. Punctuation error – Appendix U – page 86, under NOTE 2: Opening quotation marks are missing before the word New: "New Business".

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**MINUTES OF THE 135<sup>th</sup> SYNOD MEETING (Cont'd):**

MOTION: It was moved by Warren Wong and seconded by James T. Hurd that the minutes of the 135<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario be adopted, as corrected. ADOPTED.

While the Moderator signed the minutes of the 135<sup>th</sup> synod meeting, the past moderator spoke briefly on his year as moderator.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Luke Vanderkamp that the following items of correspondence be received. ADOPTED.

1. La Vie Chrétienne: Summer 2010 issue, rec'd July 20, 2010.  
     ➤ Received for information.
2. Nominations for synod moderator from the various presbyteries within the synod:
  - From the Presbytery of Québec (the Rev. John Vaudry) rec'd March 8, 2010.
  - From the Presbytery of Montréal (the Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson) rec'd Sept. 28, 2010
  - From the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry (the Rev. Dr. Glynis Williams) rec'd May 31/10
  - From the Presbytery of Ottawa (no nomination received)
  - From the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew (no nomination received)
 ➤ Received for information.
3. Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Assembly Office. Letter re synod appointment of members to the 2011 General Assembly Committee to Nominate to Standing Committees. Rec'd Sept. 10 / 10.  
     ➤ Considered under the Committee on Business, recommendation No. 13.
4. Assembly Office. 134<sup>th</sup> Synod Minutes, November 2008, returned after examination by the 136<sup>th</sup> General Assembly – neatly and correctly kept. Rec'd July 8, 2010.  
     ➤ Received for information.
- 5 a) Donald MacMillan, Convener Synod Missions Committee. Copy of letter from Peter McDougall, Presbytery of Montreal Assets Committee, regarding request to transfer the Fabreville Presbyterian Church property to the Trustees of the Arabic Presbyterian Church. Rec'd via email November 12, 2009.
- b) Gordon Haynes, associate secretary, Canada Ministries. Copy of letter to Stephen Roche expressing concurrence in transfer of the Fabreville Presbyterian Church property to the Arabic Presbyterian church with the provisions outlined in the letter from the synod dated November 16, 2009. Rec'd November 20, 2009.
- c) Michael Pettem, Clerk to the Presbytery of Montréal. Letter with extract minute from November 17, 2009 regular presbytery meeting regarding approval for the transfer of the Fabreville Presbyterian Church property to the Arabic Presbyterian Church. Rec'd November 23, 2009.

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**CORRESPONDENCE (Cont'd):**

- d) Michael Pettem, Clerk to the Presbytery of Montréal. Letter indicating that two items have been sent to the synod by regular mail: (a) a signed and sealed extract minute approving the transfer of property from Fabreville Presbyterian Church to the Arabic Presbyterian Church of Montreal and (b) a photocopy of the deed of sale by the Trustees of the Fabreville Presbyterian Church to the Trustees of the Arabic Presbyterian Church of Montréal, dated 25 March, 2010 at the offices of Turner Brosseau, notaries. Rec'd via email April 21, 2010.
- Considered under the Committee on Business, recommendation No. 14.

**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS**

**Recommendation No. 2**

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Warren Wong 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. ADOPTED.

**Notice of Motion**

**Recommendation No. 3**

That the Synod Council gives notice that, at a future sederunt, it will move or cause to be moved that the Synod Standing Orders, section 3.1 Synod Clerk, be reconsidered with the addition of clause 3.1.4 – an honorarium for the clerk is set and paid by the synod.

The Notice of Motion will be considered at a later sederunt.

**Recommendations No. 4 through 7** were considered together and moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Warren Wong:

**Recommendation No. 4**

That members of synod council, regional staff appointed to serve within the bounds, and the synod's webservant be invited and expected to attend the meeting of Synod, and that, if necessary, their expenses be paid on the same basis as those of commissioners.

**Recommendation No. 5**

That the following be invited to address the synod: Christine Ball and Anita Mack (regional staff), Relena Lyddon Myers (Executive Director, Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre) and Craig Dewar (chair, Camp d'action biblique Committee).

**Recommendation No. 6**

That Christine Ball, Anita Mack and Donna McIlveen be invited to address the synod with a presentation on "Congregations in Transition".

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

**Recommendation No. 7**

That Ms. Wendy Farha be invited to address the synod on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

On being put to the vote, recommendations 4-7 were ADOPTED.

**Recommendation No. 8**

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Warren Wong that commissioners desiring to leave the Synod early, receive permission from the court through the Committee on the Roll and Leave to Withdraw. ADOPTED.

**Recommendation No. 9**

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Warren Wong that the Committee on the Roll and Leave to Withdraw be Seung Kim and Brain Cavanagh, commissioners from the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew. ADOPTED.

**Recommendation No. 10**

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Warren Wong that the Committee to Examine Presbytery Minutes and Minutes of the Synod Council be convened by Alex Mitchell, commissioner from the Presbytery of Ottawa, with Doug Johns and Dorothy Forrester, commissioners from the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry. ADOPTED.

**Recommendations No. 11 and 12** were considered together and moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Warren Wong:

**Recommendation No. 11**

That the Committee on Courtesies be John Vaudry and Warren Wong, commissioners from the Presbytery of Montréal. ADOPTED.

**Recommendation No. 12**

That that the Committee to review the Minutes of the meeting of the 136<sup>th</sup> Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario be the Moderator of Synod and the Clerk of the Presbytery of Montréal. ADOPTED.

**Recommendation No. 13**

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Warren Wong that the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry be named to appoint members (a minister/diaconal minister commissioner and an elder commissioner) to the 2010 General Assembly Committee to Nominate to Standing Committees. ADOPTED.

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

**Recommendation No. 14**

It was moved by Dan MacKinnon and seconded by Gordon Walford that the actions of the Synod Council of November 2009 be upheld, affirming and supporting the intention of the Presbytery of Montréal to sanction the transfer of the immovable property of the Fabreville Presbyterian Church from the Trustees of the Fabreville Presbyterian Church to the Trustees of the Arabic Presbyterian Church, Montréal upon the dissolution of the Fabreville Presbyterian Church, and, in light of the encumbrance registered in 1976 specifying and protecting the interest of the Robert Fund in the property of the Fabreville Presbyterian Church, approve the aforementioned transfer, subject to the provision that should the property ever be sold or the Arabic Presbyterian Church, Montréal be dissolved, the first fifty thousand (\$50,000) of the proceeds of such sale accrue to the Robert Fund, unless the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario at a duly called and constituted meeting resolve to reduce or eliminate such provision.

Discussion on the recommendation ensued.

Samy Said, minister of the Arabic Presbyterian Church, provided additional information with respect to the current use and condition of the property.

It was moved by Gordon Walford and seconded by Warren Wong that Recommendation No. 14 be tabled. ADOPTED.

**Recommendation No. 15**

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Warren Wong that Synod Council recommend to the Synod that a committee be struck at the 136<sup>th</sup> synod meeting to examine the role, structure and function of synod, including place and location, to the end of strengthening ministry, and report to the synod council, with a subsequent report to the 137<sup>th</sup> synod meeting.

It was agreed to defer consideration of Recommendation No. 15 to a later sederunt. (page 26)

**Recommendation No. 16**

That the Synod Council recommend to the Synod that the Synod Youth Committee lie fallow for one additional year.

James T. Hurd noted that background information to the recommendation can be found in the Report from Synod Council re: Youth Ministry. (Appendix M – pages 18-21)

It was agreed to defer consideration of Recommendation No. 16 to a later sederunt. (page 19)

**Recommendations No. 17 and 18** were introduced by James T. Hurd. He noted the vacancies on the various synod committees and encouraged commissioners to consider them prayerfully.

**Recommendation No. 17 (see page 26)**

That Synod Council be authorized to fill any vacancies which may occur within the membership of Synod Standing Committees prior to the next Synod meeting.

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

**Synod Standing Committees**

**Synod Council – Committee to Nominate**

Moderator, Past Moderator, Clerk, Clerks of the Presbyteries, Conveners of the Standing Committees, and a Representative of the WMS Synodical.

**Finance Committee**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Convener), Ross Davidson (Synod Treasurer), 5 Presbytery Treasurers or Presbytery Finance Conveners: Giancarlo Fantechi (Québec), Sandra Steadman (Montréal), Ian MacMillan (Seaway-Glengarry), Mark Ranson (Ottawa), Sandy McCuan (Lanark and Renfrew).

**Youth Committee**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Convener), Christine Ball (Regional Staff and Ottawa rep.), Anita Mack (Regional Staff), Gina Farnell (Québec rep.), Warren Wong (Montréal rep.), \_\_\_\_\_ (Seaway-Glengarry rep.), Mary Campbell (Lanark and Renfrew rep.), \_\_\_\_\_ (Gracefield rep.), and Craig Dewar (CAB rep).

**Missions Committee / Robert Fund**

Donald MacMillan (Convener), representatives from the 5 Presbytery Missions Committees Sarah MacDonald (Québec), Barry Mack (Montreal), Jim Ferrier (Seaway-Glengarry), Stewart Elder (Ottawa) and Joan Hilliard (Lanark and Renfrew), \_\_\_\_\_ (representing Francophone ministries within the Presbyteries of Québec and Montréal) and the Synodical President, Joan Hilliard.

**The Regional Staffing Committee**

Luke Vanderkamp (Convener), with three members from the Synodical (Lois Klempa, Ruth Davidson and Mary Moorhead) and three members from the Synod (Joan Forsythe, \_\_\_\_\_ and Julia Apps-Douglas).

**Synod Historian** – \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**Committee re Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Convener), with representation from the various presbyteries: Québec: presbytery clerk as contact; Montréal: Jocelyn MacKay; Seaway-Glengarry: Mark Bourgon & Ian MacLean; Ottawa: John Young and Lanark & Renfrew: Joan Hilliard.

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

**Synod Web-Site Oversight Committee** – Gordon Walford, Stan Currie, and Donna McIlveen.

**Synod Representative to Assembly Council** – Ross Davidson (2009-2011)

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

**Recommendation No. 18** (considered page 26)  
 That the above be the Standing Committees of Synod.

**RECESS**

The time for a refreshment break having arrived, the moderator declared a fifteen minute recess, and thereafter the Synod reconvened at the call of the Moderator.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

In the absence of a Finance Committee convener, the treasurer presented the 2011 proposed budget and a 5-year forecast.

**2011 Proposed Budget** (Appendix B – page 3)  
**5-year Forecast** (Appendix E – page 6)

The Moderator thanked Sandy McCuan for his work in preparing the two documents.

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Brian Cavanagh that the 2011 proposed budget and the 5 year forecast be received and considered at a later sederunt. ADOPTED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ross Davidson, treasurer, was invited to present the Treasurer's Report, which consisted of 4 items for the consideration of the court.

1. Treasurer's Report on Synod Finances from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009  
 (Appendix F – pages 7-8)
2. Auditor's Letter for 2009 (Appendix G – page 9)

MOTION: It was moved by Katherine Burgess and seconded by Samy Said that the Auditor's Letter of 2009 be received and the Treasurer's Report on Synod Finances from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 be adopted. ADOPTED.

3. Treasurer's Report on Synod Finances from January 1, 2010 to September 15, 2010  
 (Appendix H – page 10)
4. Treasurer's Report on Synod Finances from September 15, 2010 to October 15, 2010  
 (Appendix I – page 11)
5. Treasurer's Forecast for October 15, 2010 – December 31, 2010  
 (Appendix J – page 12)

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**TREASURER'S REPORT (cont'd):**

MOTION: It was moved by Warren Wong and seconded by Samer Kandalaft that the Treasurer's Report on Synod Finances from January 1, 2010 to September 15, 2010, the Treasurer's Report on Synod Finances from September 15, 2010 to October 15, 2010, and the Treasurer's Forecast for October 15, 2010 – December 31, 2010, be received for information. ADOPTED.

The Moderator thanked Ross Davidson for his service to the synod as its treasurer.

**CONGREGATIONS IN TRANSITION**

Christine Ball, Anita Mack and Donna McIlveen presented an educational component on Congregations in Transition, based on material presented at the national event held at the Crieff Hills Community from December 1-3, 2009, with facilitator Alice Mann, senior consultant with the Alban Institute, with an emphasis on growth strategies, leadership skills, strategic planning and spirituality. The educational component to the synod included: defining a congregation in transition, the purpose and mission of the church, church health and congregational assessment and the three phases of transition. Each commissioner was provided with a series of handouts.

The Moderator thanked the three presenters for their informative presentation.

**MISSIONS COMMITTEE & ROBERT FUND COMMITTEE** (Appendix K pages 13-16)

MOTION: It was moved by Sarah MacDonald and seconded by Katherine Burgess that the report of the Missions Committee, including the Robert Fund Committee, be received and its recommendations considered. ADOPTED.

Sarah MacDonald was invited to present the Missions Committee Report, including the Robert Fund Report. It was noted that the convener, Donald MacMillan, was not able to be in attendance.

1. **Robert Fund Requests**

**Recommendation No. 1**

That the Robert Fund for 2011 be divided as follows:

Mission Grenville: \$1000 (See note below)

Camp d'action biblique: \$3000

La Vie Chrétienne: \$4000

Mission St-Paul: \$1000

NOTE: If Mission Grenville does not proceed, this \$1,000 will be equally divided between Camp d'action biblique and Mission St-Paul.)

Sarah MacDonald noted that the required paper work for Mission Grenville had not been received by the Missions Committee, therefore the amount will be divided amongst three missions, not four.

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

It was further noted that the amount available for distribution in 2011 will be \$9000. In 2010 the amount available was \$12000.

**Amendment to Recommendation No. 1**

It was moved by Sarah MacDonald and seconded by Katherine Burgess that the Robert Fund for 2011 be divided as follows:

Camp d'action biblique: \$3500

La Vie Chrétienne: \$4000

Mission St-Paul: \$1500

On being put to the vote, Recommendation No. 1, as amended, was ADOPTED.

**2. Synod Grant Requests to Canada Ministries**

**Recommendation No. 3**

It was moved by Sarah MacDonald and seconded by Katherine Burgess that the following list of grant requests be forwarded to Canada Ministries.

	2011 Presbytery Request	2011 Synod Recommendation	2011 Canada Ministries Estimate
<b>Montréal Presbytery</b>			
McGill Chaplaincy	4000	4000	3000 to 4000
Concordia Chaplaincy	3000	3000	3000
Action Réfugiés	33850	33850	33850
Église St-Luc	39117	39117	39117
Tyndale St. Georges	50000	40000 +10000 (Evangelism)	40000 to 50000
Livingstone	30000	30000	
<b>Ottawa Presbytery</b>			
Carleton Chaplaincy	6000	6000	3200 to 6000
Rockland Extension	17000	17000	17000
<b>Québec Presbytery</b>			
Leggatt's Point	1500	1500	1500
Inverness	1500	1500	1500
Mission St-Paul	59347	59347	59347
<b>Seaway-Glengarry Presbytery</b>	0	0	0
<b>Lanark-Renfrew Presbytery</b>	0	0	0

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

Sarah MacDonald noted that an additional grant request has been received from the Presbytery of Montréal for the Livingstone Presbyterian Church in the amount of \$30,000 for 2011. In addition the Presbytery of Montréal is requesting an immediate Canada Ministries grant of \$5,261 for the remainder of 2010.

It was agreed to add the grant request for Livingston to the list, including the immediate and direct request to Canada Ministries for \$5,261 for the remainder of 2010.

Discussion on the various grant requests ensued.

At 5:45 p.m., the Moderator, Douglas Robinson, relinquished the chair to speak to the report. James T. Hurd, Past Moderator, assumed the chair.

MOTION: It was moved by Doug Kendall and seconded by Teresa Charlton that further discussion on Recommendation No. 3 be deferred to a future sederunt. ADOPTED.

At 5:55 p.m., the Past Moderator, James T. Hurd relinquished the chair. Douglas Robinson, Moderator, assumed the chair.

**COMMITTEE ON ROLL AND LEAVE TO WITHDRAW**

MOTION: It was moved by Brian Cavanagh and seconded by Seung Kim that Alex Cook and Ian Fraser be granted leave to withdraw after the third sederunt. ADOPTED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: It was moved by Dorothy Forrester and seconded by Doug Kendall that the Synod adjourn. ADOPTED.

The Moderator, at six o'clock in the evening, adjourned the Synod to reconvene at seven 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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**SECOND SEDERUNT**

On the same day and place at seven o'clock in the evening, the synod met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator constituted the court with prayer.

**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY SYNODICAL** (Appendix L – page 17)

MOTION: It was moved by Sarah MacDonald and seconded by Warren Wong that the report of the Women's Missionary Society Synodical be received for information. ADOPTED.

Sarah MacDonald presented the report on behalf of the WMS Synodical. The report included the following information:

1. New PCC study program, prepared by Education for Mission, is on refugees. The adult study is "Making Connections: Staying Rooted in an Uprooted World" and the children's study is "Partners: Welcoming Refugee Friends to Canada". The studies are for all people, not just members of the WMS.
2. The National Presbyterian Women's Conference to be held in Richmond Hill, Ontario from May 20-23, 2011.
3. Offering projects: (1) Together We Can – Buy A Brick for Jobat Hostel and (2) School Supplies for Eastern Europe. Donations to these worthwhile projects can be sent directly to the WMS at 50 Wynford Drive in Toronto.

The Moderator thanked Sarah MacDonald for the report and thanked the WMS for their commitment to the mission endeavours of the Church.

**COMMITTEE RE SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

No report was available.

The Moderator reminded the synod of the need for a committee convener.

**SYNOD WEBSERVANT**

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Brian Cavanagh that the report of the Synod webservant be received. ADOPTED.

Gordon Walford, synod webservant, projected the synod website on the screen, and described the various features of the site – [www.presbyterian.ca/qeosynod](http://www.presbyterian.ca/qeosynod)

Gordon encouraged those congregations who do not yet have a website to do so as the benefits are great, with easy advertising for congregational events and other projects. He further reminded the synod that the Communications Office of the PCC will help any congregation set up their own website.

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**ASSEMBLY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

Ross Davidson, the synod representative on the Assembly Council, presented an oral report on the activities of the Assembly Council.

A brief discussion was held with respect to recent changes with Canada Ministries and The Vine.

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Doug Kendall that the report from the synod representative on the Assembly Council be received for information.  
 ADOPTED.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

I, Luke Vanderkamp, will move or cause to be moved, that Synod make up the \$15,000 shortfall in funding to Regional Staff by deferring the funding to Gracefield Capital project for the year 2011, with the understanding that funding to Gracefield for this project will continue to the full amount promised.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Luke Vanderkamp introduced the guest speaker, Wendy Farha. Wendy is a singer, songwriter, musician, comedian and evangelist. She lives in LaSalle, Quebec. For over 32 years, she has performed in hundreds of venues, bringing her original songs and humour to churches, coffee houses, women's groups, leadership meetings and conferences. Though currently undergoing treatment for cancer, Wendy is determined not to be defeated and opts to share her faith, her cancer journey, and her optimism through her ministry. As she journeys, she ministers to others. Wendy's website is: [www.wendyfarha.ca](http://www.wendyfarha.ca)

Wendy's first of two addresses to the Synod focused on our call to share the gospel and win people for Christ. She encouraged the commissioners not to get distracted with the busyness of 'Churchianity' but to focus on Christ. We are called to be a Christian every day and everywhere. We need to strive to get out of the church building and amongst the people. We need to share the gospel. Wendy asked everyone to reflect upon the questions... Who is Jesus to you? ... What has Jesus done in your life this past year? ... and to share our thoughts with our neighbour. Wendy finished her address by offering her gift of music, including singing the song "God's Got His Eye on You".

The commissioners expressed their appreciation with a hearty round of applause.

**COMMITTEE ON ROLL AND LEAVE TO WITHDRAW**

MOTION: It was moved by Brian Cavanagh and seconded by Seung Kim that Coralie Jackson-Bissonnette be granted leave after the third sederunt. ADOPTED.

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**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS**

Re: recommendation No. 10 – the Committee to Examine Presbytery Minutes and Minutes of the Synod Council.

It was noted that Alex Mitchell, the convener appointed in the first sederunt, was absent from the synod meeting. Dan MacKinnon, commissioner from the Presbytery of Ottawa, agreed to serve in his place.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Doug Kendall that the Synod adjourn. ADOPTED.

The Moderator, at eight-fifty o'clock in the evening, adjourned the Synod to reconvene at nine o'clock Saturday morning, in the same place.

The sederunt closed with prayer by the Moderator.

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Moderator

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**THIRD SEDERUNT**

On Saturday, the sixteenth day of October, two thousand and ten, at nine o'clock in the morning within St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Canton de Melbourne, Québec, the Synod met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson, led in a time of worship.

The scripture reading was from Acts 9:1-22 and the message referred to the concept of the heritage in the gospel that we leave, thanks to the supporting, motivating and protecting power of God's Spirit.

The singing of hymns was accompanied with music provided by Ross Davidson.

Following worship the Moderator constituted the Synod with prayer at 9:50 a.m.

**Re: Notice of Motion (from page 17)**

A discussion ensued as to whether a notice of motion to reconsider was required to entertain the earlier notice of motion.

The Moderator ruled that the Notice of Motion was in order.

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**REPORT RE YOUTH COMMITTEE** (Appendix M – pages 18-21)

**Recommendation No. 16** (deferred, Committee on Business – page 10)

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Teresa Charlton that the Synod Council recommend to the Synod that the Synod Youth Committee lie fallow for one additional year.

James T. Hurd provided some background to the recommendation. The following questions were offered to the synod for reflection:

- a) Is there an appropriate role for the Synod Youth Committee?
- b) Might the synod serve to encourage youth ministry and to help develop strategy?
- c) What is necessary for the committee to do, and what is appropriately assigned to the regional staff?
- d) What level of financial support can the synod provide, and how is this best allocated?

A discussion on the four questions ensued.

Regional Staff, Anita Mack and Christine Ball each spoke to their role in the Synod Youth Committee.

**AMENDMENT:** It was moved by Gord Walford and seconded by John Tyler that the Synod Youth Committee lie fallow for one additional year and that the Synod Council and the Regional Staff submit a report with recommendations to the 137<sup>th</sup> Synod meeting on the matter of the Synod Youth Committee.

Discussion on the amendment ensued.

The concern was raised regarding the fact that the demographics of the Presbyterian Church in Canada are such that few youth are active in the denomination. The questions of why this is so and how to address the concern at a grassroots level need to be considered.

On being put to the vote the amendment was ADOPTED.

The motion as amended was ADOPTED.

**REGIONAL STAFFING COMMITTEE** (Appendix N – pages 22-26)

Luke Vanderkamp, convener, was invited to present the Regional Staffing Committee report.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by Warren Wong that the Regional Staffing Committee report be received and considered. ADOPTED.

**Recommendation No. 1**

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by Warren Wong that Synod approve the contract for the Regional Staff effective January 1, 2011.

Discussion on the recommendation ensued.

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**REGIONAL STAFFING COMMITTEE (cont'd):**

Questions were raised with respect to how the funding shortfall affected the development of the proposed contract and the changes to the percentage of time each staff person would be employed.

Further discussion on the funding shortfall ensued.

James T. Hurd provided some background as to the position of the Eastern Ontario presbyteries in offering financial support to the Regional Staff for their area.

MOTION: It was moved by Doug Kendall and seconded by Peter McDougall that Recommendation No. 1 be tabled to a later sederunt. ADOPTED.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

The time for the stated hour having arrived, the Moderator invited the guest speaker, Wendy Farha, to address the Synod.

Wendy Farha thanked the Synod for this second opportunity to share her love of life and the joy of the Spirit that she has in the Lord. She enthusiastically shared her gift of humour, story-telling and music with the commissioners. Wendy spoke about the strength she receives from the Spirit and how we do not need to be afraid. She continued her theme of evangelism by encouraging the synod to build on God-given relationships. She invited us to look for the opportunities that God presents for evangelism. She further invited us to look at the people around us, to see the stories within each person, and to pray for divine appointments, all to the end of building relationships and sharing the gospel. Through role playing, Wendy showed the value of conversation in building relationships. Wendy asked everyone to reflect upon the questions... How do you follow Jesus? ... Who do you understand Jesus to be? ... and to share our thoughts with our neighbour. Wendy encouraged the commissioners to look for bridges in conversation with those we meet and to seek ways of connecting the secular and the sacred. She ended her address by singing her Menopause Song.

The commissioners showed their appreciation with a round of warm applause.

The Moderator expressed the thanks of the Synod to Wendy Farha, for her passionate sharing.

**REGIONAL STAFFING COMMITTEE (cont'd from above)**

**Recommendation No. 2**

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by Warren Wong that the Synod approve the Job Description for the Regional Staff, effective January 1, 2011.

The convener provided background to the proposed Job Description.

On being put to the vote, Recommendation No. 2 was ADOPTED.

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**REGIONAL STAFFING COMMITTEE (cont'd):**

**Reports from the Regional Staff**  
 (Appendix O – pages 27-28)

Luke Vanderkamp introduced the Regional Staff to the Court:

- (1) Christine Ball, regional staff in the Eastern Ontario part of the synod
- (2) Anita Mack, regional staff in the Québec part of the synod.

Each regional staff presented their respective report and spoke to the highlights of their work this past year. They each expressed their gratitude to those who have offered support and encouragement as they continued their work in their respective areas.

The Moderator thanked Christine and Anita for their contributions to the Synod.  
 The court expressed its gratitude with a round of applause.

**REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA**

**Re: Oversight of Board of Directors for the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre**

Presbytery Report (Appendix P – pages 29-30)

Audited Financial Statements: (Appendix Q – pages 31-45)

**MOTION:** It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Doug Kendall that the report from the Presbytery of Ottawa regarding Oversight of the Board of Directors of the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre, including the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009, be received and considered.  
**ADOPTED.**

James T. Hurd, clerk to the Presbytery of Ottawa, presented the report.

He spoke to the presbytery's ongoing oversight, and highlighted several aspects including the appointment of the Board of Directors commencing September 1, 2010. James further noted that the detailed work involved with the transfer of title to the Gracefield property from the Synod to the Presbytery of Ottawa is not yet complete.

**MOTION:** It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Doug Kendall that the report from the Presbytery of Ottawa regarding Oversight of the Board of Directors of the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre, including the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009, be adopted. **ADOPTED.**

At 11:45 in the morning, the court agreed to continue with business until the noon hour.

**GRACEFIELD CHRISTIAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE**

Doug Kendall, chair of the Board of Directors, addressed the court. He commented on the Board's Sustainability Committee which is overseeing the septic system and water treatment needs for Gracefield. Plans are in the work to move ahead with the water treatment system to be followed by the replacement of the septic system.

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**GRACEFIELD CHRISTIAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE (cont'd):**

Doug Kendall introduced Relena Lyddon Myers, Executive Director, Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre, to the court.

Relena Lyddon Myers, Executive Director, thanked the court for the opportunity to speak about the camping and retreat ministry at Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre. Relena provided some background as to how she came to know about Gracefield and the need for an Executive Director. A slide show of photos was presented during her address, which encompassed an overview of the rich history of Gracefield, the 100 year plan, and projects undertaken over the 2010 summer, including the dismantling of the old Bell Tower and the development of a new lettuce garden in its place, a new bicycle rack and library. The website is: [www.gracefieldcamp.ca](http://www.gracefieldcamp.ca)

The Moderator extended thanks to Relena for her presentation to the court.  
 The court showed its appreciation with a round of applause.

**CAMP D'ACTION BIBLIQUE**

(Appendix R – pages 46-48)

MOTION: It was moved by Warren Wong and seconded by Ian Fraser that the report from Camp d'action biblique be received and considered. ADOPTED.

Craig Dewar, Convener of the Camp d'action biblique Committee, thanked the court for the opportunity to speak about the camping ministry offered at Camp d'action biblique. Craig presented a slide show of photos from 2010. He spoke to some of the physical improvements at the camp and plans for the future. Each commissioner was provided with a paper copy of the photos and encouraged to check the website at [www.cabqc.ca](http://www.cabqc.ca)

MOTION: It was moved by Warren Wong and seconded by Ian Fraser that the report from Camp d'action biblique be received for information. ADOPTED.

The Moderator thanked Craig Dewar for his report, and thanked him and the other CAB committee members for their service on the CAB committee.

**COMMITTEE ON ROLL AND LEAVE TO WITHDRAW**

MOTION: It was moved by Doug Kendall and seconded by John Tyler that Brian Cavanagh and Seung Kim be granted leave to withdraw at the end of the third sederunt. ADOPTED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by John Tyler that the Synod adjourn. ADOPTED.

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The Moderator, at twelve ten o'clock in the afternoon, adjourned the Synod to reconvene at one thirty o'clock in the afternoon, at Camp d'action biblique.

The sederunt closed with prayer by the Moderator.

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Moderator

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The commissioners and visitors travelled the short distance to Camp d'action biblique. A delicious and hearty lunch was enjoyed by all in the camp dining hall.

At the conclusion of the lunch time, John Vaudry offered the thanks of the Synod to those who prepared the lunch, Craig Dewar, Anita Mack, Monique Fortier and Frank Harper, and expressed appreciation for the wonderful and warm hospitality shown to all the commissioners.

#### **FOURTH SEDERUNT**

On the same day and within the dining hall at Camp d'action biblique, at one thirty o'clock in the afternoon, the synod met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator constituted the court with prayer.

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS**

**Re: Notice of Motion (page 8)**

**Recommendation No. 3**

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Doug Kendall that the Synod Standing Orders be reconsidered. ADOPTED.

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Carol Pavelich that the Synod Standing Orders, section 3.1 Synod Clerk, be amended with the addition of clause 3.1.4 – an honorarium for the clerk is set and paid by the synod. ADOPTED.

**Re: Recommendation No.14 (page 10)**

It was moved by Gordon Walford and seconded by Warren Wong that Recommendation No. 14 be lifted from the table. ADOPTED.

James T. Hurd spoke to the recommendation. The following background was provided:

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**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS (cont'd):****Re: Recommendation No. 14**

1. On November 12, 2009 Donald MacMillan, Synod Missions Committee convener, received an email from Peter McDougall, the chair of the Assets Committee of the Presbytery of Montreal with a request to transfer the Fabreville Presbyterian Church property to the Trustees of the Arabic Presbyterian Church. He notes that the Fabreville congregation, in the process of dissolving, is no longer in need of its church building which consists of a house. The Arabic congregation is in need of a manse for their minister, and would like to transfer the property from the Fabreville congregation to the Arabic congregation. The Trustee Board of the PCC is willing to waive all legal rights to the property and allow the transfer to take place. There is an encumbrance on the property which Canada Ministries indicates should be transferred to the new owners. In 1976 a grant, payable out of the Robert Fund, was given to the Fabreville congregation to liquidate its debt on its church building. As Canada Ministries takes direction from the synod with respect to the Robert Fund, there is a need for the synod to grant permission to Canada Ministries to proceed with the transfer of the property to the Arabic congregation.
2. The email of November 12, 2009 was forwarded to the synod Moderator and then to the members of the Synod Missions Committee for their input. No negative responses to the request were received.
3. Members of synod council were informed of the request as outlined in the email of November 12, 2009. No negative responses to the request were received.
4. On November 16, 2009 a letter was sent to Michael Pettem, clerk to the Presbytery of Montréal. The letter stated the following: "The Synod Council, on the basis of the recommendation of the Missions Committee of the synod, would affirm and support the intention of the Presbytery of Montréal to sanction the transfer of the immovable property of the Fabreville Presbyterian Church from the Trustees of the Fabreville Presbyterian Church to the Trustees of the Arabic Presbyterian Church, Montreal upon the dissolution of the Fabreville Presbyterian Church, and, in light of the encumbrance registered in 1976 specifying and protecting the interest of the Robert Fund in the property of the Fabreville Presbyterian Church, approve the aforementioned transfer, subject to the provision that should the property ever be sold or the Arabic Presbyterian Church, Montréal be dissolved, the first fifty thousand (\$50,000) of the proceeds of such sale accrue to the Robert Fund, unless the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario at a duly called and constituted meeting resolve to reduce or eliminate such provision."

Copies of the letter were sent to Gordon Haynes and Mathew Goslinski of Canada Ministries, James Hurd, Synod Moderator, Donald MacMillan, Synod Missions Committee convener and Peter MacDougall, Presbytery of Montréal Assets Committee convener.

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**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS (cont'd):****Re: Recommendation No. 14**

5. A letter was received on November 20, 2009 from Gordon Haynes of Canada Ministries, which states that "Canada Ministries concurs with the position that the needs of the Robert Fund would be satisfied with the addition of the provisions outlined in the letter of November 16 upon transfer of the property in question to the control of the Trustees of the Arabic Presbyterian church. Canada Ministries also concurs with the position that the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of Montréal, should feel free to pursue the property transfer, with the provisions for the Robert Fund included, at their earliest convenience."
6. A letter was received on November 23, 2009 from Michael Pettem, clerk to the Presbytery of Montréal, noting that at their regular meeting of November 17, 2009 the presbytery did resolve to approve the transfer of the property to the Arabic congregation. An extract of minute was included.
7. A letter was received via email on April 21, 2010 from Michael Pettem, clerk to the Presbytery of Montréal, noting that the following two items have been sent to the synod by regular mail: (a) a signed and sealed extract minute approving the transfer of property from Fabreville Presbyterian Church to the Arabic Presbyterian Church of Montreal and (b) a photocopy of the deed of sale by the Trustees of the Fabreville Presbyterian Church to the Trustees of the Arabic Presbyterian Church of Montreal, dated 25 March, 2010 at the offices of Turner Brosseau.

A call came forward for an immediate vote.

On being put to the vote, Recommendation No. 14 was ADOPTED.

The clerk noted that a letter, dated October 15, 2010, was received from the Rev. Samy Said, the minister of the Arabic Presbyterian Church of Montréal.

It was agreed to receive the letter.

The letter was projected on the screen and read to the court by the clerk.

"Since the Presbytery of Montréal has approved the sale of Fabreville Presbyterian Church to the Arabic Presbyterian Church of Montréal for the sum of \$1.00, we have been trying to fix that building to make it liveable. According to several estimates, the cost will be around \$50,000. We are humbly pleading with the Synod to approve that in the case of sale of that property, that the Arabic Presbyterian Church of Montréal reimburses the synod the amount of the original loan to Fabreville Church, the amount of \$13,500."

Discussion on the request ensued.

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

**MOTION:** It was moved Dan MacKinnon and seconded by Doug Kendall that the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario advise that should the Arabic Presbyterian Church of Montréal sell its property no return of funds to the Robert Fund be required, but should the congregation be dissolved and assets remain at dissolution, that \$50,000 be returned to the Robert Fund. **ADOPTED.**

**Recommendation No. 15** (deferred, Committee on Business – page 10)

It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by Warren Wong that Synod Council recommends to the Synod that a committee be struck at the 136<sup>th</sup> synod meeting to examine the role, structure and function of synod, including place and location, to the end of strengthening ministry, and report to the synod council, with a subsequent report to the 137<sup>th</sup> synod meeting.

**Report with Survey Results** (Appendix S – page 49)

It was suggested that perhaps those who attended the Emmaus Project might be well suited for such a committee.

On being put to the vote, Recommendation No. 15 was **ADOPTED.**

**Recommendation No. 16** (adopted page 19)**Recommendation No. 17** (introduced page 10)

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Warren Wong that Synod Council be authorized to fill any vacancies which may occur within the membership of Synod Standing Committees prior to the next Synod meeting. **ADOPTED.**

**Recommendation No. 18** (introduced page 11 and 12)

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Doug Kendall that the above be the Standing Committees of Synod.

The several vacancies were noted:

- (a) Finance Committee: Convener (b) Youth Committee: Convener (lying fallow for 2010-2011)
- (c) Missions Committee: Francophone ministries representative within the Presbyteries of Québec and Montréal (d) Regional Staffing Committee: one synod representative (for balance, from within the Presbyteries of Québec or Montréal (e) Synod Historian (f) Committee re Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment: Convener

Katherine Burgess indicated her willingness to serve as convener of the Committee re Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment.

The court agreed.

**Recommendation No. 18**

That the Standing Committees of Synod be as noted (on page 11), with the addition of Katherine Burgess as convener of the Committee re Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment. **ADOPTED.**

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

**Recommendation No. 19**

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Doug Kendall 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. ADOPTED.

**Recommendation No. 20**

It was moved by Katherine Burgess and seconded by Warren Wong that the Moderator and the immediate Past Moderator, in consultation with the synod clerk and synod council, be appointed the Commission on Unfinished Business. ADOPTED.

**Recommendation No. 21**

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Peter Oxtobee that the Synod accept the invitation from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Perth, Ontario within the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew to host the 137<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, October 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. ADOPTED.

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Warren Wong that the Report of the Committee on Business, as a whole and as amended, be adopted. ADOPTED.

**MISSIONS COMMITTEE & ROBERT FUND COMMITTEE (cont'd from page 15):**

At 2:00 p.m., the Moderator, Douglas Robinson, relinquished the chair to speak to the report. James T. Hurd, Past Moderator, assumed the chair.

Discussion on Recommendation No. 3 resumed.

**Recommendation No. 3**

It was moved by Sarah MacDonald and seconded by Katherine Burgess that the following list of grant requests be forwarded to Canada Ministries.

AMENDMENT: It was moved by Doug Kendall and seconded by Dan MacKinnon that the list of grant requests be forwarded to Canada Ministries with the change that the 2011 Synod Recommendation for Tyndale-St. Georges be \$50,000 and that the separate line of \$10000 for evangelism be removed.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT: It was moved by John Tyler and seconded by Katherine Burgess that the words "and that the grant requests to Canada Ministries be accompanied by a request for an accounting-back by Tyndale-St. Georges to Canada Ministries with a report to the Synod on such, prior to the 137<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario" be added to this motion. ADOPTED.

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

Discussion on the amendment to the amendment ensued.

On being put to the vote, the amendment to the amendment was ADOPTED.

The motion as amended. ADOPTED.

**Recommendation No. 3** thus is as follows:

That the list of grant requests be forwarded to Canada Ministries with the change that the 2011 Synod Recommendation for Tyndale-St. Georges be \$50,000 and that the separate line of \$10,000 for evangelism be removed and that the grant requests to Canada Ministries be accompanied by a request for an accounting back by Tyndale-St. Georges to Canada Ministries with a report to the Synod on such, prior to the 137<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario.

The court was reminded that in the first sederunt the court agreed to include in the grant requests the additional request from the Presbytery of Montréal for an immediate Canada Ministries grant of \$5,261 for the remainder of 2010 (as noted on page 15).

At 2:30 p.m., the Past Moderator, James T. Hurd relinquished the chair.  
 Douglas Robinson, Moderator, assumed the chair.

**Recommendation No. 2**

It was moved by Sarah MacDonald and seconded by Katherine Burgess that the Synod Missions Committee be disbanded on December 31, and that the monies saved be used to reduce the Synod's annual budget.

Discussion on Recommendation No. 2 ensued.

AMENDMENT: It was moved by Doug Kendall and seconded by John Tyler that the Synod Missions Committee be thanked for their diligent efforts and that a letter of concern from the Synod be sent to the presbyteries within the bounds and to Canada Ministries expressing the continued frustrations related to the grants process and the need for all parties involved to explicitly follow the steps as outlined in the Canada Ministries Policy.

Discussion on the amendment pursued.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was ADOPTED.

The motion as amended was ADOPTED.

MOTION: It was moved by Sarah MacDonald and Dorothy Forrester that the report of the Missions Committee and Robert Fund Committee, as a whole and as amended, be adopted. ADOPTED.

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**NOTICE OF MOTION (from page 17)**

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by Peter MacDougall that Synod make up the \$15,000 shortfall in funding for the Regional Staff by deferring the funding to Gracefield Capital project for the year 2011, with the understanding that funding to Gracefield for this project will continue to the full amount promised.

Discussion on the motion ensued.

**MOTION:** It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Doug Johns that the motion be divided. **ADOPTED.**

**Part A – That Synod make up the \$15,000 shortfall in funding for the Regional Staff.**

**Part B – That the shortfall be accomplished by deferring the funding to Gracefield Capital project for the year 2011, with the understanding that funding to Gracefield for this project will continue to the full amount promised.**

Discussion on the divided motion ensued.

On being put to the vote Part A was **ADOPTED.**

On being put to the vote Part B was **DEFEATED.**

**REGIONAL STAFFING COMMITTEE (cont'd from page 20)**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Doug Kendall and seconded by Peter MacDougall to lift recommendation No. 1 from the table. **ADOPTED.**

**Recommendation No. 1**

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by Warren Wong that Synod approve the contract for the Regional Staff effective January 1, 2011.

In light of the decision that the Synod make up the \$15,000 shortfall in funding for the Regional Staff, it was agreed to amend the proposed contract for Regional Staff, clause 2, from a half-time basis to a 2/3 time basis.

On being put to the vote, Recommendation No. 1 with the change in clause 2 from a half-time basis to a 2/3 time basis, was **ADOPTED.**

It was noted that with respect to the adopted Synod Mission Advocate and Educator (SAME) Job Description (page 20) and the percentage breakdown of 25% for children and youth, that responsibilities undertaken by the Regional Staff at either Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre or Camp d'action biblique, which both minister to children and youth, would be considered appropriate use of time.

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**REGIONAL STAFFING COMMITTEE (cont'd):**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by Warren Wong that the report of the Regional Staffing Committee, as a whole and as amended, be adopted.  
**ADOPTED.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE (cont'd from page 12)**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Teresa Charlton and seconded by Katherine Burgess that the proposed budget for 2011 be considered in two parts, expenditures and assessments.  
**ADOPTED.**

Discussion on the motion ensued.

**1. Expenditures**

It was agreed to reduce several line items in the Administration and Programs section as follows:

- Other Committees: \$1,500
- Reserve Fund: \$1,000
- Cost of Living: \$0
- Youth Programs: \$2,000
- La Vie Chrétienne, operating grant: \$500

The changes reduced the Total Administration and Programs from \$32,150 to \$26,450. The Camping and Outreach remained the same. The revised figure for Grand Total Expenses changed from \$114,521 to \$108,821. Adding in \$15,000 for Regional Staff funding brought the final total for expenditures to: \$123,821.

**MOTION:** It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by John Tyler that the expenditure budget for 2011 total \$123,821.00. **ADOPTED.**

(Adopted Budget – Appendix C – page 4)

The court was reminded that the addition of an amount of \$15,000 for Regional Staffing funding is a one year arrangement with the hope for positive news to come from the 137<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

**MOTION:** It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Peter McDougall that the Regional Staffing Committee and the Finance Committee review any actions of the 137<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, meeting in June 2011, and together bring forth a recommendation to the 137<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario with respect to funding for Regional Staffing going forward. **ADOPTED.**

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## 2. Assessments

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by John Tyler that the assessments to presbyteries for the 2011 Synod budget be divided in two parts, with the Special Regional Staff Funding separated out from the Operating Expenses, and calculated on a pro-rated basis using the dollar base. ADOPTED.

(Adopted Assessments – Appendix D – page 5)

The Synod was encouraged to offer prayer for a Convener for the Finance Committee.

### Five-Year Forecast

It was noted that even though the five-year forecast was prepared using the proposed budget figures, it was still useful as a projection tool.

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by John Tyler that the five-year forecast from 2011 to 2015, be received for information. ADOPTED.

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Warren Wong that the report of the Finance Committee, as a whole and as amended, be adopted. ADOPTED.

The Moderator thanked everyone for their creative and constructive ideas which contributed to a useful and lively budget discussion.

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

MOTION: It was moved by Dan MacKinnon and seconded by Doug Johns that the report of the Committee to examine the Minutes of the Presbyteries and Synod Council be received and considered. ADOPTED.

### **Recommendation No.1**

It was moved by Dan MacKinnon and seconded by Doug Johns that the minutes of the Synod Council, the Presbytery of Québec, the Presbytery of Montréal, The Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry, the Presbytery of Ottawa, and the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, be attested as neatly and correctly kept. ADOPTED.

MOTION: It was moved by Dan MacKinnon and seconded by Doug Johns that the report of the Committee to Examine the Minutes of the Presbyteries and the Synod Council be adopted. ADOPTED.

## **COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES**

MOTION: It was moved by John Vaudry and seconded by Warren Wong that the report of the Committee on Courtesies be received and considered. ADOPTED.

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

John Vaudry presented the following report:

The Synod expresses its thanks to the following:

*To the Host Church:*

The Rev. John Barry Forsyth, Interim Moderator, and the Session of St. Andrew's, Canton de Melbourne, the elders who served communion at the opening service; the Rev. J.R.H. Davidson, presbytery clerk, who participated in leading worship; and Mrs. Ann Clark, who led the praise at the organ and piano.

*To the Rev. James T. Hurd:*

Who served diligently as Moderator of the 135<sup>th</sup> Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario and who preached a challenging sermon on the Book of Haggai entitled "Is it Time?"

*To the Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson:*

Who served effectively as Moderator of the 136<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Synod, and who led us in worship on Saturday.

*To Wendy Farha:*

For her music and her warm, entertaining and inspiring sharing about evangelism.

*To those who prepared reports:*

Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre, and especially Relena Lyddon Myers, Executive Director; Camp d'action biblique, especially Craig Dewar and Anita Mack; the Regional Staff, Anita Mack and Christine Ball for their continued excellent work; the Finance, Regional Staffing and Missions Committee and the WMS Synodical.

*To Donna McIlveen, Synod Clerk:*

Whose efficiency keeps all the business in order at the meeting of synod and throughout the year.

*J. Ross H. Davidson, Synod Treasurer:*

For his dedicated attention to detail in handling the Synod Finances.

*All those who provided billets:*

For their hospitality to members of Synod coming from a distance.

*The people in the kitchen at St. Andrew's and CAB:*

For their love and skill in preparing and serving such delicious food.

*To Gordon Walford:*

For acting as our devoted and capable webservant throughout the year and providing media service at the synod meeting.

*To ALL who attended the 136<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario* and participated in its discussions and fellowship, thus helping to make our time together memorable.

MOTION: It was moved by John Vaudry and seconded by Warren Wong that the report of the Committee on Courtesies be adopted. ADOPTED.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOTION: It was moved by Dan MacKinnon and seconded by Warren Wong that the Synod adjourn. ADOPTED.

The Moderator thanked the commissioners and participants for their diligence throughout the several sederunts.

The Moderator led the synod in prayer. 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 within the bounds of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew at Perth, Ontario and within St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, on Friday the twenty-first day of October in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eleven, at two o'clock in the afternoon."

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Moderator

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Clerk



Moderator: Rev. James T. Hurd

Clerk: Mrs. Donna McIlveen

**136<sup>th</sup> MEETING PROVISIONAL DOCKET**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup> to SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**MELBOURNE, QUÉBEC**

**FIRST SEDERUNT**Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.

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| 1.  | 2:00 p.m. | Opening Worship / Communion                           |
| 2.  | 3:15 p.m. | Constitution of the Synod                             |
| 3.  |           | Memorials   |
| 4.  |           | Welcome to St. Andrew's 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                                |
| 9.  |           | Minutes of the 135 <sup>th</sup> meeting              |
| 10. |           | Business Arising                                      |
|     |           | Review of Synod as a Commissioned Court               |
| 11. |           | Correspondence  |
| 12. |           | Committee on Business                                 |
| 13. | 3:50 p.m. | Refreshment Break                                     |
| 14. | 4:00 p.m. | Finance Committee                                     |
| 15. |           | Treasurer's Report                                    |
| 16. | 4:30 p.m. | Presentation – Congregations in Transition            |
| 17. | 5:15 p.m. | Missions Committee and Robert Fund Committee          |
| 18. | 5:45 p.m. | Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Committee          |
| 19. |           | Synod Webservant                                      |
| 20. | 5:55 p.m. | Committee on Roll and Leave to Withdraw               |
| 21. |           | Announcements.  |
| 22. |           | Adjournment / Prayer                                  |
| 23. | 6:00 p.m. | Supper  |

**SECOND SEDERUNT**Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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| 1. | 7:00 p.m. | Prayer/Constitute the Court                 |
| 2. | 7:05 p.m. | WMS Synodical Report                        |
| 3. | 7:15 p.m. | Guest Speaker, Ms. Wendy Farha              |
| 4. | 8:55 p.m. | Committee on the Roll and Leave to Withdraw |
| 5. |           | Announcements                               |
| 6. | 9:00 p.m. | Adjournment and Prayer                      |



**THIRD SEDERUNT**

Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

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|     | 8:00 a.m.  | Committee Meetings (as needed)                                    |
| 1.  | 9:00 a.m.  | Worship   |
| 2.  |            | Prayer to Constitute the Court                                    |
| 3.  | 9:30 a.m.  | Report Re: Youth Committee  |
| 4.  | 9:45 a.m.  | Regional Staffing Committee                                       |
|     |            | Regional Staff: Christine Ball and Anita Mack                     |
| 5.  | 10:15 a.m. | Report from the Presbytery of Ottawa                              |
|     |            | Re: Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre                  |
| 6.  | 10:25 a.m. | Board of Directors – Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre |
| 7.  | 10:30 a.m. | Guest Speaker Ms. Wendy Farha                                     |
| 8.  | 11:30 a.m. | Report from the Presbytery of Québec                              |
|     |            | Re: Camp d'action biblique  |
| 9.  | 11:40 a.m. | Committee on Roll and Leave to Withdraw                           |
| 10. | 11:45 a.m. | Adjournment and Prayer  |
| 11. | 11:50 a.m. | Depart for Camp d'action biblique                                 |
| 12. | 12:30 p.m. | Lunch at Camp d'action biblique                                   |

**FOURTH SEDERUNT**

Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

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| 1. | 1:30 p.m. | Prayer to Constitute the Court   |
| 2. | 1:35 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 and Prayer   |

**Proposed Synod Budget For 2011**

<b><u>Synod Admin. &amp; Prog.</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>
<b>Administration</b>		
Synod meeting	8,000	4,500
Minutes	800	800
<b>Honoraria</b>		
Clerk's	2,200	2,200
Treasurer	1,100	1,100
Audit/Review	500	500
Notary	500	300
<b>Clerk's Office</b>		
Office expenses	800	800
Liability insurance	1,800	1,800
Clerk's consultation	500	0
Microfilming	300	0
<b>Committees</b>		
Synod council	2,200	2,200
Other Committees	3,500	3,500
<b>Finance</b>		
Banking Costs	250	250
Reserve Fund	500	2,000
Cost of Living		400
<b>Regional staff</b>		
Expenses	7,000	5,000
<b><u>Programs</u></b>		
<b>Youth</b>		
Youth programs	1,000	3,000
Canada youth	1,500	2,000
<b>Vie chretienne</b>		
Operating grant	1,700	1,800
<b><u>Total Admin. &amp; Prog.</u></b>	<b><u>34,150</u></b>	<b><u>32,150</u></b>

**Camping & Outreach**

<b>Gracefield</b>		
Operating grant	45,000	42,474
Capital	15,360	15,360
<b>Camp d'action biblique</b>		
Operating grant	21,000	24,537
<b><u>Total Camping/Outreach</u></b>	<b><u>81,360</u></b>	<b><u>82,371</u></b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>115,510</u></b>	<b><u>114,521</u></b>
<b>TAKEN FROM RESERVE</b>	<b><u>10,000</u></b>	
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b><u>105,010</u></b>	<b><u>114,521</u></b>

**Base Amounts**

Quebec	Montreal	Seaway Glengarry	Ottawa	Lanark & Renfrew	<b>Total Synod</b>
267,635	3,450,028	1,654,779	3,275,664	1,504,945	<b>10,153,051</b>

**Assessments for 2011**

Quebec	Montreal	Seaway Glengarry	Ottawa	Lanark & Renfrew
3,019	38,914	18,665	36,948	16,975

**Adopted Synod Budget For 2011**

<b><u>Synod Admin. &amp; Prog.</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>
<b>Administration</b>		
Synod meeting	8,000	4,500
Minutes	800	800
<b>Honoraria</b>		
Clerk's	2,200	2,200
Treasurer	1,100	1,100
Audit/Review	500	500
Notary	500	300
<b>Clerk's Office</b>		
Office expenses	800	800
Liability insurance	1,800	1,800
Clerk's consultation	500	0
Microfilming	300	0
<b>Committees</b>		
Synod council	2,200	2,200
Other Committees	3,500	1,500
<b>Finance</b>		
Banking Costs	250	250
Reserve Fund	500	1,000
Cost of Living		0
<b>Regional staff</b>		
Expenses	7,000	5,000
<b><u>Programs</u></b>		
<b>Youth</b>		
Youth programs	1,000	2,000
Canada youth	1,500	2,000
<b>Vie chretienne</b>		
Operating grant	1,700	500
<b><u>Total Admin. &amp; Prog.</u></b>	<b><u>34,150</u></b>	<b><u>26,450</u></b>
<b><u>Camping &amp; Outreach</u></b>		
<b>Gracefield</b>		
Operating grant	45,000	42,474
Capital	15,360	15,360
<b>Camp d'action biblique</b>		
Operating grant	21,000	24,537
<b><u>Total Camping/Outreach</u></b>	<b><u>81,360</u></b>	<b><u>82,371</u></b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>115,510</u></b>	<b><u>108,821</u></b>
<b>TAKEN FROM RESERVE</b>	<b><u>10,000</u></b>	
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b><u>105,010</u></b>	<b><u>108,821</u></b>

## ADOPTED SYNOD ASSESSMENTS 2011

Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario					
Budget 2011					
Operating expenses	\$ 108,821				
Special regional staff funding	\$ 15,000				
Assessments					
Presbytery	\$ Base	Percent share of Synod total	\$ Assessment for Operating	\$ Assessment for Regional Staff	
Quebec	267,635	2.63600567	2,869	\$	395
Montreal	\$ 3,450,028	33.98020950	36,978	\$	5,097
Seaway-Glengarry	\$ 1,654,779	16.29834224	17,736	\$	2,445
Ottawa	\$ 3,275,664	32.26285380	35,109	\$	4,839
Lanark and Renfrew	\$ 1,504,945	14.82258880	16,130	\$	2,223
Total Synod	\$ 10,153,051	100.00000000	108,821	\$	15,000
Note: \$ Base is revised from what is printed in A and P					

**PROPOSED 5 YEAR FORECAST**

<b>Description</b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>	<b><u>2012</u></b>	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>
<b>Administration</b>					
Synod meeting	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
Minutes	800	800	800	900	900
<b>Honoraria</b>					
Clerk	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,300
Treasurer	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,150
Audit/Review	500	500	500	500	500
Notary	300	300	300	300	300
<b>Clerk's Office</b>					
Office expenses	800	800	850	850	850
Liability insurance	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900
Clerk's consultation	0	500	0	500	0
<b>Committees</b>					
Synod council	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
Other Committees	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
<b>Finance</b>					
Banking Costs	250	250	250	250	250
Reserve Fund	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Escalation (cost of living)	400	700	900	1,200	1,500
<b>Regional staff</b>					
Expenses	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	6,000
<b>Programs</b>					
<b>Youth</b>					
Youth program	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Canada youth	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
<b>Vie chretienne</b>					
Operating grant	1,800	1,850	1,900	1,950	1,950
<b>Gracefield</b>					
Operating grant	43,216	43,480	43,744	43,862	43,869
Capital (Septic/Water Project)	15,360	15,360	15,360	15,360	15,360
<b>Camp d'action biblique</b>					
Operating grant	23,692	23,606	23,520	23,493	24,154
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>114,521</b>	<b>115,446</b>	<b>115,524</b>	<b>116,565</b>	<b>118,183</b>

Note: Cost of living has not been applied to the Gracefield & Camp d'action biblique grants.

<b>Description</b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>	<b><u>2012</u></b>	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>
<b>Base Amounts</b>					
Quebec	267,635	262,758	259,758	257,758	253,758
Montreal	3,450,028	3,313,927	3,303,927	3,301,927	3,405,927
<b>Tot. Quebec Province</b>	<b>3,717,663</b>	<b>3,576,685</b>	<b>3,563,685</b>	<b>3,559,685</b>	<b>3,659,685</b>
Seaway Glengarry	1,654,779	1,613,615	1,608,615	1,599,615	1,585,365
Ottawa	3,275,664	3,373,532	3,403,532	3,425,532	3,435,532
Lanark & Renfrew	1,504,945	1,600,703	1,615,703	1,620,703	1,625,703
<b>Tot. Eastern Ontario</b>	<b>6,435,388</b>	<b>6,587,850</b>	<b>6,627,850</b>	<b>6,645,850</b>	<b>6,646,600</b>
<b>Total Synod</b>	<b>10,153,051</b>	<b>10,164,535</b>	<b>10,191,535</b>	<b>10,205,535</b>	<b>10,306,285</b>
<b>Assessments</b>					
Quebec	3,019	2,984	2,944	2,944	2,910
Montreal	38,914	37,639	37,451	37,714	39,056
Seaway Glengarry	18,665	18,326	18,234	18,270	18,179
Ottawa	36,948	38,317	38,581	39,126	39,396
Lanark & Renfrew	16,975	18,180	18,314	18,511	18,642
<b>Total</b>	<b>114,418</b>	<b>115,446</b>	<b>115,524</b>	<b>116,565</b>	<b>118,183</b>

TREASURER'S REPORT ON SYNOD FINANCES - JANUARY 01<sup>ST</sup> TO DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2009**2009 AT A GLANCE:**

Total receipts and balances forwarded: /	Total expenditures:
Synod 123,633.65	Synod 112,997.89
Regional Staff <u>99,968.86</u>	Regional Staff <u>100,148.19</u>
<b>223,602.51</b> ----	<b>213,146.08 = 10,456.43</b>

**1. SYNOD FUNDS**

Brought forward from December 31<sup>st</sup>, '08 14,907.22

RECEIPTS DURING THE PERIOD:	<u>2009 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2009 BUDGET</u>
Assessments:		
Québec	4,022.00	4,022
Montréal	32,175.00	32,175
Seaway\Glengarry	16,304.00	16,304
Ottawa	31,934.00	31,934
Lanark\Renfrew	15,575.00	15,575
Reserve funds (See balance forwarded)		10,000
G.I.C. and interest (for CY '09)	2,048.00	
CY'09 transportation contributions	3,464.36	
Offering at Synod	135.00	
Uncashed cheques	250.00	
Bank errors in our favour	14.00	
Refunds from Revenu Québec	<u>2,805.07</u>	
TOTAL OF ABOVE FIGURES:	123,633.65	110,010

EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD:		
Synod (travel, meals, speakers, hotels)	3,253.51	4,000
Synod Council meetings	1,615.45	2,200
Bank charges	267.37	250
Office expenses (clerk and/or treasurer)	911.99	800
Minutes	947.97	800
Committee meetings: (finance, abuse, history)	866.62	(mission, youth, regional staff) 3,500
Camp d'action biblique operating grant	16,000.00	16,000
La vie chrétienne	1,700.00	1,700
Gracefield operating grant	50,000.00	50,000
Gracefield capital investments project	15,360.00	15,360
Auditors' work	602.19	1,200
Clerk's honorarium	2,000.00	2,000
Treasurer's honorarium	1,000.00	1,000
Group insurance premium	1,768.23	1,700
Youth programming	696.15	1,500
Youth leadership development	-----	1,500
Canada Youth '09	9,008.41	
Canada Youth triennial conference (G.I.C.)	1,000.00	1,000
Notary - "personne morale"	-----	500
Regional Staff funding	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL:	112,997.89	110,010

**BALANCE: 123,633.65 - 112,997.89 = 10,635.76**

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**2. REGIONAL STAFF**

Brought forward from December 31<sup>st</sup>, '08 221.76

**RECEIPTS DURING THE PERIOD:**

Grants (7,782.91 X 12)	93,394.92
Refunds from Revenu Québec	352.18
Transfer in from Synod funds	<u>6,000.00</u>

TOTAL OF ABOVE 99,968.86

**EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD:**

Stipends:	Québec	27,098.10
	Ontario	28,719.21
Revenu Québec		8,487.02
Revenue Canada		11,680.09
Health & Dental (PCC)		7,113.26
Pension benefits (PCC)		11,903.28
Office expenses:	Québec	1,557.64
	Ontario	1,905.26
Continuing education:	Québec	205.00
	Ontario	1,279.33
Staff conference		<u>200.00</u>

TOTAL 100,148.19

**BALANCE: 99,968.86 - 100,148.19 = -179.33**

**CONSOLIDATION STATEMENT:**

On hand:	1 - Synod	=	10,635.76
	2 - Staff	=	<u>- 179.33</u>
TOTAL			<b>10,456.43</b>

RUNNING LEDGER TOTAL = **10,456.43**

BANK BALANCE (less cheques. etc.) = **10,456.43**

**Respectfully submitted,  
J. Ross H. Davidson**

March 26, 2010

**RE : Financial statements  
January 1st to December 31st, 2009**

To the Directors of  
The Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario

At the request of Mr. Ross Davidson, I have verified the financial statements of the Synod of Quebec and Easter Ontario for the fiscal year 2009, as prepared by Mr. Davidson. I have done so as a private individual.

As a result of my examination based on the documents provided to me by Mr. Davidson (cheques, cheque stubs, invoices, payroll records, ledgers and the 2008 financial statements), I find that nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that these statements are not accurate.

This does not constitute an audit and therefore does not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Aubre', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Suzanne Aubre  
175, Cote de l'Église  
St-Ferdinand (Qc)  
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Note : At the time of this examination, I was the Executive Director of the Megantic English-speaking Community Development Corporation (MCDC). The MCDC is a non-profit community organization based in Thetford Mines. The organization is funded by grants through various federal and provincial government programs and donations by Quebec-based private foundations. The annual budget of the MCDC for which I am responsible and accountable is approximately \$300,000. Prior to my employment with MCDC, I was Director – Compensation and Benefits for Telemedia Inc. in Montreal for a period of 9 years and was responsible for the payroll, compensation and benefits of 1500 employees across Canada.



**TREASURER'S REPORT ON SYNOD FINANCES****JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2010****A. SYNOD**Balance forwarded on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

10,456.43

**RECEIPTS DURING THE PERIOD:****BUDGETED**

Revenu Québec refund	710.60	
Presbytery of Ottawa	16,700.50	33,401
Presbytery of Montréal	26,772.00	35,696
Presbytery of L & R	10,000.00	15,877
Presbytery of S-G	7,000.00	16,147
Presbytery of Québec	<u>4,389.00</u>	<u>4,389</u>
	65,572.10	105,510
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76,028.53</b>	

**EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD:**

(Budget list incomplete)

Synod Council	584.60	2,200
Synod Minutes	1,028.61	800
Honoraria (clerk, treasurer)	1,650.00	3,300
Grants: La Vie Chrétienne	1,700.00	1,700
Gracefield (8/12)	32,000.00	45,000
Camp d'action biblique (2/3)	14,000.00	21,000
Office supplies	13.47	800
Officers' insurance	1,307.87	1,800
Accountant for '09 taxes and forms	245.00	
Audit of '09	350.00	
Clerk's consultation fee (1/2)	275.00	
Bank charges (3/12)	<u>43.10</u>	250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53,197.65</b>	<b>53,197.65</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,830.88</b>	

**B. REGIONAL STAFF**Balance forwarded on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

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**RECEIPTS DURING THE PERIOD:**The Presbyterian Church (7,930.75 X 9) 71,376.75**EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD:**

Stipends	43,011.72 (ON.=22,039.74) (QC=20,971.98)
Expenses	1,296.24 ( 527.16 769.08)
Continuing education	878.98 (ON.)
Revenue Canada	6,000.30
Revenu Québec	4,151.47
Health and Dental plan	5,753.25
PCC deductions	<u>7,943.28</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69,035.24</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,341.51</b>

**CONSOLIDATION STATEMENT:**

On hand: 1 - Synod = 22,830.88  
 2 - Staff = 2,341.51

**TOTAL** **25,172.39****RUNNING LEDGER TOTAL** **= 25,172.39**

Respectfully submitted,  
**J. Ross H. Davidson**

**TREASURER'S UPDATE ON SYNOD FINANCES FROM SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> TO OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>****A. SYNOD FUNDS****RECEIPTS**

As of September 15 <sup>th</sup>	76,028.53
Presbytery of Ottawa	8,350.25
Unclaimed cheque	<u>77.70</u>

TOTAL	84,456.48
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**EXPENDITURES**

As of September 15 <sup>th</sup>	53,197.65
Office supplies	80.74
Synod Council	701.00
Mission committee	435.22
Regional Staff committee	40.00
Camp Gracefield	4,000.00
Bank charges	<u>7.15</u>

TOTAL	<u>58,461.76</u>
BALANCE	25,994.72

25,994.72

**B. REGIONAL STAFF****RECEIPTS**

As of September 15 <sup>th</sup>	71,376.75
PCC	<u>7,930.75</u>

TOTAL	79,307.50
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**EXPENDITURES**

As of September 15 <sup>th</sup>	69,035.24
Expenses	2,120.74
Stipends	4,779.08
PCC for deductions	992.91
Revenue Canada	2,780.43
Revenu Québec	<u>1,951.11</u>

TOTAL	<u>81,659.51</u>
BALANCE	-2,352.01

-2,352.01  
23,642.71

**CONSOLIDATION STATEMENT:**

On hand:	A.	Synod	25,994.72
	B.	Regional staff	<u>-2,352.01</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>23,642.71</b>

<b>RUNNING LEDGER TOTAL</b>	<b>23,642.71</b>
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**TREASURER'S FORECAST FROM OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> TO DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2010****A. SYNOD FUNDS****RECEIPTS**

As of October 15 <sup>th</sup>	84,456.48
Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry	9,147.00
Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew	5,877.00
Presbytery of Montréal	8,924.00
Presbytery of Ottawa	<u>8,350.25</u>

<b>TOTAL</b>	116,754.73	<b>116,754.73</b>
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**EXPENDITURES**

As of October 15 <sup>th</sup>	58,461.76
Synod meeting	8,000.00
Camp Gracefield	9,000.00
Camp d'action biblique	7,000.00
Honoraria	1,650.00
Bank charges	22.97
Committee expenses	760.00
Canada Youth investment	1,000.00
Capital investment programme (Gracefield)	<u>15,360.00</u>

<b>TOTAL</b>	101,254.73	<b><u>101,254.73</u></b>
<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>15,500.00</b>

**B. REGIONAL STAFF****RECEIPTS**

As of October 15 <sup>th</sup>	79,307.50
November and December grants	<u>15,861.50</u>

<b>TOTAL</b>	95,169.00	<b>95,169.00</b>
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**EXPENDITURES**

As of October 15 <sup>th</sup>	81,659.51
Stipends	9,558.16
PCC deductions	1,985.82
Revenue Canada	2,780.43
Revenu Québec	1,951.11
Expenses	763.97
Health & Dental	<u>1,970.00</u>

<b>TOTAL</b>	100,669.00	<b><u>100,669.00</u></b>
<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>-5,500.00</b>

**CONSOLIDATED FORECASTED SYNOD BALANCE:**

15,500.00	-	5,500.00	=	10,000.00
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## SYNOD MISSIONS COMMITTEE to Synod-2010

### MEMBERSHIP:

Seaway-Glengarry: Floyd McPhee (retired on Sept. 1, 2010), replaced by Jim Ferrier  
Ottawa: Stewart Elder  
Quebec: Sarah MacDonald  
Montreal: Barry Mack  
Francophone Ministries: Joe Reed (retired on Sept. 1, 2010), no replacement as yet  
WMS Synodical President: Joan Hilliard  
Lanark-Renfrew: No rep  
Convener: Don MacMillan.

MEETINGS: February: email meeting to discuss Fabreville Manse

February: email meeting to discuss the Robert Fund and Mission-Montréal

May 20 in St. John's Church in Duvernay (Laval), QC

Sept. 9 at St. Paul's PC in Hawkesbury, ON

Sept. 24-26: email meeting to discuss the need for a Synod Missions Committee  
and the acceptance of this Synod Report.

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**ROBERT FUND Grants for 2011**

The Robert Family Will has mandated that one-third of the interest from his bequest be devoted to supporting Presbyterian ministries in the Province of Quebec. Note: mission can be either English or French, as no language restriction was stated.

On September 21, Canada Ministries advised that the total grants for 2011 can be only \$9000, compared to 2010 where the grants totalled \$13,500 (only \$12,000 was allocated, as the \$1500 for Mission-Montréal was not allotted as it had ceased operation.).

### **Recommendation No. 1**

That the Robert Fund for 2011 be divided as follows:

Mission Grenville: \$1000 (See note below.)

Camp d'action biblique: \$3000

La Vie Chrétienne : \$4000

Mission St-Paul : \$1000

NOTE : If Mission Grenville does not proceed, this \$1000 will be equally divided between Camp d'action biblique and Mission St-Paul.)

A brief summary of each of the above 4 missions is presented:

Mission-Grenville: This is a new mission to be sponsored by the Presbytery of Seaway Glengarry. (As of the end of September 2010, the supporting documents and Presbytery approval are not complete.) Using the facilities of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Hawkesbury, francophone members will initiate outreach into the adjacent community of Grenville, QC (about 1km away).

Camp d'action biblique: This is a Christian camp (in the Richmond area) owned by the Presbytery of Québec and financially supported by our Synod. Summer camping for children and youth is available in English, French and bilingual formats.

La Vie Chrétienne: This is a Reformed Christian quarterly newsletter, published in French. One of the editors is Richard Bonetto of Église St-Luc in Montreal (5790 17<sup>th</sup> Ave, corner Rosemont Blvd.) Annual revenue for this newsletter in 2009 was a bit over \$10,000. So far in 2010, revenue has been \$14, 750. They are well managed and operate with a financial surplus. Circulation is about 750.

Mission St-Paul: This is a mission to francophones in the Sherbrooke/Lennoxville area. This mission is supported by Canada Ministries, which contributes the stipend of \$59,347 to Rev. Giancarlo Fantechi.

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## 2010 in REVIEW

This last year has been very busy.

We began in February with an email discussion about the transfer of the Fabreville church building to the Arabic Presbyterian Church, both within the Presbytery of Montreal. We got involved as the structure had originally been built with aid from the Robert Fund. Our opinion was that all was in order; thus we concurred.

Also in February, we became aware that Mission-Montreal had ceased operation. As no Robert Fund cheques had yet been written, we deleted this mission from the grant list. The funds were not re-assigned but were left in the Robert Fund.

At our May meeting in Montreal in St. John's Church in Duvernay, we reviewed the missions in the 5 Presbyteries. Most were acceptable, except: On the issue of Tyndale St-Georges, we agreed to the following recommendation:

“that Canada Ministries reduce its grant to Tyndale St-Georges from \$50K to \$40K for the year 2011, and to designate \$10K in 2011 for the support of some form of evangelical Christian ministry. This will reflect the committee's concern that there needs to be a more overtly Christian emphasis at Tyndale St-Georges. Furthermore, the amount allocated be reduced by \$5000 per year, until the allocation to Tyndale St. Georges is \$25,000 and the amount to Christian ministry also is \$25,000.”

Examples of Christian outreach would be Bible Studies, Christian Education classes, Sunday School, Christian youth activities, camperships to Camp d'action biblique, lobby literature rack of Christian material.

The whole point of Tyndale St. Georges should be much more that just meeting their social needs; as a Christian church, we need to enhance our efforts to show them how to acquire “real food” for their souls.

In September at St. Paul's in Hawkesbury, we had received correspondence from Montreal and Ottawa justifying their grant requests. The Ottawa request was for a New Church Extension, which had been negotiated between Canada Ministries and Ottawa. As to the request from Montreal Presbytery for support to Tyndale St-George, the Synod Missions Committee did not know the status of the Montréal negotiations with Canada Ministries. Therefore, our committee passed the following recommendation, designed to give more flexibility to the motion passed at the May meeting:

“As the exact amount of the Canada Ministries grant to Tyndale St-Georges is unknown, designate or restrict the 20% of the 2011 grant toward some form of evangelical Christian ministry.”

## Tyndale St-Georges

At Synod last year, the 2009 report included a letter written by Synod Missions Committee to the Clerk of Montreal Presbytery, requesting a dialogue on what to do about the lack of Christian outreach to the

clients of the services offered by Tyndale St-Georges. In our opinion, Tyndale St-Georges has become a purely secular agency delivering social services to the community. It had strayed far from its founder's goal of delivering Christian outreach and witness to this area of Montreal. (This initiation of this letter had been recommended by Gordon Haynes of Canada Ministries, who vetted the final wording.)

Writing as the Synod Missions Convener, to my amazement, this letter was never formally answered. Instead, Montréal Presbytery proceeded to negotiate the 2011 grant request directly with Canada Ministries, without our knowledge or participation.

In a similar fashion, as another case in point, regarding the Ottawa Rockland Extension mission, the Ottawa Presbytery negotiated directly with Canada Ministries. The Synod Mission Committee was outside the loop and was presented with a fait-accompli.

As stated in the 2000 Policy Manual of Canada Ministries, the Synod mandate is to:

- 1) Receive the grant requests, as approved by the Presbyteries
- 2) Examine them for completeness, accuracy and appropriateness as to amount
- 3) See that they are in Canada Ministries office with all supporting documentation, before the fall meeting of the Canada Ministries Committee.

#### Synopsis of Canada Ministries

Canada Ministries is a branch of the Life and Mission Agency.

The annual budget of Canada Ministries is \$2 million, which is about 20% of the entire budget of PCC.

Canada Ministries employs 3 full-time staff, led by Gordon Haynes whose title is: Associate-Secretary.

The breakdown of Canada Ministries grants for 2010 is as follows:

Creating New Ministries (eg. Rockland Extension)	\$749,529
Renewing Ministries	\$115,020
Sustaining Ministries	\$129,666
Specialized Ministries(eg. Chaplaincies, Tyndale St-George)	\$868,367
Administration (not including salaries of 3 staff)	\$ 79,700

As a committee we have tried to participate in the process, to voice our opinions, to identify problems, but politically, Canada Ministries is empowered to negotiate the grants directly with the respective Presbyteries, and it does just that. Canada Ministries has 3 full-time staff members in Toronto, with a budget of 2 million dollars. It has an administrative budget of \$600,000.

On the standard grant form used by Canada Ministries, there are spaces for 3 signatures: Mission, Presbytery and Synod. While there is a space for the Synod to sign, the negotiations between Canada Ministries and the local Presbytery have already taken place before Synod signs. As a consequence, the Synod Missions Committee serves little purpose vis-a-vis the grant process of Canada Ministries. Synod's role is mainly to make sure that all of the forms have been submitted on-time in the correct format.

Outside of the Robert Fund (which can easily be done by email correspondence), the Synod Missions Committee has little purpose.

**Recommendation No. 2**

That the Synod Missions Committee be disbanded on December 31, and that the monies saved be used to reduce the Synod's annual budget.

**Recommendation No. 3**

That the following list of grant requests be forwarded to Canada Ministries.

	2011 Presbytery Request	2011 Synod Recommendation	2011 Canada Ministries Estimate
<b>Montréal Presbytery</b>			
McGill Chaplaincy	4000	4000	3000 to 4000
Concordia Chaplaincy	3000	3000	3000
Action Réfugiés	33850	33850	33850
Église St-Luc	39117	39117	39117
Tyndale St. Georges	50000	40000 +10000 (Evangelism)	40000 to 50000
<b>Ottawa Presbytery</b>			
Carleton Chaplaincy	6000	6000	3200 to 6000
Rockland Extension	17000	17000	17000
<b>Québec Presbytery</b>			
Leggatt's Point	1500	1500	1500
Inverness	1500	1500	1500
Mission St-Paul	59347	59347	59347
<b>Seaway-Glengarry Presbytery</b>	0	0	0
<b>Lanark-Renfrew Presbytery</b>	0	0	0

Submitted by Don MacMillan, Convener

REPORT OF THE SYNODICAL OF QUEBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO  
To THE SYNOD OF QUEBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO  
OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>-16<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

The Annual Meeting of the Synodical of Québec and Eastern Ontario was held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Kemptville, Ontario, on April 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The theme of the meeting was "In the church tell the story. In the world live the story." We were delighted to have with us the Rev. Arlene Onuoha who lived the story while serving with the Presbyterian Church in Nigeria for almost thirty years. Arlene, together with the minister at St. Paul's, the Rev. Samer Kandalaft, conducted the Friday evening worship, and was the theme speaker on Saturday. Worship on Saturday was led by Regional Staff Anita Mack and Christina Ball who always have something special for us and we were pleased to have with us Joan Smith the (then) incoming president of the Women's Missionary Society, who shared stories of her trip to Nigeria in 2008.

Our fall rally will be held in Renfrew Presbyterian Church on October 20<sup>th</sup> with the theme "Missions North & South". North will be a presentation by WMS president Joan Smith, who was part of a small group who visited much of the area served by the Cariboo Presbyterian Ministry. South will be a visit with Denise Van Wissen and her family. Denise has served in Nicaragua and for the past couple of years with the Mayan women in Guatemala. Our 2011 annual meeting will be hosted by the Montréal Presbyterial.

Along with six other members of our synodical I attended the annual WMS council meeting at Crieff Hills in May. One of the highlights was a disturbing presentation by Naomi Baker of Canada Fights Human Trafficking, an organization that is working to rescue women and children who have been coerced into joining the sex trade. As a result the WMS report to General Assembly included a recommendation "that the Moderator of the 136<sup>th</sup> General Assembly communicate to Prime Minister Harper and relevant Cabinet Ministers, the church's concern over human trafficking in Canada, and urge the government to develop and implement a national strategy to combat this growing trade." The recommendation was amended to include "leaders of the opposition parties" and adopted by assembly.

We look forward to seeing a large number of women from Québec and Eastern Ontario in Richmond Hill next May 20-23 for the first National Presbyterian Women's Gathering, along with other women from coast to coast.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Hilliard, Synodical President



## Report from Synod Council re: youth ministry

The Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario at its meeting in October, 2009 resolved as follows: "That the Synod Youth Committee lie fallow for one year, during which time the Regional Staff be asked to confer with the presbyteries as to the future role for the synod in co-ordinating activities for children, youth and young adults, to consult with the synod council and to make a report to the synod meeting in 2010."

The Synod Council wrote to the clerks of the presbyteries in November, 2009, advising the presbyteries of the pending consultation with the regional staff and seeking their active co-operation with the respective regional staff.

To its meeting in September, 2009, the Synod Council invited the regional staff, and received oral reports from both Christine Ball and Anita Mack as regional staff workers and a written report from C. Ball. Christine Ball, the regional staff worker in the presbyteries of Eastern Ontario, has produced a two-page summary of the results of the survey which she conducted among youth, young adults, and leaders within Eastern Ontario. This is appended to this report for information.

On the basis of input from the presbyteries through the regional staff and arising from its consultation with the regional staff, the Synod Council would put forward the following information for the consideration of the synod and as background for the following recommendation which is included in the report of the Business Committee: That the Synod Youth Committee lie fallow for one additional year.

It appears that there are some differences in need and approach between the youth ministry in the respective regions of the synod, which have contributed to the synod youth committee functioning in recent years and prior to this year as two distinct parts of a whole. It also appears that a significant part of the work of co-ordination and encouragement of the work of youth ministry has been carried out by the regional staff. In the absence of a new and enthusiastic convener for the synod youth committee, ideas and energy for continued and renewed support for youth work continue to come from the regional staff. Thus the observations of the regional staff, both of whom have been among us for the past decade, are timely and relevant.

Anita Mack has indicated that in Quebec, the focus of regional work among youth is at Camp d'action biblique. There is an urgent and definite need for bilingual and French-language resources, since immigrants whose first language is neither English nor French are encouraged to learn French rather than English. Within congregations, the active youth groups are in the Presbytery of Montreal in the Arabic, Chinese, Ghanian, and Taiwanese congregations. It is her perception that clergy and youth leaders would do well to be more actively supportive of camping ministry.

Christine Ball has reported that in Ontario, there are a very few congregations in Ottawa who employ a full-time youth worker. Among those youth and young adults who responded to her survey, the vast majority are involved as volunteers in their congregations, and have participated in regional or national youth events. Opportunities for such participation are available, but they are not well communicated to the youth,

and there is a lack of interest on the part of some youth leaders and clergy to encourage participation. Christine also affirms the important role camping has in ministry to youth, and echoes the need for continued support for camping ministry.

Both regional staff support the continuance of ministry to youth on a regional basis (i.e. beyond the bounds of the local congregation). Both affirm that camping ministry needs to be a significant part of the equation for youth ministry going forward. Differences in school schedules between the two provinces, and the fact that many youth among the immigrant communities work on weekends and are thus not free to travel to participate in weekend events, suggest that synod-wide youth events are not likely to be an effective means of youth ministry in the present or near future. Distinctive regional events respectively for Montreal and Ottawa may be a better option, but require strong support from pastors and youth leaders to encourage and facilitate youth to participate.

The following questions were posed at the meeting of the Synod Council and are offered to the synod for reflection:

Is there an appropriate role for the Synod Youth Committee?

Might the synod serve to encourage youth ministry and to help develop strategy?

What is necessary for the committee to do, and what is appropriately assigned to the regional staff?

What level of financial support can the synod provide, and how is this best allocated?

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. T. Hurd, for the Synod Council.

**Survey Participation:** Represent 5 Rural, 6 Small town, 8 Urban congregations. Thirty three youth and young adults participated from 6 congregations from Pres. Ottawa (Westminster (16), St. Andrew's Ottawa (5), St. Andrew's Kars (2), Parkwood (1), Knox (1), Grace (5), Presbytery Event but not connected to a PCC(2), Gracfield youth Ottawa, SW-G, LR, Montreal and PC USA.

Pres. of Ottawa	4 clergy, 1 elder, 3 youth leaders, JH 3, Youth 11, Young Adults 18
Pres. Seaway Glengarry	1 clergy, 8 elders
Pres. Lanark Renfrew	4 clergy 4 elders
Gracefield Camp	1 JH, 10 Youth, 4 Young Adults

#### Summery of Results:

The youth who received the request to fill out the survey are participants at camp, in congregations or at Pres. events. These youth and young adults are integrated into the local congregation. It should be noted that the majority of these youth attended congregations that intentionally build relationships with adult mentors/Christians modelling faith, and members of the whole community.

The young people are **active volunteers in their congregations**. Over 80% identified their role in the congregation as volunteering. About 60% volunteer in the Christian Education, 45% in the music and worship leadership. When asked about church involvement less than half mentioned attending worship. Looking into this I found that almost all did in fact attend worship regularly. It seems interesting that worship participation is not understood by youth as something they feel involved in. This **different attitude towards worship** might be best expressed in one comment, "Don't get caught up on Sunday Morning Worship. Faith and ministry can happen anywhere and Church looks different to everyone"

**Camp Surveys** 80% of the staff camp staff had a home congregation, 60% were Presbyterian. They are active volunteers and leaders in their home church especially in children's ministries. Five said Gracfield was their primary christian community.

Most 92% youth and Junior High **attended youth educational classes** and 78% young adults attended bible study or college and careers events.

The majority of the youth and young adult survey participants (83%) have **experienced regional or national youth and young adult oriented events**. 65% Presbytery Worship, 41% CY, 48% Camp, 30 % As Camp Leaders,

#### **What the church can do better?**

Need for better and more communication was identified. The comments made by the youth indicate a need **for persistent, numerous and varled forms of communication** about events. Encouraged to be more aggressive in your reaching out to youth. There was also a plea to accept youth and not try to change them.

#### **Needs Identified by the Youth and Young Adults**

Fellowship, desire to be valued by an inter-generational community, discipleship, mentors, use modern music, worship and technology, service opportunities. Younger youth were most likely to want more youth only **social events** and opportunities to interact with youth their own age. **The older youth were interested in study, worship and discipleship** that relates to their needs, interests and concerns.

#### **What the church could do to support youth?**

Strong desire for the church to fund camps, support campers who would like to go to camp and support the staff who work at camp. Desire for more activity based programs and a plea to make church fun! “Try more to relate to youth by embracing a more modern way apply things like sermons to the youth more”. “Need diversity in music, you do not have to do away with hymns but also use praise music and international music”.

### **Youth ministry opportunities are inconsistent through-out the synod.**

Six congregations felt that their youth ministry was going well. They offer fellowship, education/discipleship, service and worship opportunities for youth and young adults.

Three congregations felt things were going OK and that the youth were well integrated in the congregations' life. Eight congregations felt that things were not going well, challenges include lack of leadership, few youth, competing with other activities and the need to model Christian living by adults.

In general congregations struggle with lack of youth, recruiting and training leaders and poor communication of youth ministry information.

Leaders of youth are most often parents, volunteers as well as ministers and minister's spouses. Only 3 congregations currently employ a full time youth leader, one has a very part-time paid youth leader.

When leaders, especially ministers are involved in youth events beyond the congregation, the youth are also more likely to attend. (CY, camp, Synod Events, Pres. of Ottawa, YIM).

**Needs Identified by leaders:** Christian Community, faith development, fellowship, service, modern worship and music, mentoring, leadership. participation of youth. This is very similar to the needs identified by the youth.

### **What kind of support can the synod provide?**

Resources and Leadership Development,

Leadership: Need young, mature, committed Christians to lead,

Synod Wide Events

Communication about up-coming events, Contact person in the congregation to receive information.

Encouragement

Encouragement to involve youth actively in worship.

Better space for youth programming

Fellowship events in local area.

**The role of synod** should be in connecting youth through events so that they have an experience of the larger Presbyterian Church. Support for CY was also strong. Other areas that were mentioned include worship, learning experiences and leadership development.

The survey results are consistent with current research on youth and young adult ministry and retention. Need for family support, adult mentors, engagement in service and mission, youth think church is fun and cool, leadership of the church invites the youth to participated in ministry)

**Current Ministry Opportunities** (See chart) There are many youth ministry opportunities provided by the PCC, synod, presbyteries and congregations. There is a lack of leadership, poor communication to the church and the youth and lack of desire to participate.

# Regional Staff Committee Report

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Sept. 23rd 2010

This past year has been a difficult one for both staff and committee. Last year the Regional Staff committee reported there would be a 15% reduction in funding to Regional Staff from the WMS and LMA. We had hoped for better news from General Assembly regarding several overtures, the result of which was a special committee being struck rather than an immediate increase in funding. This means the committee and staff are still somewhat in limbo regarding funding levels in the immediate future. The committee has worked to try to find a solution for the coming year and the result of this is the proposed contract and job description which are to take effect January 1<sup>st</sup> 2011. They are attached for consideration and reference.

The committee appreciates the hard work and dedication of both Anita and Christine. We regret the uncertainty of the past year and hope to move forward under God's direction and a renewed sense of mission.

## **Recommendation 1**

That Synod approve the contract for the Regional Staff effective January 1st, 2011.

## **Recommendation 2**

That Synod approve the Job description for the Regional Staff effective January 1st, 2011.

Respectfully submitted by: The Rev. Luke Vanderkamp (convener)

2010

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

To:

From: THE REGIONAL STAFFING COMMITTEE

Re: Offer of Position of **Synod Mission Advocate and Educator**

**TERMS OF CONTRACT**

1. This position, as outlined in the attached Job Description, is on the basis of a one year contract, leading after that time period to a renewal of the contract, subject to satisfactory performance reviews within the one year period, and the need for Synod to continue the education program..
2. You will be employed by the Synod of Quebec & Eastern Ontario of The Presbyterian Church in Canada as a Mission Advocate and Educator on a **half-time basis. (approved at 2/3 time basis)**
3. The specific responsibilities and priorities will be worked out in consultation with the Regional Staffing Committee.
4. You will be remunerated with a salary of \$TBD\*, plus \$6,000 housing & utilities and \$5,000 for job related travel costs, for a gross total per annum including benefits of \$TBD\*. (\*see note below)
5. Any other job related expenses, (office supplies etc) first approved by the Regional Staffing Committee, will be paid upon presentation of receipts to the Treasurer of Synod. Such expenses shall not exceed \$2,000 per annum.
6. You will be entitled to participate in the following benefit plans of The Presbyterian Church in Canada in accordance with the terms and conditions of such plans as are in effect from time to time:
  - Provincial Health Care
  - Medical/Dental Plan
  - Pension Plan
7. Deductions will be made from your compensation for contributions to Employment Insurance, Canada Pension Plan, The Presbyterian Church in Canada Pension, Health and Dental Plan and income tax, as required by law.
8. A full-time contract position is entitled to five week's paid vacation for each twelve month employment period. For positions that are less than full-time, the vacation entitlement will be granted proportionately. Vacation time may be used at a time suitable to both you and the Regional Staffing Committee. If vacation time is needed on short notice it should be first approved by the Convener of the Regional Staffing Committee. Carry over of vacation time will not be approved.
9. A full-time contract position is entitled to two weeks study leave per year. For positions that are less than full-time, study leave will be granted proportionately. A study leave allowance of \$400 is provided annually. Study leave must be approved by the Convener, in consultation with the Regional Staffing Committee, prior to the start of the study activity. Study leave provisions become effective after one year's service and applied annually thereafter. Study leave may be accumulated for a period up to five years.

10. You will be on probation for a period of six months from the first day of employment. If you are unable to meet the requirements of the position, or are incompatible with the constituency or staff of The Synod of Quebec & Eastern Ontario during, or at the end of, the probationary period, The Synod of Quebec & Eastern Ontario may terminate you without notice or further obligation.
11. The Synod of Quebec & Eastern Ontario may terminate this agreement and your employment immediately and without severance pay upon the occurrence of the following:  
  

**"any act of omission by which constitutes grounds for dismissal of an employee for just cause as that term is interpreted by the applicable employment and labour law of the Province of Ontario (Quebec)"**
12. Furthermore, this contract may be terminated by either party with at least two month's written notice, without compensation for beyond the two months notice.
13. It is understood that this being a part-time position you are free to seek other part-time employment.

I hereby agree to the terms outlined above.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Convener, Regional Staffing Committee \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note: At the time of writing this the exact figures are not available. The money received from the LMA in the amount of \$79,940 will be divided equally between the two staff positions and stipend amounts will be calculated accordingly after staff related expenses are deducted. (EI, taxes, Pension etc.)

## Job Description for Part-Time Regional Staff

### Synod Mission Advocate and Educator (SMAE)

#### Qualifications

1. That the individual have a living and vibrant faith in Jesus Christ.
2. That the individual possess the education and/or experience related to leading congregations in the Mission of God in our world.
3. That the individual have a working knowledge of Presbyterian polity, ethos and theology.
4. That the individual possess certain interpersonal skills – ability to listen, to communicate, to stimulate and work as a team member with congregants, leaders and clergy.
5. That the individual possess the necessary organizational and administrative skills.
6. That the individual be self-motivated and able to equip and enable others.
7. Where necessary, that the individual be bilingual (French-English).

#### Scope of the Work

The primary role of the Synod Mission Advocate and educator (SMAE) is to create an awareness of and passion for the Mission of God in our communities and around the world. Simply stated it is to help congregations and individuals discover where God is at work and equip them to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in our world. This work begins with the Mission of God in the individual and blossoms out to include all of creation.

This will include leadership and education on:

- Congregational Health and Vitality (NCD, Leadership Development, etc)
- Faith formation
- Spiritual disciplines (Prayer, Fasting, Devotions, meditation on the Word, Stewardship, etc.)
- Congregations sharing the faith
- Individuals engaging in practical/relational evangelism
- Local, Canadian and global mission

Within the scope of this work it is understood that the SMAE will work with all age groups but will advocate for children and youth through things like CY and Presbyterian camps.



### By the Numbers

The SMAE will **approximately** divide their time by these percentages:

- 45% - Congregational work on Leadership, Faith and Mission
- 25% - Children and Youth
- 15% - Mission/Evangelism awareness education
- 10% - Meetings
- 5% - Personal Faith Formation

### Additional Guidelines

- 1) A yearly weekend (or equivalent) Spiritual Retreat is recommended for the SMAE as part of the study leave. This will be an opportunity for growth in faith and reconnection with the source of our strength, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2) It is important for the SMAE to communicate effectively with their respective congregations and Presbytery. It is recommended that this be done through attendance at one Presbytery meeting per year per Presbytery or as required. Promotional material should be circulated on a regular basis as well.
- 3) The SMAE is not required to attend and participate in more than one meeting of the Synodical per year.
- 4) The SMAE will be asked to attend Synod every other year. (With one SMAE present each year)
- 5) While some meetings are essential to the work of the SMAE, care should be taken to spend majority time (~85%) on mission advocacy and education **in and/or for the congregational context.**

## **REPORT TO THE SYNOD OF QUEBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO - October 2010**

Anita Mack – Regional Staff for the Presbyteries of Québec and Montréal

Now in my tenth year as Regional Staff for the two Quebec Presbyteries, I look back on a decade full of blessing, amazing people and interesting experiences. It has been a true privilege for me to serve the Presbyterian Church in Quebec. As I write this report, I am aware of a number of impending changes. The financial reality of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is such that, starting in 2011, modifications will be made to the funding levels for Regional as well as for National Staff. As a result, many cut-backs and lay-offs will be taking place.

Much of my work as Regional Staff this year followed the pattern of 2009. Since the CAB committee was again unsuccessful in filling the position of Executive Director, a number of ongoing tasks with regard to the camp fell to me over the fall and winter months - writing and mailing of the CAB Newsletter, acknowledgement of donations, distribution of camp brochures etc. - and the bulk of my time between April and September was spent on the camp. For two months I lived at CAB (mid-June to mid-August). Like the previous summer, I was involved in publicity, the hiring of Staff and Staff-training, ensuring the adherence to government regulations, food-supply and kitchen management and numerous incidental tasks. Changes and improvements to the physical plant of the camp have been encouraging. It is my hope and prayer that a suitable Executive Director will soon be found.

Congregational care remained a priority in the Presbytery of Montréal. I still serve as the convenor of the Presbytery of Montreal's Church Life Committee and in that capacity was involved in a few congregational visits. With many congregations facing difficult circumstances, tough decisions will have to be made. As part of my Continuing Education, I attended the Emmaus Project last spring and I hope new insights gathered there will enable Presbytery to guide congregations towards a new vision for their ministry.

Ongoing tasks include report writing, representing the Presbytery of Montreal on interfaith and ecumenical dialogues, leading Bible study, worship and the occasional workshop. It is always a pleasure to work with the Montreal Presbyterial and the Synodical of Québec & Eastern Ontario.

I am grateful to the many individuals who, over the years, have supported and encouraged me and to the congregations and groups who have invited me into their midst.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Mack

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## Regional Staff Synod Report 2010: Christine Ball

It is a pleasure to work for the Congregations of the Synod. I understand my role as Regional Staff as being a support to congregations, providing resources, information and learning opportunities. I try to be responsive to the requests and needs of the congregations and the leaders. I particularly enjoy the wide scope of this ministry, the wide variety of tasks and the many people who I have opportunities to meet and work with. Below you will find a summary of the various, workshops and events that I have been involved in this past year.

Congregational Development

**Sessions:** New Elder Training, Elder Workshops, Term Service for Elders, Developing a Mission Statement, Strategic Planning, Natural Church Development, SWOT, Working as a Team, Communication and Leadership, Planning Inter-generational Worship, Implementing Leading with Care, Pastoral Visits and Prayer.

**Congregations:** Identifying Spiritual Gifts, Prayer, Evangelism. Praying in Colour, Spirituality and Soul Harbour (Labyrinth), Being a Welcoming Congregation, Greeters Workshop.

**Mission:** Understanding PWS&D and Presbyterian Sharing, Introducing the Congregational Mission Study, WMS Resources and support.

Christian Education:

**Church School Superintendent and Committee:** Children in Worship, Developing a Christian Education Calendar, Developing Church School as Outreach, Curriculum Options: Helping congregations choose the best curriculum to suit their church school needs, Confirmation and Adult Study Resources.

**Teacher Training:** Helping teachers develop skills to be a more effective teacher: Story Telling, Lesson Planning, Multiple Intelligences, Discipline, Space for Learning, New Trends in Education, Using Technology, Music, Art, Drama in the classroom, Child Development, Bible Literacy.

**Leading With Care:** Introduction to Leading with Care and Implementation, Facilities Audit, Teacher Orientation.

**Family Ministry:** Passing on your faith, Telling our Faith Stories, Rituals and Traditions in the Family, Faith Development, Parenting, Bullying, Grieving, Communication with Teenagers.

**Youth:** Support of Youth Leaders, Peer Ministry Training, Youth study resources, Confirmation, Re-fresh, Re-new, Re-vision Leaders Training Events, Leader Development, Developing a youth program, Youth Ministry in Small Congregations.

- WMS Synodical, Presbyterials: Installation of officers, Bible Study, Worship, Mission Sunday.
  - Pastoral Care in the Secondary Schools: Volunteer 1hr/ week at AY Jackson High School.
  - Regional Staff Meeting: Alice Mann Workshop Helping Congregations in Transition,
  - Emmaus Project:
  - General Assembly 2010
  - Gracefield Camp Chaplain for Leadership Training week, Leading with Care. Last Week of program, family camp chaplain and staff reflection and re-orientation.
  - Presbyteries: Support Team/Youth Animateur Pres. Ottawa, The Open Table, Worship and Witness , Pres. congregational visitations, Workshops (SWOT and Planning, Transitions, Congregational Merger Models.
- Synod: Youth Survey.

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October 14, 2010.

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

The Presbytery of Ottawa is pleased to report diligence in its oversight of the Board of Directors for the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre.

At the stated meeting in October, 2009, the Presbytery of Ottawa upon recommendation of the Board of Directors of the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre appointed Janet Stark and Lawrence Pentalow as new and additional members of the Camping Advisory Team.

At the stated meeting in January, 2010, the Presbytery of Ottawa received word of the retirement of Alan and Dorothy Herbert as Co-Directors of the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre, effective December 31, 2009, after some fifteen years, and marked the occasion with a suitable celebration, gift, and minute of appreciation for their service. Having been advised by the Board of Directors of the appointment of Relena Lyddon Myers as the new Executive Director, the court extended an invitation to her to attend the February, 2010 stated meeting and to address the court.

At the stated meeting in February, 2010, Relena Lyddon Myers was introduced and addressed the court, sharing her sense of call to Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre.

At the May, 2010 stated meeting, the court heard again from Relena Lyddon Myers, outlining progress during the year to date. The clerk reported that he had received a report from the Board of Directors in April, 2010 in time for presentation of same to the Synod Council at its meeting in April, 2010, and that the Synod Council had expressed its satisfaction with the presbytery's oversight to date. The report from the board indicated that the audit for the year ended December 31, 2009 had been completed but not yet reviewed by the board.

At the June, 2010 stated meeting, the Presbytery of Ottawa received the audited report for the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre for the year ended December 31 2009, which showed a deficit for the year of \$5,488., and an accumulated operating deficit of \$12,987., the latter having increased by somewhat more than the year's deficit as a result of the re-statement of prior years' figures. The balance sheet as at December 31, 2009 shows assets of \$49,863; liabilities of \$21,792, for a net asset balance of \$28,071. The Board of Directors reported that the late completion of the audit and deficiencies in grammar and presentation had been noted, and that the board was seeking a new auditor for future work.

In addition to funds held by the Board of Directors for future capital work, principally the water and sewer works projects, the Presbytery of Ottawa as of December 31, 2009 was holding \$86,811. earmarked for the water and sewer projects, and is awaiting further work from the board with respect to the plan for this work.

The Board of Directors also presented to the presbytery a slate of nominations for the board for the year commencing September 1, 2010, which was approved by the presbytery.

The Board of Directors presently consists of the following members: Douglas R. Kendall, Chair (2009-2012); Helen Beck, Vice-Chair (2009-2011); Trefor Munn-Venn, Secretary (2009-2012); Gary Pluim, Treasurer (2009-2012); Greg Davidson (2009-2011); Ruth Draffin (2009-2012); Terry Flett (2009-2011); Julia Gemmell (2010-2013); Sandy Higgs Nesbitt (2010-2013); and Julie Madden (2010-2013).

Transfer of title to the Gracefield property from the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario to the Presbytery of Ottawa, previously approved, has yet to be concluded.

The report expected from the Board of Directors in October, 2010 on operations for 2010, financial comparison of actual versus budget, and progress as measured against the strategic plan has not been received, owing to the fact that October, 2010 stated meeting of the Presbytery of Ottawa follows rather than precedes the meeting of the synod this year.

A copy of the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009 is appended.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

In Christ's service,

J. T. Hurd, Clerk,  
Presbytery of Ottawa.

**SYNOD OF QUEBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA:  
GRACEFIELD CHRISTIAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE  
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

**SYNOD OF QUEBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA:  
GRACEFIELD CHRISTIAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE  
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## AUDITOR'S REPORT

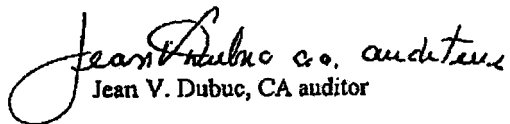
### To the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario of the Presbyterian Church in Canada: GRACEFIELD CHRISTIAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE

I have audited the statement of financial position of GRACEFIELD CHRISTIAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE as at December 31, 2009 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization'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 organization derives revenue from donations and fundraising in cash and in materials or in services and activities, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, my verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the organization and I was not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to contributions, deficiency of revenues over expenses, assets and net assets.

In my opinion, except for the effect of the adjustments, if any, which I might have determined to be necessary had I been able to satisfy myself concerning the completeness of the contributions referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at December 31, 2009 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

  
Jean V. Dubuc, CA auditor

GATINEAU (Québec)  
March 23, 2010



**SYNOD OF QUEBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA:  
GRACEFIELD CHRISTIAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	2009	Unaudited 2008
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Camp and off season revenue	195 694 \$	203 972 \$
Donations	64 588	65 982
Government grants- summer program	7 203	9 522
Synod grants and other grants	59 454	62 041
Fund raising	8 068	6 114
Interests	4	222
Gst & Pst retained as charity	9 465	8 763
Store revenues	5 024	5 168
	<b>349 500</b>	<b>361 784</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES (page 13)</b>		
	<b>354 988</b>	<b>304 173</b>
	<b>354 988</b>	<b>304 173</b>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>		
	<b>(5 488) \$</b>	<b>57 611 \$</b>

JEAN V. DUBUC, c.a.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**SYNOD OF QUEBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA:  
GRACEFIELD CHRISTIAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	2009		Unaudited 2008	
	Unrestricted	Restricted		
<b>BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>(772) \$</b>	<b>34 331 \$</b>	<b>33 559 \$</b>	<b>(61 154) \$</b>
Prior year adjustments-unrestricted				2 771
Prior year adjustments-restricted				34 331
<b>Balance corrected</b>	<b>(772)</b>	<b>34 331</b>	<b>33 559</b>	<b>(24 052)</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses</b>	<b>(5 488)</b>		<b>(5 488)</b>	<b>57 611</b>
<b>Interfund transfers</b>	<b>(6 727)</b>	<b>6 727</b>		
<b>BALANCE, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(12 987) \$</b>	<b>41 058 \$</b>	<b>28 071 \$</b>	<b>33 559 \$</b>

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**SYNOD OF QUEBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA:  
GRACEFIELD CHRISTIAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	2009	Unaudited 2008
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	30 890 \$	32 862 \$
Accounts receivable	11 532	13 601
Prepaid expenses	7 441	8 365
	<b>49 863 \$</b>	<b>54 828 \$</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	18 932 \$	16 249 \$
<b>DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS (note 9)</b>	<b>2 860</b>	<b>5 020</b>
	<b>21 792</b>	<b>21 269</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted	(12 987)	(772)
Restricted (note 5)	41 058	34 331
	<b>28 071</b>	<b>33 559</b>
	<b>49 863 \$</b>	<b>54 828 \$</b>

**CONTRACTUAL ENGAGEMENT (note 11)**

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director

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Director

JEAN V. DUBUC, c.a.

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**SYNOD OF QUEBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA:  
GRACEFIELD CHRISTIAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	2009	Unaudited 2008
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS</b>		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	(5 488) \$	57 611 \$
Net change in non-cash working capital (note 13)	3 516	(31 940)
	(1 972)	25 671
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net variation bank loan		(30 000)
Prior year adjustments		37 102
		7 102
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS INCREASE (DECREASE)</b>	<b>(1 972)</b>	<b>32 773</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>32 862</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR (note 14)</b>	<b>30 890 \$</b>	<b>32 862 \$</b>

JEAN V. DUBUC, c.a.

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**SYNOD OF QUEBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA:  
GRACEFIELD CHRISTIAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

**1. PURPOSE AND LEGAL FORM OF THE ORGANIZATION**

GRACEFIELD CHRISTIAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE is registered as a charity under the Income Tax Act as a not-for-profit organization. The centre is a camp facility owned by the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. It is managed by the Gracefield Operating Committee, a Sub-committee of the board of directors of the Synod. It has changed its name from GRACEFIELD CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTRE to that of GRACEFIELD CHRISTIAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE effective September 1, 2009.

**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(a) Revenue recognition**

GRACEFIELD CHRISTIAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when they are received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Endowment contributions are recognized as direct increases in net assets in the year.

Campership fees are recognized as revenue when the camps are held.

**(b) Capital Assets**

Capital assets are recorded as expenses in the year they are acquired.

**(c) Contributed services**

Volunteers contribute time to assist the centre in carrying out its service delivery activities. Because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

**(d) Cash and cash equivalents**

The organization's policy is to disclose bank balances and term deposits with a maturity period of three months or less from the date of acquisition under cash and cash equivalents.

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**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued )**

**(e) Financial instruments**

Not-for-profit organizations may elect to adopt Sections 3862, "Financial Instruments -- Disclosures" and 3863, "Financial Instruments -- Presentation," in which case they would apply for fiscal years beginning on or after October 1, 2008, or to continue applying Section 3861, "Financial Instruments-- Disclosure and Presentation." Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre has decided to apply Section 3861.

**3. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Adoption of accounting policies**

During the year, Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre applied the new recommendations of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants on accounting, measurement and financial reporting by not-for-profit organizations contained in Section 1540 and in the 4400 series of Sections of the CICA HANDBOOK. The adoption of these new standards resulted in the addition of a note to the financial statements concerning cash flows.

**4. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENTS**

The organization discovered that the amounts of deferred contributions of previous years overstated. Consequently, the balance in Net Assets as at January 1, 2009 has been increased by 36 859 \$ and the financial statements 2008 have been adjusted. The balance in Net Assets as at January 1, 2008 has been increased by 37 079 \$ which corresponds to restricted funds received prior to 2008. The campership revenue in the statement of operations have been increased by 13 089 \$ and the expense Vehicle purchased have been increased by 13 332 \$, and the excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses has been decreased by 243 \$. The prepaid expenses has been decreased by 13 332 \$ and the deferred contributions have been decreased by 50 191 \$.

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**5. INTERNAL RESTRICTIONS**

At the end of 2009, the board of directors of Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre has allocated 14 384 \$ for Capital infrastructure grants, 19 174 \$ for Vision Capital Fund and 7 500 \$ for Signage. The centre may not use these internally restricted amounts for any other purposes without the approval of the board of directors.

**6. INTEREST ON ACCOUNTS HELD IN THE ENDOWMENT FUND**

Interest in the year on the accounts held in the endowment fund was calculated on the 1 year redeemable term savings from the caisse populaire and imputed to the fund.

**7. INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

The organization's management carried out the following interfund transfers during the year.

-transfer from the restricted fund for interest charge to the general fund for 172 \$ to the capital infrastructure grants 72 \$ and to the vision Capital fund 100 \$.

-transfert from the general fund to the restricted Vision Fund for 225 \$.

-transfert from the general fund from The Vision Capital fund for the Water System for 1 170 \$.

-transfert from the general fund to the restricted Signage fund for 7 500 \$.

**8. OPERATING LINE OF CREDIT**

The operating line of credit bears interest at prime plus 2,25 % payable monthly, and is secured by a general security agreement. The operating line limit is 60 000 \$.

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**9. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS**

Related to operating activities

	2009		2008	
<b>BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>5 020</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7 736</b>	<b>\$</b>
LESS: amount recognized as revenue in the year	2 160		2 871	
PLUS: amount received related to the following year			155	
<b>BALANCE, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>2 860</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5 020</b>	<b>\$</b>

This deferred contribution is the Jemina Rae fund restricted for the purpose of purchasing camp equipment.

**10. CAPITAL ASSETS CHARGED TO THE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

The cost of the capital assets held by Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre is as follows:

	2009		2008	
Equipment	58 744	\$	52 357	\$
Vehicles	22 465		16 665	
Building projects	279 478		271 938	
	<b>360 687</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>340 960</b>	<b>\$</b>

Capital assets has been recognized since 2002.



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**17. CAPITAL DISCLOSURES**

Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre is made up of net assets. The organization's capital management objectives consist in ensuring that it continues as a group concern in order to fulfill its mission. The organization manages its capital structure by preparing and monitoring its annual budgets to maintain a satisfactory level of capital.

**SYNOD OF QUEBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO OF THE**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA:**  
**GRACEFIELD CHRISTIAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE**  
**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	2009	Unaudited 2008
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Associations	1 764 \$	1 962 \$
Insurance	18 842	12 919
Building projects	7 540	7 676
Interest and bank charges	3 869	5 283
Utilities	17 455	14 363
Maintenance	19 528	11 461
Equipment	6 387	4 500
Automobile operations	9 368	10 722
Office	8 091	7 901
Staff travel	2 230	830
Food services	56 202	46 098
Fundraising costs	1 743	524
Bus transportation	12 265	6 471
Professional fees	2 000	4 106
Program supplies	5 172	3 894
Merchandise for resale	4 919	5 415
Honoraria	7 905	2 388
Publicity	2 840	2 908
Salaries and benefits	93 732	75 743
Salaries administrative	49 634	49 248
Gst & Pst not refundable	5 482	7 192
Transition expenses	5 267	
Training	1 544	1 461
Telecommunications	5 409	4 443
Vehicles and mower purchased	5 800	16 665
	<b>354 988 \$</b>	<b>304 173 \$</b>

CAMP D'ACTION BIBLIQUE – October 2010

The camp continues to move forward with your contributions, thoughts and prayers. The following updates are submitted to the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario for your information.

1. The Presbytery of Quebec have established a committee to look into the future direction for the camp which will meet this fall so that necessary changes can be made as necessary for the summer of 2011.
2. Staff and campers for 2010. There were 76 campers weeks and 30 different staff (totaling 90 staff weeks) involved with CAB this past summer. The dwindling number of campers and increased costs means that changes in the way we carry out this ministry need to be considered.
3. Full or Part-time position. John Janzen has filled the position of camp maintenance worker very well all summer. He and his helpers have completed numerous projects, some of which are listed below in paragraph 6. We still have been unable to find an Executive Director. Anita Mack spent the majority of her summer at camp and ensured that everything went smoothly. The assistance of the Regional Staff worker has been invaluable and Anita Mack is especially thanked for her efforts.
4. Open House July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. A good time was had by all. The weather was great, Richard Bonetto led an inspiring worship service, people enjoyed an excellent supper and had the opportunity to renew acquaintances. Richard also produced a camp fire song book in French which enhanced evening devotions and campfire this past summer.
5. Rentals. We had two. The Spanish Church from Montreal which have been coming for 16 years and Christian Schneeberger (former program director 1990s) and friends who came for a couple of days to celebrate his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.
6. The following is the status of property projects:
  - a. General Upkeep tasks as follows:
    - (1) Painted inside of three cabins,
    - (2) Cleared fallen trees,
    - (3) Repaired shutters, screens and minor cabin repairs,
    - (4) Dug-up and expanded volleyball court added sand,
    - (5) Built deck for new trailer,
    - (6) Rebuilt Teepees,
    - (7) Ran electricity to new trailer,
    - (8) Installed clothes line, and
    - (9) Conducted general maintenance and upkeep tasks;

b. New Washroom.

- (1) Siding completed,
- (2) Under building soil leveled,
- (3) Plastic installed and crushed stone put on top,
- (4) Wheelchair access ramp built, and
- (5) Lattice being completed (fall 2010);

c. Old washroom.

- (1) roof repaired and redone,
- (2) siding removed and being replaced (fall 2010),
- (3) inside gutted,
- (4) installed windows, and
- (5) started on construction of 3 small bedrooms, two of which will have sink, toilet and mirror (plumbing, insulation, sub-floor, doors, electricity, insulation, drywall etc); and

d. General Upkeep tasks as follows:

- (1) Emptied septic tank and installed new motor,
- (2) Walk in fridge repaired,
- (3) Dam on pond repaired, and
- (4) Refrigerators and freezers repaired.

With a camp built primarily in the early 1960s there will always be maintenance jobs to do, finances permitting.

7. The following purchases / donations were made / received:

- a. 2<sup>nd</sup> hand ride on lawn tractor;
- b. New utility trailer; and
- c. New gently used chairs donated by St Andrew's Sherbrooke.

8. Youth II. With a grant from the PCC we were able to have Glenn Soderholm's participation. The summer camp director reported that "It was a real blessing to have Glen Soderholm with us for a few days this week. He taught us a lot about who God is, that God is a God of comfort and rest, that he the coach, gardener and creator to us. He also spoke about ways to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus in all circumstances. He did this so gently yet passionately using lots of stories and music to keep people intrigued and attentive. I think we all learned from him and everyone benefited from his presence. He was very encouraging to everyone and fun to have around. It would be great to have him back another year perhaps."

9. PCC – Camping Connection. Camps with the PCC have been invited to attend a gathering at Camp Kintail from September 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Each PCC camp was invited to send two representatives. CAB sent Anita Mack and William Randlett at PCC expense.

10. CAB websites. The PCC web page located at <http://www.presbycan.ca/geosynod/cab> has the basic information about CAB. A second site is being developed and can be viewed at: <http://www.cabqc.ca/>.

11. Sometimes it is a little thing that makes you realize that all the hard work is worth it. This summer there was a camper who has been sponsored for a number of years to attend CAB and it is definitely making a difference in his life. He was sponsored for a week earlier this summer and he wanted to attend the Youth II week. Unfortunately his family could not afford to send him. Realizing the importance to him and seeing directly the difference it was making in his life, three of the teenage staff decided to each pay 1/3 of his registration so that he could attend. He had a fabulous week!

12. In addition to accreditation, is there anything that the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario would like to focus on?

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call,



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Enclosures: 1 (Select Photos from 2010)

## REVIEW OF SYNOD AS A COMMISSIONED COURT

Since October 2001 the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario has functioned as a commissioned court. In an effort to ascertain the effects of the change from full court to commissioned court, it was agreed at the synod meeting held in October 2009, that a survey be taken. Each elder, teaching and ruling, was asked to respond individually, with either a yes or a no to the following question:

Are you in favour of continuing the meetings of the Synod as a commissioned court?

Each session was asked to collect the responses before Christmas 2009, and to submit the results to the synod clerk for collating. As of the end of 2009 only a few responses had been received and so a reminder was sent to each presbytery in January 2010 asking that all sessions be reminded to complete the survey as soon as possible. The reminder brought in a goodly number of replies. In total 41 sessions replied, with a total number of 248 replies from individual elders.

The results: 174 voted yes to continue the meetings of the synod as a commissioned court. 74 voted no, they were not in favour of continuing the meetings of the synod as a commissioned court. The clerk presented the results to the April 22, 2010 meeting of the synod council.

### REPLIES:

248 elders replied (representing 41 sessions)

**YES:174** – in favour of continuing the meetings of the Synod as a commissioned court

**NO: 74** – not in favour of continuing the meetings of the Synod as a commissioned court

1 presbytery replied – Lanark and Renfrew

- a. The Synod be abolished
- b. The meetings be biennial as a commissioned court
- c. Remain as a commissioned Court

### REPLIES BY PRESBYTERY:

<u>Presbytery</u>	<u># of session surveys returned</u>	
Québec	3	(of 7 sessions)
Montréal	11	(of 37 sessions)
Seaway-Glengarry	9	(of 29 sessions)
Ottawa	9	(of 19 sessions)
Lanark and Renfrew	9	(of 21 sessions)
	41	

### RESPONSE PERCENTAGE:

# of congregations / sessions within synod in 2008: 113

41 of 113 sessions replied = 36% response

**MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF QUÉBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO 1945- 2010**

<b><u>YEAR LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>MODERATOR</u></b>	<b><u>HOME PRESBYTERY</u></b>
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

**MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF QUÉBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO 1945- 2010**

<b><u>YEAR LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>MODERATOR</u></b>	<b><u>HOME PRESBYTERY</u></b>
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
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