

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

MINUTES AND REPORTS

**The 137th Synod Meeting
October 21st and 22nd, 2011**

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Perth, Ontario**

THE PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW



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OF THE SYNOD OF QUÉBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO
ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
PERTH, ONTARIO
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ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PERTH, ONTARIO

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Perth, Ontario

...a brief history

Perth was established in 1816 as a military settlement. The Scottish settlers wanted to have the Ordinances of the Gospel among them so they petitioned the Associate Presbytery of Edinburgh, Scotland for a minister.

Rev. William Bell arrived in 1817 and held his first service above Adamson's Red Inn on Craig Street. In 1818 he began the construction of a church on the corner of Drummond and Halton streets. It was completed in 1819, but was destroyed by fire in 1867. The bell was saved and later presented to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

In 1830 work was begun on the first St. Andrew's and it was completed in 1833 at the corner of Drummond and Craig Streets.

In 1857, meetings were held between the sessions of First Presbyterian Church and St. Andrew's leading to a resolution to unite the two congregations. The first St. Andrew's manse was built on South Street looking up Drummond Street toward the church. The second manse was built at the corner of Victoria and Bolton Streets on the early 1880's.

On March 8, 1898 the final communion was held in the old church. Worship services were held in the Town Hall while the new church was being reconstructed due to the need for increased accommodation. The cornerstone was laid on June 7, 1898 and the new church was dedicated on January 29, 1899. This church was destroyed by fire in 1923.

In December 1923, St. Andrew's Hall was dedicated as the new place of worship. The site of the old church at Drummond and Craig Streets was sold in 1927.

Laying of the cornerstone for the current church took place on July 19, 1927. The dedication of St. Andrew's Church at Drummond and North was held on March 11, 1928. In 1939, a third manse was bought at 8 Alexander Street and sold in 1947. A fourth manse was built in 1955 which is currently being used by the congregation as an outreach into the community under the name 'St. Andrew's House', located at 24 North Street directly behind the church building.

The Rev. Marilyn Savage has been serving within this congregation since 2002.

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OF
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HELD AT
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FIRST SEDERUNT

In the City of 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.

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 sixteenth day of October 2010.

The public worship of God was held in the sanctuary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Perth. The service was conducted jointly by the host minister, the Rev. Marilyn Savage and the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson. The Moderator preached the sermon, entitled "The Gospel Not of Human Origin". The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated. Elders serving were Rob Allan, Frank Cameron, Marlene Gemmill and Walter Gemmill. The Director of Music, Ann Savage, provided music for the worship service accompanied by the choir of St. Andrew's Church.

WELCOME

On behalf of the session and congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Perth, the Rev. Marilyn Savage, welcomed the commissioners and guests to the 137th annual meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario.

A word of thanks was extended to the many volunteers from the host congregation capably providing hospitality in numerous ways.

It was noted that a St. Andrew's prayer group, co-ordinated by Walter Gemmill, was meeting between 3:00 and 5:00 in the afternoon keeping the synod in prayer.

SYNOD CONSTITUTED

Following the worship service, a refreshment break was held. At thirty-five past three o'clock in the afternoon, the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson 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.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

The clerk read the names of elders within the synod who had died during the previous year.

1) From the Presbytery of Québec

Elders: Mac Macleod, St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke; Byron McBain, St. Andrew's Church, Valcartier.

2) From the Presbytery of Montréal

(no names received)

3) From the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry

Elders: Danny Hartrick, Kenyon Church, Dunvegan; Donald Fraser, Knox Church, Vankleek Hill; Gordon MacIntyre, St. Luke's-Knox Church, Finch; Margaret Billinghurst, Gordon Church, St. Elmo; Robert Beatty, St. Paul's Church, Caintown; Hugh McIntyre, St. Matthew's Church, Ingleside; Thomas Tulloch, St. Matthew's Church, Ingleside; George Van Beek, St. John's Church, Cornwall; Duncan MacLeod, St. Columba Church, Kirk Hill.

4) From the Presbytery of Ottawa

Elders: David Wilson Farris, St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa; Arnold John Weppler, St. Paul's Church, Ottawa; Campbell J. Young, St. Timothy's Church, Ottawa; Frederick Charles Bouck, St. Timothy's Church, Ottawa; James Brown, St. Andrew's Church, Stittsville; Alex Rennie, Gloucester Church, Ottawa (formerly St. Timothy's Church, Ottawa); William Arthur (Bill) Edge, St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa; Dale Atkinson, Parkwood Church, Ottawa; Captain David Scott Whittet, St. Andrew's Church, Stittsville; Mabel Jamieson, Westminster Church, Ottawa.

5) From the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew

Ministers: The Rev. Gordon Griggs; The Rev. James Edwards Philpott.

Following the reading of the names, and the memorial minute for James Edwards Philpott, the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson, offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed.

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Luke Vanderkamp that the memorial records presented to the synod be included in the minutes of the 137th synod meeting. ADOPTED.

The Memorial Record for the Rev. James Edwards Philpott is found at Appendix T – page 30.

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS

MOTION: It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by James T. Hurd that the report of the Committee on Business be received and considered. ADOPTED

Recommendation No. 1

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by James T. Hurd that the Roll of Synod be those Commissioners appointed by its several presbyteries. ADOPTED.

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ROLL OF SYNOD

Presbytery of Quebec

The Rev. John Barry Forsyth
 The Rev. Giancarlo Fantechi *
 * regrets 1st & 2nd sederunts

Ms. Sarah MacDonald
 Mr. George MacDougall

Presbytery of Montreal

The Rev. Sowah Ablorh
 The Rev. Bruce Gourlay
 The Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson ~
 ~ commissioner for 1st part of first sederunt
 The Rev. Dr. Joseph Reed
 The Rev. Luke Vanderkamp
 The Rev. Dr. Dale Woods
 The Rev. Paul Wu
 The Rev. Dr. Barry Mack ~
 ~ took over as commissioner from Douglas Robinson
 following installation of moderator in first sederunt

Mr. David Christiani
 Ms. Janet Evans
 Ms. Anita Mack
 Ms. Moira Robson
 Mr. Warren Wong

Presbytery of Ottawa

Mrs. Christine Ball
 The Rev. William Ball
 The Rev. Denise Allen-Macartney
 The Rev. Susan Clarke
The Rev. James T. Hurd

Ms. Joan Born-Flett
 Mr. David Brittain
 Dr. Dolores Durant
 Mr. Ralph Shillington
 Mr. John Young

Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew

The Rev. Patricia Van Gelder (regrets)
 The Rev. Milton Fraser
The Rev. Marilyn Savage

Mr. Frank Cameron
 Ms. Joan Hilliard
 □ Ms. Hazel Cameron

Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry

The Rev. Jim Ferrier
 The Rev. Ian MacLean
 The Rev. Ian MacMillan

Ms. Jan Clapp
 Ms. Wendy Froats
 Ms. Margaret Reynolds

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 house symbol

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

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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), the Rev. Karen Hincke (Clerk to the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew), Mr. Donald MacMillan (Missions Committee Convener), Mr. David Morris (Finance Committee Convener), Mr. Gordon Walford (Synod Webservant).

Regrets:

In addition to the regrets received from commissioners (noted under roll) the following member of Synod Council submitted regrets: Mrs. Joan Hilliard (WMS Synodical President).

Visitors:

Others: Mrs. Katherine Bretzlaff, in ministry year student from The Presbyterian College at St. Andrew's Stittsville, Mr. Terry Flett, member of Gracefield Board of Directors, and Mr. Craig Dewar, (Camp d'action biblique).

Marilyn Savage noted that several members of the congregation were present in the court as visitors, and will be from time to time, as their schedules permit.

The Rev. Calvin Brown, the Rev. Jeremy Bellsmith and the Rev. Dr. Richard Fee, members of the Friday evening panel were present for part of the first sederunt and for the second sederunt. (the Rev. Dr. Dale Woods, Friday evening theme speaker, present as a commissioner)

SIT AND CORRESPOND

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by John Young that the members of the Friday evening panel, the Rev. Calvin Brown, The Rev. Jeremy Bellsmith and the Rev. Dr. Richard Fee, be invited to sit and correspond. **ADOPTED.**

ELECTION OF THE MODERATOR

The time having come to elect a Moderator to preside over the 137th Meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, the clerk reported that four nominations for Moderator had been received from four of the five presbyteries within the bounds of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario. By rotation the nominees were to come from the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew. The sole nominee from all four presbyteries was the Rev. Marilyn Savage. The clerk contacted the nominee prior to the synod meeting. The Rev. Marilyn Savage agreed to let her nomination stand.

MOTION: It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by James T. Hurd that the name of the Rev. Marilyn Savage be placed before the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario as a nominee for Moderator of the 137th synod meeting. **ADOPTED.**

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ELECTION OF THE MODERATOR (cont'd):

The Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson, called for nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations.

MOTION: It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by James T. Hurd that nominations cease. **ADOPTED.**

The Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson, declared the Rev. Marilyn Savage elected Moderator of the 137th Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, by acclamation.

INSTALLATION OF THE MODERATOR

Moderator elect, the Rev. Marilyn Savage was invited to step forward. The Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson, asked the court the appointed questions, followed by the appointed questions to the moderator elect. The Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson then offered prayer and installed the Rev. Marilyn Savage as Moderator of the 137th Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario. The Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson then offered the right hand of fellowship to the Rev. Marilyn Savage.

The Rev. Marilyn Savage thanked the Court for the privilege of serving as Moderator.

The Moderator then thanked the Past Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson, for his service to the Court this past year.

The court showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

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 Warren Wong and seconded by James T. Hurd that the proposed docket be received. **ADOPTED.**

The following addition was noted:

First Sederunt: the report of the Synod Historian, following the Synod Webservant report.

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

The docket is as followed by these minutes.

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MINUTES OF THE 136th SYNOD MEETING

The minutes of the 136th meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario were circulated to the presbyteries within the bounds for distribution as follows: (a) to commissioners named (b) one copy to each congregation within the synod bounds (c) to members of Synod Council.

MOTION: It was moved by Warren Wong and seconded by Ian MacMillan that the minutes of the 136th meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario be adopted, as circulated. **ADOPTED.**

BUSINESS ARISING

No specific business arising matters were identified.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. La Vie Chretienne: autumn 2010 issue, rec'd November 15, 2010
spring 2011 issue, rec'd April 11, 2011
 - Received for information.
2. Nominations for synod moderator from the various presbyteries within the synod:
 - From the Presbytery of Québec (the Rev. Marilyn Savage) rec'd March 15, 2011.
 - From the Presbytery of Montréal (no nomination received)
 - From the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry (the Rev. Marilyn Savage) rec'd Mar. 23, 2011
 - From the Presbytery of Ottawa (the Rev. Marilyn Savage) rec'd March 31, 2011
 - From the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew (the Rev. Marilyn Savage) rec'd May 26, 2011.
 - Received for information.
3. Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk. Letter seeking nomination of minister diaconal minister to the Committee to Nominate Standing Committees to serve from the 2012 General Assembly to the 2014 General Assembly. Rec'd July 25, 2011.
 - Considered under the Committee on Business, recommendation No. 11.
4. Assembly Office. 135th Synod Minutes, October 2009, returned after examination by the 137th General Assembly – neatly and correctly kept. Rec'd July 4, 2011.
 - Received for information.

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS (cont'd from page 3)

Recommendation No. 2

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by James T. Hurd 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.**

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COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS (cont'd):

Recommendation No. 3

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by James T. Hurd that members of Synod Council, the 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. ADOPTED.

Recommendation No. 4

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by James T. Hurd that the following be invited to address the Synod: Christine Ball and Anita Mack (Regional Staff), Doug Kendall (Chair, Board of Directors, Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre) and Craig Dewar (Chair, Camp d'action biblique Committee). ADOPTED.

Recommendation No. 5

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by James T. Hurd that the Rev. Dr. Dale Woods, the Rev. Calvin Brown, the Rev. Jeremy Bellsmith and the Rev. Dr. Richard Fee be invited to address the synod on Friday evening. ADOPTED.

Recommendation No. 5a

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Luke Vanderkamp that the synod give approval for the Friday evening panel to be videotaped. ADOPTED.

- it was noted that the four participants named in Rec. No. 5 gave their approval to be videotaped.

Recommendation No. 6

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by James T. Hurd 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. 7

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by James T. Hurd that the Committee on the Roll and Leave to Withdraw be Jim Ferrier and Jan Clapp, commissioners from the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry. ADOPTED.

Recommendation No. 8

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by James T. Hurd that the Committee to Examine Presbytery Minutes and Minutes of the Synod Council be convened by Bruce Gourlay, commissioner from the Presbytery of Montréal, with Denise Allen-Macartney and Ralph Shillington, commissioners from the Presbytery of Ottawa. ADOPTED.

Recommendation No. 9

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by James T. Hurd that the Committee on Courtesies be Milton Fraser and Joan Hilliard, commissioners from the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew. ADOPTED.

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COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS (cont'd):

Recommendation No. 10

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by David Christiani that the Committee to review the Minutes of the meeting of the 137th Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario be the Moderator of Synod and the Clerk of the Presbytery of Ottawa. ADOPTED.

Recommendation No. 11

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by James T. Hurd that the Presbytery of Ottawa be named to appoint a minister/diaconal minister to the Committee to Nominate Standing Committees, to serve from the 2012 General Assembly to the 2014 General Assembly. ADOPTED.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Moderator introduced the new Finance Committee convener, David Morris, and thanked him for taking on this task.

The Synod Council appointed David Morris at its May 2011 meeting.

David Morris thanked the Synod for the confidence placed in him as the Finance Committee convener.

MOTION: It was moved by Milton Fraser and seconded by Luke Vanderkamp that the 2012 proposed budget, the 2012 proposed presbytery assessments, and the 5 year forecast be received and considered. ADOPTED.

- a) 2012 Proposed Budget (Appendix B – pages 3-4)
- b) 2012 Proposed Presbytery Assessments (Appendix D – page 7)
- c) 5-year Forecast (Appendix F – page 9)

The convener entertained questions from the court as to the process followed in the preparation of the three Finance Committee documents. He noted that the Finance Committee consists of the convener, the synod treasurer, and the five presbytery treasurers. During the preparation process the convener corresponded with all members of the committee via email, seeking input.

Discussion on the proposed budget and its various line items ensued.

MOTION: It was moved by William Ball and seconded by Milton Fraser that the amount budgeted for Canada Youth be increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000. ADOPTED.

It was agreed to continue discussion on the Finance Committee at a later sederunt.

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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, 2010 to December 31, 2010
(Appendix G – pages 10-11)
2. Auditor's Letter for 2010 (Appendix H – page 12)

MOTION: It was moved by George MacDougall and seconded by Warren Wong that the Auditor's Letter of 2010 be received and the Treasurer's Report on Synod Finances from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 be adopted. ADOPTED.

3. Treasurer's Report on Synod Finances from January 1, 2011 to October 15, 2011
(Appendix I – pages 13-14)

MOTION: It was moved by John Young and seconded by Warren Wong that the Treasurer's Report on Synod Finances from January 1, 2011 to October 15, 2011 be received for information.

Discussion on the report ensued.

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

4. Treasurer's Forecast for October 15, 2011 – December 31, 2011
(Appendix J – page 15)

MOTION: It was moved by William Ball and seconded by Jim Ferrier that the Treasurer's Forecast for October 15, 2011 – December 31, 2011 be received for information. ADOPTED.

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

RECESS

The moderator declared a fifteen minute recess, and thereafter the Synod reconvened at the call of the Moderator.

MISSION COMMITTEE & ROBERT FUND COMMITTEE (Appendix K pages 16-17)

MOTION: It was moved by Margaret Reynolds and seconded by William Ball that the report of the Mission Committee, including the Robert Fund Committee, be received and its recommendations considered. ADOPTED.

Donald MacMillan, convener, was invited to present the Mission Committee Report, including the Robert Fund Report.

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MISSION COMMITTEE & ROBERT FUND COMMITTEE (cont'd):

1. Synod Grant Requests to Canada Ministries

Note these are requests from Presbyteries to Canadian Ministries/The Vine. The actual grant amount is awarded in November by office of the Associate Secretary of Canadian Ministries. As of September 4, this post is now occupied by Rev. Ian McDonald, Clerk of the Presbytery of East Toronto.

	2012	2013
Montréal Presbytery		
Concordia Chaplaincy	3,000	
McGill Chaplaincy	3,000	
Tyndale St-Georges	50,000	(see recommendation below)
Action Réfugiés	34,045	
Livingstone	30,000	
Église St-Luc	54,043	
<u>Ghanaian</u>	<u>25,500</u>	
Sub-Total	199,588	
Québec Presbytery		
Melbourne	3,000	
Mission St-Paul (Sherbrooke)	60,679	
Inverness	4,500	4,500 +
<u>Leggatt's Point</u>	<u>1,500</u>	
Sub-Total	66,679	
Ottawa Presbytery		
Rockland	24,000	38,000
<u>Carleton Chaplaincy</u>	<u>6,000</u>	6,000
Sub-Total	30,000	
Seaway-Glengarry Presbytery	0	
Lanark-Renfrew Presbytery	0	

Recommendation No. 1

It was moved by David Christiani and seconded by Warren Wong that the grant requests be sustained.

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

AMENDMENT: It was moved by John Barry Forsyth and seconded by George MacDougall that the Synod forward the above lists of grant requests to Canadian Ministries / The Vine.

Discussion on the amendment ensued.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT: It was moved by Dale Woods and seconded by Denise Allen-Macartney that the words 'noting that there are some irregularities in the applications from the presbyteries' be added to this motion.

The question was called for. On being put to the vote, the amendment to the amendment was ADOPTED.

David Christiani requested that his dissent be recorded.

Discussion on the amended motion ensued.

Amended motion:

That the Synod forward the above lists of grant request to Canadian Ministries / The Vine, noting that there are some irregularities in the applications from the presbyteries.

With respect to the phrase 'some irregularities' it was noted that not all applications are submitted with complete financial information.

It was further noted that the grant application from the Ghanaian congregation in Montréal does not include up-to-date financial information. The Presbytery of Montréal is aware of this irregularity and is following up with the congregation to ensure that up-to-date financial statements are procured.

A concern was raised that when proper procedure is not followed then problems arise. It was stressed that the procedure is that both presbyteries and Canadian Ministries / The Vine are not to deal directly with each other but work through the Synod via the synod Missions Committee.

A concern was raised that the annual Grants Meeting, held with the synod mission conveners and Canadian Ministries / The Vine, is of great importance, and as such the form of the meeting must be conducive to good communication. The format that a conference call provides may not be sufficient. It was suggested that the annual Grants Meeting should revert back to a face to face meeting format.

On being put to the vote, the motion as amended was ADOPTED.

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MISSION COMMITTEE & ROBERT FUND COMMITTEE (cont'd):

Recommendation No. 2

It was moved by Jim Ferrier and seconded by David Christiani that the synod recommend to Canadian Ministries/The Vine that effective 2012 half of the Tyndale St-Georges grant be devoted to funding a Tyndale Christian Gospel witness or programme (eg. Placement of a Presbyterian College student minister to lead Christian education classes, etc.)

Discussion on the recommendation ensued.

Not all commissioners were familiar with the ministry of Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre. Joe Reed, commissioner from the Presbytery of Montréal, offered some background information on the ministry offered at Tyndale St-Georges over the years. Joe Reed served as the director at Tyndale St-Georges from 1981 to 1985.

The question was called for. On being put to the vote the recommendation was DEFEATED.

2. Robert Fund Requests

Historically, this fund is the legacy of Mr. William Henry Robert who died about 1951. In his 1937 will, he directed that the interest from a third of his estate be used 'for the benefit of the religious and charitable schemes in the Province of Quebec'. As he wished to perpetuate the memory of his dear parents, he named this fund: 'The Joseph B. Robert and Dame Sarah Robert Fund'. No directive was given as to the language of the work, therefore Synod has no authority to favour work in any specific language.

Recommendation No. 3

It was moved by John Young and seconded by Sarah MacDonald that the Robert Fund for 2012 be divided as follows:

\$4,000 La Vie Chrétienne

\$3,000 Camp d'action biblique

\$1,000 Mission St-Paul (Sherbrooke)

\$1,000 Église St.-Luc (Montréal)

and \$1,000 to Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre.

On being put to the vote the recommendation was ADOPTED.

MOTION: It was moved by Dale Woods and seconded by John Barry Forsyth that the synod seek clarification from Canadian Ministries / The Vine regarding the role of the synod in the grant process.

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MISSION COMMITTEE & ROBERT FUND COMMITTEE (cont'd):

The Associate Secretary for the Life and Mission Agency, Rick Fee, was present in the court and he addressed the concern raised by indicating that a plan has been put in place for examining the current grants process to the end of determining the areas that need refining and revising. The expectation is that a more streamlined and effective process will be the outcome.

AMENDMENT: It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by William Ball that the words 'and seek improvement in the communication process' be added to the motion.
ADOPTED.

The motion as amended was **ADOPTED**.

Motion as Adopted:

That the Synod seek clarification from Canadian Ministries / The Vine regarding the role of the synod in the grant process and seek improvement in the communication process.

Thanks:

The Moderator extended thanks to the two retiring members of the Synod Missions Committee. Thanks were extended to Sarah MacDonald for her 14 years of service as the representative from the Presbytery of Québec on the Synod Missions Committee, and to Donald MacMillan for his time on the committee as the representative from the Presbytery of Ottawa and as the Committee Convener for the last six years.

MOTION: It was moved by David Christiani and seconded by Dolores Durant that the report of the Mission Committee and Robert Fund Committee, as a whole and as amended, be adopted. **ADOPTED.**

NOTICE OF MOTION

I, Luke Vanderkamp, hereby give notice that I will move, or cause to be moved at a future sederunt, that the Standing Orders of the Synod, section 4.4, the Youth Committee, be removed.

COMMITTEE ON ROLL AND LEAVE TO WITHDRAW

MOTION: It was moved by Jim Ferrier and seconded by Jan Clapp that Joe Reed be granted leave to withdraw for the second sederunt. **ADOPTED.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved by Jim Ferrier and seconded by Luke Vanderkamp 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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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.

PANEL – THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH

Theme Speaker:

The Rev. Dr. Dale Woods, Director of Pastoral Studies at the Presbyterian College.

Panel Moderator:

The Rev. Calvin Brown, immediate past Executive Director of the Renewal Fellowship.

Panel Members:

The Rev. Jeremy Bellsmith, minister at Burn's Presbyterian Church, Ashburn, Ontario.

The Rev. Dr. Rick Fee, General Secretary of the Life and Mission Agency.

The Friday evening program began with the theme speaker, Dale Woods addressing the synod. Using a power-point presentation he undertook a critical look at what futurists say the church will look like in the next couple of decades. Topics included: the global church, the emergent church and the missional church. Asking key questions, including the need to reframe the questions we ask, various ways forward were explored.

Following a break, the panel moderator, Calvin Brown, invited the two panel members, Jeremy Bellsmith and Rick Fee, to offer their thoughts on the questions: (1) Where will the Presbyterian Church in Canada be in 30 years? (2) What do you see as the future of the Presbyterian Church in Canada? and (3) What can we do to encourage a promising future? In response, as the church embraces its mission and as it struggles with what it means to be Christian, it was acknowledged that there must be a dynamic life of humble prayer while listening to God's Spirit, as we grapple with the mission set before us, now and into the future.

The Moderator thanked all the contributors for their participation in the Friday evening panel. She also thanked all those who travelled from various points within the synod to be present for the Friday evening panel.

COMMITTEE ON ROLL AND LEAVE TO WITHDRAW

No requests received.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved by Warren Wong and seconded by James T. Hurd that the Synod adjourn. **ADOPTED.**

The Moderator, at nine forty-five 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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THIRD SEDERUNT

On Saturday, the twenty-second day of October, two thousand and eleven, at nine o'clock in the morning within St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Perth, Ontario, the Synod met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator, the Rev. Marilyn Savage, led in a time of worship.

Musical accompaniment was provided by Ann Savage, Director of Music and the congregational praise band EDGE.

Following worship the Moderator constituted the Synod with prayer at 9:35 a.m.

MINUTE OF APPRECIATION – MR. SANDY MCCUAN

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Milton Fraser that the letter to the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew be included in the minutes of the 137th meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario as a minute of appreciation for Mr. Sandy McCuan upon his retirement as presbytery clerk. **ADOPTED.**

(The following letter was sent to the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew and read at their September 20, 2011 regular meeting.)

On behalf of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario I would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to Mr. Sandy McCuan for his years of service to the work of the Synod. The Synod and the Synod Council have been blessed by Sandy's valued contribution to its on-going work in his role as the Clerk to the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew since 1998. Attendance at meetings too numerous to count is part of the clerk's task. Over the years this has included attending and participating in meetings of Synod Council and Synod in a variety of locations. But beyond simple attendance, Sandy was willing to offer advice and wisdom on numerous issues that came before the Synod.

Sandy's knowledge in many areas was also drawn upon as extra help was needed. Whether it was assisting with Gracefield Camp issues over the years, or helping the Synod Finance Committee with its many important and necessary tasks, Sandy's input was always valued. I understand that Sandy is also retiring from the position of Presbytery Treasurer. In this role he was also a valued member of the Synod Finance Committee. During the last few years when the Finance Committee was without a convener, Sandy capably assisted the Synod Council by undertaking the important task of preparing proposed budgets and forecasts.

We will miss Sandy's wisdom around the table at Synod Council meetings. We are thankful that he has shared his gifts with the church, both at the presbytery and synod level. As this chapter in his service to the Church draws to a close, the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario expresses deep thanks to Mr. Sandy McCuan for his dedication and faithful commitment to the well being of the Church.

May retirement as presbytery clerk and treasurer... and all that such service entailed over the years... provide him with a well deserved rest.

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY SYNODEICAL (Appendix L – page 18)

MOTION: It was moved by Joan Hilliard and seconded by Margaret Reynolds that the report of the Women's Missionary Society Synodical be received for information. **ADOPTED.**

Joan Hilliard, Synodical President, spoke to her report. She drew the synod's attention to the WMS emphasis on mission, and reminded the commissioners of the many resources available for congregational study. She also spoke to the "Together We Can!" mission projects: Health Clinics in Gaza and Refugee Program in Canada.

The Moderator thanked Joan Hilliard for the report, and expressed gratitude for the ongoing commitment to mission that the WMS maintains and promotes.

COMMITTEE RE SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The committee is convened by Katherine Burgess.

No printed report was submitted.

SYNOD WEBSERVANT (Appendix M – page 19)

MOTION: It was moved by Warren Wong and seconded by Barry Mack that the report of the Synod webservant be received. **ADOPTED.**

Gordon Walford, synod webservant, addressed his report. He expressed his encouragement to the response by congregations for inclusion of email addresses on the synod webpage.

A question was raised as to whether the video tape of the Friday evening panel will be posted on the synod webpage?

Gordon Walford indicated that if possible the video tape will be posted, and if not, then a highlight package including selected clips, will be posted.

MOTION: It was moved by Dale Woods and seconded by Barry Mack that the report of the Synod webservant be adopted. **ADOPTED.**

SYNOD HISTORIAN (Appendix N – page 20)

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Warren Wong that the report of the Synod Historian be received. **ADOPTED.**

It was noted that John Vaudry was appointed the synod historian at the May 26, 2011 synod council meeting. The synod is grateful to John Vaudry for taking on this task and for submitting a printed report.

MOTION: It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by Warren Wong that the report of the Synod Historian be adopted. **ADOPTED.**

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SYNOD REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ASSEMBLY COUNCIL

MOTION: It was moved by Warren Wong and seconded by Dolores Durant that the verbal report from the synod representative on the Assembly Council be received for information. **ADOPTED.**

Ross Davidson, the synod representative on the Assembly Council, spoke briefly on the responsibilities of the Assembly Council. He has served as the synod representative for the last two years, assuming the role when Jim Patterson left the bounds of the synod. His term is now complete. Moira Robson is our new representative and was appointed for a three year term. It was noted that the appointment alternates between clergy and lay.

MOTION: It was moved by Jim Ferrier and seconded by Ian MacMillan that the verbal report from the synod representative on the Assembly Council be received for information. **ADOPTED.**

The Moderator thanked Ross Davidson for his two years of service and Moira Robson for her willingness to be the new synod representative on the Assembly Council.

REPORT RE: THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

(the recommendations are contained in the Committee on Business)

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Luke Vanderkamp that the report re the Youth Committee be received. **ADOPTED.**

For reference:

The Synod Congregational Life Committee was disbanded at the 126th synod meeting in 2000, with the Synod Youth Committee taking its place.

The following motion was adopted at the 136th synod meeting (page 19)

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 137th Synod meeting on the matter of the Synod Youth Committee.

Recommendation No. 12

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Luke Vanderkamp that the Synod Council recommend to the Synod that the Synod Youth Committee be disbanded.

Discussion on the motion ensued.

The question was called for. On being put to the vote, the recommendation was **ADOPTED**. David Christiani requested that his dissent be recorded.

Re: Notice of Motion (page 13)

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by James T. Hurd that the Standing Orders of the Synod, section 4.4, the Youth Committee, be removed. **ADOPTED.**

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REPORT RE: THE YOUTH COMMITTEE (cont'd):**Recommendation No. 13**

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Luke Vanderkamp that Synod Council recommend to the Synod that the responsibility for coordinating the Synod's participation in Canada Youth, Youth in Mission, other youth mission endeavours, and youth programming events be assigned to the Regional Staff with consultation as necessary with the Synod Council. ADOPTED.

Recommendation No. 14

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Luke Vanderkamp that Synod Council recommend to the Synod that the Synod direct the Finance Committee to ensure that there is provision in the proposed budget for support of participation in Canada Youth, Youth in Mission, other youth mission endeavours and youth programming events, and that the co-ordination of expenditures for all youth events be assigned to the Regional Staffing Committee and approved through its convener.

Discussion on the recommendation ensued.

AMENDMENT: It was moved by Denise Allen-Macartney and seconded by David Christiani that the following words be added: that this change be for one year and the Regional Staffing Committee report to the 138th synod meeting regarding this change.

Discussion on the amendment ensued.

On being put to the vote the amendment was ADOPTED.

The motion as amended was ADOPTED.

Motion as Adopted:

That Synod Council recommend to the Synod that the Synod direct the Finance Committee to ensure that there is provision in the proposed budget for support of participation in Canada Youth, Youth in Mission, other youth mission endeavours, and youth programming events, and that the co-ordination of expenditures for all youth events be assigned to the Regional Staffing Committee and approved through its convener and that this change be for one year, and the Regional Staffing Committee report to the 138th synod meeting regarding this change.

MOTION: It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by James T. Hurd that the report re the Youth Committee, as a whole and as amended, be adopted. ADOPTED.

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS (cont'd):**Recommendation No. 15**

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by James T. Hurd 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.

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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

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

Missions Committee / Robert Fund

Barry Mack (Convener), representatives from the 5 Presbytery Missions Committees: Sarah MacDonald (Québec), Barry Mack (Montréal), Jim Ferrier (Seaway-Glengarry), Stewart Elder, (Ottawa), and _____ (vacant) _____ (Lanark and Renfrew), Giancarlo Fantechi (representing Francophone ministries within the Presbyteries of Québec and Montréal) and the Synodical President, Joan Hilliard.

The Regional Staffing Committee

Ruth Davidson (Convener), with three members from the Synodical (Henny Donkersteeg, Mary Moorhead and Druse Bryan) and three members from the Synod (Julia Apps-Douglas, Ross Davidson and Joan Forsythe).

Synod Historian – John Vaudry.

Pension Board – Synod Corresponding Representative - Synod Treasurer (Ross Davidson)

Committee re Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment

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

Synod Web-Site – Webservant, Gordon Walford

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

Synod Representative to Assembly Council – Moira Robson (2011-2013)

Recommendation No. 16

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by James T. Hurd that the above be the Standing Committees of Synod. **ADOPTED.**

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COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS (cont'd):

Recommendation No. 17

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by James T. Hurd 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 committees and agencies for possible nominations to them. ADOPTED.

Recommendation No. 18

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by James T. Hurd 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. 19

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by James T. Hurd that the 138th meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario be held within the bounds of the Presbytery of Montréal on Friday, October 19th and Saturday, October 20th, 2012. ADOPTED.

Synod Standing Orders

It was agreed to post the Synod Standing Orders on the synod webpage.

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

REGIONAL STAFFING COMMITTEE (Appendix O – page 21)

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 Janet Evans that Synod thank the Regional Staff for their ongoing work with congregations, youth, and children. ADOPTED.

Recommendation No. 2

It was moved by Luke Vanderkamp and seconded by Janet Evans that Synod finance from their budget the necessary funds to provide for two 2/3 time Regional Staff positions for the year 2012. ADOPTED.

Reports from the Regional Staff

(Appendix P – pages 22-23)

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.

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REGIONAL STAFFING COMMITTEE (cont'd):

Reports from the Regional Staff

Each regional staff presented a report and spoke to the highlights of their work this past year. They thanked the synod for their support. They also reminded the synod that they are available as a resource in many areas of congregational life, and can work with various age groups. They encouraged congregations not to slot the Regional Staff into one task, but to contact and invite them to help in an area of need.

The regional staff expressed thanks to out-going Regional Staffing Committee member Lois Klempa and to out-going convener Luke Vanderkamp for their guidance.

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

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

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.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE ROLE, FUNCTION, AND STRUCTURE (Appendix Q – pages 24-25)

MOTION: It was moved by Joan Hilliard and seconded by Ian MacMillan that the report of the Special Committee re Role, Function, and Structure be received and considered.
ADOPTED.

Gord Walford, committee member, reported in the absence of Floyd McPhee, committee convener.

The report was projected on the screen. A time of questions and answers ensued.

Recommendation No. 1

It was moved by Giancarlo Fantechi and seconded by Joan Hilliard that the synod continue as a commissioned court, except when it meets as a fully represented court at a conference style meeting. By being a commissioned court it provides Presbyteries the opportunity to select elders and ministers to represent them assuring that representatives from each Presbytery attend the synod meetings.

AMENDMENT: It was moved by Barry Mack and seconded by Luke Vanderkamp that the report of the Special Committee be referred back to the Special Committee for further consideration.

Discussion on the amendment ensued.

On being put to the vote the amendment was **DEFEATED.**

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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE ROLE, FUNCTION, AND STRUCTURE (cont'd):

Discussion resumed on the original recommendation.

WITHDRAWN

The mover and seconder agreed to withdraw Recommendation No. 1.

Recommendation No. 2

It was moved by Giancarlo Fantechi and seconded by Joan Hilliard that on a trial basis the synod meet as a fully represented court consisting of the constituent members of the five presbyteries, every third year, beginning in 2013, in a conference style and that synod apply to the Life and Mission Agency for a conference grant to help pay for the additional costs.

AMENDMENT: It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by John Young that the following words be added to the end of the recommendation: and that the Synod appoint a committee representing all of its presbyteries to plan such a conference, focusing on the mission of the Synod.

Discussion on the amendment ensued.

On being put to the vote the Amendment was ADOPTED.

Discussion on the motion as amended ensued.

AMENDMENT: It was further amended by Anita Mack and seconded by William Ball that the phrase beginning in 2013 be replaced by beginning in 2012.

Discussion on the amendment ensued.

On being put to the vote the amendment was DEFEATED.

AMENDED MOTION:

That on a trial basis that the synod meet as a fully represented court consisting of the constituent members of the five presbyteries, every third year, beginning in 2013, in a conference style and that synod apply to the Life and Mission Agency for a conference grant to help pay for the additional costs and that the Synod appoint a committee representing all of its presbyteries to plan such a conference, focusing on the mission of the Synod.

Discussion on the amended motion ensued.

On being put to the vote the amended motion was ADOPTED.

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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE ROLE, FUNCTION, AND STRUCTURE (cont'd):

Background for Clarification:

It was noted that in 2003 the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario resolved the following (page 14 of the 129th meeting):

That the Synod resolve to function henceforth through commissioners appointed by its several presbyteries.

It was further noted that the synod, on agreement of a majority of the commissioners voting at any meeting, can agree to hold a full synod meeting at any time, which the moderator must then call.

MOTION: It was moved by John Young and seconded by Giancarlo Fantechi that the Report of the Special Committee re Role, Function and Structure, as a whole and as amended, be adopted. **ADOPTED.**

CAMP D'ACTION BIBLIQUE (Appendix R – pages 26-27)

MOTION: It was moved by Anita Mack and seconded by Luke Vanderkamp 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. He introduced the camp committee members present in the court: Ross Davidson, John Barry Forsyth, Anita Mack and Luke Vanderkamp.

Craig Dewar noted that Camp d'action biblique has met the criteria to be accredited with the Québec Camping Association.

The Moderator offered congratulations and the court responded to this milestone with a round of applause.

Craig Dewar thanked everyone who has supported the camp in the accreditation process.

Craig Dewar, Craig presented a slide show of photos from 2011.

Each commissioner was provided with a paper copy of the photos and encouraged to check the website at www.cabqc.ca

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Ian MacMillan that Camp d'action biblique be commended for achieving accreditation with the Québec Camping Association, and that this milestone be noted in the synod minutes. **ADOPTED.**

MOTION: It was moved by Warren Wong and seconded by Anita Mack that the report from Camp d'action biblique be adopted as amended. **ADOPTED.**

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COMMITTEE ON ROLL AND LEAVE TO WITHDRAW

MOTION: It was moved by Jim Ferrier and seconded by Jan Clapp that Luke Vanderkamp, Janet Evans and George MacDougall be granted leave to withdraw for the fourth sederunt.
ADOPTED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved by Warren Wong and seconded by Ian MacMillan that the Synod adjourn. **ADOPTED.**

The Moderator, at twelve fifteen o'clock in the afternoon, adjourned the Synod to reconvene at one thirty o'clock in the afternoon in the same place.

The sederunt closed with prayer by the Moderator.

Moderator

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FOURTH SEDERUNT

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

REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA

Re: Oversight of The Board of Directors for the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre (Appendix S – pages 28-29)

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by David Brittain that the report from the Presbytery of Ottawa regarding Oversight of the Board of Directors of the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre be received and considered.
ADOPTED.

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

He noted that the report could not be circulated to the synod until after the Presbytery of Ottawa met on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at which point the presbytery received the fall report from the Board of Directors.

He further noted that the financial review for the year ended December 2010 has been delayed. The presbytery is expecting to receive the review plus year to date statements for 2011 at their regular meeting in November 2011.

The Board of Directors has been re-appointed.

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REPORT OF THE PRESBYERY OF OTTAWA (cont'd):

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

Discussion on the report ensued.

It was noted that progress has been made with respect to the plans for the water treatment and septic system.

Regarding the capital grant of \$15,360 that the synod contributes to the Presbytery of Ottawa each year for the water treatment and septic system projects, it was noted that the presbytery has invested the money and the interest is being directed to the project.

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by David Brittain that the report from the Presbytery of Ottawa regarding Oversight of the Board of Directors of the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre be adopted. **ADOPTED.**

GRACEFIELD CHRISTIAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE

Doug Kendall, chair of the Board of Directors, was invited to address the synod. He expressed thanks to the synod for their ongoing commitment and support to both camps within the bounds. The stable funding is greatly appreciated.

The Board of Directors is pleased with the development of the children's ministry, retreat ministry, and tent and trailer ministry at the camp.

The Board is thankful for the camperships offered and the assistance they provide.

Regarding the water treatment and septic system, Doug Kendall reported that the Board of Directors is working diligently at completing the various steps required by the government officials. The water treatment and septic systems do not need to be replaced at the same time. The water treatment system will be completed first, followed by the septic system, which will likely be undertaken in stages.

It was noted that the 50th anniversary of Gracefield will be celebrated in 2012.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (cont'd from page 8):

David Morris, convener, spoke further regarding the process followed in the preparation of the proposed budget, assessments and five year forecast. He expressed thanks to Sandy McCuan and Ross Davidson for their assistance and to the presbytery treasurers for their comments. The proposed documents were then brought to the synod council for comment, adjusted, and circulated to the commissioners in advance of the synod meeting.

Discussion on the proposed budget continued.

MOTION: It was moved by James Hurd and seconded by John Young that the amount for Regional Staff expenses be increased from \$3,000 to \$4,000. **ADOPTED.**

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FINANCE COMMITTEE (cont'd):

1. Budget 2012

MOTION: It was moved by Barry Mack and seconded by Jim Ferrier that the proposed expenditure budget for 2012, as amended, be adopted. ADOPTED.

2. Presbytery Assessments

The proposed assessments were adjusted in line with the adopted expenditure budget.

MOTION: It was moved by David Brittain and seconded by Ian MacMillan that the proposed presbytery assessments, as amended, be adopted. ADOPTED.

3. 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 Barry Mack and seconded by Warren Wong that the five year forecast from 2012 to 2016, be received for information. ADOPTED.

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

The Moderator thanked the convener and the committee for their work.

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

MOTION: It was moved by Bruce Gourlay and seconded by Denise Allen-Macartney 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 Bruce Gourlay and seconded by Denise Allen-Macartney that the minutes of the Synod Council, the Presbytery of Québec, the Presbytery of Montréal, The Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry and the Presbytery of Ottawa, be attested as neatly and correctly kept. ADOPTED.

Recommendation No. 2

It was moved by Bruce Gourlay and seconded by Denise Allen-Macartney that the minutes of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew be attested as neatly kept with note. ADOPTED.

MOTION: It was moved by Bruce Gourlay and seconded by Denise Allen-Macartney that the report of the Committee to Examine the Minutes of the Presbyteries and the Synod Council be adopted. ADOPTED.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION: It was moved by Ian MacLean and seconded by Warren Wong that the Synod Council be tasked with naming the Special Committee to plan the 2013 synod meeting. **ADOPTED.**

COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES

MOTION: It was moved by Milton Fraser and seconded by Joan Hilliard that the report of the Committee on Courtesies be received and considered. **ADOPTED.**

Milton Fraser presented the following report:

The Synod expresses its thanks to the following:

To the Host Church:

The Rev. Marilyn Savage, the Session and Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Perth, for hosting the 137th meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, and for upholding the Synod in prayer.

Ann Savage, the choir, Jeff Earle, Graham Crabb, who led in worship.

The elders who assisted in serving communion.

To the Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson:

Who served faithfully as the Moderator of the 136th Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, and for his sermon, "The Gospel Not of Human Origin" based on Galatians 1:11-24.

To the Rev. Marilyn Savage:

Who served as Moderator of the 137th Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario with thoughtfulness and a gracious spirit.

The Future of The Church:

To the Rev. Dr. Dale Woods, the theme speaker at the Friday evening program, the Future of The Church, for his insightful presentation.

To the panel moderator, the Rev. Calvin Brown, panel members, the Rev. Jeremy Bellsmith and Rev. Dr. Rick Fee, for their participation.

To those who prepared reports:

The Finance Committee, the Mission Committee; the WMS Synodical, the Assembly Council representative, the Youth Committee review, the Regional Staffing Committee; Anita Mack and Christine Ball, the Regional Staff, the Special Synod Committee, the Presbytery of Ottawa re oversight of Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre, and especially Doug Kendall, and Camp d'action biblique, especially Craig Dewar.

To Donna McIlveen, Synod Clerk:

For her effective and efficient work as Clerk of the Synod meeting ensuring that business flows smoothly.

To Ross Davidson, Synod Treasurer:

For his care of the Synod Finances.

Clerk:

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COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES (cont'd):

All those who provided billets:

For those who provided hospitality to members of Synod who had travelled from a distance.

The Hospitality of St. Andrew's, Perth:

For the delicious meals and the snacks provided.

To Gordon Walford:

For his service in keeping the synod connected through the synod website, and for his skills shared at the Synod meeting.

To ALL who attended the 137th meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario and for the participation in the discussions and fellowship that made this gathering a time of blessing.

MOTION: It was moved by Milton Fraser and seconded by Joan Hilliard that the report of the Committee on Courtesies be adopted.

An extra word of appreciation for the delicious meals was offered.

On being put to the vote, the motion was unanimously ADOPTED.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

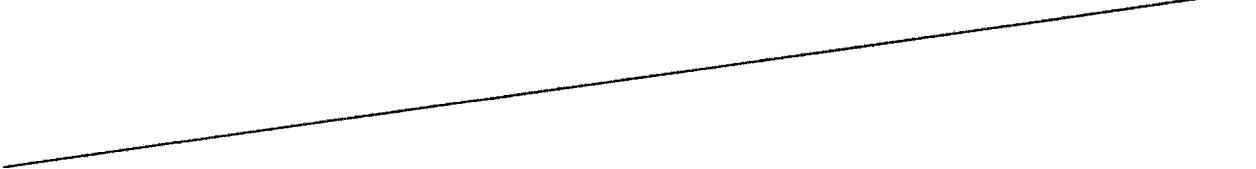
The Moderator led the synod in prayer.

She 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 Montréal, at a location to be announced, on Friday the nineteenth day of October in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twelve, at two o'clock in the afternoon.”

Moderator

Clerk



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137th MEETING DOCKET
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21st to SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22nd, 2011

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PERTH, ONTARIO

FIRST SEDERUNT	Friday, October 21 st at 2 p.m.
1. 2:00 p.m.	Opening Worship / Communion
2. 3:15 p.m.	Constitution of the Synod
3.	Memorials
4.	Welcome to 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 136 th meeting
10.	Business Arising
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.	Missions Committee and Robert Fund Committee
17.	WMS Synodical
18.	Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Committee
19.	Synod Webservant
	Synod Historian
20.	Synod Representative on the Assembly Council
21. 5:55 p.m.	Committee on Roll and Leave to Withdraw
22.	Announcements
23.	Adjournment / Prayer
24. 6:00 p.m.	Supper
SECOND SEDERUNT	Friday, October 21 st at 7:00 p.m.
1. 7:00 p.m.	Prayer/Constitute the Court
2. 7:05 p.m.	Panel – The Future of the Church
3. 9:25 p.m.	Committee on the Roll and Leave to Withdraw
4.	Announcements
5. 9:30 p.m.	Adjournment and Prayer

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THIRD SEDERUNT

Saturday, October 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

1.	8:00 a.m.	Committee Meetings (as needed)
1.	9:00 a.m.	Worship
2.		Prayer to Constitute the Court
3.		Minute of Appreciation for Sandy McCuan
4.	9:30 a.m.	Report Re: Youth Committee
5.	9:45 a.m.	Regional Staffing Committee Regional Staff: Christine Ball and Anita Mack
6.	10:15 a.m.	Break / Evaluations
7.	10:30 a.m.	Report from the Special Committee re role, function and structure
8.	10:45 a.m.	Report from the Presbytery of Ottawa Re: Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre
9.	11:00 a.m.	Report from the Presbytery of Québec Re: Camp d'action biblique
10.	11:15 a.m.	Finance Committee (cont'd)
11.	11:55 a.m.	Committee on Roll and Leave to Withdraw
12.		Adjournment and Prayer
13.	12:00 p.m.	Lunch

FOURTH SEDERUNT

Saturday, October 22nd at 1:00 p.m.

1.	1:30 p.m.	Prayer to Constitute the Court
2.		Committee to Examine the minutes of the Presbyteries and the Synod Council
3.		Unfinished Business
4.		Committee on Courtesies
5.		Time and Place of the next Synod meeting
6.		Adjournment and Prayer

Proposed Budget for 2012

	<u>Budget</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2012</u>
		Regional Staff funded as 2011 (2 x 67%)
<u>Synod Admin. & Programs</u>		
<u>Administration</u>		
Synod Meeting	4,500.00	5,000.00
Minutes	800.00	1,000.00
Honoraria		
Clerk's	2,200.00	2,200.00
Treasurer's	1,100.00	1,100.00
Audit/Review	500.00	500.00
Notary	300.00	
<u>Clerk's Office</u>		
Office expenses	800.00	600.00
Liability insurance	1,800.00	2,000.00
Clerk's consultation		300.00
<u>Committees</u>		
Synod council	2,200.00	2,000.00
Other committees	1,500.00	2,000.00
<u>Finance</u>		
Banking costs	250.00	200.00
Reserve fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
<u>Programs</u>		
Youth		
Youth programs	2,000.00	800.00
Canada Youth	2,000.00	1,500.00
Vie chretienne		
Operating grant	500.00	500.00
Regional Staff		
Expenses	5,000.00	3,000.00
Total Admin. & Programs	26,450.00	23,700.00
<u>Camping & Outreach</u>		
Gracefield		
Operating grant	42,474.00	42,000.00
Capital	15,360.00	15,360.00
Camp d'action biblique		
Operating grant	24,537.00	24,600.00
Total Camping/Outreach	82,371.00	81,960.00
TOTAL OPERATIONS	108,821.00	105,660.00

Proposed Budget for 2012

REGIONAL STAFF SUPPORT	Budget 2011	Budget 2012
Stipend	52,000.00	53,196.00
Travel	10,668.00	10,668.00
Housing	15,500.00	15,500.00
Sub-total	78,168.00	79,364.00
Employer Costs	17,000.00	17,500.00
Total Cost Reg. Staff	95,168.00	96,864.00
Less GA Grant	79,940.00	81,800.00
Net Provided by Synod for Reg. Staff	15,000.00	15,000.00

Net Total Expenditure	123,821.00	120,660.00
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Balance Dec 31 previous year	10,329.45	10,329.45
Presbytery Assessments	123,821.00	123,831.55
Total	134,150.45	134,161.00
Less Total Expenditure	123,821.00	120,660.00
Net Balance	10,329.45	13,501.00

APPROVED BUDGET FOR 2012

	Budget 2011	Budget 2012
		Regional Staff funded as 2011 (2 x 67%)
Synod Admin. & Programs		
Administration		
Synod Meeting	4,500.00	5,000.00
Minutes	800.00	1,000.00
Honoraria		
Clerk's	2,200.00	2,200.00
Treasurer's	1,100.00	1,100.00
Audit/Review	500.00	500.00
Notary	300.00	
Clerk's Office		
Office expenses	800.00	600.00
Liability insurance	1,800.00	2,000.00
Clerk's consultation		300.00
Committees		
Synod council	2,200.00	2,000.00
Other committees	1,500.00	2,000.00
Finance		
Banking costs	250.00	200.00
Reserve fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
Programs		
Youth		
Youth programs	2,000.00	800.00
Canada Youth	2,000.00	2,000.00
Vie chretienne		
Operating grant	500.00	500.00
Regional Staff		
Expenses	5,000.00	4,000.00
Total Admin. & Programs	26,450.00	25,200.00
Camping & Outreach		
Gracefield		
Operating grant	42,474.00	42,000.00
Capital	15,360.00	15,360.00
Camp d'action biblique		
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APPROVED BUDGET FOR 2012

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Less GA Grant	79,940.00	81,800.00
Net Provided by Synod for Reg. Staff	15,000.00	15,000.00

Net Total Expenditure	123,821.00	122,160.00
Balance Dec 31 previous year	10,329.45	10,329.45
Presbytery Assessments	123,821.00	122,160.00
Total	134,150.45	132,489.45
Less Total Expenditure	123,821.00	122,160.00
Net Balance	10,329.45	10,329.45

Proposed 2012 Presbytery Assessments

Assessment 2011						
Presbytery	\$ Base	% share of Synod total	\$ Assessment for Operating Budget	\$ Assessment for Regional Staff	Ratio: - Assess/Base %	Ratio: - Staff/Base
Quebec	267,635	2.6	2,868.53	395.40	1.0718	0.1477
Montreal	3,450,028	34.0	36,977.60	5,097.03	1.0718	0.1477
Seaway-Glengarry	1,654,779	16.3	17,736.02	2,444.75	1.0718	0.1477
Ottawa	3,275,664	32.3	35,108.76	4,839.43	1.0718	0.1477
Lanark & Renfrew	1,504,945	14.8	16,130.09	2,223.39	1.0718	0.1477
Total Synod	10,153,051	100.0	108,821.00	15,000.00	1.0718	0.1477
						123,821.00

Note: \$ Base is provided by Acts & Proceedings 2010

Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario Budget 2012 (with Staff of 2 at .67 stipend each)

Assessment 2012						
Presbytery	\$ Base	% share of Synod total	\$ Assessment for Operating Budget	\$ Assessment for Regional Staff	Ratio: - Assess/Base %	Ratio: - Staff/Base %
Quebec	407,441	4.0	4,275.82	607.02	1.0494	0.1490
Montreal	3,291,667	32.7	34,543.86	4,904.01	1.0494	0.1490
Seaway-Glengarry	1,808,027	18.0	18,974.05	2,693.65	1.0494	0.1490
Ottawa	3,163,186	31.4	33,195.54	4,712.60	1.0494	0.1490
Lanark & Renfrew	1,397,966	13.9	14,670.73	2,082.73	1.0494	0.1490
Total Synod	10,068,287	100.0	105,660.00	15,000.00	1.0494	0.1490
						120,660.00

Note: \$ Base is provided by Acts & Proceedings 2011

Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario

APPROVED 2012 PRESBYTERY ASSESSMENTS

Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario
Budget 2012 (with Staff of 2 at .67 stipend each)

Presbytery	\$ Base	% share of Synod total	Assessment 2012			Ratio: - Assess for Reg	Ratio: - Staff/Base %	Total Assessment
			\$ Assessment for Operating Budget	\$ Assessment for Regional Staff	Ratio: - Assess/Base %			
Quebec	407,441	4.0	4,336.52	607.02	1.0643	0.1490	4,943.54	
Montreal	3,291,667	32.7	35,034.27	4,904.01	1.0643	0.1490	39,938.28	
Seaway-Glengarry	1,808,027	18.0	19,243.41	2,693.65	1.0643	0.1490	21,937.06	
Ottawa	3,163,186	31.4	33,666.80	4,712.60	1.0643	0.1490	38,379.40	
Lanark & Renfrew	1,397,966	13.9	14,879.00	2,082.73	1.0643	0.1490	16,961.73	
Total Synod	10,068,287	100.0	107,160.00	15,000.00	1.0643	0.1490	122,160.00	

Note: \$ Base is provided by Acts & Proceedings 2011

Proposed 5 YEAR FORECAST (2012)

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Expenses</u>					
Administration					
Synod meetings	5,000	5,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Minutes	1,000	800	900	900	900
Honoraria					
Clerk	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,300
Treasurer	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,150	1,150
Audit/Review	500	500	500	500	600
Notary		300	300	300	
Clerk's Office					
Office expenses	600	600	700	700	700
Liability insurance	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,900	2,000
Clerk's consultation	300	0	500	0	500
Committees					
Synod council	2,000	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,400
Other committees	2,000	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Finance					
Banking costs	200	250	250	250	300
Reserve fund	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Escalation (cost of living)		900	1,200	1,500	1,500
Regional Staff					
Expenses	3,000	5,000	5,000	6,000	6,000
<u>Programs</u>					
Youth					
Youth program	800	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Canada youth	1,500	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Vie chretienne					
Operating grant	500	1,900	1,950	1,950	2,000
Gracefield					
Operating grant	42,000	41,000	40,000	43,869	44,500
Capital (septic/water project)	15,360	15,360	15,360	15,360	15,360
Camp d'action biblique					
Operating grant	24,600	24,800	25,000	25,000	25,000
Total Expenses	105,660	114,310	115,560	120,379	121,710

Stipend	53,196.00
Travel	10,668.00
Housing	15,500.00
Sub-total	79,364.00
Employer Costs	17,500.00
Total Cost Reg. Staff	96,864.00
Less GA Grant	81,800.00
Net Provided by Synod	15,000.00
Net Total Expenditure	120,660.00
	129,560.00
	131,060.00
	136,129.00
	137,710.00

<u>Assessments</u>					
<u>Base Amounts</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Quebec	407,441	259,758	257,758	253,758	251,758
Montreal	3,291,667	3,303,927	3,301,927	3,405,927	3,505,927
Total Province of Quebec	3,699,108	3,563,685	3,559,685	3,689,685	3,757,685
Seaway-Glengarry	1,808,027	1,608,615	1,599,615	1,585,365	1,571,115
Ottawa	3,163,186	3,403,532	3,425,532	3,435,532	3,535,532
Lanark & Renfrew	1,397,966	1,615,703	1,620,703	1,625,703	1,630,703
Total Province of Ontario	6,369,179	6,627,850	6,645,850	6,646,600	6,737,350
Total Synod	10,068,287	10,191,535	10,205,535	10,306,285	10,495,035

<u>Total Assessments Incl. Reg. Staff</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Quebec	4,500	3,302	3,310	3,352	3,303
Montreal	36,352	42,001	42,404	44,987	46,003
Seaway-Glengarry	19,967	20,450	20,542	20,940	20,615
Ottawa	34,933	43,267	43,991	45,378	46,391
Lanark & Renfrew	15,438	20,540	20,813	21,473	21,397
Total Synod	120,660	129,560	131,060	136,129	137,710

TREASURER'S REPORT ON SYNOD FINANCES - JANUARY 01ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 2010**2010 AT A GLANCE:**

Total receipts and balances forwarded:		Total expenditures:		
Synod	116,939.23	minus	Synod	106,903.72 = 10,035.51
Regional Staff	<u>102,169.00</u>	minus	Regional Staff	<u>101,875.06</u> = <u>293.94</u>
	219,108.23	minus		210,278.78 = 10,329.45

1. SYNOD FUNDSBrought forwarded from December 31st, '09 10,456.43

RECEIPTS DURING THE PERIOD:	<u>2010 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2010 BUDGET</u>
Assessments:		
Québec	4,389.00	4,389
Montréal	35,696.00	35,696
Seaway\Glengarry	16,147.00	16,147
Ottawa	33,401.00	33,401
Lanark\Renfrew	15,877.00	15,877
Reserve funds (See balance forwarded)	-----	10,000
Offering at Synod	178.00	
Uncashed cheque and bank error	79.20	
Bank interest (G.I.C. of \$1,000 for youth)	5.00	
Refunds from Revenu Québec	<u>710.60</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	106,482.80	106,482.80
GRAND TOTAL		105,510
		116,939.23

EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD:

Synod (travel, meals, speakers, hotels)	5,871.84	8,000
Synod Council meetings	1,369.60	2,200
Bank charges	84.10	250
Office expenses (clerk and/or treasurer)	376.73	800
Minutes	1,028.61	800
Microfilming	-----	300
Committee meetings: (finance, abuse, history)	831.03	(mission, youth, regional staff) 3,500
Camp d'action biblique operating grant	21,000.00	21,000
La vie chrétienne	1,700.00	1,700
Gracefield operating grant	45,000.00	45,000
Gracefield capital investments project	15,360.00	15,360
Auditor's and accountant's work	595.00	500
Clerk's honorarium	2,200.00	2,200
Treasurer's honorarium	1,100.00	1,100
Clerk's consultation	275.00	500
Group insurance premium	1,307.87	1,800
Youth programming	303.94	1,000
Canada Youth triennial conference (G.I.C.)	1,500.00	1,500
Notary - "personne morale"	-----	500
Reserve fund (see final balance)	-----	500
Regional Staff funding	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>7,000</u>
TOTAL:	106,903.72	115,510

BALANCE: 116,939.23 - 106,903.72 = 10,035.51 Page 2 over.....

2. REGIONAL STAFF

Brought forward from December 31st, '09

RECEIPTS DURING THE PERIOD:

Grants (7,930.75 X 12)	95,169.00
Transfer in from Synod funds	<u>7,000.00</u>
 TOTAL OF ABOVE	102,169.00

EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD:

Stipends:	Québec	27,962.64
	Ontario	29,386.32
Revenu Québec		8,099.74
Revenue Canada		11,561.16
Health & Dental (PCC)		7,047.66
Pension benefits (PCC)		11,914.92
Office expenses:	Québec	2,582.04
	Ontario	2,241.60
Continuing education:	Québec	878.98
	Ontario	-----
Staff conference		<u>200.00</u>
 TOTAL		101,875.06

BALANCE: 102,169.00 - 101,875.06 = 293.94

CONSOLIDATION STATEMENT:

On hand:	1 - Synod	=	10,035.51
	2 - Staff	=	<u>293.94</u>
	TOTAL		10,329.45
RUNNING LEDGER TOTAL		=	10,329.45
BANK BALANCE (less cheques, etc.)		=	10,329.45

NOTE: G.I.C.'s held to date for Canada Youth event scheduled for July of 2012:
\$2,000 invested for a 2-year period;
\$1,500 invested for an 18-month period.

Also: \$1,484.67 held in reserve to this date for continuing education.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Ross H. Davidson

Audited and found correct by Mme Suzanne Aubre in March 2011. (See her letter.)

March 25, 2011

**RE : Financial statements
January 1st to December 31st, 2010**

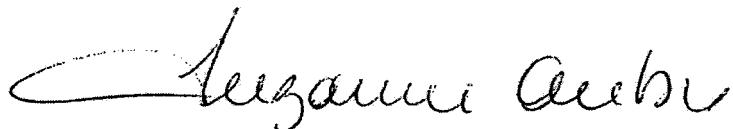
To the Directors of
The Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario

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 2010, 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 2009 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,



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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 01ST TO OCTOBER 15TH, 2011

1. SYNOD FUNDS

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RECEIPTS DURING THE PERIOD:	<u>2011 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2011 BUDGET</u>
Presbytery of Québec	3,264.00	3,264.00
Presbytery of Montréal	31,556.25	42,075.00
Presbytery of Seaway\Glengarry	17,736.00	20,181.00
Presbytery of Ottawa	30,711.00	39,948.00
Presbytery of L & R	10,000.00	18,353.00
PCC - for children's workshop	800.00	
Revenu Québec (refund)	<u>563.54</u>	
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	94,630.79	<u>94,630.79</u>
GRAND TOTAL	104,666.30	<u>123,821.00</u>

EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD:

Synod (travel, meals, speakers)	-----	4,500
Minutes	374.19	800
Clerk's honorarium	1,100.00	2,200
Treasurer's honorarium	550.00	1,100
Audit \ Review of '10	350.00	500
Notary	-----	300
Accountant's work ('10 and '11 tax returns)	1,389.89	-----
Revenu Québec (for '09)	830.20	
Office expenses (clerk and/or treasurer)	182.47	800
Liability insurance premium	2,067.84	1,800
Synod Council meetings	2,078.11	2,200
Committee meetings: (finance, restructuring)	1,459.93	(mission, regional staff) 1,500
Bank charges	54.60	250
Reserve fund (see final balance)	-----	1,000
Regional Staff funding from Synod funds	-----	5,000
Youth programming (children's workshop)	1,011.84	2,000
Canada Youth triennial conference (G.I.C.)	2,000.00	2,000
La vie chrétienne	500.00	500
Gracefield operating grant	31,500.00	42,474
Gracefield capital investments project	-----	15,360
Camp d'action biblique operating grant	24,537.00	24,537
Regional Staff stipend support	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>15,000</u>
 TOTAL:	84,986.07	123,821
 BALANCE:	104,666.30 - 84,986.07 = 19,680.23	

2. REGIONAL STAFF

Brought forward from December 31 st , '10		293.94
RECEIPTS DURING THE PERIOD:	<u>2011 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2011 BUDGET</u>
Grants (6662.00 X 10)	66,620.00	79,940
Transfer in from Synod funds	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>15,000</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	81,620.00	<u>81,620.00</u>
		94,940
TOTAL OF ABOVE:		81,913.94
EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD:		
Stipends:		
Québec	22,980.00	
Ontario	24,118.00	
Revenu Québec	5,890.50	
Revenue Canada	9,097.54	
Health & Dental (PCC)	5,859.00	
Pension benefits (PCC)	10,796.04	
Office expenses: Ontario	772.79	
Continuing education: Québec	-----	
Ontario	-----	
Staff conference	<u>200.00</u>	
TOTAL	79,713.87	
BALANCE:	81,913.94	-
	79,713.87	=
		2,200.07

CONSOLIDATION STATEMENT:

On hand:	1 - Synod	=	19,680.23
	2 - Staff	=	<u>2,200.07</u>
	TOTAL		21,880.30
RUNNING LEDGER TOTAL		=	21,880.30
BANK BALANCE (less cheques. etc.)		=	21,880.30

NOTE: G.I.C.'s held to date for Canada Youth event scheduled for July of 2012:

\$2,000 invested for a 2-year period (2009);
\$1,500 invested for an 18-month period. (2010);
\$2,000 invested for a 12-month period (2011)

Also: \$2,078.67 held in reserve to this date for continuing education.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Ross H. Davidson

TREASURER'S FORECAST FOR SYNOD FINANCES - OCT. 15TH TO DEC. 31ST, 2011

A. SYNOD

ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS:

Balance to date on hand:	19,680.23
Anticipated assessments due:	<u>30,553.75</u>
TOTAL	50,233.98

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES:

Synod meeting	4,500.00
Honoraria	1,650.00
Office expenses	200.98
Committee expenses	500.00
Bank charges	50.00
Grants: Gracefield	10,974.00
Water & sewage (capital)	15,360.00
Transfer to regional staff	<u>8,300.00</u>
TOTAL	41,534.98
BALANCE	8,699.00

B. REGIONAL STAFF

ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS:

Balance to date on hand	2,200.07
PCC - two months of grants	13,324.00
Synod funds transferred	<u>8,300.00</u>
TOTAL	23,824.07

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES:

Stipends (two months)	9,419.60
PCC deductions (three months)	3,599.68
Revenue Canada (three months)	2,900.00
Revenu Québec (three months)	2,000.79
Health and Dental (three months)	1,953.00
Office expenses	2,417.00
Continuing education	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL	23,790.07
BALANCE	34.00

ANTICIPATED TOTALS:

Synod anticipated balance	8,699.00	Respectfully submitted, J. Ross H. Davidson
Regional Staff anticipated balance	<u>34.00</u>	
Anticipated closing balance	8,733.00	

SYNOD Missions Committee Report to Synod 2011

The members of the committee are: Sarah MacDonald (Quebec Presbytery), Stewart Elder (Ottawa Presbytery), Barry Mack (Montreal Presbytery), Jim Ferrier (Seaway Glengarry Presbytery), Giancarlo Fantechi (Francophone Ministries as of May 12), Joan Hilliard (WMS Synodical), Don MacMillan (Convener). No rep from Lanark-Renfrew Presbytery has been appointed.

The committee met twice during 2011. On May 12, we met in Sherbrooke at St. Andrew's Church and Mission St.-Paul. Giancarlo Fantechi briefed us on the work of Mission St-Paul; John Barry Forsyth joined us as a guest. On Sept. 8, we met at Eglise St-Luc in the Rosemont district of Montreal.

Grant Requests from the Presbyteries

Note these are requests from Presbyteries to Canadian Ministries/The Vine. The actual grant amount is awarded in November by office of the Associate Secretary of Canadian Ministries. As of Sept. 4, this post is now occupied by Rev. Ian McDonald, Clerk of the Presbytery of East Toronto.

	2012	2013
Montreal		
Concordia Chaplaincy	3,000	
McGill Chaplaincy	3,000	
Tyndale	50,000 (See Recommendation below)	
Action Refugees	34,045	
Livingston	30,000	
Eglise St.-Luc	54,043	
Ghanaian	25,500	
Sub-TOTAL	199,588	
 Quebec		
Melbourne	3,000	
Mission St.-Paul (Sherbrooke)	60,679	
KIT (Inverness)	4,500	4,500+
Leggat's Point	1,500	
Sub-TOTAL	66,679	
 Ottawa		
Rockland	24,000	38,000
Carleton Chaplaincy	6,000	6,000
Sub-TOTAL	30,000	
 Seaway Glengarry	0	
 Lanark Renfrew	0	

Recommendation: Effective 2012, Canadian Ministries/The Vine direct that half of the Tyndale Grant be devoted to fund a Tyndale Christian Gospel witnessing or programming (e.g. placement of a PC student minister to lead Christian education classes, etc.)

Francophone Ministries

At our committee meeting in May in Sherbrooke, Giancarlo Fantechi accepted to be the rep for Francophone Ministries. Unfortunately, he could not attend our meeting on Sept. 8. In his stead, Richard Bonetto attended.

Robert Fund

Historically, this fund is the legacy of Mr. William Henry Robert who died about 1951. In his 1937 will, he directed that the interest from a third of his estate be used "for the benefit of the religious and charitable schemes in the Province of Quebec". As he wished to perpetuate the memory of his dear parents, he named this fund: "The Joseph B. Robert and Dame Sarah Robert Fund". No directive was given as to the language of the work, therefore Synod has no authority to favour work in any specific language.

Recommended 2012 Grants are:

\$4000 La Vie Chretienne
\$3000 Camp d'Action Biblique
\$1000 Mission St-Paul (Sherbrooke)
\$1000 Eglise St-Luc (Montreal)

Challenge of Islam to the Church and Its Mission

At the Sept. Meeting of the Synod Missions Committee, we held a roundtable discussion of a book authored by Dr. Patrick Sookhdeo, entitled "Challenge of Islam to the Church and its Mission". This book was a real eye-opener to all of us. As a committee, we recommend a wider distribution of this topical book to Synod and the leaders of our denomination. We would all benefit by being better prepared to meet the challenges of Islam in Canada.

ISBN is 978-0-9787141-5-4. Unit cost is about \$20.

Membership Changes

- 1) Sarah MacDonald mentioned that she was thinking of stepping down from the Missions Committee, after 14 years of service. She was commended for her valuable work and input over the years.
- 2) Don MacMillan must retire as well, as he has served the maximum term of 6 years as convener. A new convener will be appointed by Synod in October 2011.

Don MacMillan, Convener

Report of the WMS Synodical of Quebec and Eastern Ontario

The annual meeting of the synodical of Quebec and Eastern Ontario was a one day meeting hosted by the Montreal Presbyterial in the Presbyterian Church of Ile Perrot on Saturday, April 16th, 2011. This was the first time synodical had the opportunity to meet here and we were very pleased with the warm and welcoming atmosphere and for Ontario drivers the easy access. The theme of the meeting was ‘Love in Action’ and our guest speaker the Rev. Glyniss Williams told us some of the ways that volunteers befriend refugees who need help adjusting to life in Canada when they have lost everything and have had to endure the prison-like atmosphere of the holding centre. This was of special interest to us since one of the special projects of the WMS is raising funds for Action Refugees Montreal.

As synodical president I attended the abbreviated WMS Council meeting held the evening before the National Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Richmond Hill. One of the highlights of the meeting was the visit of five members of Presbyterian Women, USA, who spoke briefly of the kind of work they are involved with in their organization.

They were here to attend “the Gathering” which was held May 20-23, as were delegations from eleven other PCC partner countries. To say this gathering was a success would be an understatement. Where else would you find almost 600 Presbyterians of all ages dancing to the front of the church, or in this case the ballroom, to deposit their offering in a basket Nigerian-style. It was great to see the attendance of so many young women including several from Quebec and Eastern Ontario.

On September 26th we were warmly welcomed to Osgoode Presbyterian Church in Vernon, Ontario for the fall rally, using the theme “Seasons of Change”. Anita Mack led an interactive bible study based on Luke 4: 35-41 on the fear and lack of faith of the disciples, and how we react to sudden changes in our lives. Our afternoon speaker was the Rev. David Pandy-Szekeres who serves with the Reformed Church of Sub-Carpathian Ukraine. He spoke and used pictures to tell of the challenges he and his wife Anna face working with the Christian schools for Hungarian students and outreach to Roma/Gypsy communities. Our group was moved to donate the offering to assist with this work.

We now have three members on the Regional Staff Committee, namely Ruth Davidson (convener elect), Mary Moorhead and Henny Donkersteeg. A search is on for one other, hopefully from Montreal Presbyterial.

The 2011/2012 Mission Study, *Ride the Cariboo Trail: Ministry and Mission Insights from Cariboo Presbyterian Church* is now available and a copy should have been received in all your churches.

Together with Catherine Blatch, Margaret Reynolds and Jean Macdonald, I will be attending the WMS fall meeting, November 3rd to 5th in Toronto.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Hilliard, President

Our 2012 annual meeting will be held in April at St. Andrew’s Church, Carleton Place, Ontario.

Synod Webservant Report, 2011

The Synod site continues to reside on the national church's server at www.presbyterian.ca/geosynod/

Currently, the presbyteries' stats re: e-mail and church websites are as follows:

Quebec:

5 e-mail addresses, 1 church website
(8 congregations in 8 charges, 4 vacant)
100% of ministers have e-mail

Montreal:

38 e-mail addresses, 11 church websites - up from 6 in 2009
(35 congregations in 33 charges, 8 vacant, 2 supply, 2 summer supply, 2 stated supply)
100% of ministers and stated supply have e-mail

Seaway-Glengarry:

14 e-mail addresses, 13 church websites, up from 9 in 2009
(27 congregations in 14 charges, 2 vacant, 1 stated supply)
100% of minister, stated supply and one vacant charge have e-mail

Ottawa:

37 e-mail addresses, 19 church websites, up from 17 in 2009
(20 congregations in 19 charges and one extension work, 3 vacant)
100% of ministers and 2 vacant charges have e-mail

Lanark-Renfrew:

14 e-mail addresses, 6 church websites, up from 5 in 2009
(21 congregations in 15 charges, 5 vacant)
100% of the ministers and 1 vacant charge have e-mail

In total 100% of the ministers and known stated supply have e-mail addresses, as well as several of the vacant charges. In the entire synod only 16 of the 111 congregations in 89 charges do not have known e-mail addresses. Awesome! (*note: in an increasing number of cases churches may have two or more e-mail addresses, including one for the church office and one or more for the clergy; for these statistics, a church with an interim minister or various forms of supply have not been labeled vacant*)

The synod site consists of two main pages, one listing the churches by presbytery, including e-mail and web address links, and one listing the appendices and retired missionaries by presbytery, including e-mail addresses (where known). The listings are similar to those found in the back of the Acts and Proceedings. The main synod page also includes links to camp sites, a list of the Synod executive, reports for the Synod annual meeting(s) and links to various national church youth pages.

Listings are updated periodically based on input from contacts within the presbyteries and the list of changes sent out from the national church office, as well as occasional detective work using other sources such as ads and vacancy listings in the Presbyterian Record.

*Gord Walford
Synod Webservant
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Synod Historian's Report

I am completely new to this job and so will be finding my way for a while. As I understand it, synod history includes not only that which the synod has done corporately, but also people and events at the presbytery and congregational level, as well as significant happenings within the bounds of the synod that have involved Presbyterians or had an impact on Presbyterianism. In other words, there is wide scope for gathering information about the history of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in this synod. Please send me any suggestions you have regarding the role of the synod historian.

Some things we are working on:

1. Oral History. It is important to preserve a record of the past through the eyes of older ministers, elders and members by means of 'taped' interviews. I plan to do some of this myself and would welcome any material others deem worthwhile. My e-mail is firstpc.minister@bellnet.ca .
2. "Christian Faith and the University" conference, fall 2013. I am serving on a committee that is planning an academic history conference to be held in Montreal in 2013 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of W. Stanford Reid, Presbyterian minister and Canadian historian. For a number of years Dr Reid served congregations in the Presbytery of Montreal and also taught history at McGill. The conference will explore the relationship between Christianity and the world of the university, a subject Dr Reid was vitally interested in. Several outstanding plenary speakers have been booked, including David Bebbington, Mark Noll and Carl Trueman. A website will be up and running soon.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Vaudry

Regional Staff Committee Report

The year began with hope that General Assembly would find funds to continue funding levels from 2010 but this was not the case. The five Presbyteries were contacted to determine the willingness of Presbyteries to continue to supply the needed funds as was done in 2011. The response was relatively positive and so the committee presents recommendation 2 below to address the funding shortfall for the year 2012.

There are still some concerns regarding the contract and job description as well as the overall goals for Regional Staff. Although a contract was approved last year by Synod it has yet to be signed. A request was made to the Presbyteries for feedback but this proved to be less than fruitful. Over the next year, the committee will evaluate the regional staff positions by asking for feedback from the synod and synodical. A questionnaire/survey will be sent to the Presbyteries and Presbyterials to see what the WMS, congregations and Presbyteries see as goals and expectations for the Regional Staff workers. The committee will compile the results and after analysis make a recommendation to synod in 2012 regarding the regional staff job description(s) and contract. Upon this review the committee will also make further recommendations regarding funding from Synod.

Pending the approval of Synod Council's recommendation regarding the Synod Youth Committee the Regional Staff committee recognizes that some of the advocacy of the former committee will rest with them as a committee of Regional Staff.

The committee is happy to see that Camp D'Action Biblique has found an executive director which has lifted those duties from Anita's shoulders. The committee is grateful for Anita's extra work at CAB over the past few years recognizing that her leadership was essential and needed and has contributed greatly to its ongoing mission.

Recommendation:

1. moved by _____ seconded _____ that Synod thank the Regional Staff for their ongoing work with congregations, youth and children.
2. moved by _____ seconded _____ that Synod finance from their budget the necessary funds to provide for two 2/3 time Regional Staff positions for the year 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke Vanderkamp (convenor)

Regional Staff Report to Synod 2011

Christine Ball

I have been pleased to serve the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario for the past ten years. The job has evolved and changed as the demands and needs of congregations have changed and each month and year has been a little different. I would like to think that this is the type of ministry that is responsive to the current needs of congregations. I enjoy the variety of tasks and requests that arise from congregations.

I think that the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario has developed a good model for regional staff that is unique to our synod. The region I cover (Presbytery of Lanark Renfrew, Presbytery of Seaway-Glendale and the Presbytery of Ottawa) is smaller geographically than any of my regional staff colleagues but the job description has been broader than other Regional Staff. This fact means that I may be invited into a congregation in multiple capacities Mission Education, Congregational Development, Christian Education and Youth. This is a real advantage for me in fully understanding and more effectively respond to the congregations as each has its own unique character. In a single congregation I may be invited to participate in elder training, training Sunday School teachers, attend a mission event, help congregations implement "Leading with Care", lead a spirituality workshop or support work with the youth and children.

I was recently asked by one Presbytery what I have been doing for congregations in the Synod?

Elder Training: New Elder Training, Re-visiting Ordination Vows, Term Service for Elders, Pastoral Care, Prayer, Growing in Faith.

Teacher Training: Individual work with Superintendents of Sunday School, CE Meetings and Year Planning, Curriculum Options, New Curriculum Orientation, Young Children and Worship Intro and Training, Teacher Appreciation and Enrichment, Lesson Planning, Special Needs Children, Age Group Characteristics, Inter-generational Worship.

Leading With Care: Introduction to the Policy, Board of Managers Building Survey, Leading with Care Committee/Session Check List, Teacher Orientation, Group Teacher Interview, Discipline, Fire Procedures, Epi Pen Training.

Natural Church Development: Coaching: Introduction to NCD, Planning for the Survey, Conducting the Survey, Entering Data, Interpreting and Understanding the Data, Planning and Implementation.

Congregational Support: Prayer and Pastoral Care, Spiritual Gifts Inventory, Spirituality Centres, Spirituality Types Inventory, Welcoming and Greeters Workshop, Strategic Planning, Visioning, Mission Statement Workshop, Effective Teams/Spiritual Leadership, Communicating in Meetings, SWOT.

Youth Ministry: Leadership Development of youth, youth leaders, camp staff, and parents of youth, Bullying Workshops Communicating with your teen/parents, Discipleship, Youth and the Arts, Mission for Youth, Peer Ministry Training, Confirmation,

Support of Youth: Youth ministry forum in Ottawa, Soul Harbour Spirituality Centre, regional youth events, meet with sessions and CE teams re: youth ministry, workshops for youth worship, promotion of Youth ministries such as CY, YIM, Gracefield, Open Table, PCSS, Chaplaincy.

Mission: Promote missions, Mission speaker on Mission Sunday or special occasions, Presentations on the difference between PWS&D and Presbyterian Sharing, Support of WMS (worship, Bible study, devotions, induction of executive), introduce Congregational Mission Study, Support of CGIT.

I enjoy the daily contact with people and try to respond to email and phone calls requesting information and resources in a timely manner. This position has enabled me to make many friends and acquaintances in congregations across Eastern Ontario and I welcome opportunities to hear about what congregations are doing and serving.

REPORT TO THE SYNOD OF QUEBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO (2010-2011)

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

The year 2010/2011 was a challenging one. It started with the 2010 Synod grappling with the funding cuts to Regional Staff. While some Presbyteries had prepared for the new financial reality, others had not. Although it was a bit hectic to have to deal with this unexpected business on the floor of Synod, I am grateful that the budget was carefully examined and that money was found to keep the two Regional Staffing jobs at 2/3 time. Some confusion around job description, job title and contract still needs to be ironed out.

Another challenge concerned Camp d'action biblique. In February 2011, the Presbytery of Quebec decided to redesign the organizational model of the camp and the CAB committee was therefore dissolved. However, the new structure did not get off the ground as easily as anticipated. The old CAB committee was reinstated in mid-May as the fast approaching camping season was in jeopardy. I spent six frantic weeks finding chaplains, counsellors, cooks, life-guard and kitchen help, doing publicity and getting the camp ready. Despite the initial scramble, the 2011 CAB ministry turned out very well in the end. We were blessed with Randy Johnston - an old friend of CAB - ready and willing to take on the part-time Executive Directorship of the camp. Best of all, thanks to Randy, Craig Dewar and other committee members, CAB is now fully accredited with the ACQ (Association des Camps du Québec).

Other than camp work (which has diminished greatly with the arrival of the Executive Director), I spend my time on congregational care, conflict resolution, clergy/leader support, providing resources, acting as a liaison between various arms of the church, report writing, facilitating fundraising for several ministries, preparation for Church Life committee meetings and other administrative duties. I was asked to write the Easter worship service for Glad Tidings, the Morning Watch for the *Look In Shout Out* women's conference and a report on this Women's Gathering for the Presbyterian Record. On occasion, I am invited to lead a Bible Study, do elder/leader training and provide workshops on topics such as *Leading with Care*, the Church Mission Study, Presbyterian polity, term service for elders, being a welcoming congregation and curriculum options. In the coming year, I hope to spend more time with the newer congregations in the Presbytery of Montreal so that they will become more firmly rooted within the Presbyterian Church in Canada. As 2012 is a *Canada Youth* year, I also expect to be involved with organizational aspects regarding this youth conference.

If you would like to arrange for a workshop, or if you need information, resources or support for your ministry, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I would like to express my gratitude to the WMS, the Synod, presbyteries, colleagues, friends, family and all who have provided support and encouragement over the years.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Mack - anitamack@sympatico.ca; 450-923-0794

BACKGROUND

"The following recommendation was made at the last meeting of the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario, moved by James Hurd and seconded by Warren Wong, 'that a committee be struck at the 136th synod meeting October 15-16, 2010, 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 137th synod meeting.'"

The Moderator, Rev. Doug Robinson named the following to the committee: Rev. Dr. Floyd McPhee, Convenor; Rev. Robert Martin (Seaway-Glengarry Presbytery); Joan Hilliard (Lanark-Renfrew Presbytery); Druse Bryan (Montreal Presbytery); Rev. Giancarlo Fantechi (Quebec Presbytery); Gordon Walford (Ottawa Presbytery).

The Committee met on April 28, 2011 at Knox Presbyterian Church in Vankleek Hill, Ontario. A document, REPORT ON SYNOD, by Michael Pettem, a letter from Rev. James Hurd, and Notes from the Presbytery of Montreal regarding the future of synod were received and discussed. Comments from representatives of the Presbytery of Quebec, and the Presbytery of Lanark-Renfrew were verbally presented. Over the next several months committee members shared through email their views regarding the present and future state of the synod.

The committee focused its attention around the question: what purpose, if any, does the synod have in the life and witness of the Church, and if it does have a purpose, what changes, if any, should be made in the way synod functions in the future.

Upon extensive reflection the committee decided that the synod does have an important and significant role to play in the Church, and this could be best realized in continuing to meet each year, rotating in different places throughout the five Presbyteries. The committee concluded that the synod should meet as a commissioned court, and in alternating years as a fully represented court using a conference style format. After considering the financial cost of holding a conference style synod every other year, the committee modified its view, as reflected in Recommendation 2. Excellent facilities may be available for a conference style synod at Notre Dame de la Providence Retreat House, 1754 St. Joseph Blvd., Orleans, K1C 7CG. Sister Jocelyne is the contact person at 613-824-1610. The Retreat House has 59 single rooms, with a large chapel, a large meeting room, and a smaller meeting room. Costs for synod were roughly estimated to be around \$75.00 per person, including 3 meals and accommodation. The committee suggests that \$6,000 would cover any increase in costs, as well as bringing in a Theme Speaker for the synod.

The committee also considered whether some synod committees had lost their usefulness and should be disbanded. It noted that the Mission Committee had recommended to synod in 2010 that it be eliminated. There are those on the Mission committee who feel the committee had had little or no influence on decisions made by Canada Ministries in allocating grants within the synod. However, there is also some hope that there will be a change under the new Canada Ministries/The Vine. Therefore, the Special committee will not be making any recommendations concerning the Missions Committee. The Youth Committee was another concern of the Special Committee. The Youth

Committee has not met during the past year and has no chair. Christine Ball, Regional Staff, sees the need of such a committee, especially because of its involvement with Canada Youth which meets every three years. The committee helps with registration of youth from our synod, recruiting qualified adult supervisors, organizing information evenings, arranging transportation, etc. On the other hand Anita Mack, Regional Staff, sees no reason for the committee to continue. Cultural differences between the two regions that make up the synod, distances for youth to travel to any event, lack of numbers of youth, lack of available time for youth to be involved in synod programs, are some of the reasons why Anita believes the synod committee has lost its reason for existence. The Special Committee believes that if the synod would change the mandate of the Youth Committee to deal only with the Canada Youth event, it would make sense to have the committee continue. Or, if a way could be found to transfer the responsibilities for the Canada Youth event elsewhere there would be little need for the Youth Committee to continue.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Special Committee believes that the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario, consisting of the five present Presbyteries, does have a vital role to play in the life of the Church. It supports the view presented by James T. Hurd, that "the synod's value is found within its purpose to offer the following:

- a gathering for pastors and elders,
- a court of the church for judicial review,
- an opportunity for exploring weighty matters (Book of Forms 274),
- an opportune time for providing education options,
- an occasion for fostering fellowship and strengthening ties."

Based on the above description of the purpose and function of the synod, and believing that synod can further strengthen ministry within it's bounds, the committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the synod continue as a "commissioned court" except when it meets as a fully represented court at a conference style meeting. By being a commissioned court it provides Presbyteries the opportunity to select elders and ministers to represent them assuring that representatives from each Presbytery attend the synod meetings.
2. On a trial basis the synod meet as a fully represented court consisting of the constituent members of the five Presbyteries, every third year, beginning in 2013, in a conference style synod and that synod apply to the Life and Missions Agency for a conference grant to help pay for the additional costs.

Respectfully submitted, Floyd McPhee, Convenor,
Committee to examine the role, structure and function of Synod

CAMP D'ACTION BIBLIQUE – October 2011

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

1. QCA Accreditation. I am pleased to report that Camp d'action biblique has been accredited by the Quebec Camping Association for 2012 camping season. This would not have been possible without the grant from the Presbyterian Church in Canada and the recurring funding that we receive from the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario. Your patience, understanding and support has made this possible. On behalf of the Camp Committee thank-you very much.
2. I am also pleased to report that the Presbytery of Quebec and the Presbytery of Montreal have struck a combined committee to determine how we could make better use of the camp, how the two Presbyteries might work more closely together concerning the common objectives and to reflect together on the future direction. It is hoped that the initial meeting of this committee will be held in mid November.
3. CAB committee. Since May the committee have welcomed three new members: Rev John Barry Forsyth, Rev Ross Davidson and Kathleen Johanson an elder from Quebec City. We now have a total of eight on the committee.
4. Staff and campers for 2011. There were 69 camper weeks and 21 different staff (totaling 73 staff weeks) involved with CAB this past summer.
5. Part-time positions. Randy Johnston and John Janzen in the part-time positions of Executive Director and Maintenance help have worked out well. On the maintenance side, Gary Johnston, Michel Randlett and William Randlett also greatly contributed. The maintenance crew worked well together and the camp is in very good shape.
6. Open House July 2nd, 2011. A good time was had by all. The weather was great; Richard Bonetto led an inspiring worship service, with Antony Romarokoto on the keyboard. Everyone enjoyed an excellent supper and had the opportunity to renew acquaintances.
7. The following is the status of property projects:

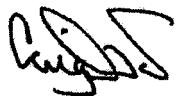
- a. General Upkeep included numerous general maintenance and upkeep tasks;
- b. New Washroom. Thanks to the Rev Luke Vanderkamp and family work on male guest bathroom progressed and prior to closing up the camp for the winter, the deck and railings were stained by Gary Johnston;
- c. Old washroom; the new Motel was open for business mid July and is 98% complete. A \$10,000 grant from the PCC allowed the work to be done much sooner; and
- d. Priorities for 2012. The priority items for next year are: Leveling of the Oasis (dining hall) and rewiring the electrical connection from the old to the new Bell Canada telephone pole. With a camp built primarily in the early 1960s there will always be maintenance jobs to do, finances permitting.

8. Fall retreat. A very successful fall retreat, led by Randy Johnston was held the weekend of September 9th-11th, 2011. The weather was great and the group of 14 campers and staff enjoyed an excellent weekend of fellowship with the theme “on the rock” highlighted by an outing to Baldwin Mills.

9. CAB website. The CAB website continues to be a work in progress and can be viewed at: <http://www.cabqc.ca/>.

10. Financial. I am pleased to report that we remain in the black and, to a large extent, have been able to continue operating because of the generous support of the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario through your annual contribution.

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



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Attached - Draft schedule for 2012

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October 19, 2011.

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

The Presbytery of Ottawa is pleased to submit this report on its oversight of the Board of Directors of the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre.

At its October, 2010 stated meeting, the Presbytery of Ottawa received the bi-annual report from the Board of Directors of the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre, which summarised progress on a number of issues and outlined some of the strategic planning underway, priorities being to focus and renew the children's camping programme; to develop a programme of directed spiritual retreats; and to engage the tent and trailer community. The 2010 camping season was the first under the leadership of the new Executive Director, Relena Lyddon Myers. The board reported a successful visit from the representative of the Quebec provincial camping association in mid-July secured the renewal of the camp's accreditation. On recommendation of the board of directors, the presbytery appointed Matthew Klassen, a member of Knox Church, Manotick, and an accountant with a major accounting firm, to the board to serve as treasurer for a three-year term.

At its November, 2010 stated meeting, the presbytery received a year-to-date financial statement to October 31, 2010 from the board.

At its January, 2011 stated meeting, the Presbytery of Ottawa approved the dispersal of the proceeds of the sale of the building of the former Erskine Church, Ottawa, which congregation amalgamated with Westminster Church, Ottawa in 2007. Part of these proceeds have been assigned to the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre, and until their use is determined by the board of directors, have been invested with the consolidated portfolio of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

At its June, 2011 stated meeting, the Presbytery of Ottawa re-appointed to the board for a three-year term Terry Flett of Gloucester Church, Ottawa, and appointed David Kilgour, a member of Westminster Church, Ottawa and a long-time former Member of Parliament; and Peter Lamont, a member of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa and a lawyer.

At its June, 2011 stated meeting, the presbytery also received a report from the Board of Directors which included preliminary but unreviewed financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2010, and the presbytery directed the board to present complete and reviewed statements to the October, 2011 stated meeting.

At its October, 2011 stated meeting, held October 18th, the Board of Directors reported that although it had held a special meeting in July, 2011 and engaged a new accounting firm which had given assurances that the financial review for the year 2010 would be completed for presentation to the board in late September, 2011, the review of the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2010 was yet to be completed. The board also informed the presbytery that certain filings with the

Canada Revenue Agency were outstanding. The Executive Director and several members of the board met with the Business Committee of the presbytery and with the presbytery, at which these issues were discussed. The presbytery received assurances from the board that the Executive Director together with the members of the board were working to resolve the issues with the Canada Revenue Agency, and that the Executive Director was working with the auditors to finalise the 2010 financial review. The board also reported that going forward an accountant has been engaged to review financial statements on a monthly basis and report same to the treasurer of the board.

The Presbytery of Ottawa expects to receive at its November, 2011 stated meeting the completed and reviewed financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2010, year-to-date statements for 2011, and a comprehensive plan from the Board of Directors to address the financial situation.

The Board of Directors reported to the presbytery at the October, 2011 stated meeting that 2011 had been a fruitful summer with respect to its ministry to children, families, and adults, fostering exploration of and growth in faith and relationship to Jesus Christ, although the number of campers for the children's programmes was down approximately ten percent for the year 2011 compared to previous year. Many campers who did attend were permitted to do so through significant campership support, and the board indicated that it was reviewing the campership policies. The board also indicated that weekend bookings for the fall and winter were strong, but that numbers for congregational retreats have also been down.

The Presbytery of Ottawa was pleased to learn from the Board of Directors that significant progress has been made in designing and preparing for the installation of the new water treatment system, and that the board is awaiting approval from the provincial government in Quebec for the installation, which is scheduled to be undertaken either this fall prior to freeze-up, or, more likely, in the early spring of 2012. The presbytery continues to hold in trust the funds received from the synod for the water and septic system projects at Gracefield, pending the implementation of this work.

The present membership of the Board of Directors is as follows:

David Kilgour		2011-2014
Peter Lamont		2011-2014
Terry Flett	Health & Safety/Facilities	2011-2014
Ruth Coulton	Program	2010-2013
Sandy Higgs Nesbitt	Outreach and Communications	2010-2013
Julie Madden	Governance and Policy	2010-2013
Matt Klassen	Treasurer	2010-2013
Douglas Kendall	Chair	2009-2012
Gary Pluim	Fundraising	2009-2012
Ruth Draffin	Personnel	2009-2012

All of which is respectfully submitted,

In Christ's service,

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

SYNOD OF QUEBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO
The Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew
THE REVEREND JAMES EDWARDS PHILPOTT

James Edwards Philpott, whose lifelong passion was for Jesus Christ and the ministry of the Church, was summoned home to the nearer presence of his Lord and Saviour on April 2, 2011.

Born February 11, 1922 in Moulmein, Burma to missionary parents Henry and Anna Philpott, Jim along with his older brother Herb spent their early years in Atlantic Canada and in Ontario as his father served a number of rural and small-town congregations.

After his family moved to Montreal, Jim became more directly involved in Christian ministry with university and high school students with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in eastern Ontario and Quebec. Through IVCF, he met his beloved Phyllis (Phyd) Crawley of Ottawa. They married in 1951. While he and Phyd raised their family of six children, Jim worked as a Chartered Accountant in Ottawa.

After Phyd's death in 1978, Jim pursued a long-held dream to study for pastoral ministry with The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Graduating in 1982 from Knox College, Toronto with the certificate of the college, he accepted an appointment as an ordained missionary to serve at Chatsworth and Dornoch, in the Presbytery of Bruce-Maitland. He was licensed and ordained by the Presbytery of Ottawa on June 27, 1982.

On January 21, 1986, he was received back into the Presbytery of Ottawa, and from April 1, 1986 served as stated supply at St. Andrew's Church (Aylmer), Gatineau for a number of years. The recommendation of the committee of the presbytery conducting the regular visitation to this congregation, adopted by the court on March 21, 1989 was "that the Rev. James Philpott be commended for his valued and supportive ministry of Word and Sacrament to this small congregation, seen as precious, above full value, 'pressed down and running over' by the congregation". Upon his retirement, when not supplying various pulpits, Jim attended St. Paul's Church, Ottawa. In his final years he resided in Perth, where he shared in fellowship at St. Andrew's Church; on January 20, 2004, his name was transferred to the appendix to the roll of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew.

Jim is survived by his brother Herbert; his daughter Jan (Reiner) Kuehn; his sons Stephen (fiancee Beth Driscoll); Mark (Pam); John (Alison); and Pep (Jane); his daughter-in-law Tanya; eleven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents; his sister-in-law Muriel; his wife Phyllis; his son Peter (2007); and two granddaughters: Emily Ruth (1986); and Emily Katherine (1991).

James Philpott will be remembered for his love of family, of reading and music, for his wit, but above all for his love for Christ. He was a man of the word of God and of prayer, and was the "fragrance of Jesus" which lingered long with those whom he met.

The funeral was held at St. Andrew's Church, Perth, on April 6, 2011, conducted by M. Savage, assisted by E. Stevens, with representatives of the Presbyteries of Lanark and Renfrew; Ottawa; and Kingston in attendance. A private family interment followed on April 7, 2011 at Beechwood Cemetery, Ottawa.

"For from him and through him and to him are all things, to him be the glory forever! Amen."
(Romans 11: 36, NIV)

MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF QUÉBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO 1945- 2011

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

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1987	Montréal	Linda Bell, B.A., M.Div.	Lanark and Renfrew
1988	Iroquois	Fred Rennie, M.Th., D.D.	Glengarry
1989	Cornwall	Nicholas Vandermay, M.Th.	Brockville
1990	Gloucester	Daniel H. Forget, M.Th.	Québec
1991	Richmond	Floyd McPhee, M.A., D.Min.	Ottawa
1992	Gracefield	Wally Hong, B.Sc., S.T.M.	Montréal
1993	Smiths Falls	Larry Paul, B.A., B.D., S.T.M., M.A.	Lanark and Renfrew
1994	Montréal	Garry van Bruchem, S.T.M., M.A., D.Min.	Seaway-Glengarry
1995	Ingleside	Garry Morton, B.A.	Ottawa
1996	Ottawa	J.S.S. Armour, B.A., B.D., S.T.M., D.D., M.A.	Montréal
1997	Renfrew	Ruth Syme, B.A., B.Ed., M.A., Dip.Min., Ph.D.	Lanark and Renfrew
1998	Montréal	Ian MacLean, B.A., B.Th., M.Div.	Seaway-Glengarry
1999	Prescott	Anthony Boonstra, B.Ed., B.Th., M.Div.	Ottawa
2000	Ottawa	Daniel Shute, B.A., M.Div., L.M.S., Ph.D.	Montréal
2001	Arnprior	Joan Hilliard	Lanark and Renfrew
2002	Lachute	J. Ross. H. Davidson, B.A., B.D.	Québec
2003	Kemptville	Geoffrey P. Howard, B.A., B.Th., M.Div.	Seaway-Glengarry
2004	Ottawa	Charlene E. Wilson, B.A., B.Th., M.Div.	Ottawa
2005	Lennoxville	John P. Vaudry, B.A., S.T.M.	Montréal
2006	Smiths Falls	James M. Patterson, B.A., B.Th., M.Div.	Lanark and Renfrew
2007	Montréal	Giancarlo Fantechi, B.A., B.Th., M.Div.	Québec
2008	Ingleside	Mark Bourgon, B.A., M.Div.	Seaway-Glengarry
2009	Ottawa	James T. Hurd, B.A., M.Div.	Ottawa
2010	Melbourne	Douglas Robinson, B.A., M.Div., Th.D.	Montréal
2011	Perth	Marilyn Savage, B.Mus., M.T.S., M.Div.	Lanark and Renfrew