

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

MINUTES AND REPORTS

**The 139th Synod Meeting
October 18th and 19th, 2013**

**St. John's Presbyterian Church
Cornwall, Ontario**

THE PRESBYTERY OF SEAWAY-GLENGARRY



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OF THE SYNOD OF QUÉBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO
ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
CORNWALL, ONTARIO
OCTOBER 18th – 19th, 2013

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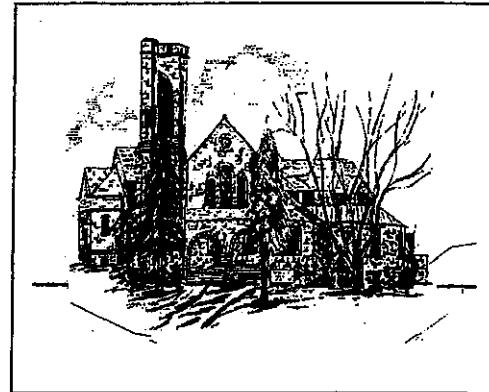


St. John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall, Ontario

“Living Faith” speaks of the Church as “Christ together with His people, called both to worship and to serve Him in all of life” (Art. 7.1.1). In the mystery of God’s will He first called together a small band of people in 1787 in Cornwall (then called New Johnstown), under the itinerant ministry of the Rev. John Bethune of Williamstown. Cornwall was then one of a number of places where this man of God shared His gifts for many years. From such a fragile beginning grew a congregation of the Reformed/Presbyterian Tradition that continues to worship Christ and to serve Him in many ways in this community.

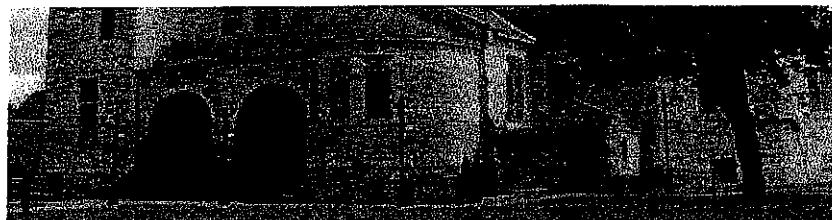
Upon the death of Bethune in 1815, this “Scotch Congregation” was, for a time, ministered to by Masters of the local Grammar school, until 1827 when the Rev. Hugh Urquhart arrived from Scotland, after a short stay in Montreal. A half-finished building for worship was quickly completed on the east side of Pitt Street, a Session of Elders was organized for good government, and in 1831 the name “St. John’s” was chosen. The only other Church in the community at the time was Trinity Anglican Church. Dr. Urquhart ministered to St. John’s until his death in 1871, building up a strong congregation with great influence for good in the growing community.

In 1888-89 under the direction of his successor, the Rev. Dr. Neil MacNish, the congregation built their existing building on Second Street East, moving just a little east of Pitt Street, which by then was becoming very commercialized. This impressive building, built of limestone quarried locally, was a sign not only of expansion but of solid determination to preach and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the community, a task that has not changed through the years. Seventy years later (1959) Caldwell Hall was built to meet the needs of an expanding congregation and ministry.



Urquhart and MacNish were the initial “builders” of the congregation, but their successors have continued their faithful labours for Christ. Sessions and Managers have provided strong leadership for the education of youth and sharing the Gospel with the community in many concrete ways. Following WW II women expanded their leadership roles in the congregation as well. The Rev. Ruth Draffin was inducted into office in April 2003.

While honouring her past years in the Reformed tradition, St. John’s has not ignored present or future, in worship or in serving Jesus Christ in Cornwall and area. The congregation continues to fulfill the injunction of *Living Faith* – “Christ... with His people... called... to worship and to serve Him”. You are warmly invited to share with others in such a high calling.



**THE MINUTES (EXCLUDING REPORTS) OF
THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINTH MEETING
OF
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FIRST SEDERUNT

In the City of Cornwall, Ontario and within St. John's Presbyterian Church, on Friday the eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen, at nine o'clock in the morning.

At which place and time, ministers and ruling elders from the five 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 Beaconsfield, Québec, in its final sederunt on the twentieth day of October 2012.

The public worship of God was held in the sanctuary of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall, Ontario. The service was conducted by the Moderator of the 138th Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, the Rev. John Barry Forsyth, and included a message entitled "The Telling of Stories: The Story of True Greatness is a Story of Servanthood".

SYNOD CONSTITUTED

At nine-thirty o'clock in the morning, the Moderator, the Rev. John Barry Forsyth, constituted the Synod with prayer in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, to transact all the business which might properly come before it.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The clerk read the names of elders within the synod who had died during the previous year, followed by the reading of a memorial minute for Margaret Williams and John MacFarlane.

- 1) From the Presbytery of Québec
(no names received)
- 2) From the Presbytery of Montréal
(no names received)
- 3) From the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry
Elders: Harold MacInnes, Kenyon Church, Dunvegan; Kenneth "Earl" Baker, Knox Church, Morrisburg; Hugh Ralph Stewart, St. Paul's Church, Kemptville; Marina Simpson, Knox Church, Morrisburg; David Lewis, First Church, Brockville; Willy-Marie Gillingham, St. John's Church, Cornwall.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE (cont'd):

4) From the Presbytery of Ottawa

Diaconal Minister: Margaret Christine Williams, Parkwood Church.

Elders: Dora Cummings, formerly Knox Church, Manotick; Margaret Kennett, Knox Church, Ottawa; John Alexander MacFarlane, St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa; Ruby Buchanan, Knox Church, Manotick; John A. Carlson, St. Timothy's Church, Ottawa; Robert Brown, St. Andrew's Church, Richmond; Jean Craig, St. David and St. Martin Church, Ottawa; Percy Neill Stinson, Knox Church, Manotick; Marlene du Charme, Knox Church, Ottawa; John Stanley (Jack) Warner, St. Andrew's Church.

5) From the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew

Elders: Robert John Ferguson, Elphin Church, Elphin; Stewart McGregor, Renfrew Church, Renfrew; Robert Duncan Birse, St. Andrew's Church, Perth; Donald Lowry, St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place; Williams Lockwood, Renfrew Church, Renfrew.

The passing of Dr. Lois Klempa was noted. Lois held many offices and titles within the church. She served on the synod Regional Staffing Committee for several years, including as committee convener from 2002-2004.

The Moderator offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the devotion and service offered to the Church by all the servants who had passed on. The prayer included a moment of silence.

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Jonah Ho that the memorial records presented to the synod be included in the minutes of the 139th synod meeting.
ADOPTED.

The Memorial Records for Diaconal Minister Mrs. Margaret Williams and ruling elder Mr. John MacFarlane, are found at Appendix X— pages 59-61.

WELCOME

On behalf of the session and congregation of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall, the Rev. Ruth Draffin welcomed the members of synod, visitors and guests to the 139th annual meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario.

ROLL OF SYNOD

Recommendation No. 1

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Jonah Ho that the Roll of Synod be established from the Rolls of the Presbyteries within the bounds of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, and substitute elders. ADOPTED.

* regrets Friday ** regrets Saturday underlined name indicates a member of Synod Council

Presbytery of Quebec

Ministers: Katherine Burgess, John Barry Forsyth

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ROLL OF SYNOD (cont'd):

Presbytery of Montreal

Ministers: Gregory Davidson *, Sybil Mosley, Jonah Ho, Dan Shute, Barry Mack,
Elders: Jessie Ambe, David Christiani, Moira Robson, Warren Wong

Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry

Ministers: Julia Apps-Douglas, Ruth Draffin, Jim Ferrier, Geoff Howard, Samer Kandalaft, Bruce Kemp, Harold Kouwenberg, Ian MacMillan **

Elders: Angie Cowan **, Charles Eadie, Wendy Froats, Laverne Gilkes *, Ann Langabeer, Debra-Ann McBride **, Heather McIntosh, Darlene Orzel, Peter Oxtobee, James Purcell *, Beth Short, Neil Williams

Presbytery of Ottawa

Ministers: Denise Allen-Macartney **, William Ball, Susan Clarke, Kelly Graham,
James T. Hurd, Douglas Kendall **, Daniel MacKinnon, Alex Mitchell, Scott Sinclair *

Diakonal Minister: Christine Ball

Elders: David Brittain, Debi Brown, Sandra Currie, John Davidson, Clinton Gaebel **,
Ronald Loyer, Olive O’May **, Sheila Selley, Gordon Walford, Philip Winkelaar

Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew

Ministers: Karen Hincke, John Vaudry

Elders: Joan Hilliard, Margaret Greer, Grete Halsall

VISITORS

Members of Synod Council: Ross Davidson, Donna McIlveen, David Morris, Michael Pettem**

Regional Staff: Anita Mack

REGRETS (both Friday and Saturday)

Presbytery of Montréal

Minister: Ian Victor Elder: Druse Bryan

Presbytery of Ottawa

Ministers: Philip Kim, Shaun Seaman, David Stewart, George Zimmerman

Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew

Ministers: Benoit Cousineau, Patricia Van Gelder

ELECTION OF THE MODERATOR

The time having come to elect a Moderator to preside over the 139th Meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, the clerk reported that two nominations for Moderator had been received from three 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 Seaway-Glengarry. The nominees were: the Rev. Harold Kouwenberg from the Presbytery of Québec and the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry; the Rev. Samer Kandalaf from the Presbytery of Ottawa. The clerk contacted the nominees prior to the synod meeting. The Rev. Samer Kandalaf withdrew his name. The Rev. Harold Kouwenberg agreed to let his nomination stand.

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ELECTION OF MODERATOR (cont'd):

MOTION: It was moved by David Christiani and seconded by Katherine Burgess that the name of the Rev. Harold Kouwenberg be placed before the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario as a nominee for Moderator of the 139th synod meeting. **ADOPTED.**

The Moderator, the Rev. John Barry Forsyth, called for nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations.

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Denise Allen-Macartney that nominations cease. **ADOPTED.**

The Moderator, the Rev. John Barry Forsyth declared the Rev. Harold Kouwenberg elected Moderator of the 139th Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, by acclamation.

INSTALLATION OF THE MODERATOR

Moderator elect, the Rev. Harold Kouwenberg was invited to step forward. The Moderator, the Rev. John Barry Forsyth, asked the court the appointed questions, followed by the appointed questions to the moderator elect. The Rev. John Barry Forsyth then offered prayer and installed the Rev. Harold Kouwenberg as Moderator of the 139th Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario. The Rev. John Barry Forsyth then offered the right hand of fellowship to the Rev. Harold Kouwenberg.

The Rev. Harold Kouwenberg thanked the Court for their confidence in electing him as Moderator of the 139th Synod meeting. He expressed hope for a year of service in the name of Christ Jesus, and asked for prayers for God's wisdom and strength.

The Moderator then thanked the Rev. John Barry Forsyth for his leadership service to the Court this past year.

The court showed its 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 Peter Oxtobee and seconded by Ian MacMillan that the proposed docket be received. **ADOPTED.**

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ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET (cont'd):

MOTION: It was moved by Susan Clarke and seconded by Kelly Graham that the proposed docket be amended to include a stated hour in the second sederunt to receive the report from the Presbytery of Ottawa on its oversight of the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre. **ADOPTED.**

MOTION: It was moved by Peter Oxtobee and seconded by Ian MacMillan that the proposed docket, as amended, be adopted. **ADOPTED.**

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MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Kelly Graham that all reports circulated in advance of the 139th Synod meeting be received and considered. **ADOPTED.**

MINUTES OF THE 138th SYNOD MEETING

The minutes of the 138th meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario were posted on the synod website, with each presbytery receiving a reduced number of print copies for distribution within their bounds. The number of print copies was reduced in response to Recommendation No. 2 (Finance Committee, page 28): "Cost reduction practices be used when producing documentation for distribution, for instance using distributed electronic files rather than printed documents where practicable."

Correction: the following correction was noted:

Page 23, COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, Synod Standing Committees: the dates listed for the Synod Representative to Assembly Council (Moira Robson) should correctly be 2011-2014.

MOTION: It was moved by David Christiani and seconded by James T. Hurd that the minutes of the 138th meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario be adopted, as corrected. **ADOPTED.**

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

MOTION: It was moved by Gordon Walford and seconded by Ian MacMillan that the following items of correspondence be received. **ADOPTED.**

1. Ian McDonald and Jennifer Bell, Canadian Ministries. Letter with cheque for \$1,000 to match funds raised by the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario to support participants attending Canada Youth 2014. Rec'd November 19, 2012.
➤ Cheque forwarded to synod treasurer
2. Karen Hincke, Clerk to the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew. Letter notifying the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario of their conviction that the synod has outlived its usefulness as a court of the church and that the presbytery encourages the Synod to dissolve itself and to engage in a discussion about this conviction. It further notifies the Synod that the presbytery has resolved to reduce their current commitment to the synod over the next three years, or until this is resolved, whichever comes first. The presbytery has 'accepted' as their assessment to the Synod the following amounts: \$6,000 for 2013; \$4,000 for 2014; \$2,000 for 2015 and \$0.00 for 2016. Rec'd December 7, 2012. (Appendix B – pages 3-4)

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CORRESPONDENCE REPORT (cont'd):

3. Christine Ball, Regional Staff, Eastern Ontario. Letter noting receipt of travel money rebate from Canada Youth 2012 in the amount of \$2,587.63. Rec'd via email December 22, 2012.
 - Cheque forwarded to synod treasurer
4. Jennifer Bell, program coordinator Canadian Ministries. Letter inviting the Synod to name 2 representatives to the Rural and Remote Canadian Ministries Conference to be held from Tuesday, May 14 to Friday, May 17 in Mississauga, Ontario. Deadline to submit names: February 1, 2013. Rec'd via email January 11, 2013.
 - Benoit Cousineau from the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew and Barbara Duguid from the Presbytery of Montréal attended.
5. Letter from the Synod Council to the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew, dated May 20, 2013.
(Appendix B – pages 5-7)

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Ian MacMillan that consideration of correspondence items Nos. 2 and 5 be deferred until after the report of the Finance Committee. **ADOPTED.**

6. Assembly Office. 137th Synod Minutes, October 2011, returned after examination by the 138th General Assembly – neatly and correctly kept. Rec'd June 21, 2013.
 - Received for information.
7. Nominations for synod moderator from the various presbyteries within the synod:
 - From the Presbytery of Québec (the Rev. Harold Kouwenberg) rec'd July 8, 2013.
 - From the Presbytery of Montréal (no nomination received)
 - From the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry (the Rev. Harold Kouwenberg) rec'd May 21/13.
 - From the Presbytery of Ottawa (the Rev. Samer Kandalaft) rec'd May 22, 2013.
 - From the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew (no nomination received)
 - Received for information.
8. Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk. Letter re Overture No. 3, Re: Optional elimination of synods. Request for name of synod rep to serve on a committee to consider the overture. Name to be submitted to Assembly Office by September 20, 2013. Rec'd July 26, 2013.
 - See Committee on Business, Recommendation No. 17.
9. La Vie Chrétienne. Two copies of the spring 2013 edition. Rec'd August 12, 2013.
 - Received for information.
10. Margrete Halsall, Clerk to the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew. Letter from Presbytery with three overtures: #1, Re: the dissolution of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario; #2, Re: the Elimination of the positions of Regional Staff; #3, Re: Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre. Rec'd via email September 2, 2013 and regular mail September 3, 2013.

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 - Overture No. 1 on the docket in the second sederunt. Overtures No. 2 and 3 on the docket following the Treasurer's Report.

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CORRESPONDENCE REPORT (cont'd):

11. James T. Hurd, Clerk to the Presbytery of Ottawa. Letter re request that the Presbytery of Ottawa be consulted should any change to the funding formula for the support of camping ministries be considered. Rec'd via email September 19, 2013.
12. David Morris, Finance Committee convener. Letter of resignation as committee convener. Rec'd via email September 23, 2013.
 - Deferred until after the Finance Committee Report
13. James T. Hurd, Clerk to the Presbytery of Ottawa. Letter with corrective case lodged by Andrew Johnston and transmitted to the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario. Rec'd via email October 17, 2013.

MOTION: It was moved by Geoff Howard and seconded by Katherine Burgess that correspondence item No. 13 be referred to the Business Committee. **ADOPTED.**

14. James T. Hurd, Clerk to the Presbytery of Ottawa. Letter with two resolutions adopted by the Presbytery of Ottawa at the regular stated meeting of October 15, 2013. The presbytery requests that a stated hour be proposed for Saturday afternoon for the report of the presbytery on its oversight of Gracefield, and a recommendation be put forward that permission for Bon E. Cummings, chair of the board of directors of the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre, and Alan Herbert, the treasurer, neither of whom are members of the court, be granted permission to speak during the presentation of the report. Rec'd via email October 17, 2013.
 - Re stated hour, see page 5, adoption of docket

REGIONAL STAFFING COMMITTEE

Reports from the Regional Staff (Appendix C – pages 10-13)

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

Each regional staff addressed their respective report and highlighted various aspects of their work and events they were involved with since the synod last met.

They thanked the court for the 12 years of service as Regional Staff and for the many opportunities to be with congregations, to minister to the people of all ages, and to be a resource for a variety of groups.

The Moderator thanked Christine Ball and Anita Mack for their ministry within the Synod as they assist, work with, and encourage congregations and presbyteries.

David Christiani also expressed words of thanks to Christine Ball and Anita Mack for each giving a human face to the important ministry with youth within the Synod.

The court expressed its gratitude to the Regional Staff with a round of applause.

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COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS

Consent Recommendation

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Kelly Graham that Recommendation Nos. 1-13 be adopted. **ADOPTED.**

Recommendation No. 1

That all members of Synod on the Constituent Roll of the presbyteries be recognized as having the right to vote on all matters before the court.

Recommendation No. 2

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.

Recommendation No. 3

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 synod members.

Recommendation No. 4

That the Rev. Dr. Gary Nelson be invited to address the synod on Friday afternoon and evening, and on Saturday morning.

Recommendation No. 5

That commissioners desiring to leave the Synod early, receive permission from the court through the Committee on the Roll and Leave to Withdraw.

Recommendation No. 6

That the Committee on the Roll and Leave to Withdraw be Jonah Ho and Warren Wong from the Presbytery of Montréal.

Recommendation No. 7

That the Committee to Examine Presbytery Minutes and Minutes of the Synod Council be convened by Ross Davidson from the Presbytery of Québec, with Margaret Greer and Karen Hincke from the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew, and that permission be granted to work during the meeting as necessary.

Recommendation No. 8

That the Committee on Courtesies be Julia Apps-Douglas and Heather McIntosh from the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry.

Recommendation No. 9

That the Committee to review the Minutes of the meeting of the 139th Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario be the Moderator of Synod and the Clerk of the Presbytery of Québec.

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COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS (cont'd):

Recommendation No. 10

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

Synod 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

vacant (Convener), Synod Treasurer (Ross Davidson), 5 Presbytery Treasurers, Presbytery Finance Conveners, or designate: Vickie Blouin (Québec), Peter McDougall (Montréal), Ian MacMillan (Seaway-Glengarry), Mark Ranson (Ottawa), Karen Hincke (Lanark and Renfrew).

Mission Committee / Robert Fund

Barry Mack (Convener), representatives from the 5 Presbytery Mission Committees: Vickie Blouin (Québec), Richard Bonetto (Montréal), Jim Ferrier (Seaway-Glengarry), vacant (Ottawa), Joan Hilliard (Lanark & Renfrew), and Richard Bonetto (representing Francophone ministries within the Presbyteries of Québec and Montréal) and the Synodical President.

The Regional Staffing Committee

Ruth Davidson (Convener), Henny Donkersteeg, Mary Moorhead and Druse Bryan (3 members from the Synodical) and Julia Apps-Douglas, Ross Davidson and Joan Forsythe (3 members from the Synod).

Synod Historian – John Vaudry.

Pension Board – Synod Corresponding Representative - Synod Treasurer.

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, John Davidson and synod clerk.

Synod Representative to Assembly Council – Moira Robson (2011-2014).

Synod Youth Working Group – Ruth Davidson, Anita Mack, Christine Ball, and vacant.

Recommendation No. 11

That the above be the Synod Committees for 2013-2014.

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COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS (cont'd):

Recommendation No. 12

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.

Recommendation No. 13

That the Moderator and the immediate Past Moderator, in consultation with the synod clerk and synod council, be appointed the Commission on Unfinished Business.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Appendix D – pages 14-15)

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Kelly Graham that the Finance Committee report, including the 2014 proposed expenditure budget, the 2014 proposed presbytery assessments, and the 5 year forecast be received and considered.
ADOPTED.

David Morris, Finance Committee convener, addressed the committee report.

The committee report contained the following financial statements:

- a) 2014 Proposed Budget of Expenditures (Appendix E – pages 16-17)
- b) 2014 Proposed Presbytery Assessments (Appendix G – page 20)
- c) 5-year Forecast (Appendix I – page 22)

Discussion ensued on the report.

It was agreed to move to the Treasurer's Report and to continue discussion on the Finance Committee report at a later time.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ross Davidson, treasurer, was invited to present the Treasurer's Report.

1. Treasurer's Report on Synod Finances from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012
(Appendix K – pages 24-25)
Auditor's Letter for 2012 (Appendix L – page 26)

Recommendation No. 1

It was moved by Douglas Kendall and seconded by Warren Wong that the Auditor's Letter of 2012 be received and the Treasurer's Report on Synod Finances from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 be adopted.

Discussion on the report ensued.

On being put to the vote, recommendation No. 1 was **ADOPTED**.

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TREASURER'S REPORT (cont'd):

2. Treasurer's Report on Synod Finances from January 1, 2013 to October 11, 2013
(Appendix M – pages 27-28)

Recommendation No. 2

It was moved by Ian MacMillan and seconded by John Davidson that the Treasurer's Report on Synod Finances from January 1, 2013 to October 11, 2013 be received for information.

Discussion on Recommendation No. 2 ensued.

Break – a break was held from 11:00 – 11:10 am.

Discussion on Recommendation No. 2 resumed.

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

3. Treasurer's Forecast for October 12, 2013 – December 31, 2013
(Appendix N – page 29)

Recommendation No. 3

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Barry Mack that the Treasurer's Forecast for October 12, 2013 – December 31, 2013 be received for information. ADOPTED.

4. Synod Reviewer

Recommendation No. 4

It was moved by Alex Mitchell and seconded by Douglas Kendall that Suzanne Aubre be engaged to review the Synod financial statements for the year 2013.

The matter of the frequency with which the synod books are audited was raised.

The treasurer noted that the synod financial statements are reviewed after each year end.

The last full audit of the synod financial statements was after the year end of December 31, 2005.

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

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT (cont'd from page 6)

1. Correspondence Item No. 10 – **Overture No. 2** re Elimination of Regional Staff positions

The Moderator invited a representative from the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew to speak to Overture No. 2.

Karen Hincke spoke to Overture No. 2.

MOTION: It was moved by John Davidson and seconded by James T. Hurd that further consideration of Overture No. 2 be deferred until after the report from the Regional Staffing Committee. ADOPTED.

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CORRESPONDENCE REPORT (cont'd):

2. Correspondence Item No. 10 – **Overture No. 3** re Gracefield Christian Camp & Retreat Centre

The Moderator invited a representative from the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew to speak to Overture No. 3.

Karen Hincke spoke to Overture No. 3.

Discussion on Overture No. 3 ensued.

It was noted that the clause which states that “other presbyteries within the Synod (i.e., the presbyteries of Quebec and of Montreal) have been absolved from support of the GCC because it is too remote from them for their use” is not accurate. At the Special Synod meeting of May 3, 2008 the Synod strongly affirmed the importance of and its support for Christian camping within its bounds. No presbytery has been absolved from support of the two camps within its bounds. The funding level for Christian camping is set at 0.66% of the dollar base, with the full proportion of the assessment assigned to the Presbyteries of Montréal and Québec is directed to Camp d'action biblique and the full proportion of the assessment assigned to the Ontario Presbyteries is directed to Gracefield.

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by William Ball that correspondence item No. 2 from the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew and correspondence item No. 5 from the Synod Council be received and considered. **ADOPTED.**

James T. Hurd provided background to the Synod Council's response as outlined in the letter.

It was agreed to bring forward Recommendation Nos. 14, 15 and 16 from the Committee on Business.

Recommendation No. 14

It was moved by Barry Mack and seconded by Kelly Graham that the Synod Council recommend to the Synod that, for this year only, the Synod forgive 25% of the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew's 2013 assessment.

It was noted that the 2013 assessment for the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew is \$18,066.83. A reduction by 25% would reduce the amount by \$4,516.70 to a new assessment of \$13,550.13. To date the Presbytery has remitted \$6,000. If the recommendation was adopted that would leaves a balance of \$7,550.13 for the Presbytery to remit to the Synod.

AMENDMENT

It was moved by Karen Hincke and seconded by Grete Halsall that the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario forgive anything in excess of \$6,000 of the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew's 2013 assessment.

Discussion on the amendment ensued.

The question was called for. The amendment was **DEFEATED.**

Discussion on Recommendation No. 14 resumed.

The question was called for. The recommendation was **ADOPTED.**

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Recommendation No. 15

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Alex Mitchell that the Synod Council recommend to the Synod that the Finance Committee review the current Synod budget and the financial position of the Synod and consult with the presbyteries within the bounds, and seek to determine if, and in what way, we can offer further relief in terms of the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew's expressed difficulty in meeting its assessment and the Synod's approved budget for the present year, with input from the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew with a view to determining the level of additional assistance in the form of deferral of the 2013 dues that can be managed, and to report to the Synod what is possible.

Discussion on Recommendation No. 15 ensued.

The question was called for. The recommendation was DEFEATED.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Recommendation No. 16

I, James T. Hurd, hereby give notice that I will move, or cause to be moved at a future sederunt, that the Synod Council recommends to the synod that the level of support for Christian Camping and for Regional Staff be reconsidered.

The time for the close of the first sederunt having arrived, the Moderator suggested that further recommendations from the Committee on Business, Overture No. 3, and the remaining business be resumed in the second sederunt.

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Julia Apps-Douglas that the Committee on Courtesies be received at the end of the second sederunt. **ADOPTED.**

COMMITTEE ON ROLL AND LEAVE TO WITHDRAW

Regrets for the second sederunt are noted under the Roll (pages 2-3)
No additional requests for leave to withdraw were received.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The sederunt closed with prayer by the Moderator.

Moderator

Clerk

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FALL CONFERENCE
Sing a New Song – Embracing the Mission of God

The Fall Conference brought 120 people together from congregations across the Synod to worship, listen, learn, share, and pray. The purpose of the event was to help engage congregations in thinking through what it means to serve in an age of mission as opposed to a time when the church was at the centre of society. The cost of the Fall Conference was covered by a registration fee of \$50 (\$35 Friday only, \$15 Saturday only) and was supported in part by a bequest to The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Fall Conference was planned by a team chaired by the Rev. Dr. Dale Woods.

The theme speaker was the Rev. Dr. Gary V. Nelson. He spoke from a Canadian context and his four conference presentations used the frameworks outlined in two of his books, "Future Faith Churches" and "Borderland Churches":

1. Friday afternoon: It isn't Kansas anymore – or Canada for that matter
2. Friday afternoon: Living in the Crossover Time
3. Friday evening: Living as a Borderland People
4. Saturday morning: Practices of a Borderland Church

Gary Nelson's presentations were live-streamed during the conference, and a link to the recorded sessions can be found by going to the synod website.

The presentations were cheerful, courageous in addressing issues that needed to be discussed, and challenging in the sense of encouraging congregations to get outside of the walls of the church and into the community giving greater focus on those on the outside rather than the inside. People join communities that are visible and the church needs to be involved in the community of the broader neighbourhood. We need to be oriented toward people more than toward things. Structure is important but it cannot be the mission, it must support the mission. Churches need to be seen to be working co-operatively in the community as well as being places of peace in a world where there is so little peace.

Gary Nelson raised many challenging questions including what kind of church do we want to be? What kind of sessions do we want to be (proactive or reactive)? Is our presence in the community defined by our building or by our calling? Are we willing to move beyond our focus on building the church to doing ministry out there? Are we tourists or travellers out there?

The Fall Conference began with worship at 2:00 on Friday afternoon. The service was conducted by the Moderator of the 138th Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, the Rev. John Barry Forsyth, and included a message entitled "Power in the Questions: Answers Bereft of Power". Friday evening's worship was led by the Rev. Marilyn Savage and Mrs. Heather Lupick. Worship on Saturday morning was led by Mr. Jeff Earle and Mrs. Kerri Guther. At the conclusion of the Fall Conference, the host minister the Rev. Ruth Draffin and the Moderator of the 139th Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, the Rev. Harold Kouwenberg, celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The worship services were filled with music and the synod was blessed by the offering of musical gifts by many musicians including Marilyn Savage, Heather Lupick, Jeff Earl, Kerri Guther, Thérèse Motard, Ruth Draffin, Geoff Howard and Gary Postma.

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SECOND SEDERUNT

On Saturday, the nineteenth day of October, two thousand and thirteen, at one twenty-five o'clock in the afternoon within St. John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall, Ontario, the Synod met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator, the Rev. Harold Kouwenberg, constituted the Synod with prayer.

REVISED DOCKET (Appendix A – page 2)

The Committee on Business presented a revised docket for the second sederunt.

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by David Christiani that the revised docket for the second sederunt be approved as presented. **ADOPTED.**

SYNOD MISSION / ROBERT FUND COMMITTEE (Appendix O – page 30)

Barry Mack, convener, addressed the committee report.

1. Robert Fund Requests

The Robert Fund was established in 1951, from the estate of Mr. William Robert and his sister, Sarah. The Robert Fund Terms of Reference were adopted in 1979 and can be found on the synod website under documents.

Canadian Ministries informed the committee that there will be \$7,000 in interest to distribute for 2013. The Committee received two requests. The suggested distribution is as follows:

\$5,000 – Camp d'action biblique (CAB)

\$2,000 – Presbytery of Montreal (in relation to financial oversight of la mission Siloé.)

Total: \$7,000

Recommendation No. 1

It was moved by Barry Mack and seconded by Jonah Ho that the requests for monetary assistance from the Robert Fund for 2014 be as presented in the Synod Mission / Robert Fund Report; and that they be forwarded to Canadian Ministries with the approval of the Synod. **ADOPTED.**

REPORTS WITH NO RECOMMENDATIONS

CAMP D'ACTION BIBLIQUE (Appendix P – pages 31-36)

Anita Mack, on behalf of the Camp d'action biblique Committee, addressed the report.

The camp had a successful summer camping programme in 2013. One area of note was the response to the tragedy in Lac Mégantic. Free camperships were offered to young people from this area. The response by numerous congregations and individuals was so great that additional camperships will be offered to young people from the Lac Mégantic area in 2014.

Anita expressed the thanks of the Camp Committee for the ongoing support of the Synod for the camping ministry offered at Camp d'action biblique.

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY SYNODELICAL (Appendix Q – page 37)

Joan Hilliard, Synodical President, addressed the report. She highlighted the Synodical events from the past year. The annual meeting of the Synodical was held at Knox Church in Morrisburg on April 12 and 13. It ended up being the last meeting that Dr. Lois Klempa attended. Lois passed away on May 19, 2013 and we will miss her.

The Moderator thanked Joan Hilliard for the report, and thanked the WMS Synodical of Québec and Eastern Ontario for their continued work and witness.

COMMITTEE RE SEXUAL ABUSE AND SECUAL HARRASSMENT

Katherine Burgess, convener, indicated that there was no report.

SYNOD WEBSERVANT (Appendix R – page 38-39)

Gordon Walford, synod webservant, addressed his report.

SYNOD HISTORIAN (Appendix S – page 40)

John Vaudry, synod historian, addressed his report.

REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA

Re: Oversight of The Board of Directors for the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre (Appendix T – pages 41-47)

Financial Statements

- a) GCCRC Water & Septic Financial Overview (Appendix U – page 48)
- b) GCCRC Balance Sheet Comparison 2009 vs 2013 (Appendix U – page 49)
- c) GCCRC Revenue and Expenditure January through August 2013 (Appendix U – pages 50-53)

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Scott Sinclair that Board of Directors members Alan Herbert, treasurer, and Bon E. Cummings, chair, be granted permission to speak during the presentation of the report, as needed. **ADOPTED.**

James T. Hurd, clerk to the Presbytery of Ottawa, presented the report. He noted that the report details the presbytery's oversight of the Board of Directors, including several issues raised by the presbytery.

Within the report are several paragraphs regarding the financial statements for the years 2010 to 2012. The bookkeeper and treasurer continue patiently and diligently to analyze and reconstruct the accounting for those years, and are keeping the presbytery apprised of the financial picture.

It was noted that work on the water treatment project is nearly complete. Work on the septic system has not yet begun. Capital funds will be needed for this project, likely by 2015.

A new Executive Director will be hired shortly. Scott Sinclair is serving as Interim Executive Manager on a one year contract which began February 1, 2013.

Appended to the report are several camper testimonials. It was noted that the camping numbers were up this past summer, and in the coming months the focus will be on increasing the numbers for 2014.

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

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

Discussion on the report ensued.

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Scott Sinclair 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.**

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS (cont'd from page 13)

Recommendation No. 16

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Kelly Graham that the level of support for Christian Camping and for Regional Staff be reconsidered. **ADOPTED.**

Discussion on the level of support for Christian camping ministries ensued.

For reference – from the Special Synod Meeting of May 3, 2008, page 7:

That the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario allocate a minimum of 0.66% of the dollar base as part of its annual budget to support Christian camping ministries operating within its bounds, with this amount to be reviewed and adjusted at the annual meeting of Synod to keep pace with economic changes (e.g. cost of living).

Discussion on **Overture No. 3** re: Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre also resumed. (cont'd from page 12-13)

MOTION: It was moved by David Christiani and seconded by Karen Hincke that the prayer of Overture No. 3 from the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew which requests that the 139th Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario absolve the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew from any responsibility for Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre, effective December 31, 2013, be granted.

Discussion on the motion ensued.

The question was called for. The motion was **DEFEATED**.

The prayer of Overture No. 3 is therefore not granted.

Karen Hincke asked that her dissent be recorded.

ADDITIONAL MOTION

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Greg Davidson that the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario reaffirm its decision of 2008 to allocate a minimum of 0.66% of the dollar base as part of its annual budget to support Christian camping ministries operating within its bounds.

Discussion on the motion ensued.

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ADDITIONAL MOTION re: support for Christian camping ministries (cont'd):

James T. Hurd provided historical background to the decision of 2008 when the Synod agreed to affirm strongly the importance of and its support for Christian camping within its bounds and to provide stable funding for the two camps within the bounds. The practice that has been followed since the 2008 Special Synod meeting has been to assign the full proportion of the assessment for Christian camping (0.66% of the dollar base) from the Presbyteries of Montréal and Québec to Camp d'action biblique and the full proportion of the assessment assigned to the Ontario Presbyteries directed to the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre.

Discussion on the motion continued.

MOTION: It was moved by Greg Davidson and seconded by Ruth Draffin that the Synod take an immediate vote. **ADOPTED.**

On being put to a vote the additional motion was **ADOPTED**.

Karen Hincke asked that her dissent be recorded.

REGIONAL STAFFING COMMITTEE (Appendix V – pages 54-56)

Ruth Davidson, convenor, addressed the committee report.

Consent Recommendation

It was moved by Joan Hilliard and seconded by Julia Apps-Douglas that Recommendation Nos. 1-3 be adopted. **ADOPTED.**

Recommendation No. 1

That Anita Mack and Christine Ball be commended for their dedicated service to the synod in the last year.

Recommendation No. 2

That the Regional Staff travel allowance for 2014 be increased to \$5,400 for each person.

Recommendation No. 3

That the Synod provide funds for two 2/3 time Regional Staff positions for the year 2014.

Recommendation No. 4

It was moved by Joan Hilliard and seconded by Julia Apps-Douglas that the current Regional Staffing committee continue until the end of December of 2014. **ADOPTED.**

Recommendation No.5

It was moved by Joan Hilliard and seconded by Julia Apps-Douglas that a Regional Resourcing committee be formed at the 139th meeting of the synod to work on the details for the change to Regional Resourcing within the synod starting January 2015.

Discussion on Recommendation No. 5 ensued.

On being put to the vote Recommendation No. 5 was **ADOPTED**.

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REGIONAL STAFFING COMMITTEE (cont'd):

Overture No. 2 re Elimination of Regional Staff positions (continued from page 11)

MOTION: It was moved by Karen Hincke and seconded by John Vaudry that the prayer of Overture No. 2, that the 139th Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario eliminate the positions of Synod Regional Staff within its bounds, effective December 31, 2014, be answered in terms of the Synod forming a Regional Resourcing Committee.

The Moderator ruled the motion out of order.

MOTION: It was moved by David Christiani and seconded by Phil Winkelaar that Overture No. 2, from the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew which requests that the 139th Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario eliminate the positions of Synod Regional Staff within its bounds, effective December 31, 2014, be referred to the Synod Regional Resourcing Committee.

Discussion on the motion ensued.

On being put to a vote the motion was ADOPTED.

SYNOD YOUTH WORKING GROUP (Appendix W – pages 57-58)

Ruth Davidson, convener, addressed the committee report.

Consent Recommendation

It was moved by Joan Hilliard and seconded by Julia Apps-Douglas that Recommendation Nos. 1-6 be adopted. ADOPTED.

Recommendation No. 1

That presbyteries be encouraged to cover half of the Canada Youth 2014 Adult Advisor's registration fee.

Recommendation No. 2

That congregations be encouraged to support financially youth attending Canada Youth 2014.

Recommendation No. 3

That congregations set funds aside in their 2014 budget for synod youth events.

Recommendation No. 4

That presbyteries and the synod publicize synod youth events on their respective websites.

Recommendation No. 5

That synod financially support Canada Youth 2014 in the amount of \$3,750.

Recommendation No. 6

That synod financially support synod youth programming and youth leadership for the year 2014 in the amount of \$3000.

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ADOPTION OF REPORTS

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Kelly Graham that all reports presented to the Synod thus far be adopted. **ADOPTED.**

Overture No. 1 re: the dissolution of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Julia Apps-Douglas that Overture No. 1 from the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew which requests the 140th General Assembly to dissolve the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, providing direct accountability between the presbyteries within the current bounds of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario and the General Assembly, be transmitted to the 140th General Assembly with the disapproval of the Synod.

Discussion on the motion ensued.

AMENDMENT

It was moved by Karen Hincke and seconded by Barry Carr that Overture No. 1 from the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew regarding the dissolution of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario be transmitted to the 140th General Assembly without comment.

Discussion on the amendment ensued.

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

Discussion on the original motion continued.

The question was called for. The motion was **ADOPTED**.

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS (cont'd from page 17)

Recommendation No. 17

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Kelly Graham that the Synod Council recommend to the Synod that the name of David Christiani be put forward as the representative on the General Assembly committee established to consider Overture No. 3, 2013 regarding optional elimination of synods. **ADOPTED.**

Recommendation No. 18

It was moved by Barry Mack and seconded by Darlene Orzel that the Synod Council recommend to the Synod that upon review of the Judicial Record of the Corrective Case received from the Presbytery of Ottawa that it be deemed to be in proper order, and that a commission be struck to review the record of the lower court's actions and proceedings with respect to the complaint and the matters raised in it, and to report its findings to the next meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario. **ADOPTED.**

The Moderator named three people to the commission: Barry Mack (Presbytery of Montreal), John Vaudry (Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew) and Darlene Orzel (Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry).

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COMMISSION (cont'd):

MOTION: it was moved by Ruth Draffin and seconded by Greg Davidson that two more people be added to the membership of the commission. DEFEATED.

Recommendation No. 19

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Kelly Graham that the 140th meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario be held within the bounds of the Presbytery of Ottawa on Friday, October 17th and Saturday, October 18th, 2014. ADOPTED.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (cont'd from page 10)

David Morris, convener, advised that the expenditure budget has been adjusted to bring the operating grant for Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre and for Camp d'action biblique up to 0.66% from 0.65%.

(Recommendation No. 1 was dropped as a motion to receive and consider the report was previously adopted – page 10.)

Recommendation No. 2

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Debi Brown that the expenditure budget for 2014 be \$121,039.20. ADOPTED.

Recommendation No. 3

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Debi Brown that the proposed presbytery assessments for 2014, as amended, be adopted. ADOPTED.

Recommendation No. 4

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Debi Brown that the five year forecast from 2014-2018, as amended, be received for information. ADOPTED.

THANKS EXTENDED

MOTION: It was moved by Barry Mack and seconded by Katherine Burgess that the Synod express its gratitude to David Morris for his service to the Synod as Convener of the Finance Committee, and that his resignation be accepted with regret. ADOPTED.

David Morris thanked the Synod for the opportunity of serving as convener of the Finance Committee. He expressed thanks to the committee members and especially to Ross Davidson, synod treasurer, for his assistance as the former became familiar with the financial workings of the Synod, and as budgets and reports were prepared. David further offered the prayer that a new convener would be found without delay.

The Moderator thanked David for his service to the Synod. The court showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

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

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

MOTION: It was moved by Darlene Orzel and seconded by John Davidson 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 Darlene Orzel and seconded by John Davidson 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, with the minutes of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, attested as neatly kept with note. **ADOPTED.**

MOTION: It was moved by Darlene Orzel and seconded by John Davidson that the report of the Committee to Examine the Minutes of the Presbyteries and the Synod Council be adopted. **ADOPTED.**

COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES

MOTION: It was moved by Julia Apps-Douglas and seconded by Heather McIntosh that the report of the Committee on Courtesies be received and considered. **ADOPTED.**

The Synod expresses its thanks to the following:

To the Host Congregation:

Our thanks to the Rev Ruth Draffin, the Session and Congregation of St John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall, for hosting the 139th meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, and extending the spirit of the Old Testament theology of hospitality. A special thanks to the elders from St John's who assisted in serving communion.

To the Rev. Marilyn Savage:

For organizing the worship services. She brought together worship leaders and musicians for the preaching of God's Word, and the music to praise God.

To Dorothy Forrester:

For her role as the contact person from St. John's. She did a lot of behind the scenes work preparing for the synod meeting and conference including putting together the gift bags.

To Phyllis Bateman and the St. John's Women of the Church:

For all their hours of hard work put into preparing the delicious meals and coffee breaks. Thanks as well to the gentlemen who worked alongside the St. John's women.

To John Adams:

For being the driver that shuttled people between the church and the shopping centre parking lot.

To the Greeters:

Wendy Froats and Charles Eadie at the side door and Ivan St. John at the elevator. They greeted with welcoming smiles and a concern for us.

To Alex Plant:

For capably and diligently taking on the task of sound technician for the synod meeting.

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COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES (cont'd):

To James Laurenson and David Christiani:

For organizing the recording and live-streaming of the synod conference which will be a useful and useable resource for the PCC.

To the Synod 2013 Planning Team:

Dale Woods, convener, along with the members of the team, Ruth Davidson, Janet Stark, Marilyn Savage, James T. Hurd, David Christiani and Donna McIlveen.

For arranging the conference aspect of the Synod meeting which provided us with resources to take back to our congregations.

To Ruth Davidson:

For preparing the name tags.

To Janet Stark and John Davidson:

For helping out at the registration table

To the Rev. Marilyn Savage:

For sharing her artwork that appeared on the material for the synod conference, "Sing a New Song – Embracing the Mission of God"

To the Rev. John Barry Forsyth:

For serving faithfully as the Moderator of the 138th Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario and for preaching the Word faithfully during this Synod gathering.

To the Rev. Harold Kouwenberg:

For serving patiently and competently as Moderator of the 139th Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario.

To the Rev. Dr. Gary V. Nelson:

For sharing his insights about the missional church. He challenged us, gave us hope and reminded us that it is about the relationship we have with Jesus Christ, each other and those outside our doors.

To those who prepared reports:

The Committee on Business; the Treasurer; the Finance Committee; the Mission Committee and the Robert Fund Committee; the WMS Synodical; the Regional Staffing Committee and the Regional Staff Christine Ball and Anita Mack; the Synod Historian; the Synod Web servant; the Presbytery of Ottawa re oversight of Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre; and the Presbytery of Quebec re Camp d'action biblique.

To Christine Ball and Anita Mack, Synod Regional Staff:

For their work in the Synod which is so well done and the important role of nurturing our youth in the way of Christ and His Church.

To Gordon Walford, Synod Webservant:

For his service in keeping the synod connected through the synod website, and for his computer skills shared at the Synod meeting which enables the reports to be projected.

Clerk:

The 139th meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario
Meeting at St. John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall, Ontario
On Friday and Saturday, October 18th and October 19th, 2013

COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES (cont'd):

To the members of Synod Council:

For their faithful and continuous service.

To Donna McIlveen, Synod Clerk:

For her effective and efficient work as clerk ensuring that business flows smoothly at the annual synod meeting and throughout the year.

To Ross Davidson, Synod Treasurer:

For his continued dedicated service to the Synod as its Treasurer and for keeping the books in order throughout the year.

To everyone who attended the 139th meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario:

For the participation in the discussions, prayer, and fellowship that made this gathering a time of blessing.

Closing with the words of counsel Paul gave to Timothy: "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline...So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord." (2 Timothy 1: 7, 8) It is Jesus Christ's and our story to tell.

MOTION: It was moved by Julia Apps-Douglas and seconded by Heather McIntosh that the report be adopted. ADOPTED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION: It was moved by Phil Winkelaar and seconded by Debi Brown that the naming of the membership of the Regional Resourcing Committee and its Terms of Reference, be left in the hands of the Synod Council. ADOPTED.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION: It was moved by Katherine Burgess and seconded by Beth Short that the Synod adjourn. ADOPTED.

The Moderator led the Synod in prayer.

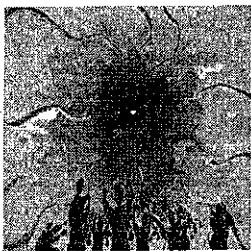
He then said:

"In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, and by the authority of this Synod, I declare the Synod adjourned to meet again within the bounds of the Presbytery of Ottawa on Friday the seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord, two thousand and fourteen."

Moderator

Clerk

Clerk:



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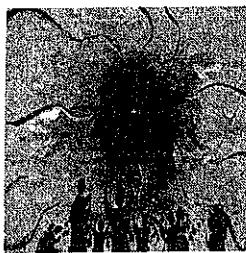
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139th MEETING DOCKET
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 2013

ST. JOHN’S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CORNWALL, ONTARIO

FIRST SEDERUNT

1. 9:00 a.m. Opening Devotions
2. Constitution of the Synod
3. Memorials
4. Welcome to St. John’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 138th meeting
10. Correspondence
11. Regional Staff Report – Christine Ball and Anita Mack
12. Committee on Business
13. Finance Committee
14. Treasurer’s Report
15. Correspondence (cont’d)
- overtures no. 2 and no. 3 from the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew
16. Committee on Roll and Leave to Withdraw
17. 12:30 p.m. Adjournment and prayer



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139th MEETING DOCKET
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th, 2013
ST. JOHN’S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CORNWALL, ONTARIO

SECOND SEDERUNT

1. 1:00 p.m. Prayer to Constitute the Court
2. Mission Committee and Robert Fund Committee
3. Report from the Presbytery of Québec Re: Camp d'action biblique
4. WMS Synodical
5. Committee re: Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment
6. Synod Webservant
7. Synod Historian
8. Synod Representative on the Assembly Council
9. Report from the Presbytery of Ottawa
Re: Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre
10. Regional Staffing Committee
11. Synod Youth Working Group
12. Finance Committee (cont'd):
13. Correspondence
- overture no. 1 from the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew
14. Committee to Examine the Minutes of the Presbyteries & Synod Council
15. Committee on Courtesies
16. Unfinished Business
17. Time and Place of the next Synod meeting
18. Adjournment and Prayer

The Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew
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November 28, 2012

The Synod of Quebec & Eastern Ontario
Ms. Donna McIlveen, Clerk
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Johnstown, ON K0E 1T1

Dear Reverend Synod:

During the meeting of the 138th General Assembly, and as part of his preamble to a motion calling for that General Assembly to *“go on record as giving priority to the reimagining and renewal of congregations”*, the Rev. Dr. W.J. Clyde Ervine stated *“I’m here to plead that our central focus as a denomination be placed on congregations”* (A&P 2012, p. 44).

This letter comes out of our concern for the life of our Presbytery which means, of course, that it comes out of our concern for the life of our congregations.

The Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew is, predominantly, made up of small congregations and, like so many small congregations, they are under stress. Some are facing the shift from having a full-time minister to now having a minister part-time. Others are in the process of amalgamating. Still others are trying to hold on to a way of being “church” that is quickly slipping away.

It is a time of change, and the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew is committed to supporting and offering leadership to our congregations. Not only have we been engaging in and planning workshops tailored to our specific needs, but we have been actively promoting an atmosphere of “thinking outside the box”. That’s the good news. The bad news is that we do so with ever more limited resources. Our budget is tight. Our members of Presbytery – in particular our clergy – are spread too thinly, and burn-out always seems to be just around the corner.

Therefore, we feel compelled to make this protest.

- Instead of being fiscally responsible, Synod is expanding its budget by adding a full meeting and conference in 2013.
- We no longer have the luxury of participating in the maintenance and further development of Gracefield Camp & Conference Centre. It is our belief that the Centre should be sold and, if possible, its proceeds distributed to the presbyteries.
- Our assessment by Synod is equal to our entire Presbytery budget and limits our ability to do more to support the work of congregations within our presbytery.
- In these difficult times, it is necessary to reduce services that are incompatible with our needs.

It is our conviction that the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario has outlived its usefulness as a court of the church. We encourage the Synod to dissolve itself. Please engage in this important conversation!

In the meantime, we will reduce our current commitment to the Synod over the next three years, or until this is resolved, whichever comes first. Therefore, our "accepted" assessment to Synod from the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew for 2013 will be \$6,000, for 2014 will be \$4,000, and for 2015 will \$2,000. In 2016 it will be \$0.

This action was taken by the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew at a regular meeting of the court, held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, within St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Carleton Place.

Sincerely,



The Rev. Karen A. Hincke, Clerk
The Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew

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Monday, May 20, 2013

The Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew
Mrs. Grete Halsall, clerk
140 Doe Road
Carleton Place, Ontario
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To the Reverend the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew,

Greetings. At the Synod Council meeting of Thursday, April 25, 2013 the correspondence from the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew to the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario dated November 28, 2012 was received and considered. The letter was circulated to the members of the synod council in advance of the April 25, 2013 meeting.

It was noted that an informal meeting of representatives from the Synod Council and the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew was held at St. Andrew's Church in Arnprior on Monday, April 8, 2013. The meeting was called by the Synod Moderator with the purpose of providing an opportunity for sharing and listening to the concerns raised in the letter and the financial resolution adopted by the Presbytery. The meeting date was mutually agreed to, and was set taking into account the busy schedules of parties from both the Presbytery and the Synod Council.

When the Synod Council met on April 25, 2013 the letter was considered at length. It was recognized that as a Presbytery you are dealing with some very serious concerns. These concerns are affecting not just yourself as a presbytery, but also the health and well-being of your congregations. On many fronts, finances and personnel are being stretched precariously thin. Several stressors were noted in the letter that together are contributing to the presbytery and congregations approaching the breaking point. These stressors have been adversely affecting the Presbytery for some time now and the time for change has come. To this end, as a Presbytery you resolved to reduce your current commitment to the Synod over the next three years, beginning in 2013.

The matter of how this decision affects the neighbouring presbyteries within the bounds, and the Synod as a whole, was discussed. It was noted that the Synod Council cannot adjust the budget which was adopted by the Synod. Only the Synod can adjust its budget. It was further noted that with respect to the 2013 Synod budget presented to the 138th meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario in October 2012, no dissents were recorded when the budget was on the floor, open for debate, and ultimately voted upon.

The synod budget contains commitments to on-going ministries within the bounds of the Synod, including Regional Staff and Christian Camping. Since 2011 the Synod has agreed to make up the funding shortfall for Regional Staff that occurred with the reduction in the grant from the Life and Mission Agency. This has been accomplished through increased assessments to the presbyteries. The amount of funding for Regional Staff, and all ministries within the bounds of the Synod, is considered each year as the budget is

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being drafted. As the financial commitment to the various ministries increases, and the size of the presbyteries decrease, the matter of how much the congregations within the bounds can realistically offer in the way of financial support, and how much longer they can continue to offer support, is of great importance, and must not be ignored. The various ministries, in their current set up, are dependent upon the financial support given by the Synod, through the Presbyteries. The decision to reduce your assessment, beginning with the current year of 2013, after the synod budget was adopted, makes it extremely difficult to honour the commitments made by the Synod.

You request that the Synod engage in the important conversation about the usefulness of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario and state that it is your conviction that the synod has outlived its usefulness as a court of the church. The Synod is composed of those on the roll of the presbyteries within the bounds. The Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew, along with the Presbytery of Québec, the Presbytery of Montréal, the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry and the Presbytery of Ottawa, comprise the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario. A conversation about the usefulness of the synod must include the concerns of all the presbyteries. A request for engaging in this important conversation, along with the decision to reduce your presbytery assessment, makes it difficult to put into place a mechanism for such a conversation.

In your letter of November 28, 2012 you affirm that it is a time of change. The face of the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew has changed and continues to change, and this is so across this Synod and all synods. The General Assembly, synods, presbyteries and congregations are all re-evaluating their commitments and the ministries they can reasonably and realistically engage in with limited resources. As ministries are reduced, lives are affected. In a time of change it is imperative that the decisions made, are made allowing for a time of transition.

To this end, the Synod Council of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario respectfully requests that the Reverend the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew reconsider its decision to reduce its financial commitment to the Synod beginning in 2013.

It is noted that Karen Hincke and Michael Pettem asked that their dissent to this recommendation be recorded.

Acknowledging the serious concerns expressed in your letter to the Synod, and in light of the open conversations engaged in during the informal meeting of April 8, 2013 and the synod council meeting of April 25, 2013, the Synod Council has resolved to bring the following recommendations to the 139th meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, this October 2013:

1. That the Synod Council recommend to the Synod that, for this year only, the Synod forgive 25% of the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew's 2013 assessment.

It is noted that Karen Hincke asked that her dissent to this recommendation be recorded.

2. That the Synod Council recommend to the Synod that the Finance Committee review the current Synod budget and the financial position of the Synod and consult with the presbyteries within the bounds, and seek to determine if, and in what way, we can offer further relief in terms of the

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Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew's expressed difficulty in meeting its assessment and the Synod's approved budget for the present year, with input from the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew with a view to determining the level of additional assistance in the form of deferral of the 2013 dues that can be managed, and to report to the Synod what is possible.

3. That the Synod Council recommend to the synod that the level of support for Christian Camping and for Regional Staff be reconsidered.
4. That the Synod Council authorizes the Finance Committee to give advance notice to the presbyteries of the Synod Council's intention of this recommendation and seek input from the presbyteries regarding the level of support for Christian Camping and Regional Staff.

The Synod Council conveys its deep gratitude to the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew for the letter of November 28, 2012, for sharing your serious concerns with the Synod, and for the expressed commitment to the care of the congregations and members within your bounds. The church is in constant need of reform. May we all continue to prayerfully seek God's will as we participate in the ministry of Christ. The church is Christ together with his people called both to worship and to serve him in all of life.

In Christ's service,

Mrs. Donna McIlveen
Clerk
The Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario

*May the God of hope
fill us with joy and peace in believing
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we abound in hope!*

The Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew
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August 22, 2013

The Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario:
Mrs. Donna McIlveen, Clerk
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Dear Reverend Synod:

At Renfrew, Ontario on June 18, 2013, the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew met and was constituted with prayer.

Your letter expressing the concerns of the Synod Council was read to the court. Among other matters addressed, the presbytery agreed to transmit three overtures to the Synod:

Overture #1, re: the Dissolution of the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario
Overture #2, re: the Elimination of the positions of Regional Staff
Overture #4, re: Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre

These overtures are transmitted with approval. The Presbytery asks that Overture #1 be forwarded by the Synod to the General Assembly.

Sincerely,

Margrete I. Halsall, Clerk
Lanark & Renfrew Presbytery

Attachments (1)

Overture No. 1 - PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW

Re: the Dissolution of the Synod of Quebec & Eastern Ontario

To the 140th General Assembly, via the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario, with a request that this overture be transmitted to the General Assembly, and referred to the Clerks of Assembly

WHEREAS the role of the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario has changed substantially over the years, and **WHEREAS** attendance at meetings of the Synod has been so poor as to necessitate a change to a commissioned court, and

WHEREAS even with a commissioned court, the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew is unable to find a sufficient number of clergy willing to attend, and

WHEREAS current Synod responsibilities could be distributed to the Presbyteries within its bounds, and

WHEREAS Synod assessments are a financial drain on Presbytery budgets, impacting our congregational and presbytery work, and

WHEREAS the Life and Mission Agency of the PCC has received the report of the Research Project commonly called "The Haynes Report", which reflects the problems being faced in the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew, and also states clearly that synods in many places are unhelpful,

THEREFORE the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew humbly overtures the Reverend, the 140th General Assembly to dissolve the Synod of Quebec & Eastern Ontario, providing direct accountability between the presbyteries within the current bounds of the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario and the General Assembly, or to do otherwise as the General Assembly, in its wisdom, may deem best.

Overture No. 2 – PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW

Re: the Elimination of the positions of Regional Staff at the end of 2014

To the 139th Synod of Quebec & Eastern Ontario

WHEREAS the Women's Missionary Society (WMS) will no longer be providing \$200,000 per annum to the Life and Mission Agency towards the cost of regional staffing after 2014, and

WHEREAS the Life and Mission Agency Committee then decided to provide a much smaller grant to each synod for the purpose of regional resourcing, that may be used for salary and/or resources as identified by each synod in consultation with the LMA/WMS, and

WHEREAS there is no guarantee that the grants will continue beyond 2015 or 2016, and

WHEREAS the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario contracts with two part-time regional staff people, and

WHEREAS the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario has insufficient revenue to supplement the funding of these positions beyond 2014,

THEREFORE the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew humbly overtures the Reverend, the 139th Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario to eliminate the positions of Synod Regional Staff within its bounds, effective December 31, 2014, or to do otherwise as the Synod, in its wisdom, may deem best.

Overture No.3 – PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW

Re: Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre – that the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew be absolved from any responsibility for it.

To the 139th Synod of Quebec & Eastern Ontario

WHEREAS the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew has access to and makes use of ecumenical Christian camps and conference centres which are within its bounds, and

WHEREAS our congregations have extremely increasingly limited financial resources, and

WHEREAS Presbytery financial resources currently designated to the Synod of Quebec & Eastern Ontario for support of Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre, could be used by the Presbytery to support Christian programs in our local communities, and

WHEREAS utilizing our resources wisely, the gospel could be shared with more children in our local communities, and

WHEREAS other presbyteries within the Synod (i.e., the presbyteries of Quebec and of Montreal) have been absolved from support of the GCC because it is too remote from them for their use,

THEREFORE the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew humbly overtures the Reverend, the 139th Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario to absolve the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew from any responsibility for Gracefield Camp and Conference Centre, effective December 31, 2013, or to do otherwise as the Synod, in its wisdom, may deem best.

REGIONAL STAFF – ANITA MACK

The 2012 survey conducted our Synod's Regional Staffing committee identified work with children & youth, mission, congregational work on leadership and the provision of resources as high priorities for Regional Staff. As in past years, my work with children and youth has primarily taken place at Camp d'action biblique. The camp had another successful summer: a few more campers than the year before (108 camper weeks), a united, happy staff and a 'black' financial bottom line. The tragedy in Lac Mégantic prompted the CAB committee to reach out to this devastated town by offering free camperships. Numerous congregations and individuals supported this initiative. As a result, we welcomed nine campers from the area. Since we did not use all the money that came in, we can offer support again next year to these children and youth. This year also saw a renewed with the Église Réformée du Québec resulting in an official representative from our sister church on the CAB committee. In September, a successful Youth weekend was held at CAB with 28 young people in attendance.

Much of ministry cannot be neatly filed into just one category but often spills over into other areas. Camping ministry offers a good example. On the surface, work at camp can be slotted into the 'children and youth category' but, at heart, it is mission. *Living Faith* identifies mission as both evangelism and service, "a call to help people in need and to permeate all of life with the compassion of God". Our Presbyterian camps (and Synods!) are involved in mission as they typically emphasize faith development and the joys of living in Christian community. At the same time, for those hired as staff, camp is leadership development and training. Finally, our camping ministries may also function as congregational development. Over the years many congregations have benefitted from vital camping ministries as the energy, faith and life nurtured at camp were fed back into the congregations.

On the topic of mission, this past year saw the Truth and Reconciliation Commission event in Montreal on April 24 - 27, 2013. I was involved in helping the national staff with the local arrangements, including a training day in Châteauguay and a visit to the nearby Kahnawake reserve in January. On the last day of the conference, I oversaw the collection the collection, packaging and delivery of some 1500 cupcakes for the Grand Birthday Bash for residential school students whose birthdays were not celebrated when they were children.

In May, I organized a mini 'Stewards by Design' conference with Dr. Kennon Callahan for the Presbytery of Montreal. The conference, entitled *Moving your Congregation Forward* saw 40 participants from 11 congregations. All congregational teams had ample one-on-one time with Dr. Callahan and from all accounts, this was appreciated. The goals of the conference were leadership development and congregational support.

New developments for next year include a request from the Missions Committee of the Presbytery of Montreal to work with the Rev. Richard Bonetto in developing of a

French-speaking worshipping communities and Bible study groups on the South Shore.

As always, I am happy to provide workshops on topics such as *Leading with Care*, the Church's Mission Study, Presbyterian polity, Natural Church Development, term service for elders, being a welcoming congregation, stewardship, curriculum options, evangelism and outreach. 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, the presbyteries, colleagues, friends, family and all who have provided support and encouragement over the years.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Mack
Regional Staff for the Presbyteries of Québec and Montréal
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REGIONAL STAFF REPORT – CHRISTINE BALL

It is a privilege to serve the Synod's congregations and leaders as Regional Staff. I work 2/3 time with the three Ontario Presbyteries supporting Children and Youth Ministry, Leadership Development, Mission, Elder and Teacher Training and Congregational Development. In 2012 the synod's presbyteries, congregations and WMS groups were surveyed to determine Regional Staff priorities. I have organized this synod report to address the goals expressed in the survey.

Survey Goals for Youth Ministry and Faith development of children, youth and families.

Youth and Children's Ministry was identified as a high priority. Regional Staff are to promote cooperative youth ministry, encouraging youth to connect with youth from other congregations and to offer a yearly synod event, offer programming that promotes faith development and social and justice issues. Regional staff are to promote national and regional youth events, provide encouragement and support to the youth during and following the events. Regional Staff will facilitate communication and developing a web page, support youth leaders in their ministry with the provision of resources, curriculum and educational opportunities.

A very positive development in youth ministry has been the formation of the Presbytery of Ottawa Youth Working Group, composed of youth leaders, youth Sunday school teachers, ministers and volunteers from congregations in the Presbytery of Ottawa and a few congregations beyond the presbytery. The youth leaders have been co-operatively planning and leading youth fellowship and worship events. Last year youth events included: meeting at Rock the River, an Advent Worship and Dinner Celebration, Worship-lude/Lock down and a Spring Retreat in May. Youth and Leaders from the other two Ontario presbyteries have also participated in these youth activities. The spring retreat was supported by the Synod who paid for the bus. Thank-you! More than 70 youth and volunteers attended the retreat we held at Gracefield. Our guest speaker was double lung recipient and advocate for organ donation, Helene Campbell who shared her faith journey through this tough time of sickness and recovery.

This past summer the Youth Working Group also ran a Peacemaking Day Camp in Ottawa. Thirteen youth age 11-16 attended from 4 congregations and 4 young adults acted as counselors. The campers explored social issues of poverty, homelessness, welcoming new comers and refugees to Canada and fair trade. Activities included speakers, field trips, volunteering, art, music, Bible study and games. The campers and their parents were thrilled with the week and what the young people learned.

Some congregations in the presbyteries of Seaway-Glengarry and Lanark Renfrew have connected with this planning group and the youth and leaders from all three presbyteries participated in the Synod retreat in the spring. I support the work of this working group by developing and maintaining the leader contact list, gathering people for the planning meetings. I continue to give support to youth leaders by visiting congregational gatherings, planning sessions, promoting YIM,

CY and LIT, sharing youth resources, mission materials and curricula. This past summer I supported Gracefield during the staff training week and serving as chaplain for one session.

I am also privileged to be involved in two ecumenical initiatives with youth and young adults: Pastoral Care in Secondary Schools (www.pastoralcare.ca) and The Open Table Ecumenical Outreach (www.theopentable.ca). I represent the denomination on both of these ministries' steering committees. I am also a volunteer Pastoral visitor at A.Y. Jackson High School in Kanata.

Survey Goals for Congregational Work and Leadership Development

The survey identified the need for leadership workshops implementing leading with care, pastoral care, NCD and helping congregations become missional, elder training role of elder, prayer term service for elders and understanding national policies. The Regional staff encourages and supports congregations by sharing current resources.

There has been more demand for elder training and less demand for teacher training in recent years. In the area of Christian Education there are requests for curricula selection, implementing Leading with Care, teacher training to cover challenges of classroom discipline and strategies for caring for special needs students.

This past year I have led workshops with congregations on discernment, transitions, clustering, stewardship, visioning, planning, welcoming, hospitality, Presbyterian Sharing and every home visitation. With elders and sessions workshops have covered roles and responsibility of session, Leading with Care, new elders training, listening, pastoral care and visiting. I am not currently working with any congregation with Natural Church Development, but I am willing to coach congregations interested by introducing NCD, communicating with the congregation, preparing for the survey, taking the survey, submitting the data, interpreting the results, planning and evaluating.

Survey Goals for Congregational Work on Faith and Mission

Support of WMS groups promoting Presbyterian Sharing, PWS&D, mission projects, mission study resources and awareness of Youth in Mission.

I have been supportive of the WMS, by leading worship and Bible studies. I spoke to congregations on Presbyterian Sharing and PWS&D and connect groups with speakers. I have continued to develop Spiritual centres for Soul Harbour. The centres have been used by congregations, camp, youth events and Presbyterian Music Camp.

I welcome the opportunities to be invited to your congregation. I have many resources that I am eager to share. For a copy of the workshop lists of workshops for Elders and Sessions and one for CE and Youth Ministry or resource materials check the synod web site or contact me (christine_ball@rogers.com).

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Ball

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATIONS

Consent Recommendation

There are no recommendations for the consent agenda.

Recommendation No. 1

That the Finance Committee report, including the 2014 proposed expenditure budget the 2014 proposed presbytery assessments, and the 5 year forecast be received and considered.

Recommendation No. 2

That the proposed expenditure budget for 2014 be adopted.

Recommendation No. 3

That the proposed presbytery assessments for 2014 be adopted.

Recommendation No. 4

That the five year forecast from 2014-2018 be received for information.

REPORT

Reference Documents:

Proposed 2014 Budget,
Proposed 2014 Assessments,
Five Year Forecast.

Budget

The assessments for 2013 were increased significantly over previous years, this was because a preliminary projected 2012 year-end finance statement at the 138th Synod indicated a very low balance going into 2013. This meant that there would be insufficient funds to pay priority commitments in January. The reason for the 2012 cost overrun was primarily due to underestimating Regional Staff employer costs. During 2013, HST, GST and PST refunds for 2011 and 2012, which had not been anticipated, improved the financial position a little.

The 2013 year-end balance is expected to be around \$8,000. Standing Orders for the Finance Committee require a year-end balance (reserve) of \$10,000 so we expect to be about \$2,000 light. It is likely that the assessments for 2013 will end up being less than that approved at the 138th Synod since Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery resolved to reduce their assessment by \$12,066 in 2013. This will be offset to some extent by Gracefield accepting to forego their capital grant this year. At the Gracefield camp the water supply project is nearly complete so there will be sufficient funds on hand for its completion. The Gracefield capital projects funding will need to be reconsidered when the water septic system project is re-planned and funding will likely be required in 2015.

Since Presbytery Assessments had been increased significantly in 2013 it was decided that we should try to budget without increasing assessments in 2014. Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery stated that they will provide only \$4,000 for the 2014 assessment. Given these conditions the proposed 2014 budget, as presented, was compiled. The capital grant for Gracefield, approved in 2008 at \$15,360 per year will not be paid again in 2014. The Operating Grant for Christian Camping. Was approved in 2008 at 0.66% of total dollar base each year. The Operating Grants are shown as the same for 2013. Therefore the Grants are about 0.65% of dollar base. Because the split in total grants between CAB and Gracefield was to be Ontario dollar bases for Gracefield grant and Quebec for CAB grant – there would have been a significant increase for Gracefield and a drop for CAB. Therefore the same amounts for 2013 have been applied for 2014. The policy regarding Christian Camping support will need to be reviewed during 2014.

Regional Staff stipends are maintained at 2 x 2/3 for 2014. According to the 2013 General Assembly Acts and Proceedings, minimum stipends will increased by 1%. Therefore the stipend payment is shown increased by that percentage. Travel Allowance is increased from a total of \$10,688 to \$10,800 as requested by the Regional Staff Committee. Regional Staff expenses are maintained at \$4,000 plus another \$1,000 has been budgeted as a contingency for additional expense, e.g. continued education. The 2014 Youth budget and Canada Youth 2014 contributions, \$3,000 and \$3,750 respectively, are the same as for 2013, no change. All other items have been kept more or less in line with previous years with the aim of keeping costs to a minimum.

2014 Presbytery Assessments

The usual formula for determining Presbytery Assessments was not used this year due to the expected reduction of submission by Lanark and Renfrew (L&R Presbytery). It had been resolved by L & R Presbytery that they would provide \$4,000 for 2014, \$2,000 for 2025 and nothing in subsequent years. So this was taken into consideration for 2014 and subsequent years. As stated above, it is considered that Synod should manage without increasing the presbyteries' burden further in 2014, therefore it is proposed that there be no increase in the assessments over that for 2013.

Five Year Forecast

A nominal five-year forecast has been included with this report, but there are too many unknowns to produce a viable forecast at this stage. Since Regional Staff support will be reduced significantly in 2015 and how Synod would manage without Lanark and Renfrew Assessments is unclear at this stage. It would be meaningless to attempt to project figures for five years. The Five-Year Forecast presented assumes that there will still be support for Youth programs and Christian Camping, but to what extent cannot really be determined at this stage. The future will depend very much on the outcome of this 139th Synod and the next (140th) General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted David Morris, Convener, Finance Committee

EASTERN ONTARIO & QUEBEC SYNOD
PROPOSED 2014 BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURE for 2014

Synod					% Increase in budget over 2013
	2012 Actual	2013 Budget	2013 projected Year-End	2014 Budget	
	Synod Admin. & Programs				
<u>Administration</u>					
Synod Meeting	3,565.97	6,000.00	6,000.00	4,000.00	-33.33%
Minutes	433.14	250.00	271.62	300.00	20.00%
<u>Honoraria</u>					
Clerk's	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	0.00%
Treasurer's	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00%
Audit/Review	350.00	400.00	350.00	350.00	-12.50%
Accountant	1,149.75	250.00	0.00		-100.00%
<u>Clerk's Office</u>					
Office expenses	676.79	500.00	200.29	500.00	0.00%
Liability insurance	1,989.82	2,000.00	1,776.16	2,000.00	0.00%
Clerk's consultation	275.00	150.00		150.00	0.00%
<u>Committees</u>					
Synod council	1,762.65	2,000.00	1,945.00	2,000.00	0.00%
Other committees	1,968.64	2,000.00	1,414.24	1,750.00	-12.50%
<u>Finance</u>					
Banking costs	244.08	100.00	120.05	100.00	0.00%
<u>Programs</u>					
<u>Youth</u>					
Youth programs	800.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00%
Canada Youth	2,000.00	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00	0.00%
Total Admin. & Programs	18,515.84	23,700.00	22,127.36	21,200.00	-10.55%
<u>Camping & Outreach</u>					
Gracefield					
Operating grant	42,000.00	43,952.00	43,952.00	43,952.00	0.00%
Capital	15,360.00	6,904.00			-100.00%
Camp d'action biblique					
Operating grant	24,600.00	25,813.00	25,813.00	25,813.00	0.00%
Total Camping/Outreach	81,960.00	76,669.00	69,765.00	69,765.00	-9.00%
TOTAL OPERATIONS	100,475.84	100,369.00	91,892.36	90,965.00	-9.37%
Allocation for reserve		3,300.00			-100.00%
TOTAL Expenditure Operations	100,475.84	103,669.00	91,892.36	90,965.00	-12.25%

EASTERN ONTARIO & QUEBEC SYNOD
PROPOSED 2014 BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES

REGIONAL STAFF SUPPORT

	<u>2012 Actual</u>	<u>2013 Budget</u>	<u>2013 projected Year-End</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>	% Increase in budget over 2013
Stipend		54,420.00		54,964.20	1.00%
Travel		10,668.00		10,800.00	1.24%
Housing		15,500.00		15,500.00	0.00%
Total Stipend	79,364.00	80,588.00	80,688.00	81,264.20	0.84%
Employer Costs	20,325.36	20,835.00	22,165.44	24,500.00	17.59%
Total Stipend & Employer Costs	99,689.36	101,423.00	102,853.44	105,764.20	4.28%
Less L&M Grant	81,540.00	82,354.00	82,356.00	82,354.00	0.00%
Net Provided by Synod for Stipends	18,149.36	19,069.00	20,497.44	23,410.20	22.77%
Staff Expenses & Other					
Combined Office Expenses	3,283.75	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00%
Continuing Education & Other		2,323.00		1,000.00	
Employer Cost 2011 (CSST)	105.94				
Staff Conferences	285.95				
Cont. Ed.	818.57				
Previous year Rev Que deductions			100.00		
Previous year Rev Can deductions			196.13		
Regional Staff Expenses	4,494.21	6,323.00	4,296.13	5,000.00	-20.92%
Total regional Staff Costs	22,643.57	25,392.00	24,793.57	28,410.20	11.89%
TOTAL OPERATIONS AND REGIONAL STAFF EXPENDITURE	123,119.41	129,061.00	116,685.93	119,375.20	-7.50%

Status at Year-End - reduced L&R Assessment

	2013	2014
Balance at previous year end	6412.31	8,780.21
Income for the Year	119,053.83	114,994.16
Total	125,466.14	123,774.37
Less Expenditure for the Year	116,685.93	119,375.20
Balance at Year-End	8,780.21	4,399.17

The Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario

APPROVED 2014 BUDGET OF EXPENSES

Synod				
	2012 Actual	2013	2013	2014
		Budget	projected	
<u>Synod Admin. & Programs</u>				
Administration				
Synod Meeting	3,565.97	6,000.00	6,000.00	4,000.00
Minutes	433.14	250.00	271.62	300.00
Honoraria				
Clerk's	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Treasurer's	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Audit/Review	350.00	400.00	350.00	350.00
Accountant	1,149.75	250.00	0.00	
Clerk's Office				
Office expenses	676.79	500.00	200.29	500.00
Liability insurance	1,989.82	2,000.00	1,776.16	2,000.00
Clerk's consultation	275.00	150.00		150.00
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Synod council	1,762.65	2,000.00	1,945.00	2,000.00
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Finance				
Banking costs	244.08	100.00	120.05	100.00
Programs				
Youth				
Youth programs	800.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Canada Youth	2,000.00	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00
Total Admin. & Programs	18,515.84	23,700.00	22,127.36	21,200.00
				-10.55%
Camping & Outreach				
Gracefield				
Operating grant	42,000.00	43,952.00	45,534.00	46,016.00
Capital	15,360.00	6,904.00		
Camp d'action biblique				
Operating grant	24,600.00	25,813.00	24,230.00	25,413.00
Total Camping/Outreach	81,960.00	76,669.00	69,764.00	71,429.00
				-1.55%
				-6.83%
TOTAL OPERATIONS	100,475.84	100,369.00	91,891.36	92,629.00
Allocation for reserve		3,300.00		
TOTAL	100,475.84	103,669.00	91,891.36	92,629.00
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				-100.00%
				-10.65%

The Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario

APPROVED BUDGET FOR 2014

REGIONAL STAFF SUPPORT

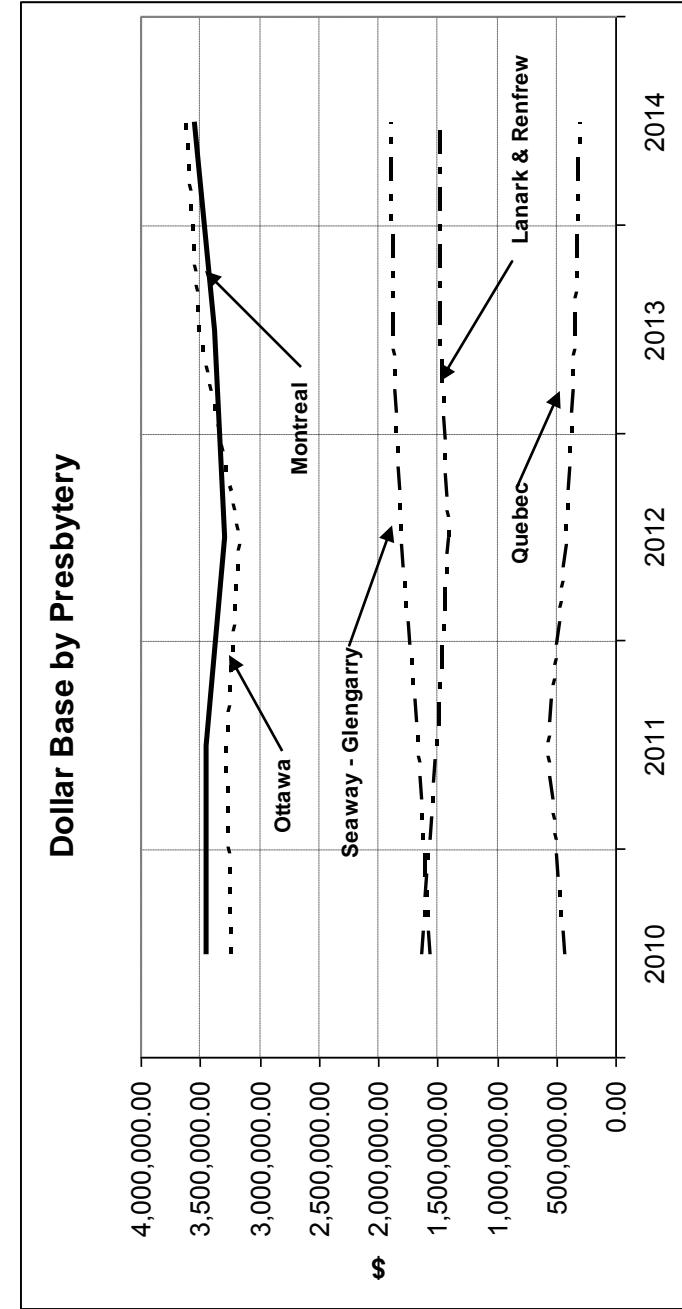
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Combined Office Expenses	3,283.75	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00%
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Employer Cost 2011 (CSST)	105.94				
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Total regional Staff Costs	22,643.57	25,392.00	24,793.57	28,410.20	11.89%
TOTAL OPERATIONS AND REGIONAL STAFF EXPENDITURE	123,119.41	129,061.00	116,684.93	121,039.20	-6.22%

Status at Year-End

	2013	2014
Balance at previous year end	6412.31	16,331.33
Income for the Year	126,603.95	121,039.20
Total	133,016.26	137,370.53
Less expenditure Expenditure for the Year	116,684.93	121,039.20
Balance at Year-End	16,331.33	16,331.33

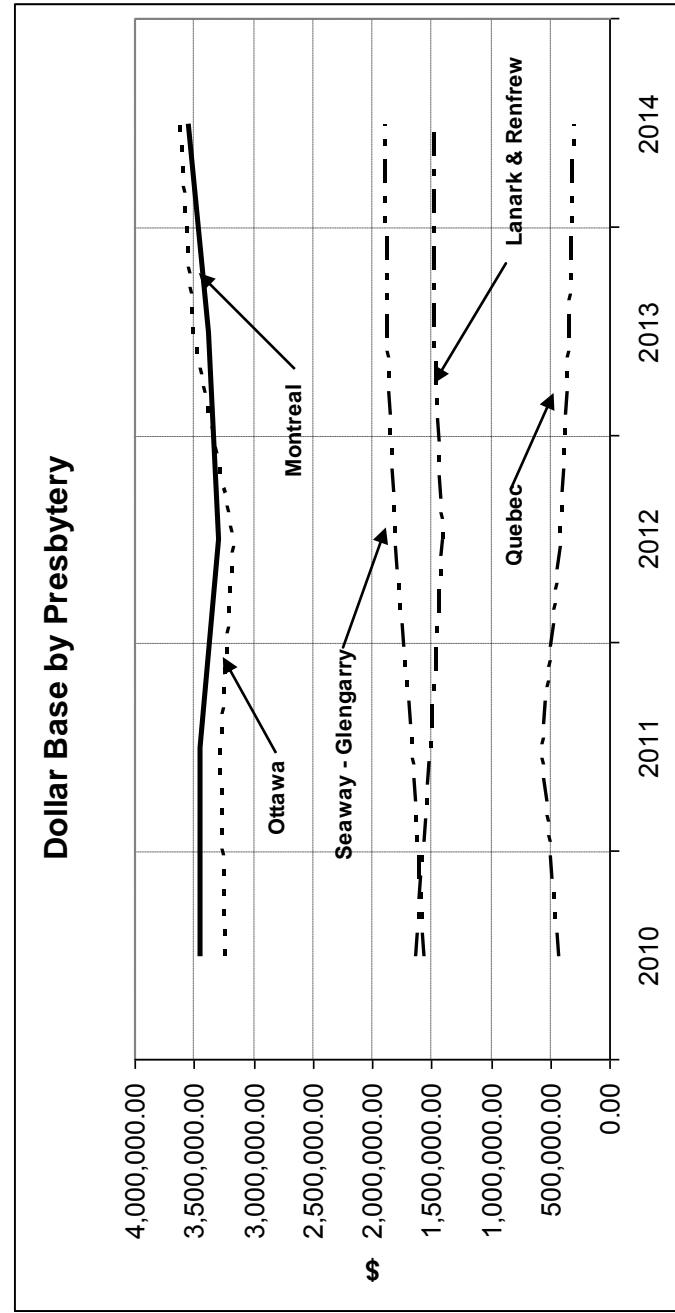
Proposed 2014 Presbytery Assessments

	<u>Dollar Base</u>	<u>2012 Actual</u>	<u>2013 Budget</u>	<u>2013 projected Year-End</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>% Increase over 2013 Budget</u>
Quebec	298,723	2,023.85	4,230.51	4,230.51	4,230.51	0.00%
Montreal	3,551,833	39,938.25	41,157.41	41,157.41	41,157.41	0.00%
Seaway-Glengarry	1,880,187	21,667.69	22,905.57	22,905.57	22,905.57	0.00%
Ottawa	3,621,630	38,905.00	42,700.67	42,700.67	42,700.67	0.00%
Lanark & Renfrew	1,470,407	16,961.72	18,066.83	6,000.00	4,000.00	-77.86%
Total Assessments	10,822,780	119,496.51	129,060.99	116,994.16	114,994.16	-10%



Approved 2014 Presbytery Assessments

	<u>Dollar Base</u>	<u>2012 Actual</u>	<u>2013 Budget</u>	<u>2013 projected Year-End</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>% Increase over 2013 Budget</u>
Quebec	298,723	2,023.85	4,230.51	4,230.51	3,340.84	-21.03%
Montreal	3,551,833	39,938.25	41,157.41	41,157.41	39,722.79	-3.49%
Seaway-Glengarry	1,880,187	21,667.69	22,905.57	22,905.57	21,027.53	-8.20%
Ottawa	3,621,630	38,905.00	42,700.67	42,700.67	40,503.38	-5.15%
Lanark & Renfrew	1,470,407	16,961.72	18,066.83	18,066.83	16,444.66	-8.98%
Total Assessments	10,822,780	119,496.51	129,060.99	124,544.28	121,039.20	-6.22%



Eastern Ontario \$ Quebec Synod

Proposed 5 YEAR FORECAST (2014)

<u>DESCRIPTION</u> <u>Expenses</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Administration					
Synod meetings	4,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Minutes	300.00	800.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
Honoraria					
Clerk	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
Treasurer	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,150.00	1,150.00
Audit/Review	350.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	600.00
Notary		300.00	300.00	300.00	
Clerk's Office					
Office expenses	500.00	600.00	700.00	700.00	700.00
Liability insurance	2,000.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	2,000.00
Clerk's consultation	150.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Committees					
Synod council	2,000.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,400.00
Other committees	1,750.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Finance					
Banking costs	100.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	300.00
Programs					
Youth					
Youth program	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Canada youth	3,750.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Operating Grant					
Gracefield					
Operating grant	43,952.00	46,476.85	46,937.01	47,397.18	47,857.35
Capital (septic/water project)		15,360.00	15,360.00	15,360.00	15,360.00
Camp d'action biblique					
Operating grant	25,813.00	25,667.81	25,921.94	26,176.08	26,430.22
Total Expenses	90,965.00	112,754.65	115,218.95	115,583.26	116,997.56
Regional Staff	28,410.20	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Net Total Expenditure	119,375.20	112,754.65	115,218.95	115,583.26	116,997.56

Assessments

Base Amounts

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Quebec	298,723	301,710	304,697	307,685	310,672
Montreal	3,551,833	3,587,351	3,622,870	3,658,388	3,693,906
Seaway-Glengarry	1,880,187	1,898,989	1,917,791	1,936,593	1,955,394
Ottawa	3,621,630	3,657,846	3,694,063	3,730,279	3,766,495
Lanark & Renfrew	1,470,407	1,485,111	1,499,815	1,514,519	1,529,223
Total Synod	10,822,780	10,931,008	11,039,236	11,147,463	11,255,691
Total Assessments	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Quebec	4,231	4,273	4,315	4,357	4,400
Montreal	41,157	41,569	41,981	42,392	42,804
Seaway-Glengarry	22,906	23,135	23,364	23,593	23,822
Ottawa	42,701	43,128	43,555	43,982	44,409
Lanark & Renfrew	4,000	2,000	0	0	0
Total Synod	114,994	114,104	113,214	114,324	115,434

The Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>	<u>5 YEAR FORECAST (2014)</u>				
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	
<u>Expenses</u>						
Administration						
Synod meetings	4,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Minutes	300	800	900	900	900	
Honoraria						
Clerk	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,300.00	2,300.00	
Treasurer	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,150.00	1,150.00	
Audit/Review	350	500	500	500	600	
Notary		300	300	300		
Clerk's Office						
Office expenses	500	600	700	700	700	
Liability insurance	2,000.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	2,000.00	
Clerk's consultation	150	0	500	0	500	
Committees						
Synod council	2000	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,400.00	
Other committees	1,750.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	
Finance						
Banking costs	100	250	250	250	300	
Programs						
Youth						
Youth program	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Canada youth	3,750.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Gracefield						
Operating grant	46,016.00	46,476.85	46,937.01	47,397.18	47,857.35	
Capital Projects		15,360.00	15,360.00	15,360.00	15,360.00	
Camp d'action biblique						
Operating grant	25,413.00	25,667.81	25,921.94	26,176.08	26,430.22	
Total Expenses	92,629.00	110,854.66	113,268.95	113,633.26	114,997.57	
Regional Staff	28,410.20	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Net Total Expenditure	121,039.20	110,854.66	113,268.95	113,633.26	114,997.57	
Assessments						
Base Amounts						
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
Quebec	298,723	301,710	304,697	307,685	310,672	
Montreal	3,551,833	3,587,351	3,622,870	3,658,388	3,693,906	
Seaway-Glengarry	1,880,187	1,898,989	1,917,791	1,936,593	1,955,394	
Ottawa	3,621,630	3,657,846	3,694,063	3,730,279	3,766,495	
Lanark & Renfrew	1,470,407	1,485,111	1,499,815	1,514,519	1,529,223	
Total Synod	10,822,780	10,931,007	11,039,236	11,147,464	11,255,690	
Total Assessments	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
Quebec	3,341	3,060	3,126	3,136	3,174	
Montreal	39,723	36,380	37,173	37,292	37,740	
Seaway-Glengarry	21,029	19,258	19,678	19,741	19,978	
Ottawa	40,503	37,095	37,903	38,025	38,482	
Lanark & Renfrew	16,445	15,061	15,389	15,438	15,624	
Total Synod	121,041	110,855	113,269	113,633	114,998	

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Quebec	3,341	3,060	3,126	3,136	3,174
Montreal	39,723	36,380	37,173	37,292	37,740
Seaway-Glengarry	21,029	19,258	19,678	19,741	19,978
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TREASURER'S REPORT ON SYNOD FINANCES - JANUARY 01ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 2012**1. SYNOD FUNDS**

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RECEIPTS DURING THE PERIOD:	<u>2012 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2012 BUDGET</u>
Presbytery of Québec	2,023.85	4,943.54
Presbytery of Montréal	39,938.28	39,938.28
Presbytery of Seaway\Glengarry	21,667.69	21,937.06
Presbytery of Ottawa	38,905.00	38,379.40
Presbytery of L & R	16,961.72	16,961.72
Refunds: committee expenses	135.90	
cheque voided	500.00	
PCC - from 2011	1,002.44	
Revenu Québec	16.13	
Bank interest	28.50	
Offering at Synod	<u>211.05</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	121,390.56	<u>121,390.56</u>
GRAND TOTAL	128,752.79	<u>122,160.00</u>

EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD:

Synod (travel, meals, speakers)	3,565.97	5,000
Minutes	433.14	1,000
Clerk's honorarium	2,200.00	2,200
Treasurer's honorarium	1,100.00	1,100
Audit \ Review of '11	350.00	500
Accountant's work ('12 tax forms)	1,149.75	-----
Clerks' consultation	275.00	300
Office expenses (clerk and/or treasurer)	676.79	600
Liability insurance premiums	1,989.82	2,000
Synod Council meetings	1,762.65	2,000
Committee meetings:	1,968.64	2,000
-finance: 452.11	-planning: 406.70	
-support: 1,109.83	-mission: -----	
Bank charges	244.08	200
Revenu Québec (2011 returns)	105.94	-----
Reserve fund (see final balance)	-----	1,000
Regional staff synod support (budgeted)	15,000.00	15,000
Regional staff synod support (unbudgeted)	7,500.00	-----
Youth programming - to CY '12	800.00	800
Canada Youth conference 2012	2,000.00	2,000
La vie chrétienne	500.00	500
Gracefield operating grant	42,000.00	42,000
Gracefield capital investments project	15,360.00	15,360
Camp d'action biblique operating grant	<u>24,600.00</u>	<u>24,600</u>
TOTAL:	123,581.78	<u>123,581.78</u>
BALANCE:		5,171.01

2012 AT A GLANCE:

Total receipts and balances forwarded:		Total expenditures:	
Synod	128,752.79	minus	Synod
CY '12	12,456.83	minus	CY '12
Regional Staff	<u>104,366.81</u>	minus	Regional Staff
	245,576.43		<u>104,070.43</u>
			=
			5,171.01
			944.92
			<u>296.38</u>
			=
			6,412.31

2. CANADA YOUTH 2012

RECEIPTS FOR THE EVENT:

Synodical	300.00
Brockville Presbyterial	200.00
Dormant youth fund - A. Mack	1,023.50
Synod's 2012 budget and youth budget	2,800.00
PCC grant for CY'14	1,000.00 (held in reserve for CY'14)
Participants' contributions	2,520.00
Matured G.I.C.'s. held for CY'12	<u>4,613.33</u>
TOTAL:	12,456.83
	12,456.83

EXPENDITURES FOR THE EVENT:

Leaders' registrations	750.00
Petty cash - Christine	500.00
Train and bus fares, and registrations	9,122.91
Canada Youth - post conference event	<u>1,139.00</u>
TOTAL	11,511.91
BALANCE:	<u>11,511.91</u>
	944.92 (an actual deficit for CY'12 of \$55.08)

3. REGIONAL STAFF

Brought forward from December 31 st , '11	326.81	
RECEIPTS DURING THE PERIOD:	<u>2012 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2012 BUDGET</u>
Grants (6,795.00 X 12)	81,540.00	81,800
Transfer in from Synod funds	15,000.00	<u>15,000</u>
Shortfall covered from Synod funds	<u>7,500.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	104,040.00	<u>104,040.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	104,366.81	96,800

EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD:

Stipends, housing and travel	57,756.60
Revenu Québec	8,156.04
Revenue Canada	11,818.92
Health & Dental (PCC) (2,138.54 X 4)	8,554.16
Pension benefits (PCC) (1116.62 X 12)	13,399.44
Combined office expenses	3,283.75
Continuing education	818.57
Staff conferences	<u>285.95</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	104,070.43
BALANCE	<u>104,070.43</u>
	296.38

CONSOLIDATION STATEMENT:

On hand:	1 - Synod	=	5,171.01
	2 - CY'12	=	944.92
	2 - Staff	=	<u>296.38</u>
BALANCE ON HAND	=		6,412.31
BANK BALANCE (less cheques) =			6,412.31

Respectfully submitted,
J. Ross H. Davidson
(Treasurer)

NOTE:

1. \$935.40 held in reserve to this date for continuing education.
2. \$1,000 held in reserve for CY'14

February 28, 2013

**RE : Financial statements
January 1st to December 31st, 2012**

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 2012, 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 (the 2012 cheques, cheque stubs, invoices, payroll records and ledgers, as well as the 2011 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,

Suzanne Aubre
Suzanne Aubre
175, Côte de l'Église
St-Ferdinand (Qc)
G0N 1N0

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 \$350,000. 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 11TH, 2013**1. SYNOD FUNDS**

Brought forward from December 31,2012

5,171.01

RECEIPTS DURING THE PERIOD:	2013 ACTUAL	2013 BUDGET
Presbytery of Québec	4,231.00	4,231
Presbytery of Montréal	30,867.75	41,157
Presbytery of Seaway\Glengarry	9,000.00	22,906
Presbytery of Ottawa	32,025.75	42,701
Presbytery of L & R	3,000.00	6,000 ??
PCC conference grant	3,500.00	<u>18,067</u>
GST refunds '11 & '12	1,909.67	
Synod registrations to date	<u>2,133.00</u>	???
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 86,667.17	 <u>86,667.17</u>
 GRAND TOTAL	 <u>91,838.18</u>	 <u>129,061.00</u>

EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD:

Synod (travel, meals, speakers, refunds)	50.00	6,000.00
Minutes	271.62	250.00
Clerk's honorarium	1,100.00	2,200.00
Treasurer's honorarium	550.00	1,100.00
Audit \ Review of '11	350.00	400.00
Accountant's work (tax returns, TP4)	-----	250.00
Clerks' consultation	-----	150.00
Office expenses (clerk and/or treasurer)	-----	500.00
Liability insurance premiums	1,776.16	2,000.00
Revenue Canada & Québec (2012)	396.13	-----
Synod Council meetings	1,925.19	2,000.00
Committee meetings: (finance, ad hoc, mission, regional staff, etc.)	1,014.24	2,000.00
Bank charges	70.05	100.00
Reserve fund (see final balance)	-----	3,300.00
Regional staff synod support	10,696.00	21,392.00
Regional staff supplementary support	-----	4,000.00
Youth programming (at camps)	2,000.00	3,000.00
Canada Youth conference 2014	3,750.00	3,750.00
In Memoriam for Betty Williams	100.00	-----
Gracefield operating grant	32,964.00	43,952.00
Gracefield capital investments project	-----	?? >>> 6,904.00
Camp d'action biblique operating grant	<u>25,813.00</u>	<u>25,813.00</u>
 TOTAL:	 82,826.39	 <u>82,826.39</u>
 BALANCE:	 9,011.79	

2. CANADA YOUTH 2014

RECEIPTS FOR THE EVENT:

Balance from CY '12 (PCC early grant)	9 44.92	
Synod's 2013 CY '14 budget	3,750.00	
PCC matching grant for CY '14	<u>2,587.63</u>	
TOTAL:	<u>7,282.55</u>	7,282.55

EXPENDITURES FOR THE EVENT:

G.I.C. purchased for 18 months	7,400.00	<u>7,400.00</u>
BALANCE		-117.45

3. REGIONAL STAFF

Brought forward from December 31,2012	296.38
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RECEIPTS DURING THE PERIOD:	2013 ACTUAL	2013 BUDGET
Grants (20,589.00 x 4)	82,356.00	82,354.00
Transfer in from Synod funds (1/2)	<u>10,696.00</u>	<u>21,392.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	<u>93,052.00</u>	<u>103,746.00</u>
TOTAL OF ABOVE:		93,348.38

EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD:

Stipends, housing and travel	47,459.80
Revenu Québec (2,116.59 x3)	6,349.77
Revenue Canada (3060.00 x3 - 82.99 refund)	9,097.01
Health & Dental (PCC) (2,140.16 X 3)	6,420.48
Pension benefits (PCC) (1,400.80 X 8)	12,607.20
Regional Staff office expenses	685.57
Continuing education	333.50
Staff conference	-----
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	<u>82,953.33</u>

BALANCE	10,395.05
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CONSOLIDATION STATEMENT:

On hand:	1 - Synod	=	9,011.79
	2 - CY'12	=	<u>-117.45</u>
	2 - Staff	=	<u>10,395.05</u>
TOTAL:			19,289.39

RUNNING LEDGER TOTAL: = **19,289.39**

BANK BALANCE (less cheques. etc.) = correct to the end of September

NOTE: 1. \$1,163.00 held in reserve to this date for continuing education.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Ross H. Davidson

TREASURER'S FORECAST FOR SYNOD FINANCES - OCTOBER 12TH TO DECEMBER 31ST**A. SYNOD****ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS:**

Balance on hand to date	9,011.79	
Anticipated assessments due	34,870.50	
Synod registrations:	<u>3,400.00</u>	
TOTAL:	47,282.29	47,282.29

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES

Synod meeting	6,000.00	+9000.00	?
Honoraria	1,650.00		
Office expenses	200.29		
Committee expenses	400.00		
Bank charges	50.00		
Grants: Gracefield	10,988.00		
Capitol	6,904.00		
Transfer to regional staff (2/2)	<u>10,696.00</u>		
TOTAL:	37,088.29	36088.29	<u>37,088.29</u>

BALANCE:10394.00 **10,194.00****B. REGIONAL STAFF****ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS:**

Balance on hand to date	10,395.05	
Synod funds transfer	<u>10,696.00</u>	
TOTAL:	21,091.05	21,091.05

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES

Stipends (2 months)	9,491.96	
PCC deductions (3 months)	4,202.40	
Revenue Canada (3 months)	3,060.00	
Revenu Québec (3 months)	2,116.59	
Health & Dental (3 months)	2,140.16	
Office expenses	800.94	
Continuing education	<u>500.00</u>	
TOTAL:	22,312.05	<u>22,312.05</u>

BALANCE:**-1,221.00****ANTICIPATED TOTALS**

Synod balance	10,194.00	
Regional Staff balance	<u>-1,221.00</u>	
Canada Youth '14	<u>-117.45</u>	
ANTICIPATED BALANCE	8,855.55	9055.55

Respectfully submitted,
J. Ross H. Davidson

SYNOD MISSION / ROBERT FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS

Consent Recommendation

That Recommendation No. 1 (identified by the ►) be adopted by consent.

► Recommendation No. 1

That the requests for monetary assistance from the Robert Fund for 2014 be as presented in the Synod Mission / Robert Fund Report; and that they be forwarded to Canadian Ministries with the approval of the Synod.

REPORT

Because Canada Ministries has revised the way in which it will henceforth operate, the Synod Mission Committee's responsibilities have been reduced to one, namely the distribution of interest from the Robert Fund.

The Robert Fund was established in 1951, from the estate of Mr. William Robert and his sister, Sarah. The will states that income from the fund is to be used annually for "religious and charitable schemes in the province of Quebec." It has become the practice to grant priority to work in the French language. Synod adopted Terms of Reference to that effect in 1979. (Minutes, 105th Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario, p. 21. Copies of the document are available for any who are interested).

We were informed by Canada Ministries that there will be \$7,000 in interest to distribute for 2013. The Committee received two requests. The suggested allocation is as follows.

\$5,000 – Camp d'action biblique (CAB)

\$2,000 – Presbytery of Montreal (in relation to financial oversight of la mission Siloé.)

Total: \$7,000

CAB qualifies under the terms of reference adopted in 1979 because it does summer programming in French. The sum requested by the Presbytery of Montreal is tied to aiding "la mission Siloé" in obtaining a CRA charitable donation number and setting up their accounting practices in conformity to Canadian norms. Attached please find reports from both CAB and la mission Siloé.

In past years, money has been allocated to the magazine ***La Vie Chrétienne***, but it has temporarily lost its charitable donation status and is thus ineligible.

Recommendation No. 1

That the requests for monetary assistance from the Robert Fund for 2014 be as presented in the Synod Mission / Robert Fund Report; and that they be forwarded to Canadian Ministries with the approval of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Dr. Barry Mack, convener

CAMP D'ACTION BIBLIQUE – October 2013

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

1. Camp Committee. The number of camp meetings has been reduced from 4-5 per year to 2-3, to primarily save on travel costs, with a significant amount of the work being done with the assistance of internet and phone calls.
2. Part-time positions. Executive Director – Randy Johnston completed another successful camping season and is planning to be back in 2014.
3. Campers. A total of 108 camper weeks and 29 different staff (totaling 81 staff weeks) were involved with CAB this past summer.
4. Open House, June 29th, 2013. A good time was had by all. The weather was great, Richard Bonetto led an inspiring worship service, people enjoyed an excellent supper and had the opportunity to renew acquaintances.
5. QCA. Our second year as a fully accredited camp went very well. The benefit of accreditation is to have the provincial organization responsible for camps independently check our operations. The added cost of over a \$1,000 annually, although not a welcome addition is manageable thanks to the continuing support of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario.
6. Inspections. All inspections were satisfactorily completed this summer.
7. Rentals. Five main rentals. There are many opportunities for additional rentals especially in the months of June and September.
8. New camp activity. The camp purchased equipment for 11 holes of disc golf. Two practice holes and a 9 hole course has been set up and was enjoyed by campers this summer.
9. Retreat September 20th – 22nd, 2013. The second annual combined Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario and CAB retreat was held with an additional 35 campers and staff in attendance.
10. Maintenance. The team (Gary Johnston, with help from William and Michel Randlett) accomplished much during the summer. The work included much tender loving care and preventative maintenance. A detailed report of jobs completed is available from the camp committee on request. With a camp built primarily in the early 1960s, there will always be additional maintenance jobs to do, finances permitting. I am happy to report that the final touches to the male bathroom have been done, finally completing the washroom project.

11. Lac Mégantic fund raiser. After the disaster, it was asked how the camp could help. It was decided to offer camp sponsorships to young people from this area. After liaising with various organizations the names of young people were sent to us and they enjoyed a week at camp. I am pleased to report that the response was so exceptional that we will be able to cover additional camper sponsorships to young people from the Lac Mégantic area in 2014.

12. Website. CAB website - <http://www.cabqc.ca/> has a lot of information. Please have a look and give us feedback.

13. Financial Statement. With an increased number of rentals and a larger number of campers we will again be in the black at year end. Again, looking forward to 2014 it would be very beneficial if we could secure new sources of funding.

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

C.A. Dewar October 11th, 2013
Director General (Convenor) / Secretary
Camp d'action biblique
(613) 739-8669 (Home)
(613) 995-0007 (Work) (**New**)

Enclosures: 3

Financial Statement August 30th, 2013
Draft schedule for 2014
Collection of Pictures Summer 2013 (Will be fwd to Gord Walford for Synod webpage)



2014 Camp d'action biblique Schedule

Work Days: Saturday, May 17th and 24th (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Pre-Camp: Monday, June 23rd (2 p.m.) – Saturday, June 28th (10 a.m.)

Open House: Saturday, June 28th (2 – 8 p.m.)

Bilingual Youth Camp 1 (ages 13-16): Sunday, June 29th (5 p.m.) – Saturday, July 5th (10 a.m.)

English Junior Camp 1 (ages 8-12): Sunday, July 6th (5 p.m.) – Saturday, July 12th (10 a.m.)

English Junior Camp 2 (ages 8-12): Sunday, July 13th (5 p.m.) – Saturday, July 19th (10 a.m.)

Camp Rental / Family Camp: Sunday, July 20th - Saturday, July 26th (10 a.m.)

French Junior Camp (ages 8-12): Sunday, July 27th (5 p.m.) – Saturday, August 2nd (10 a.m.)

Bilingual Youth Camp 2 (ages 13-16): Sunday, August 3rd (5 p.m.) – Saturday, August 9th (10 a.m.)

Camp Rental / Worship Week: Sunday, August 10th – Saturday, August 16th

Camp Rental: Sunday, August 17th – Saturday August 21st

Retreat: Friday, September 19th (5 p.m.) - Sunday September 21st (2 p.m.)

Work Days: Saturday, September 13th and 27th (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

For general information or camp rental possibilities, please visit or contact CAB by:

Website: www.cabqc.ca

E-mail: cabqc@yahoo.ca

Phone: (819) 826-5400 (June to August)
(450) 923-0794

Address: Camp d'action biblique
P.O. Box 3154
Richmond, Québec J0B 2H0



Calendrier du Camp d'action biblique 2014

Journées de travail : les samedis 17 et 24 mai (9h – 14h)

Session préparatoire (pour le personnel) : du lundi 23 juin (14h) au samedi 28 juin (10h)

Journée portes ouvertes : le samedi 28 juin (14h – 20h)

Camp de jeunesse bilingue 1 (13-16 ans) : du dimanche 29 juin (17h) au samedi 5 juillet (10h)

Camp anglais junior 1 (8-12 ans) : du dimanche 6 juillet (17h) au samedi 12 juillet (10h)

Camp anglais junior 2 (8-12 ans) : du dimanche 13 juillet (17h) au samedi 19 juillet (10h)

Location de groupe / camp pour familles : du dimanche 20 juillet au samedi 26 juillet

Camp français junior (8-12 ans) : du dimanche 27 juillet (17h) au samedi 2 août (10h)

Camp de jeunesse bilingue 2 (13-16 ans) : du dimanche 3 août (17h) au samedi 9 août (10h)

Location de groupe : du dimanche 10 août au samedi 16 août

Location de groupe : du dimanche 17 août au samedi 23 août

Retraite : du vendredi 19 septembre (17h) au dimanche 21 septembre (14h)

Journées de travail : les samedis 13 et 27 septembre (9h – 14h)

Pour recevoir des renseignements généraux ou pour louer le camp, veuillez communiquer avec nous :

Site Web : www.cabqc.ca

Courriel : cabqc@yahoo.ca

Téléphone : (819) 826-5400 (juin à l'aout)
(450) 923-0794

Adresse : Camp d'action biblique
C.P. 3154
Richmond (Québec) J0B 2H0

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CAMP D'ACTION BIBLIQUE

EXPENSES 2013

Hydro Quebec	\$ 2,084.59
Propane	\$ 425.00
Bell telephone	\$ 504.67
Postage / Stationary / Photocopying	\$ 392.41
Property	\$ 2,726.79
Disc Golf	\$ 2,779.53
Pharmacy - First Aid	\$ 140.44
Food - Maxi / Tuck	\$ 4,780.22
Office Supplies	\$ 43.33
Water Testing + UV machine bills	\$ 537.52
Honorariums - Staff	\$ 16,570.00
Honorariums - Executive Director	\$ 13,015.00
Honorariums - Maintenance (Michel)	\$ 450.00
Honorariums - Maintenance (William)	\$ 1,390.00
Honorariums - Maintenance (Gary)	\$ 4,140.00
Travel - Maintenance (William)	\$ 435.75
Travel - Staff (Ex Dir & Committee Reteat)	\$ 740.10
Insurance	\$ 8,806.11
Cleaning - housekeeping - Supplies (Cherbourg)	\$ 587.10
CITQ - QCA - CCI	\$ 746.89
Program	\$ 1,581.03
Fire Ext	\$ 210.04
bank charges / fees / returned cheque	\$ 74.00
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	\$ 63,160.52

Sent to Presbytery of Quebec for Tax Receipts	\$ 1,100.00
	\$ 1,100.00

Expenses 2013 \$ 64,260.52

30 Aug 13

CAMP D'ACTION BIBLIQUE

Camp Operating Income / Donations / Misc - 2013

Camp Operating Income	\$ 19,235.00
Camper dues week 1 (Youth I)	\$ 3,045.00
Camper dues week 2 (Eng Jr I)	\$ 5,025.00
Camper dues week 3 (Eng Jr II)	\$ 5,020.00
Camper dues week 4 (Fr Jr)	\$ 1,965.00
Camper dues week 5 (Youth II)	\$ 4,120.00
Retreat	\$ 60.00
Donations	\$ 35,014.66
Presbytery of Montreal	\$ 5,207.00
Presbytery of Quebec	\$ 1,000.00
PCC - Lac Megantic	\$ 575.00
Synod of QC and Eastern ON	\$ 17,208.66
Various Churches / Organizations (8)	\$ 3,189.00
Various Individuals (11) (includes open house donations)	\$ 3,865.00
Lac Megantic (10)	\$ 3,970.00
Robert Fund	\$ -
Miscellaneous - 2013	\$ 6,302.20
Joe Kelly Bottles (Apr - Jun)	\$ 1,690.25
Rentals Fees	\$ 4,210.00
Bottle Return (Elie)	\$ 338.95
T-shirt	\$ 36.00
Silent Auction (open house)	\$ 27.00
Camp Operating/Donations/Misc - 2013 (Total)	\$ 60,551.86
Donations receipted through the Presbytery of Quebec	\$ 1,100.00
	\$ 1,100.00
Opening Balance (01 Jan 13)	\$ 26,599.99
+ Camp Operating/Donations/Misc 2013	\$ 61,651.86
- Expenses 2013	\$ 64,260.52
Book Balance 30 Aug 13	\$ 23,991.33

WMS SYNODCIAL OF QUÉBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO

The annual meeting of the Synodical of Québec and Eastern Ontario was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Morrisburg, Ontario on April 13 & 14. Unfortunately a nasty storm hit most of the area so attendance was smaller than usual. However we were welcomed warmly by the Morrisburg folk and enjoyed a great dinner which we shared with many of the church members and some of the braver members of the Brockville presbytery.

A highlight on Friday was the arrival of Druse Bryan accompanied by past president Lois Klempa. All of us were thrilled to see Lois, and of course later on were happy that we had had one last visit. I was able to attend the wonderful service of thanksgiving for Lois' life and witness. We will miss her.

Our then WMS president Joan Smith was with us and outlined some of the changes facing the WMS including biennial councils and ideas still in the works for encouraging other women of the church. On Saturday Joan showed us some pictures taken on visits to Taiwan.

Our Friday evening speaker was Karen Bokma from PWS&D who gave an overview of work done with International partners. This was followed by an inspirational devotion and communion service conducted by the Rev. Samer Kandalaft. Karen also gave a presentation on Saturday on the work being done in Malawi and Afghanistan with women and children. I would recommend Karen as a speaker for any congregation interested in the work of PWS&D.

The meeting voted not to hold the usual fall rally but to attend the synod conference in Cornwall in October. Everyone was also encouraged to attend the 2014 women's gathering "Burst Forth" in Richmond Hill.

Anita Mack conducted closing worship and installation of officers including Irene Nesbitt as vice-president. I will be happy to hand over the reins to Irene next April at St. Columba by the Lake, Pointe Claire.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hilliard, President

SYNOD WEBSERVANT

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

Currently (Oct 3/13), the presbyteries' stats re: e-mail and church websites are as follows:

Quebec:

4 e-mail addresses, 2 church websites
 (7 congregations in 7 charges plus one mission; 3 vacant, 1 supply)
 100% of ministers have e-mail

Montreal:

41 e-mail addresses (incl. church offices, excl. appendix), 12 church websites
 (33 congregations in 30 charges, 1 mission; 7 vacant, 1 supply, 2 stated supply,
 2 summer supply)
 100% of ministers and stated supply have e-mail, as well as 3 vacant charges

Seaway-Glengarry:

14 e-mail addresses (incl. church offices, excl. appendix), 13 church websites
 (26 congregations in 14 charges; 3 vacant; 1 appointment, 1 student minister)
 100% of ministers have e-mail; all charges have e-mail contact

Ottawa:

37 e-mail addresses, 21 church websites (100% coverage)
 (21 congregations in 19 charges and two extension works, 5 vacant; 1 regular
 supply, 1 student minister, 1 lay missionary with special training)
 100% of ministers and all 4 vacant charges have e-mail

Lanark-Renfrew:

14 e-mail addresses, 6 church websites
 (21 congregations in 15 charges, 4 vacant; 3 supply, 1 stated supply)
 100% of the ministers, 1 stated supply and 2 vacant charges 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 109 congregations in 85 charges and 4 missions do not have known e-mail addresses. 30 charges have two or more e-mail addresses.

The synod site was revised extensively in 2013. It now consists of nine main pages plus one page for each of the five presbyteries. The main pages include the home page, contacts, one for the current synod, past meetings (minutes), documents, camps, youth and national links. Each presbytery page lists the churches by presbytery (including e-mail and web address links), other ministries, appendices and retired missionaries, including e-mail addresses (where known). The listings are similar to those found in the back of the Acts and Proceedings. Where there are ecumenical

shared ministries those are noted as well. Another revision in 2013 was to list separately each congregation in a multi-point charge, giving the charge a name based on the location of each congregation within the charge.

Listings are updated periodically based on input from contacts within the presbyteries and the list of changes to the roll 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
gord.walford@sympatico.ca*

SYNOD HISTORIAN

Conference:

An international conference on history was held within the bounds of the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario this year. "Christian Faith and the University: From the Reformation to W. Stanford Reid", an academic conference that drew men and women from across Canada, the United States, Britain, South America, Africa and continental Europe, took place at The Presbyterian College, Montreal, and McGill University from Sept 26-28, 2013. This event commemorated the 100th anniversary of the birth of W S Reid, a Presbyterian minister who served in the Presbytery of Montreal, taught history at McGill and founded the History Department at the University of Guelph in the 1960s.

Dr A Donald MacLeod, Reid's biographer, spoke on the legacy of Stanford Reid as a Christian scholar, and addresses and papers dealt with aspects of the conference theme. Stanford Reid's vision was of Christians acting as 'salt and light' in the university, and bearing witness to the Biblical worldview.

Several distinguished scholars, including Carl Trueman, Mark Noll, Margaret Somerville and David Bebbington, spoke at plenary sessions.

Dr Jason Zuidema of Concordia University deserves credit for the hard work he did that resulted in such an impressive event. Those who worked with him on the organizing committee were: Don MacLeod, John Vissers, Ruth McLaughlin, Barry Mack and John Vaudry.

The Canadian Society of Presbyterian History held its annual meeting in conjunction with the conference in Montreal. New members are always welcome.

Museum:

Don't forget to visit the Presbyterian Museum when you are in Toronto. Al Clarkson of the Museum Committee informs us that donations of items of historical interest are always welcome, especially unusual or unique artifacts, e.g., very old Communion vessels, precentors' tuning forks, etc. Please—no more books or pulpit falls.

Respectfully submitted,
John Vaudry

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Mr. David Brittain, Moderator

The Rev'd Mr. James T. Hurd, Clerk

October 17, 2013.

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

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

At its November, 2012 stated meeting, the Presbytery of Ottawa was advised that the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario at its meeting in October, 2012 had reduced the annual grant for funding the water and septic system capital works project from \$15,360. to \$6,904 for the year 2013.

Several members of the board of directors, including the chair, David Kilgour, and the treasurer, Matthew Klassen, were present at the January, 2013 stated meeting of the presbytery. A report of the first triennial visitation to the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre, undertaken in 2012, was received by the presbytery, reviewed, and adopted as amended. Among other recommendations adopted, the minutes of the board of directors for the period September 26, 2009 through June 16, 2012 were attested as neatly and correctly kept. The board presented a financial summary for the years 2010 to 2012 to the presbytery, which summary included supposedly revised figures for the year 2010 (the previous statement for 2010 having been presented to the presbytery in late 2011 and having been referred back to the board with unanswered questions), a balance sheet and statement of revenue and expenditure for the year ended December 31, 2011 and a preliminary balance sheet and statement of revenue and expenditure for the year ended December 31, 2012. The presbytery invited the board to present a further report to the February, 2013 stated meeting, including finalised financial statements and a budget for 2013. In consideration of the need to make arrangements for leadership at the camp for the 2013 camping season, the presbytery resolved to encourage the board of directors, S. Sinclair, and the session of St. Stephen's Church, Ottawa to explore the possibility of shared ministry.

At the February, 2013 stated meeting of the presbytery, R. Draffin and M. Klassen as representatives of the board of directors presented to the court a report on the water treatment project, and the budget for operations for 2013. They also reported that the firm of Kelly Huibers McNeely had been engaged as auditors for the year ended December 31, 2012 and that work on the audit was due to begin in March, 2013; and that a restructuring of the board with working committees was proceeding, and a report on new structure was due to be brought back to the presbytery. A contract between S. Sinclair, the board of directors, and the session of St. Stephen's Church, Ottawa was approved by the presbytery, which provided for his services to the camp as interim executive manager for one year commencing February 1, 2013.

At the June, 2013 stated meeting of the presbytery, the expected slate of nominations for appointment to the board of directors was not presented, although the court was advised that the Business Committee of the presbytery had appointed B. R. Laughton, past moderator, to serve as the presbytery's representative on the nominations committee. Power to issue was given to the Business

Committee to appoint the board of directors, in anticipation of the slate of nominations being ready for presentation to the presbytery prior to September 1, 2013.

At the September, 2013 stated meeting, the slate of nominations was presented, and the presbytery appointed the following as the board of directors, with the officers as indicated:

Terry Flett	Health and Safety/Facilities	2011-2014
David Kilgour	Past Chair	2011-2014
Peter Lamont	Chair, Personnel Committee	2011-2014
Ruth Coulton	Chair, Programming Committee	2011-2014
Bon E. Cummings	Chair	2012-2015
Mary Kange	Fundraising	2012-2015
Ruth Draffin	Without portfolio	2012-2015
Julie Madden	Vice-Chair;Chair, Fundraising/Communications	2013-2016
Alan Herbert	Treasurer	2013-2016
Martha Dulmage	Governance and Policy/Sustainability	2013-2016
Julia Apps-Douglas	Secretary	2013-2016
Gordon Richardson	Property and Maintenance	2013-2016

The board of directors presented a call for proposals with respect to the hiring of a new executive director. This was reviewed by the presbytery, and a concern that the wording of the call needed to state an explicit requirement for Christian faith on the part of a new executive director was noted and conveyed to the board.

The presbytery was assured by the board that major work to reconstruct the financial books for the years 2010 and 2011 had been done, but that this work was still incomplete, and the audit for 2012 was dependent on establishing a reliable balance sheet for the end of December, 2011, which was not yet possible. The presbytery empowered the Business Committee to follow up with the board of directors in hopes of obtaining all things needful to complete financial statements prior to the October, 2013 meeting of the presbytery.

At the October 15, 2013 stated meeting of the presbytery, the Business Committee reported the moderator and the clerk of the presbytery had met with Bon E. Cummings, the new chair of the board of directors; Alan Herbert, the new treasurer; and Scott Sinclair, the interim executive manager, in late September and had reviewed the financial situation and the incomplete audit. Subsequently, the board of directors approved in early October and presented to the presbytery on October 15, 2013 the following resolution:

Whereas:

- 1) the 2009 audit of the books of Gracefield Christian Camp & Retreat Centre (GCCRC) made retroactive changes to long established accounting policies of the camp concerning restricted funds and deferred revenue that significantly changed the stated financial position of the Camp compared to prior years as shown in the balance sheet;
- 2) although the audit report as a whole was accepted by the GCCRC Board at its meeting of June 12th 2010, none of the above accounting policy changes appear to have been individually presented to, nor approved by, the GCCRC Board of Directors;
- 3) the 2010 financial review prepared by the auditors was not accepted by the Presbytery of Ottawa at their meeting of November 15th 2011, but was referred back to the GCCRC Board for further review and to resolve unanswered questions;
- 4) the questions raised by the Presbytery have not been adequately answered, and the auditors review of the financial statements for 2010 has not been finalized;
- 5) rebuilding the books for 2011 has not been completed, and no financial statements for 2011 are available for review;
- 6) the auditors are unable to complete their work for 2012 due to the absence of a balance sheet;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

- (a) verifiable balances be established for January 1st 2013 for all bank accounts, investment funds, accounts receivable, accounts payable, restricted funds and other liabilities. Such balances to be supported by documentation from external bodies and documented revenue and expenses from 2013 and prior years where available;
- (b) the balance sheet accounts of Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre be reset effective January 1, 2013 reflecting these balances;
- (c) that analysis of the financial transactions for year-end 2009 through December 31st 2012 continue with a view to regularizing those years and that any resulting adjustments may be proposed as extraordinary adjustments for 2013 or subsequent years;
- (d) that further work on the audit for 2012 be suspended until the analysis on the accounts for 2010-2012 by the bookkeeper has been completed.
- (e) that the rebuilt balance sheet for January 1st 2013 along with 2013 year-to-date actuals for revenues & expense be presented to the Presbytery of Ottawa as the financial report of Gracefield Christian Camp & Retreat Centre for 2013.

The resolution of the board of directors having been carefully reviewed by the Business Committee and on its recommendation, the Presbytery of Ottawa then adopted the following resolution:

That the Presbytery of Ottawa concur with the actions of the board of directors in resetting the balance sheet for the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre as of January 1, 2013, approve the reconstructed balance sheet as at January 1, 2013, and forward the balance sheet and the financial summary of the water and septic systems capital project for the period January 1, 2003 through August 31, 2013 to the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario.

The balance sheet as of January 1, 2013 is appended to this report. The balance sheet restores as liabilities and restricted funds all funds held as of December 31, 2009 for which there is no evidence of their having been expended for the purposes for which they were given. The presbytery notes that notwithstanding the presbytery's action in receiving the auditor's report and adopting the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009, the note in the auditor's report [Minutes of Synod, 2010, Appendix Q, page 40, note 5] presented by the presbytery to the synod in October, 2010 concerning such funds having been internally restricted by the board of directors of the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre cannot be substantiated.

The camp continues to have the services of Debi Brown, a volunteer bookkeeper who is an elder and member of the presbytery, whose patient and substantial work in reconstructing the accounting for 2011 continues, and with the gratitude of the presbytery. The board and the presbytery are both aware that subsequent adjustments to the balance sheet during 2013 or beyond may be made to reflect any discoveries, but has confidence in the restored balance sheet as a baseline. The statement of revenue and expenditure for the year 2013 will obviously not be available until after December 31, 2013, but the presbytery expresses its full support for the work of the new treasurer who is seeking to work with the bookkeeper to ensure that timely statements are produced.

The presbytery earlier this year advised the board of directors to ensure that quarterly financial statements of actual versus budgeted revenue and expenditure be provided to the board. Following the October 15, 2013 stated meeting of the presbytery, the treasurer was able to prepare a statement of revenue and expenditure for the eight-month period January 1, 2013 through August 31, 2013. This statement is also appended to this report, and shows revenue of \$148,335. and expenditure of \$160,349. The deficit year-to-date is therefore \$12,013, but it is noted that the third-quarter installment of the operating grant pledged by the synod (amounting to \$10,988.) had not been received. Although the new treasurer has not had time to review the comparative figures for 2012, and therefore does not offer an opinion on their accuracy, they have been included, and appear to show that the operating deficit year-to-date in 2013 has been reduced from \$123,743. for the same period in 2012 to \$12,013. in 2013. This is a very substantial improvement, and given that every year the operating deficit is largest at the end of the summer camping season, bodes very well for an improvement in the balance sheet by year end 2013.

The new treasurer has reviewed the revenue designated for the water and septic capital projects and expenditures properly charged against this for the period years 2003 through 2013 August 31, and prepared a summary statement which is also appended to this report. Work on the water treatment project is nearly complete; work on the septic system has not yet been undertaken. The presbytery continues through its Committee on Finance and Maintenance to monitor this.

The presbytery received at its October 15, 2013 stated meeting a communication from the interim executive manager indicating that the call for proposals for a new executive director had been revised to address the issue raised by the presbytery designed to ensure that a requirement for Christian faith on the part of any new executive director be clearly stated, and filed with the presbytery the revised call for proposals, which is posted on the website of the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre. The presbytery in thanking the board for responding to this matter, also indicated the need to obtain some assurance from the board of directors that plans to implement any proposal to engage a new executive director would be considered in the light of a budget for 2014 which would address the need to improve the balance sheet.

The board of directors has also prepared a report detailing camp attendance and usage, and assembled some testimonials of those who have been blessed through the ministry of the camp. Following the triennial visitation, the presbytery directed that regular reports from the board to the presbytery include details of the Christian ministry, in terms of what is provided, what is experienced, and how lives are changed. The report and testimonials on the 2013 camping season are also appended herewith.

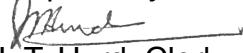
Following the meeting of the Synod Council in May, the presbytery was advised by the clerk as the presbytery's representative on the Council of the Council's decision to recommend to the synod that the level of support for Christian camping and for regional staff be reconsidered. Further, the clerk advised the presbytery that there were significant challenges for the synod's budget owing to a reduction in current revenue arising from a communication from one presbytery.

When the Presbytery of Ottawa agreed to take on the ownership and oversight of the whole of the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre, it was with the clearly affirmed synod-wide commitment that funding for Christian camping would be provided at a minimum level of two-thirds of one percent of the total dollar base of the synod. In view of the pending recommendation of the Synod Council, the Presbytery of Ottawa resolved at its September, 2013 stated meeting as follows:

That should the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario contemplate a change to the funding formula for the support of camping ministries the synod be requested not to make or implement any binding decision without consultation beforehand with the Presbytery of Ottawa and an opportunity for the presbytery as a presbytery to have input in any decision affecting financial support for the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre.

The Presbytery of Ottawa continues to support in prayer, time, energy, leadership, and human and financial resources the ministry of Christian camping through the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre. We continue to seek God's grace and wisdom as we seek to be stewards of all that is entrusted to us for the advance of Christ's kingdom throughout the synod and beyond.

Respectfully submitted, in Christ's service,


J. T. Hurd, Clerk.



Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre

Activity Report to Presbytery As at September 30, 2013

Between January 1 and September 30, 2013 (nine months), more than 1100¹ people shared fellowship and experienced Gracefield's natural setting and facilities.

This number is comprised of lodge rental groups (with self-directed programming), camp directed programming camps including children's summer camps (77) and family camp (23), room and transient tent/trailer site rentals, seasonal site occupants, volunteers and staff.

This number was calculated based on actual accommodations provided and/or meals and in the case of Tent and Trailer sites – an average of four persons per site.

We have seen a slight increase in the children's camp from last year and in the coming months will focus on increasing that number for 2014. The lack of sufficient broad-based and targeted publicity in the 2010 -2012 years served to reduce numbers which are only now moving upward.

In addition to the GCCRC's-directed children's and family camps, self-directed church (12), discreet family (35), social (2) and ethnic (1) groups programmed retreats and events at the camp.

The camp was also hosted a very successful spring camp work weekend and Canada Day celebration.

From Children's Camp Programmers – Leanne Veenstra and Claire Mahaffy



'Ernest and Eugenie visited camp for the first time this summer. They are brothers, who were sponsored by St. Andrew's to attend the Night Owl camp.

Ernest and Eugenie arrived at camp with a congregation member who volunteered to drive them to Gracefield. The two brothers were incredibly shy the first couple days at camp.

¹ This number includes: 16 group rentals = 584 people; 20 staff; 24 registered volunteers; 57 individual rental = 200 people; 14 seasonal site holders (x 4) = 56 people; and 58 T+T transient site holders = 232. Note: the # of actual volunteers is probably much higher.

Claire, myself, and the counsellors quickly realized that camp would be a week of firsts for Ernest and Eugenie. The two brothers had never swam before, had never canoed, shot an arrow, or been away from home for more than a day. Spending a week at camp was out of their comfort zone to say the least.

It was an incredible experience watching these teenagers come out of their shell. Ernest and Eugenie didn't even wear their bathing suits to the first session of swimming. They rolled up their pants, sat on the dock with their feet in the water, and watched the other campers swim. By the end of the week, they were jumping off the docks with their life jackets on swimming with the group.

It took a lot of encouragement to convince Ernest and Eugenie to jump in a canoe for the first time. The counsellor that steered them around the lake describe the experience as "surreal". Ernest and Eugenie were eager to learn how to paddle, put their hands in the water, and canoeing quickly became a highlight of their time at Gracefield (a rose as we like to call it at camp). The shyness disappeared as the week went on, and the two brothers had smiles on their faces the entire week.

James Dance mentioned to me that by the end of the week, they had two more prayers each night in the cabin as Eugenie and Ernest became more comfortable with their fellow campers and the counsellors.

They had the opportunity to zip-line, scale the rope's course wall, perform in the talent show with their cabin, and participate in devotions and prayer for the first time.

Their time at camp impacted every counsellor in a special way.'

'Every week when we met for our role calls, emergency procedures and introductions at the boat house, we would ask campers to raise their hand if it was their first time camping at Gracefield. It was amazing to see the hands shoot up- it really is a testimonial to the direction that the camp is headed.'



'The Hartung family first came to Gracefield with the St. Stephen's Sunday school retreat. Seeing how much she enjoyed the retreat their grandfather paid for Sophie, one of the younger daughters, to attend camp with her cousin Alex. Bringing Sophie to camp quickly became a family event with the rest of the girls and their father renting a campsite and staying overnight. Although we expected only to have Sophie as a camper word spread to her sister Kimmy, who attend M.A.D camp, and finally to their older sister Sam, who attended Night Owl. All three sponsored by their grandfather. Each time a girl was at camp the rest of the family would rent a campsite for a couple nights and stay over, quickly becoming connected with other young families in the Tent and Trailer community.'

Before Gracefield none of the girls had attended any type of camp that offered such a diverse range of activities. From outdoor activities like canoeing and hiking, to indoor activities such as crafts and devotions. Nor had they ever attended church regularly. Each of the girls was open to these new experiences, often excelling as leaders in their within their Unit or Cabin group.

What stood out to the staff most about the Hartungs was how camp brought them together. From the first step of their grandfather paying for the three girls to attend camp, to the sisters passing along the stories and convincing each other to come to camp, to their father spending time camping with his daughters week after week. The Hartungs were not just individual campers, but a family.

From Camp Co-Directors – Janet and Brian Ham

'Camp allows for creative ways to do worship. One Sunday morning a woman from the tent and trailer community joined us in worship with her two young girls clinging to her legs. During worship we had a time when people went off for 10 minutes to meditate on the key passage using a method the camp curriculum had encouraged called Lectio Divina. This spiritual tool helps one applying scripture to their life. That morning we chose to emphasize the camp's theme verse. Isaiah 43:18-19. "Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already—you can see it now! I will make a road through the wilderness and give you streams of water there." When we came back together, many meaningful stories emerge. Then this young mother shared. My daughter told me that "God said it was now okay for her to let go of my hand and go off to Kindergarten next week. God promised she would be safe. God would be with her." Now isn't that what we all desire? At camp, creative intergenerational worship is encouraged. All ages have the time to meditate on God's word and draw life from it.

At Family Camp the same camp theme brought healing. Parents grappled with the same scripture and drew hope for themselves and their families. After camp, one youth came and shared the change she saw happen in her mother and thanked the camp for the new bond she felt as a family.

The ropes course done at family camp was also a unique experience. Being a part of it, I felt a bond between everyone, very young and old as we supported, encouraged and trusted one another to get us through the challenges. I was surprised at the power it had to create community amongst us.

Camp is a place where people come for respite, sometimes to escape from very sad home environments. It is a place where some bring those in need to help them cope. Recently I had the opportunity to minister to someone in deep need through prayer and counseling. This was then further supported by her friend, the camp Christian community and especially quiet time meditating alone with God in nature. She left wanting to return with her family.

As youth leaders in the past, we were always amazed at the growth in faith and community that takes place during a retreat. This happens also with children and adults. Camp and retreats allow for more intensive ministry.

One of Gracefield's returning staff told how years before she had approached her boss for time off to attend Leaders In Training. When she returned, her boss declared that she was a different person. He was impressed with her self-esteem, and her new confidence to interact with customers. He wished all his staff would participate in LIT.

Members of churches that are going through challenges have stated that their time away at Gracefield helps them remove themselves from the politics of Church and helps them refocus on their faith with God. It renews them to return to the challenges with more energy to work towards healing and growth.

Camp allows for mentorship of young people. One morning a youth showed up with a project he had completed the evening before using the skills taught in a work project.'

August 31 2013

Gracefield Christian Camp & Retreat Centre**Water & Septic Capital improvement Projects**

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description (note 1)</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013 YTD</u>	<u>Total</u>
2306 Designated capital donations received	1,900	2,206	3,735	10,730	2,181	755	225	2,000	500	0	0	0	24,232
2306 Imputed interest added (note 2)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	451	350	100	0	0	0	0	0	901
2308 PCC Capital Project Grants received				13,657									13,657
2308 Imputed interest added (note 2)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	396	260	72	0	0	0	0	0	727
4408 Synod water/septic capital grants received		7,092	11,500										18,592
2352 Project advance from Presbytery Ottawa													75,000
Total water/septic revenue	1,900	9,298	15,235	24,387	3,028	1,365	397	2,000	500	75,000	0	133,110	
7823 Water treatment engineering studies	0	7,092	5,533	1,565	0	0	1,170	3,791	3,787	0	0	0	22,938
7920 Water treatment system installation													
Sub-total Water treatment system	0	7,092	5,533	1,565	0	0	1,170	3,791	3,787	38,464	20,745	20,745	59,209
7824 Septic system engineering study	0	0	5,967	725	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,692
Total water/septic expenses	0	7,092	11,500	2,289	0	0	1,170	3,791	3,787	38,464	20,745	20,745	88,838
Net income/expense	1,900	2,206	3,735	22,098	3,028	1,365	-774	-1,791	-3,287	36,536	-20,745	44,271	

Cumulative balance in GCCRC capital funds	1,900	4,106	7,841	29,939	32,967	34,332	33,558	31,767	28,480	65,016	44,271	
Designated Funds held by Presbytery Ottawa (as per Sept 2013 report to Presbytery)												
Total funds available for water/septic (year-end balances)	1,900	4,106	7,841	29,939	32,967	34,332	33,558	31,767	28,480	65,016	116,181	

Notes:

1) only water-septic project income & expense entries in these accounts are reported, other projects are removed

2) until year-end 2009, interest was accrued to each designated fund for fund balances exceeding \$5,000 on the anniversary date

3) The 2009 audit reduced this balance to zero even though the funds had not been spent.

On acceptance of this report the fund balances will be reinstated as per motion approved by GCCRC Board on October 3rd 2013

Gracefield Christian Camp & Retreat Centre
Balance Sheet Comparison vs 2009
As of 1 January 2013

Assets**Chequing/Savings**

	31 Dec 2009	1 Jan 2013
1001 · Desjardins bank account	\$30,884.50	-\$9,673.60
1004 · Desjardins share account	\$5.00	\$5.00
1005 · Petty Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00
1007 · Term Deposits	\$0.00	\$0.00
2001 · Desjardins Line of Credit	\$0.00	-\$30,000.00
Total Chequing/Savings	\$30,889.50	-\$39,668.60

Accounts Receivable

	31 Dec 2009	1 Jan 2013
1200 · Accounts Receivable	\$5,817.22	\$5,066.95
2382 · G.S.T. Receivable	\$2,831.53	\$0.00
2397 · Q.S.T. Receivable	\$2,071.60	\$0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$10,720.35	\$5,066.95

Other Current Assets

	31 Dec 2009	1 Jan 2013
1499 · Undeposited Funds	\$0.00	\$16,501.15
1500 · Pre-paid expenses	\$24,208.88	\$0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$24,208.88	\$16,501.15
Total Assets	65,818.73	(18,100.50)

Liabilities &Equity**Liabilities (external)**

	31 Dec 2009	1 Jan 2013
2000 · Accounts Payable	\$2,868.78	\$2,180.56
2100 · Payroll Liabilities	\$1.05	\$0.00
2121 · Accrued liability	\$2,459.09	\$1,714.16
2240 · GST/QST Payable	\$13,602.67	\$5,215.91
Total external liabilities	\$18,931.59	\$9,110.63

Restricted & Designated Funds

	31 Dec 2009	1 Jan 2013
2301 · Jemima Rae Mem. Fund	\$2,860.23	\$2,860.23
2303 · Turtle Rock Land Fund	\$761.86	\$761.86
2306 · Water/Septic Capital Fund	\$19,173.79	\$65,016.48
2308 · Capital Infrastructure grants	\$14,384.19	\$0.00
2309 · Program Grants	\$2,388.40	\$2,388.40
2310 · Garceau Campership Fund	\$340.00	\$690.00
2320 · Campership Fund	\$2,309.92	\$3,631.24
2351 · Erskine Fund Loans Received	\$0.00	\$100,050.87
2401 · Deferred revenue	\$11,880.23	\$7,836.23
Total restricted funds	\$54,098.62	\$183,235.31
Total Liabilities & Restricted Funds	\$73,030.21	\$192,345.94

Equity

	31 Dec 2009	1 Jan 2013
3000 · Opening Balance Equity	-\$59,052.83	-\$59,052.83
3900 · Retained earnings	\$55,751.62	\$51,841.35
Net Income	-\$3,910.27	-\$203,234.96
Total Equity	-\$7,211.48	-\$210,446.44

Gracefield Christian Camp & Retreat Centre
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
January through August 2013

	Jan - Aug 13	Jan - Aug 12	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Donations			
1509 · Chapel offerings	15.00	102.85	(87.85)
4205 · Donations individuals	19,295.75	8,579.90	10,715.85
4206 · Donations Churches/organization	4,397.00	2,044.00	2,353.00
4212 · Designated Donations (Individ)	1,200.00	655.38	544.62
4213 · Designated Donation (Church)	1,376.13	4,337.15	(2,961.02)
4218 · Gala dinner & auction	0.00	186.78	(186.78)
4221 · Canada Helps donations	2,570.72	490.14	2,080.58
Total Donations	28,854.60	16,396.20	12,458.40
Grants & Other revenue			
4202 · Anniversary revenue	0.00	2,203.24	(2,203.24)
4204 · Anniversary history book	0.00	569.98	(569.98)
4208 · Synod block grants	21,976.00	21,000.00	976.00
4801 · Interest revenue	43.16	145.49	(102.33)
4951 · Other revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Grants & Other revenue	22,019.16	23,918.71	(1,899.55)
Pgm Revenue - Adult/Family			
4101 · Family Camp fees	1,383.86	895.00	488.86
4111 · Lodge guest fees	12,232.86	9,225.41	3,007.45
4112 · Lodge guests equip. rentals	498.77	0.00	498.77
4121 · Tent/Trailer fees	17,168.00	18,238.41	(1,070.41)
4132 · Camp site	5,106.01	1,290.64	3,815.37
4141 · Group Retreat Fees	30,878.38	27,525.47	3,352.91
4142 · Group program/equip rental	464.50	233.34	231.16
Total Pgm Revenue - Adult/Family	67,732.38	57,408.27	10,324.11
Pgm Revenue - Child/Youth			
4001 · Co-ed summer camp fees	23,665.38	22,789.26	876.12
4010 · Coed camperships allocated	3,510.00	0.00	3,510.00
4011 · Day Camp Fees	304.40	0.00	304.40
4021 · L.I.T. Camp fees	826.26	812.34	13.92
4051 · March Break camp fees	0.00	1,755.78	(1,755.78)
Total Pgm Revenue - Child/Youth	28,306.04	25,357.38	2,948.66
Store Revenue			
4301 · T-Shirt/Sweatshirt sales	760.99	524.87	236.12
4302 · STAFF T-SHIRTS	434.70	623.68	(188.98)
4303 · Tuck adhoc sales	219.58	253.35	(33.77)
4304 · Souvenir sales	7.83	0.00	7.83
4305 · Phone card sales	0.00	98.00	(98.00)
Total Store Revenue	1,423.10	1,499.90	(76.80)
Total Income	148,335.28	124,580.46	23,754.82

Gracefield Christian Camp & Retreat Centre
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
January through August 2013

	Jan - Aug 13	Jan - Aug 12	\$ Change
Expense			
Administration Expenses			
6001 - Wages (office admin)	12,692.35	8,270.55	4,421.80
6002 - Directors Stipend	0.00	1,803.63	(1,803.63)
6003 - Interim Camp Director	5,100.00	18,700.00	(13,600.00)
6004 - Executive Manager	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
6011 - Payroll Taxes (all depts)	4,158.86	6,279.27	(2,120.41)
6012 - Vacation Pay (all depts)	1,791.45	1,903.32	(111.87)
6013 - Board & Lodge benefits	0.00	3,582.69	(3,582.69)
6021 - Health Insurance (Directors)	0.00	2,956.50	(2,956.50)
6041 - Workers Comp (all depts)	2,174.30	2,390.44	(216.14)
6071 - Committee member travel	0.00	372.05	(372.05)
6081 - Auto Gas (admin)	1,868.92	4,099.81	(2,230.89)
6091 - Auto mileage (Admin)	3,428.83	506.71	2,922.12
6101 - Auto regisraion (all depts)	590.41	0.00	590.41
6111 - Property/Liability Insurance	18,013.15	14,375.86	3,637.29
6121 - Office postage	1,084.84	583.18	501.66
6131 - Office supplies (all depts)	898.76	1,012.53	(113.77)
6141 - Office copier	1,848.78	1,178.44	670.34
6151 - Office postage meter	269.91	419.28	(149.37)
6171 - Computer equipment/software	1,036.94	1,024.98	11.96
6181 - Health care/infirmary	165.91	449.74	(283.83)
6191 - Phone & Internet services	2,463.96	2,743.31	(279.35)
6202 - Staff Training (all depts)	157.37	549.49	(392.12)
6203 - Board development	20.56	0.00	20.56
6211 - Publicity & promotion	535.00	1,872.58	(1,337.58)
6221 - Memberships/permits	1,194.00	1,349.83	(155.83)
6251 - Auto insurance (all depts)	1,438.37	3,385.20	(1,946.83)
6300 - Group Rental expenses	0.00	305.61	(305.61)
6560 - Payroll advances	0.00	(2,053.51)	2,053.51
6991 - Miscellaneous/unclassified	1,044.38	39,635.20	(38,590.82)
8001 - Bank & Merchant Card charges	2,608.45	2,317.49	290.96
8011 - Line of Credit & Interest	434.92	593.83	(158.91)
8015 - Registration fees -online	0.00	180.00	(180.00)
8023 - Ontario sales taxes	383.15	762.52	(379.37)
8024 - Property taxes	0.00	197.58	(197.58)
8100 - Camp Anniversary	0.00	52.56	(52.56)
8105 - Anniversary history book	0.00	1,305.67	(1,305.67)
Total Administration Expenses	70,403.57	123,106.34	(52,702.77)
Camp Store			
7651 - Tuck supplies	390.31	1,574.14	(1,183.83)
7671 - Souvenir Shirts	699.00	1,166.16	(467.16)
7681 - Staff theme shirts	480.23	873.07	(392.84)
Total Camp Store	1,569.54	3,613.37	(2,043.83)

Gracefield Christian Camp & Retreat Centre
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
January through August 2013

	Jan - Aug 13	Jan - Aug 12	\$ Change
Food Services			
5001 · Wages - kitchen staff	8,180.00	7,437.50	742.50
5311 · Repairs and kitchen supplies	501.26	693.91	(192.65)
5541 · Food & beverage supplies	15,796.84	20,296.18	(4,499.34)
5545 · Food & beverage - Group rentals	2,837.20	4,296.64	(1,459.44)
5551 · Propane (cooking) supplies	480.39	346.14	134.25
Total Food Services	27,795.69	33,070.37	(5,274.68)
Program - Adult/Family			
7006 · Program equipment	0.00	37.76	(37.76)
7007 · Program supplies (Family)	100.00	0.00	100.00
7054 · Bus Transport - groups	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Program - Adult/Family	100.00	37.76	62.24
Program - Child/Youth			
6701 · Wages (coed summer camp)	13,940.00	22,825.00	(8,885.00)
6704 · Bus transport (Coed camp)	560.00	0.00	560.00
6705 · Staff travel (Coed camp)	40.70	0.00	40.70
6706 · Program equipment (Coed camp)	399.30	0.00	399.30
6707 · Program supplies (Coed camp)	531.52	91.49	440.03
6709 · Program - Aerial trek	0.00	69.84	(69.84)
6723 · LIT Honoraria	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
6727 · Program supplies -LIT	44.66	370.06	(325.40)
6743 · Honoraria (outdoor educ)	800.00	0.00	800.00
6745 · Staff travel (outdoor ed)	0.00	244.45	(244.45)
6751 · Wages - March Break camp	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
6754 · Bus transport - March break	0.00	37.66	(37.66)
6757 · Program Supplies march break	0.00	176.68	(176.68)
Total Program - Child/Youth	17,816.18	23,915.18	(6,099.00)
Property Management			
6301 · Wages - Maint & housekeeping	10,575.00	15,587.44	(5,012.44)
6361 · Staff travel - Maintenance	0.00	21.00	(21.00)
6381 · Fuel - tractors, engines	707.17	448.00	259.17
6401 · Housekeeping supplies	1,241.74	1,576.77	(335.03)
6411 · Repairs & building supplies	7,734.58	3,740.13	3,994.45
6414 · Water testing services	1,755.00	992.00	763.00
6421 · Road Maintenance	2,609.27	0.00	2,609.27
6431 · Garbage/septic collection	2,391.44	2,198.05	193.39
6432 · Trailer permits	853.61	1,460.09	(606.48)
6441 · Hydro electricity	11,726.10	9,840.05	1,886.05
6451 · Auto repair & maintenance	2,959.52	2,282.41	677.11
6452 · Vehicle depreciation/purchase	110.35	0.00	110.35
6471 · Major maint. equipment	0.00	407.80	(407.80)
7813 · Structural Improvement projects	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Gracefield Christian Camp & Retreat Centre
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
January through August 2013**

	Jan - Aug 13	Jan - Aug 12	\$ Change
Total Property Management	42,663.78	38,553.74	4,110.04
66900 - Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	(477.67)	477.67
Total Expense	160,348.76	221,819.09	(61,470.33)
 Net Ordinary Income	 (12,013.48)	 (97,238.63)	 85,225.15
 Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Capital Maint. Grants			
4408 - Capital Maintenance Grants	20,745.15	0.00	20,745.15
4506 - Capital Maint. Church donations	1,801.68	4,000.00	(2,198.32)
Total Capital Maint. Grants	22,546.83	4,000.00	18,546.83
Total Other Income	22,546.83	4,000.00	18,546.83
Other Expense			
Capital Maintenance Pgm			
7806 - White Plne renovations	1,801.68	3,321.38	(1,519.70)
7920 - Water Treatment Expenses	20,745.15	27,183.29	(6,438.14)
Total Capital Maintenance Pgm	22,546.83	30,504.67	(7,957.84)
Total Other Expense	22,546.83	30,504.67	(7,957.84)
 Net Other Income	 0.00	 (26,504.67)	 26,504.67
 Net Income	 (12,013.48)	 (123,743.30)	 111,729.82

REGIONAL STAFFING COMMITTEE REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS

Consent Recommendation

That Recommendation Nos. 1, 2 and 3 (identified by the ►) be adopted by consent.

► Recommendation No. 1

That Anita Mack and Christine Ball be commended for their dedicated service to the synod in the last year.

► Recommendation No. 2

That the Regional Staff travel allowance for 2014 be increased to \$5,400 for each person.

► Recommendation No. 3

That the Synod provide funds for two 2/3 time Regional Staff positions for the year 2014.

Recommendation No. 4

That the current Regional Staffing committee continue until the end of December of 2014.

Recommendation No. 5

That a **Regional Resourcing** committee be formed at the 139th meeting of synod to work on the details for the change to Regional Resourcing work in the synod starting January 2015.

REPORT

The Regional Staffing committee which consists of Ruth Davidson (synodical/convener), Ross Davidson (synod treasurer), Joan Forsythe (synod), Julia Apps-Douglas (synod), Henny Donkersteeg (synodical), Druse Bryan (synodical), Mary Moorhead (synodical) met twice in 2013. In addition, a sub-committee from each of the two areas met with each of the Regional Staff after synod last year.

Rationale for Recommendations

Re: Recommendation No. 2

2. There has been no change in the travel budget for 12 years. The committee expects any expenses incurred traveling anywhere in the Synod to be covered by the Regional Staff's Travel budget.

Re: recommendation No. 4

4. a) According to standing orders, the synod should be appointing a convener to start in 2014 for a two year term and the representation from synod and synodical adjusted to four synod members and three synodical members. In light of the upcoming changes in 2015, the present Regional Staffing committee and convenor is willing to continue in 2014 to oversee the work of the Regional Staff and to ensure that the needs of the Synod/Synodical and the staff are being met. This includes representation on the synod youth working group committee.
- b) The committee assumes that the synod will continue to provide funds for two 2/3 time Regional Staff positions for the year 2014 and at the end of 2014, the Regional Staffing committee will be dissolved.
- c) It is likely that the model for Regional Resourcing in the synod starting in 2015 will be something different than the present Regional Staffing model.

Re: Recommendation No. 5

5. a) Some of the areas the Regional Resourcing committee would be expected to address are transitional aspects, legal and professional advice, financial resources, pastoral care, and a recommendation for future Regional Resourcing. Some expertise will be required in these areas of concern.
- b) Beginning in 2015, funding amounts for Regional Resourcing in the Life and Mission Agency budget will follow the present formula applied to the available amounts unless the available amount falls below \$488,000 (\$61,000 x 8) in which case the funds will be divided equally among synods. The most that the synod would receive in 2015 would be \$61,000 and it could be less. For 2014, the grant received from the Life and Mission Agency is \$82,354. It should also be noted that the synod has increased presbytery assessments the last few years in order that it could maintain Regional Staffing at same level(2/3) as agreed to in the contract twelve years ago.
- c) In a letter to the Regional Staffing committee documented September 23, 2013, the **Regional Staff requested that the Synod give this matter attention well before October, 2014 so they could consider their options.**
- d) As the Women's Missionary Society(WD) will no longer be financially supporting Regional Staffing and the Life and Mission Agency is changing the focus to Regional Resourcing, it is expected that the WMS synodical will not be involved in the Regional Resourcing committee.

2013 Information:

The Regional Staffing committee or its representatives met with the staff twice in the last year to discuss the priorities for their work as indicated on the recent

survey. They are as follows:

- Children and Youth Ministry
- Congregational Work on Leadership
- Provision of Resources
- Congregational Work on Mission
- Connecting youth across presbyteries, the synod and the national church

At these meetings, other items discussed were personnel files, staff reporting, Regional Staffing web page, workloads, and the future of Regional Staffing.

To further promote the work of the Regional Staff, the Regional Staffing page was added to the synod website. This includes a photo and profile of each staff as well as resources available to the synod.

The committee pondered on at great length the letter from the Life and Mission Agency in January 2013 outlining the changes in funding and program name. Options for the future were discussed and information requested from the national church. The committee decided that the original plans to work with the staff on job descriptions and contracts and develop a staff evaluation process was not appropriate at this point in time but that the synod will have to decide on a direction for the use of the funds allotted to Regional Resourcing in the future first. At that time, these items will be addressed.

The committee believes its priority in 2014 is to oversee the work of the Regional Staff and to ensure that the needs of the Synod/Synodical and the staff are being met. Members of the committee believe it is important for them to be in touch with the staff frequently over the next year to offer support as the future plans for Regional Resourcing are decided. Changes are not easy and require all of our prayers. May each of us seek God's will for Regional Resourcing in our synod for 2015.

Respectively submitted,
Ruth Davidson, Convener of Regional Staffing committee

Synod Youth Working Group Report

The Synod Youth working group which consists of Anita Mack, Christine Ball, Dave Morris and Ruth Davidson(convener) met two times in 2013. The group would like to thank the synod for its financial support for synod youth functions held in 2013.

Recommendations:

Consent Recommendation

That Recommendation Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 (identified by the ►) be adopted by consent.

► Recommendation No. 1

That presbyteries be encouraged to cover half of the Canada Youth 2014 Adult Advisor's registration fee.

► Recommendation No. 2

That congregations be encouraged to financially support youth attending Canada Youth 2014.

► Recommendation No. 3

That congregations set funds aside in their 2014 budget for synod youth events.

► Recommendation No. 4

That presbyteries and the synod publicize synod youth events on their respective websites.

► Recommendation No. 5

That synod financially support Canada Youth 2014 in the amount of \$3740.

► Recommendation No. 6

That synod financially support synod youth programming and youth leadership for the year 2014 in the amount of \$3000.

2013 Information

There were two successful synod youth events supported by synod youth programming funds in 2013, one at Gracefield in May and one at Camp d'action biblique (CAB) in September. The synod supported each of the events financially with \$1000. Attendance was wonderful at both events – 53 youth and 13 leaders at Gracefield and 28 youth and 4 adult leaders at CAB.

Issues raised:

1. The present synod funding does not cover all of the expenses for two events.
2. Transportation for participants is problematic. It is very expensive and a hindrance to synod youth events.
3. It is difficult getting the information about events out to the congregations in the synod.

Plans for some smaller events for leadership and youth adults are being developed.

Four youth in our synod participated in Youth In Mission trips in 2013

- Kaitlyn Lamont, Westminster, Ottawa to Malawi
- Li-Peng Wang, Taiwanese Robert Campbell , Montreal to Israel-Palestine
- Alex Blaine, Knox, Manotick to Hungary
- Elizabeth Robinson, First Presbyterian, Brockville to Malawi

In review of the Synod Youth working group's first year, the members thought that the planning meetings were helpful and it was a good way all around to manage the synod youth events and Canada Youth event.

Respectively submitted,

Ruth Davidson, Convener of Synod Youth Working Group

SYNOD OF QUÉBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO
The Presbytery of Ottawa

Mr. John Alexander MacFarlane
September 6, 1916 – January 29, 2013

The Presbytery of Ottawa places on record its gratitude to God for the life and service of Elder John A. MacFarlane, summoned by the Lord on January 29, 2013 at the advanced age of 96 years.

John Alexander MacFarlane was born September 6, 1916. He joined St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa as a young man in 1940, and sang for sixty-four years in the church choir. He was ordained an elder there in 1958.

The records of the Presbytery of Ottawa show that Mr. MacFarlane commenced service as representative elder for St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa in September 1961, and he was still so serving as July 15, 1997, a term of thirty-six years.

Mr. MacFarlane served four times as a commissioner to the General Assembly: in 1961, 1967, 1981, and 1985.

He took an active role in leadership in the presbytery, serving for a time as convener of the Committee on Finance and Maintenance. He also served a term as chairman of the Finance Committee of the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario.

He also contributed significantly to the work of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, serving as a delegate of The Presbyterian Church in Canada to the Caribbean and North American Area Council of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches from 1983 to 2002; he was treasurer of the Council for eighteen years.

Mr. MacFarlane was elected moderator of the presbytery in the spring of 1994 and was installed as such on September 20, 1994, the first ruling elder to so serve. He served so well that he was re-elected and was re-installed on September 19, 1995 and served a second year as moderator, until September 1996, when he installed his successor, George Zimmerman.

His funeral was held from St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa on February 2, 2013, conducted by the minister, Dr. A. J. R. Johnston, with interment following at Capital Memorial Gardens, Ottawa.

To his surviving children -- son John and daughter Chris -- and to his extended family, the Presbytery of Ottawa expresses sincere sympathy.

*"Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord
who minister by night in the house of the Lord."
(Psalm 134: 1, NIV)*

SYNOD OF QUÉBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO
The Presbytery of Ottawa

Mrs. Margaret Christine Williams
March 22, 1908 – June 9, 2013

Margaret Christine Ross was born March 22, 1908 on a farm near Loganville, Nova Scotia. Her father Kenneth Ross in his mid-forties had married the local school teacher, Jessie Sutherland, in 1903. Margaret was the third of six children. Her grandfather, Hugh Ross, was a shepherd who with land purchased from Queen Victoria emigrated from Scotland to Nova Scotia in 1854.

Margaret's family remained continuing presbyterians after the disruption of 1925. The local congregation in West Branch to which she had belonged as a professing member from age 12 voted to go into church union, but the minority group resolved to continue a faithful witness as presbyterians, and by June, 1927 had built and dedicated a new building. The congregation was named Burns Memorial Church, after the Rev'd Mr. James Alexander Stead Burns, who was the first minister of the congregation after 1925, and who within a year of presiding at the funeral service for Margaret's father held in the Ross' family home, was himself called to higher service.

Teaching and missionary work were very much twin expressions of Margaret's strong, personal faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. She began attending meetings of the Women's Missionary Society at age 15. She obtained her provincial teacher's license in 1925 and taught in various places in Nova Scotia.

Margaret enrolled in the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home (later known as Ewart College) in Toronto, and graduated in April 1935 with the prize for general proficiency. She was assigned to work with the Chalmers Jack Mission in Cape Breton; for reasons lost in time, her service of designation to the Order of Deaconesses by the Presbytery of Pictou did not take place until August 7, 1936 at Burns Memorial Church, West Branch.

Her service in Cape Breton was followed by itinerant work throughout Nova Scotia. One assignment under the direction Dr. Maxwell MacOdrum, Minister of Bethel Church, Sydney, was to go to Dutch Brook and "do whatever I could do". Her organisation of a church school and missionary society was blessed with such success that some years later the local women's missionary group was named the Margaret Ross Auxiliary.

Margaret was present at the unveiling of the MacGregor Cairn in Pictou County to mark the 150th anniversary of presbyterian witness in Nova Scotia in the fall of 1936, and vividly recalled the occasion 70 years later during worship at Parkwood Church, Ottawa.

In 1939, Margaret married John Williams, a Cape Bretoner who enlisted in the air force and after the war studied at Presbyterian College, Montreal, graduating in 1950. For many years Margaret was minister's wife, including typing (and first correcting, at his instance) her husband's sermons. They served in Ormstown and

Rockburn, Milverton and North Mornington (following which Margaret was given a life membership in the W. M. S.), Lloydminster, Alberta, Sutton West, Niagara-on-the-lake, and Hull and Aylmer, Quebec.

In 1962, Margaret returned to school teaching, this time on the Mud Lake Ojibway native reservation, near Peterborough, Ontario. From the fall of 1963, she was appointed as assistant librarian at Knox College, Toronto, and so served until 1974. Thereafter, she worked (night shifts) at Armagh House for a period, and served as organist at Loggie Geddie Church, Toronto.

In 1982, she returned to Ottawa, and in 1983 at age 75 was elected an elder at Parkwood Church, Ottawa, where she served actively until age 98, including among other duties teaching communicants' classes and the Bethel Bible series, providing leadership with the Inter-Church Women's Council in sponsoring the annual World Day of Prayer in the community, and visiting faithfully families and individuals in her elder's district, travelling by bus in good weather and bad. She was an elder commissioner of the Presbytery of Ottawa to the 1984 General Assembly.

At the 134th General Assembly in 2008, the 100th anniversary of the Order of Diaconal Ministries was celebrated, and Margaret was presented to and honoured by the Assembly, having then been a servant of the order through 73 of its 100 years.

Margaret marked her 105th birthday on March 22, 2013, lucid enough to finish the words of a psalm quoted and to say a heartfelt "Amen." to prayers of thanksgiving and intercession, and very pleased the next day to enjoy the strawberries atop her birthday cake.

Two sons, Kenneth (and wife Pauline) and Glen (and wife Carol-Lynne), and three grandchildren, Stephan, Annie and Maggie, and three great-grandchildren, Adam, Oscar, and Marion, brought her much joy.

In the presence of family, she passed peacefully into the presence of her Saviour on the morning of the Lord's Day, June 9, 2013. She requested that her grandchildren read the scriptures at her funeral, and left her pastor clear indication of the text which she wished proclaimed: "For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake." (2 Corinthians 4: 5).

Her funeral, held from Parkwood Church, Ottawa, on June 12, 2013, began with the reading of Psalm 91, and was conducted by J. T. Hurd, minister of Parkwood Church and clerk of the Presbytery of Ottawa, who preached from 2 Corinthians 4: 5. Honouring Margaret's request, her grandchildren read the scriptures. Her son Glen encapsulated her life as an illustration of the effective witness of the Samaritan woman described in John 4 whose testimony led many men and women to believe. Susan Clarke represented the Order of Diaconal Ministries in recalling Margaret's contributions to its work and witness. A service of interment followed on June 15, 2013 at Burns Memorial Presbyterian Cemetery, West Branch, Nova Scotia, conducted by Lara Scholey.

"For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake." (2 Corinthians 4: 5).

MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF QUÉBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO 1945- 2013

<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
2012	Beaconsfield	John Barry Forsyth, B.A., B.Ed., B.D.	Québec
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