

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

MINUTES AND REPORTS

**The 140th Synod Meeting
October 17th and 18th, 2014**

**Gloucester Presbyterian Church
Ottawa, Ontario**

THE PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA



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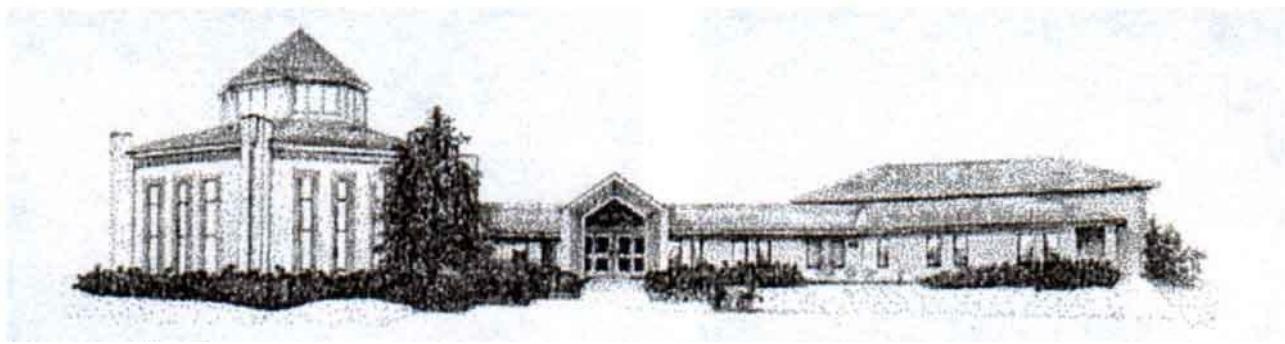
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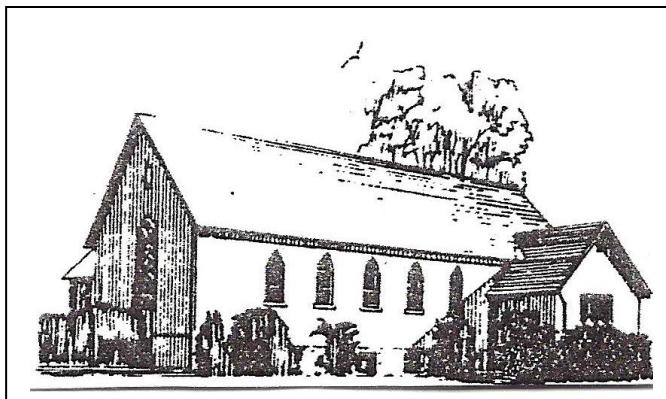
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Gloucester Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, Ontario



Eighty-eight years ago, on May 5, 1926, a group of twenty Presbyterians accepted a gift of land, from a farming family, on which to build a new church. This building was completed in 1927 and called Gloucester Presbyterian Church. It stood on Bank Street just south of Albion Road. This church increased in numbers and eventually was deemed too small as well as too dangerous a place for its members since Bank Street had become a very busy highway. A committee was set up and a new church was planned under the leadership of Rev. John Duff, the

minister at that time. In 1989, by God's grace, the new church was dedicated at the corner of Lorry Greenberg and Pike Street where it remains today.

Since 1989 Gloucester PC has had its ups and downs. Three ministers in a row stayed only for short periods of time before leaving under strained, unusual conditions. Each time a minister left so did some of the congregation and eventually there was just a handful; of the original church members, there were no children in Sunday School. All but one of the Church Elders resigned and Presbytery assigned us some Assessor Elders. For seven years we were without a minister; even some of the original founding families felt that the doors of the church would have to close and never reopen. However this was not God's will.

During this difficult time the congregation forged together and with God's help paid off the remaining debt of \$150,000 and then put on a new roof! A part-time interim minister helped us look forward; we called a new minister, Rev. Denise Allen-Macartney, in 2009.

After five years of monetary assistance from Presbytery and Canadian Ministries, Gloucester hopes to be self-supporting in 2015. We were identified as one of only 36 churches in Canada to experience growth of more than 5% over three years, and that growth continues. We now have members and adherents from 17 different nations, a mini baby-boom in our Nursery, and a small but energetic Sunday School.

Having started in a farming community, Gloucester now stands in a growing, urban area known as Greenboro. We've heard Jesus' call to turn and follow him into our neighbourhood. We are becoming outward-focused, hospitable and welcoming to neighbours and strangers, all in Jesus' name. Our lighted cupola is a beacon of light reaching out into the community as a sign of God's love and faithfulness.



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THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTIETH MEETING
OF
THE SYNOD OF QUÉBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO
OF
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
HELD AT OTTAWA, ONTARIO
OCTOBER 17th – 18th, 2014**

FIRST SEDERUNT

In the City of Ottawa, Ontario and within Gloucester Presbyterian Church, on Friday the seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen at two o'clock in the afternoon.

At which place and time, the ministers and ruling elders being commissioners from the several presbyteries of The Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, convened as appointed by The Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario held in the City of Cornwall, Ontario, in its final sederunt on the nineteenth day of October 2013.

The public worship of God was held in the sanctuary of Gloucester Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, Ontario. The service was conducted jointly by the host minister, the Rev. Denise Allen-Macartney and the Moderator of the 139th synod meeting, the Rev. Harold Kouwenberg. The Moderator of the 139th synod meeting preached the sermon, entitled "Going Viral" with scripture reading from Acts 6:1-15, 7:51-8:3. The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated. Music for the worship service was provided by pianist Sabrina Tang, the congregational praise choir, and bell choir. Following the worship service, a short break was held.

SYNOD CONSTITUTED

At 3:35 o'clock in the afternoon, the Moderator, the Rev. Harold Kouwenberg, 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 the Rev. Dr. Ruth Syme, the Rev. Dr. Thomas "Ian" Alexander Hay, the Rev. Edward 'Ted' O'Neill and the Rev. Dr. Allan Duncan.

The Presbytery of Québec

Isobel McCartney, St. Andrew's Church, Québec City, February 19, 2014.

The Presbytery of Montréal

Nabih Elias Saikaly, Sr., Westminster Church, Pierrerfonds, January 31, 2014

Dr. Shuling Chen, Chaplain and Director of Continuing Education at The Presbyterian College, Montréal, July 29, 2014.

Bill Murray, Margaret Rodger Memorial Church, Lachute, September 2014

Liliane Cormier Venable, St. Edwards Church, Beauharnois, October 2, 2014.

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Memorial Service (cont'd):

The Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry

The Rev Edward “Ted” O’Neill, Maxville, April 22, 2014
The Rev. Dr. Allan Duncan, Brockville, May 29, 2014

Wendell Harper, formerly St. Andrew’s Church, Chesterville, Nov. 10, 2013
Robert Tait MacRae, St. Andrew’s Church, Lancaster, December 11, 2013

The Presbytery of Ottawa

William Hamilton, Knox Church, Ottawa, October 29, 2013
Vivian Reid-Hibbert, Gloucester Church, Ottawa, November 7, 2013
Doreen McDougall, formerly Westminster Church, Ottawa and Erskine Church, Ottawa,
November 15, 2013
Ann Crain, St. Andrew’s Church, Ottawa, December 2, 2013
Peter Bruce Finlay, St. David and St. Martin Church, Ottawa, May 16, 2014
Harold David Hodgins McKay, formerly Erskine Church, Ottawa, July 5, 2014
Harry Sutherland Wilson, St. Paul’s Church, Ottawa, July 9, 2014
Harold E. Jones, St. Andrew’s Church, Ottawa; formerly Erksine Church, Ottawa, July 18, 2014
Malcolm (Mac) Storey, St. Andrew’s Church, Richmond, ON, August 2, 2014
L. W. James (Jim) Slattery, St. Andrew’s Church, Kars, September 14, 2014
David Drysdale Stewart, St. Paul’s Church, Ottawa, formerly St. Stephen’s Church, St. Stephen,
NB, September 21, 2014
Richard Robert (Rick) Blair, St. Stephen’s Church, Ottawa, September 28, 2014
Coral Anna Lindsay, St. Andrew’s Church, Kars, October 2, 2014

The Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew

The Rev. Dr. Ruth Syme, Deep River, November 27, 2013
The Rev. Dr. Thomas “Ian” Alexander Hay, Renfrew, February 25, 2014

George Hooper, St. Andrew’s Church, Cobden, November 8, 2013
Carolyn Fraser, Westminster Church, Smiths Falls, January 12, 2014
Frank Cameron, St. Andrew’s Church, Perth, July 27, 2014

The Moderator offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the faithful life, service, witness and dedication to the Church, by all the servants who had passed on.

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 140th synod meeting.
ADOPTED.

The Memorial Records for the Rev. Edward “Ted” O’Neill, the Rev. Dr. Allan Duncan, the Rev. Dr. Ruth Syme, and the Rev. Dr. Thomas “Ian” Hay, are found at Appendix R – pages 53-56.

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WELCOME

On behalf of the session and congregation of Gloucester Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, the Rev. Denise Allen-Macartney welcomed the members of synod, visitors and guests to the 140th annual meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario.

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS

MOTION: It was moved by Barry Mack and seconded by Grete Halsall that the report of the Committee on Business be received and considered. **ADOPTED**

Recommendation No. 1

It was moved by Barry Mack and seconded by Grete Halsall that the Roll of Synod be those Commissioners appointed by its several presbyteries. **ADOPTED**.

ROLL OF SYNOD

Presbytery of Quebec

The Rev. Katherine Burgess
The Rev. John Barry Forsyth

Mr. Paul Johanson

Presbytery of Montreal

The Rev. Dr. Roland De Vries (Saturday)
The Rev. Dr. Barry Mack (Friday)
The Rev. Barbara Duguid *
The Rev. Jonah Ho
The Rev. Sybil Mosley
The Rev. Dr. Dan Shute
The Rev. Peter Szabo
The Rev. Jeffrey Veenstra *

Mr. David Christiani
Mr. Milton Reddick

Presbytery of Ottawa

The Rev. Denise Allen-Macartney
The Rev. William Ball
The Rev. Susan Clarke
The Rev. Douglas Kendall
The Rev. James T. Hurd

Mr. David Brittain
Mrs. Karen Colenbrander
Mr. Charles Dickey
Mr. Donald MacMillan
Mr. Gordon Walford

Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew

The Rev. Barry Carr
The Rev. Benoit Cousineau
The Rev. Karen Hincke

Mrs. Grete Halsall
Mrs. Marsha Guthrie
Mr. Norm McBride

Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry

The Rev. Mark Bourgon
The Rev. Marianne Emig-Munro
The Rev. Bruce Kemp
The Rev. Harold Kouwenberg

Mrs. Ann Langabeer
Mrs. Debra-Ann McBride
Mrs. Donna McIlveen
Mrs. Heather McIntosh

* regrets underlined name indicates a member of Synod Council

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

VISITORS

The Moderator welcomed the visitors to the synod meeting.

Synod Council: the Rev. Ross Davidson (Treasurer and Clerk to the Presbytery of Québec), Dr. Michael Pettem (Clerk to the Presbytery of Montréal), Mrs. Ruth Davidson (Regional Staffing Committee Convener) and Mrs. Irene Nesbitt (WMS Synodical President).

Others: Mr. Craig Dewar (Camp d'action biblique), Mrs. Joan Forsythe (Regional Staffing committee), the Rev. Floyd McPhee and Mr. Alex Plant (technical support).

ELECTION OF THE MODERATOR

The time having come to elect a Moderator to preside over the 140th 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 Ottawa. The nominees were: the Rev. Douglas Kendall by the Presbytery of Québec and the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry; and Mr. Gordon Walford by the Presbytery of Ottawa. The clerk contacted the nominees prior to the synod meeting. The Rev. Douglas Kendall withdrew his name. Mr. Gordon Walford agreed to let his nomination stand.

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Douglas Kendall that the name of Mr. Gordon Walford be placed before the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario as a nominee for Moderator of the 140th synod meeting. **ADOPTED**.

The Moderator, the Rev. Harold Kouwenberg, called for nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations.

MOTION: It was moved by Katherine Burgess and seconded by Barry Carr that nominations cease. **ADOPTED**.

The Moderator, the Rev. Harold Kouwenberg, declared Mr. Gordon Walford elected Moderator of the 140th Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario.

INSTALLATION OF THE MODERATOR

Moderator elect, Mr. Gordon Walford, was invited to step forward. The Moderator, the Rev. Harold Kouwenberg, asked the court the appointed questions, followed by the appointed questions to the moderator elect. The Rev. Harold Kouwenberg then offered prayer and installed Mr. Gordon Walford as Moderator of the 140th Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario. The Rev. Harold Kouwenberg then offered the right hand of fellowship to Mr. Gordon Walford.

Mr. Gordon Walford thanked the Court for the privilege of serving as Moderator of the 140th Synod meeting.

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The Moderator then thanked the Rev. Harold Kouwenberg 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.

DOCKET

(Appendix A – pages 1-2)

MOTION: It was moved by Donna McIlveen and seconded by Mark Bourgon that the proposed docket be received. **ADOPTED.**

MOTION: It was moved by David Christiani and seconded by Milton Reddick that the proposed docket be amended to move the Regional Staffing Committee report from the first sederunt to the second sederunt. **ADOPTED.**

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

REPORTS

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Barry Mack that all reports circulated in advance of the 140th Synod meeting be received and considered. **ADOPTED.**

MINUTES OF THE 139th SYNOD MEETING – OCTOBER 18 & 19, 2013

The following errors were noted:

- a) Page 3: missing name: under Roll of Synod, the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew, Ministers – add Barry Carr.
- b) Page 8: duplicate motion: under REPORTS at the top of page 8, remove the motion as it is a duplication of the motion on page 5, under REPORTS.
- c) Page 16: spelling error: SECUAL (HARRASSMENT) should correctly be spelled SEXUAL

MOTION: It was moved by Benoit Cousineau and seconded by Katherine Burgess that the minutes of the 140th meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario be adopted, as corrected. **ADOPTED.**

MINUTES OF THE EMERGENT MEETING – JUNE 26, 2014

No errors noted.

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Barry Carr that the minutes of the June 26, 2014 Emergent Meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario be adopted as circulated. **ADOPTED.**

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CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

MOTION: It was moved by Marianne Emig Munro and seconded by Mark Bourgon that the following items of correspondence be received. **ADOPTED.**

1. Camp d'action biblique. 2014 camp schedule and winter newsletter in a thank you note, with Christmas greetings, to the Synod for its invaluable support. Rec'd December 23, 2013.
2. Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Senior Administrator Assembly Office. Letter with request for synod to appoint two ruling elders to the Committee to Nominate for General Assembly Standing Committees (term 2014-2017). Rec'd via email January 7, 2014.
 - The clerk noted that as the correspondence arrived between synod meetings, the synod council submitted the nominations. Gordon Walford and Anita Mack have both been named to the Committee to Nominate for General Assembly Standing Committees.
3. Terrie-Lee Hamilton, Senior Administrator Assembly Office. Letter with request for synod to submit the name of a minister for the Assembly Council, (term 2014-2017). Rec'd via email February 1, 2014.
 - The clerk noted that as the correspondence arrived between synod meetings, the synod council submitted the nominations. Harold Kouwenberg has been named to the Assembly Council in the synod category.
4. Grete Halsall, Clerk to the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew. Letter with extract minute with three decisions: (1) to re-visit decisions made at their November 20, 2012 meeting (2) to remit the remaining 2013 presbytery assessment (3) to invite representatives from synod council to attend their special meeting of May 20 (re-scheduled to May 15). Rec'd via email April 23, 2014 with original on April 25, 2014.
 - Received for information. (Appendix B – page 3)
5. Assembly Office. 138th Synod Minutes, October 2012, returned after examination by the 140th General Assembly – neatly and correctly kept. Rec'd June 9, 2014.
 - Received for information.
6. Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk. Copy of letter to Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew with response to Overture No. 3, 2014 re Dissolving of the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario. The prayer of the overture was answered by the action of the General Assembly to the recommendation of Special Committee 2013 re the optional Elimination of Synods. Rec'd August 19, 2014.
 - Received for information.
7. Ian McDonald and Jen Bell, Canadian Ministries. Letter thanking the Synod for their prayerful and financial support, encouragement to participants and leaders, and ongoing commitment to the ministry of Canada Youth. Rec'd August 28, 2014.
 - Received for information.

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Correspondence Report (cont'd):

8. Christine Ball, Synod Regional Staff. Email notification followed by letter, advising the Synod of her choice of Option 1, transition allowance. Rec'd via email August 27, 2014 and regular mail September 4, 2014.
 - Received for information.
9. Anita Mack, Synod Regional Staff. Email notification followed by letter, advising the Synod of her choice of Option 1, transition allowance. Rec'd via email September 2, 2014 and regular mail September 8, 2014.
 - Received for information.
10. Richard Fee, General Secretary, Life and Mission Agency. Letter approving the use of the remaining 2014 grant for transition allowance and the 2015 Regional Resourcing grant (January-September) for transition allowance. Rec'd via email September 12, 2014.
 - Referred to the Regional Resourcing Committee and Finance Committee
11. Grete Halsall, Clerk to the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew. Letter with a cheque for the balance of the 2013 presbytery assessment (\$8,333.50), plus a request for a reduction of 25% of the presbytery's 2014 assessment. Rec'd September 18, 2014. (Appendix B – page 4)

MOTION: It was moved by Donna McIlveen and seconded by David Christiani that the letter from the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew be referred to the Treasurer and answered at the time the Treasurer reports. **ADOPTED.**

12. Nominations for synod moderator from the various presbyteries within the synod:
 - From the Presbytery of Québec (the Rev. Douglas Kendall) rec'd June 21, 2014.
 - From the Presbytery of Montréal (no nomination received)
 - From the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry (the Rev. Douglas Kendall) rec'd May 20, 2014
 - From the Presbytery of Ottawa (Mr. Gordon Walford) rec'd June 17, 2014.
 - From the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew (no nomination received)
 - Received for information.
13. Andrew Johnston. Letter with request that prior to the report being received from the Synod Commission re Corrective Case No. 1, 2013, that the Synod ask the Commission to allow themselves the opportunity to meet with him, as the appellant, with the Commission then compiling and presenting a report to the 2015 Synod. Rec'd via email October 16, 2014.

MOTION: It was moved by Barry Carr and seconded by Grete Halsall that the request from Andrew Johnston be received and the Synod defer receiving the report from the Synod Commission re Corrective case No. 1, 2013 to allow time for the commission to meet face to face with Andrew Johnston, the appellant. **ADOPTED.**

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COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS (cont'd from page 3):

Consent Recommendation

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Kelly Graham that Recommendation Nos. 2-10 be adopted. **ADOPTED.**

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

Recommendation No. 5

That the Committee on the Roll and Leave to Withdraw be Marsha Guthrie and Norm McBride from the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew.

Recommendation No. 6

That the Committee to Examine Presbytery Minutes and Minutes of the Synod Council be convened by Mark Bourgon from the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry, with Katherine Burgess and John Barry Forsyth from the Presbytery of Québec, and that permission be granted to work during the meeting as necessary.

Recommendation No. 7

That the Committee on Courtesies be David Christiani and Milton Reddick from the Presbytery of Montréal.

Recommendation No. 8

That the Committee to review the Minutes of the meeting of the 140th Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario be the Moderator of Synod and the Clerk of the Presbytery of Québec.

Recommendation No. 9

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

Recommendation No. 10

That the Synod Council be given power to issue to advance any nominations to the General Assembly Committee to Nominate on behalf of the Synod, and to encourage members to consider the various committee and agencies for possible nominations to them.

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Committee on Business (cont'd):

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

Break – a break was held from 4:30 – 4:40 pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Appendix C – pages 5-9)

There being no convener of the Finance Committee, the synod council asked Ruth Davidson to present the budget documents for consideration.

The committee report contained the following budget documents:

- a) 2015 Budget of Synod Expenses
- b) 2015 Budget Allocation for Regional Staff Transition
- c) 2015 Presbytery Assessments
- d) 5-year Forecast 2015-2019
- e) Dollar Base History chart

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by David Christiani that the Finance Committee report, including the 2015 proposed budget of expenditures, the 2015 proposed presbytery assessments, the 2015 budget allocation for Regional Staff transition, the dollar base history chart, and the 5 year forecast be received and considered. **ADOPTED.**

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

(Appendix D – pages 10-15)

Ross Davidson, treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report.

1. a) Treasurer's Report on Synod Finances from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013
- b) Auditor's Letter for 2012

Recommendation No. 1

It was moved by David Christiani and seconded by Katherine Burgess that the Auditor's Letter of 2013 be received and the Treasurer's Report on Synod Finances from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 be adopted.

Discussion on Recommendation No. 1 ensued.

The treasurer noted that the 2013 Synod Conference did not go over budget, and even realized a small profit.

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, 2014 to October 11, 2014

Recommendation No. 2

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by David Christiani that the Treasurer's Report on Synod Finances from January 1, 2014 to October 15, 2014 as well as the Treasurer's Forecast for Synod finances from October 15, 2015 to December 31, 2015, be received for information.

Discussion on Recommendation No. 2 ensued.

Correspondence Item No. 11, page 7

The treasurer was asked to address the request in the letter from the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew to consider a 25% reduction in their presbytery assessment for 2014.

MOTION: It was moved by Karen Hincke and seconded by Benoit Cousineau that the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew be forgiven 25% of their assessment for 2014.

Discussion on the motion ensued.

AMENDMENT: It was moved by Douglas Kendall and seconded by Barry Mack that the following be added, "and that the Presbytery return to a full assessment for 2015."

Discussion on the amendment ensued.

On being put to the vote the amendment was DEFETED.

Discussion resumed on the original motion.

The treasurer noted that the balance of the 2014 assessment is \$4,111.16.

AMENDMENT: it was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Susan Clarke that the Synod forgive an amount of \$2,500 for 2014.

Discussion on the amendment ensued.

On being put to the vote the amendment was DEFETED.

Discussion resumed on the original motion.

On being put to the vote the motion was ADOPTED.

Benoit Cousineau offered the thanks of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew to the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (cont'd from page 9):

Ruth Davidson addressed the various budget documents. She thanked David Morris, the former Finance Committee convener, for his assistance in preparing the 2016 budget documents.

Discussion on the 2016 budget documents ensued.

The Moderator called time.

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REGIONAL STAFFING COMMITTEE

MOTION: It was moved by David Christiani and seconded by Milton Reddick that the report from the Regional Staffing Committee, including the reports from the former regional Staff, be deferred to the second sederunt. **ADOPTED.**

REGIONAL RESOURCING COMMITTEE

(Appendix E – page 16)

Doug Kendall, on behalf of the committee, presented the report.

Recommendation No. 1

It was moved by Doug Kendall and seconded by John Barry Forsyth that the model proposed in its report at the June Synod meeting be adopted. Should this model be approved at this Synod meeting, the Regional Resourcing Committee would be responsible for receiving applications and approving requests for funds, which would be available from October 1, 2015.

Discussion on the recommendation ensued.

Motion to Refer

It was moved by Donna McIlveen and seconded by Debra-Ann McBride that the recommendation from the Regional Resourcing Committee be referred to the Synod Council with power to issue with respect to the use of the grant money from the Life and Mission Agency, with the understanding that the synod council is prepared to say that it is our intent to call for any further proposals to be in the hand of the synod clerk by January 31, 2015 and that the Synod Council direct the Regional Resourcing Committee to review the proposals and bring a recommendation to Synod Council in April 2015. **ADOPTED.**

COMMITTEE RE SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Katherine Burgess, convener, was introduced to the court.

The convener indicated that there was no report.

SYNOD WEBSERVANT

(Appendix F – pages 17-18)

The Moderator, Gordon Walford, stepped out of the chair to address the report.

Harold Kouwenberg, Past Moderator, assumed the chair.

Gord Walford, synod webservant, presented the report.

He addressed the work he undertakes in his role as webservant. He noted that the synod website was extensively revised in 2013, with more information now available including the minutes from past meetings, documents, and contacts for Gracefield and CAB. Prior to each synod meeting the various reports and information about the meeting is posted on the synod website for easy access by all commissioners and visitors.

He reminded the presbytery clerks to send him changes to the roll so that the website is kept up to date.

The Past Moderator, Harold Kouwenberg, stepped out of the chair.
Gordon Walford, Moderator, resumed the chair.

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Synod Webservant (cont'd):

MOTION: It was moved by Harold Kouwenberg and seconded by Donna McIlveen that the report of the Synod webservant be adopted. ADOPTED.

SYNOD HISTORIAN

(Appendix G – page 19)

The Synod Historian, John Vaudry, was not a commissioner to the synod meeting. His report was circulated in advance.

A question was posed inquiring about the responsibilities and expectations of the synod historian. The clerk noted that the synod standing orders state that the synod historian is appointed for a three year term. Over the years the various synod historians have endeavoured to keep the synod apprised of matters of historical interest including increasing awareness of the work of the General Assembly History Committee and the Canadian Society of Presbyterian History.

MOTION: It was moved by Harold Kouwenberg and seconded by Donna McIlveen that the report of the Synod Historian be adopted. ADOPTED.

COMMITTEE ON ROLL AND LEAVE TO WITHDRAW

MOTION: It was moved by Marsha Guthrie and seconded by Norm McBride that Douglas Kendall be granted leave to withdraw for the second sederunt. ADOPTED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved by Mark Bourgon and seconded by Benoit Cousineau that the Synod adjourn. ADOPTED.

The Moderator, at six o'clock in the evening, adjourned the Synod to reconvene at seven o'clock in the evening in the same place.

The sederunt closed with prayer by the Moderator.

Moderator

Clerk

SECOND SEDERUNT

On Friday, the seventeenth day of October, two thousand and fourteen, at seven o'clock in the evening within Gloucester Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, Ontario, the Synod met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator, Mr. Gordon Walford, constituted the Synod with prayer.

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY SYNODEICAL

(Appendix H – page 20)

Irene Nesbitt, Synodical President, presented the report.

The Moderator thanked Irene Nesbitt for the report. He extended the thanks of the Synod to all the WMS members, for their mission study, the Glad Tidings publication, and for their continued commitment to mission work.

MOTION: It was moved by Donna McIlveen and seconded by William Ball that the report of the Women's Missionary Society Synodical, be adopted. **ADOPTED.**

YOUTH MINISTRY WORKING GROUP

(Appendix I – pages 21-22)

Ruth Davidson, convener, presented the report.

Recommendation No. 1

It was moved by Grete Halsall and seconded by Harold Kouwenberg that Synod financially support Canada Youth 2016 by setting aside \$6,000.00 in the 2015 budget. **ADOPTED** (unanimously)

Recommendation No. 2

It was moved by Grete Halsall and seconded by Harold Kouwenberg that Synod financially support synod youth retreats for the year 2015 in the amount of \$2,000.00. **ADOPTED.** (unanimously)

- As noted in the committee report, there are two annual retreats, one at Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre in the spring and Camp d'action biblique (CAB) in the fall.

The convener reminded the synod of the importance of placing a high priority on youth ministry, and not to forget youth in the new resourcing model. Over the years the Regional Staff (Christine Ball and Anita Mack) played a big role in both the synod retreats and Canada Youth conferences. They each spent countless hours before, during and after the events, looking after a multitude of details. They were also a great support at these events for our young people, leaders and adult advisors. A big thank you to both Christine and Anita for their dedication to youth ministry over the thirteen years they served as Regional Staff.

Canada Youth 2014 Presentation

Young people from the Ottawa area spoke to the gathered synod commissioners on their experience attending the Canada Youth 2014 conference, which was held at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario from July 7-12, 2014. The theme was Face to Face (1 Corinthians 13:12). A photo slide show of images from Canada Youth 2014 was shown.

- Margaret Rose Cameron and Marissa Waddell, from Knox Church, Manotick, Ontario, shared how the conference greatly impacted their faith. Worship with such a large group of people was inspiring. The music was uplifting. The small groups, workshops and other activities, were amazing. CY14 was five and a half days of spending time with a group of young people of similar age, while growing closer to God.

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Youth Ministry Working Group (cont'd):

One of the daily activities at CY14 was energizers. At the end of their presentation, Margaret and Marissa energetically taught an energizer to the gathered synod commissioners.

- Erica Heiber and Tiffany Hickey, from Trinity Church, Carp, Ontario, shared some reflections from their time at CY14. They spoke of the moving and passionate experience of being with a large group of young Christians. It is so good to be with other Christians and to see that you are not the only one. They really felt included. Great conversation and discussions on God, faith, science and faith, scripture, and lots of other topics, took place in workshops, small group activities, and just while walking along to the various activities. CY14 will have a lasting impact.

The Moderator thanked the young people for coming to the synod meeting and sharing their CY14 experience with the commissioners. In response, a round of applause was offered.

MOTION: It was moved by Harold Kouwenberg and seconded by Donna McIlveen that the report of the Youth Ministry Working Group be adopted. **ADOPTED.**

REGIONAL STAFFING COMMITTEE

(Appendix J – page 23)

Ruth Davidson, convener, presented the report.

Recommendation No. 1

It was moved by Mark Bourgon and seconded by Benoit Cousineau that Anita Mack and Christine Ball be thanked for their dedicated service to the Synod over the last thirteen years, particularly with Children and Youth Ministry, Congregational Work on Leadership and Provision of Resources. **ADOPTED.** (unanimously)

Recommendation No. 2

It was moved by Mark Bourgon and seconded by Benoit Cousineau that the Regional Staffing Committee be discontinued, with thanks, as of the conclusion of the 140th synod. **ADOPTED.** (unanimously)

The Moderator thanked Ruth Davidson for her work as committee convener, for both the regional Staffing Committee and the Youth Ministry Working Group. He also offered thanks to all Regional Staffing Committee members for their diligent work over the last 13 years, especially in their role as a support to the Regional Staff.

The Synod expressed its appreciation with a round of applause.

Reports from the Regional Staff

(Appendix K – pages 24-26)

- (1) Christine Ball (Eastern Ontario)
- (2) Anita Mack (Québec)

MOTION: It was moved by Harold Kouwenberg and seconded by Donna McIlveen that the report of the Regional Staffing Committee be adopted. **ADOPTED.**

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MISSION COMMITTEE

(Appendix L– page 27)

Barry Mack, convener, presented 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.

The committee was informed by Canadian Ministries that there is \$10,316.13 in interest for distribution this year. The Committee received three requests. The suggested allocation is as follows:

\$5,016.13 – Camp d'action biblique (CAB)

\$2,650.00 – la mission Siloé

\$2,650.00 – Église St-Luc

Total: \$10,316.13

Recommendation No. 1

It was moved by Barry Mack and seconded by David Christiani that the requests for monetary assistance from the Robert Fund for 2015 be as presented above, and that they be forwarded to Canadian ministries with the approval of the Synod. **ADOPTED.**

MOTION: It was moved by Barry Mack and seconded by David Christiani that the report of the Mission Committee be adopted. **ADOPTED.**

REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA

Re: Oversight of The Board of Directors for the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre (Appendix M – pages 28-36)

Financial Statements

a) GCCRC Balance Sheet previous Year Comparison, December 31, 2013

b) GCCRC Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual, January – December 2013

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

He noted that the presbytery is much encouraged over last year's report. Regular reports are received, and there is an improved financial picture. New members, including a new treasurer, have been appointed to the Board of Directors. The water treatment system was installed under budget. The septic system is the next large project to be undertaken.

God has been gracious by giving Brian and Janet Ham to the camp as the new executive co-directors. On June 14, 2014 the Presbytery of Ottawa met at the camp for a special meeting and public service of recognition for Brian and Janet.

Brian and Janet Ham were introduced to the court.

They shared how God has called them to camping ministry and specifically to the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre. They share common ground in ministry together, and as colleagues they each bring gifts to the position of executive co-directors. They see evidence of

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Report of the Presbytery of Ottawa (cont'd):

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God's goodness daily, and they believe that God is blessing the camp. Meaningful experiences happen at camp when Christ is involved, and they know if they are faithful to Christ, grace will abound.

(A photo slide show of the camp was shown during the presentation).

The Moderator thanked Brian and Janet Ham for their inspiring words and strong commitment to the camp. The Synod expressed its gratitude with a round of applause.

MOTION: It was moved by Denise Allen-Macartney and seconded by David Brittain that the Synod give thanks to God and commend the Board of Directors and staff for the wonderful turnout and progress this past year. **ADOPTED.**

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by William Ball 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.**

CAMP D'ACTION BIBLIQUE

(Appendix N – pages 37-41)

Craig Dewar, on behalf of the Camp d'action biblique Committee, presented the report.

Schedule and Financial Statements

- a. 2015 Camp Schedule
- b. Expenses 2014
- c. Camp Operating Income / Donations / Miscellaneous - 2014

Craig Dewar thanked all the congregations who support the camp, whether financially or by sending children to summer camp, or both. He also thanked the Synod for their on-going financial and prayerful support. The camping ministry offered at CAB is grateful for all support. He noted that each year the Presbytery of Québec hold their fall meeting at CAB.

The Moderator thanked Craig Dewar for the report and for the dedication of the CAB committee. The Synod showed its gratitude with a round of applause.

MOTION: It was moved by Katherine Burgess and seconded by Benoit Cousineau that the report from Camp d'action biblique, be adopted. **ADOPTED.**

MINUTES OF APPRECIATION

(Appendix O – pages 42-45)

1. Harold Kouwenberg, Past Moderator, read a Minute of Appreciation for Christine Ball, giving thanks to God for her more than 13 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Synod as Regional Staff.

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Minutes of Appreciation (cont'd):

Recommendation No. 1

It was moved by Harold Kouwenberg and seconded by Karen Colenbrander that the minute of appreciation for Mrs. Christine Ball be adopted. ADOPTED (unanimously)

The synod expressed its gratitude with a round of applause.

2. Harold Kouwenberg, Past Moderator, read a Minute of Appreciation for Anita Mack, giving thanks to God for her more than 13 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Synod as Regional Staff.

Recommendation No. 2

It was moved by Harold Kouwenberg and seconded by Katherine Burgess that the minute of appreciation for Mrs. Anita Mack Ball be adopted. ADOPTED (unanimously)

The synod expressed their gratitude with a round of applause.

The Past Moderator presented gifts and cards to Christine Ball and Anita Mack, accepted on their behalf by William Ball and Barry Mack.

Following the presentation they each expressed words of thanks to the Synod, on behalf of Christine Ball and Anita Mack.

VIDEO

The 5 minute video entitled “One Mission-Two Funds” was shown.

It describes the ministries supported by Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service and Development.

The video is suggested as a congregational resource and can be downloaded from the PCC website at presbyterian.ca/sharing

NOTICE OF MOTION

The Synod Council give notice that, at a future sederunt, they will move or cause to be moved that the Synod Standing Order, section 4.3 regional Staffing Committee, be removed.

NOTICE OF MOTION

The Synod Council give notice that, at a future sederunt, they will move or cause to be moved that the Terms of reference for the Regional Resourcing Committee be added to the Synod Standing Order, section 4.3.

COMMITTEE ON ROLL AND LEAVE TO WITHDRAW

No requests at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved by Harold Kouwenberg and seconded by Barry Carr that the Synod adjourn. ADOPTED.

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

The sederunt closed with prayer by the Moderator.

Moderator

Clerk

THIRD SEDERUNT

On Saturday, the eighteenth day of October, two thousand and fourteen, at nine o'clock in the morning within Gloucester Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, Ontario, the Synod met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator, Mr. Gordon Walford, led in a time of worship. The message was entitled "Reflections on the Christian Life" with scripture readings from Psalm 96 and Philippians 4:4-9. Musical accompaniment was provided by Gordon's wife Diane and grandchildren, Dakota, Geffen, Tanisha and Cheyenne Copeland.

Following worship the Moderator constituted the Synod with prayer at 9:55 a.m.

GUEST SPEAKER

The Moderator invited the Rev. Dr. Roland De Vries, minister at Kensington Presbyterian Church, and commissioner to the synod meeting, to address the court. The title of his address was "Thresholds of Encounter".

A 'threshold place' is a place of open, honest and transparent encounter. Congregations that seek to be missional need to establish threshold places that link the church with the world around them, providing encounters in the community that are meaningful and engaging. Such engagement means that the church will not be 'in control' nor the 'host', but in which it may nevertheless live graciously and confidently in Christ, serving his kingdom.

Dr. De Vries spoke about the story of Paul and Lydia outside of Philippi. Lydia was free to listen, or not. In that public place she was free to stay or to walk away. Paul simply spoke of his faith in Christ and, in that 'threshold place' let her freely respond. In her case the response was one of faith, and insistent hospitality.

Dr. De Vries also spoke on the topic of Christian hospitality, sharing insights from the French feminist Luce Irigaray.

The Moderator thanked Dr. Roland De Vries for his thought provoking presentation. The Synod showed its appreciation with a round of applause.

Break – a break was held from 11:00 – 11:15 am.

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The Presbyterian College

The Moderator welcomed the Rev. Dr. Ian Victor, Acting Director of Pastoral Studies at The Presbyterian College, and invited him to address the court.

Dr. Victor extended greetings from The Presbyterian College to the Synod.

He presented information on the new strategic plan currently being implemented by The Presbyterian College. The highlights include:

Key Objectives: enrich the present M.Div. program, establish a leadership centre, and engage in mission.

Goals: foster academic excellence, ministry competence and leadership formation, personal faith and spiritual formation, Christian community that expresses integrity, humility, resolve, respect and transparency, creativity and innovation, engagement with our larger society, life-long learning, being rooted in the Reformed tradition, building and being a part of the larger Church of Christ.

Develop leaders who are: credible, competent, centred, collaborative and committed.

The Moderator thanked Dr. Victor for his informative presentation.

The Synod showed its appreciation with a round of applause.

OPTIONAL ELIMINATION OF SYNODS

The referral from the 140th General Assembly on the optional elimination of synods was considered. From page 28 of the 2014 Acts and Proceedings:

“That synods, presbyteries and sessions be asked to study and report on this report and be encouraged to make other suggestions on how the church might reorganize the work of synods in a more efficient and effective way and report to the Special Committee re the Optional Elimination of Synods by January 31, 2015.”

Two documents were presented for consideration:

1. A Statement on Synods, by James T. Hurd (Appendix P – page 46)
James T. Hurd read the statement to the court.
2. Position Paper, by David Christiani (Appendix Q – pages 47-52)
David Christiani provided a 5 minute summary of his position paper.

Committee of the Whole

It was moved by Karen Hincke and seconded by Douglas Kendall that the Synod resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to engage in a discussion on the Optional Elimination of Synods.
ADOPTED.

The time for lunch having arrived, it was agreed to continue meeting in the Committee of the Whole after the lunch break.

COMMITTEE ON ROLL AND LEAVE TO WITHDRAW

No requests at this time.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The sederunt closed with prayer by the Moderator.

Moderator

Clerk

FOURTH SEDERUNT

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

The Moderator, Mr. Gordon Walford, constituted the Synod with prayer.

Optional Elimination of Synods (cont'd from page 20):

The Committee of the Whole time resumed.

Rise from Committee of the Whole

It was moved by Mark Bourgon and seconded by Milton Reddick that the Synod rise from the Committee of the Whole and resume sitting as a commissioned court. **ADOPTED.**

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by David Christiani that the one page statement be forwarded to the General Assembly Special Committee re the Optional Elimination of Synods.

Discussion on the motion ensued.

AMENDMENT: It was moved by Roland De Vries and seconded by Douglas Kendall that the following words be inserted at the end of the motion: "with the added comment that the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario was not of one mind on the question of the optional elimination of synods, with some holding the alternative view expressed in the statement that the optional elimination of synods might be useful to the life of the church."

Discussion on the amendment ensued.

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

Discussion on the motion, as amended, ensued.

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

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The Optional Elimination of Synods (cont'd):

Motion as adopted:

That the one page statement be forwarded to the General Assembly Special Committee re the Optional Elimination of Synods, with the added comment that the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario was not of one mind on the question of the optional elimination of synods, with some holding the alternative view that the optional elimination of synods might be useful to the life of the church.

Karen Hincke requested that her dissent be recorded.

MOTION: It was moved by Benoit Cousineau and seconded by Barry Carr that to complete the reflection of the discussion on the optional elimination of synods that a ballot be prepared by the synod council and sent to all teaching and ruling elders within the bounds of the synod to ascertain whether they are in favour of enacting legislation to provide for the optional elimination of synods.

The Moderator ruled the motion out of order.

Moderator's ruling challenged

The Moderator's ruling that the motion was out of order was challenged.

The synod clerk asked the Synod whether or not it upheld the ruling of the Moderator.

The Synod upheld the ruling.

MOTION: It was moved by David Christiani and seconded by Donald MacMillan that the position paper be included in the appendix to the minutes of the 140th Synod meeting.

Discussion on the motion ensued.

AMENDMENT: It was moved by Karen Colenbrander and seconded by Douglas Kendall that the following words be added at the end of the motion: "and that the position paper does not reflect the opinion of the entire synod."

Discussion on the amendment ensued.

On being put to the vote the amendment was ADOPTED.

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

Motion as adopted:

That the position paper be included in the appendix to the minutes of the 140th Synod meeting, and that the position paper does not reflect the opinion of the entire synod.

COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES

It was agreed to receive the Committee on Courtesies report at this time.

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Committee on Courtesies (cont'd):

MOTION: It was moved by David Christiani and seconded by Milton Reddick that the report of the Committee on Courtesies be received and considered. **ADOPTED.**

David Christiani presented the report.

The Synod expresses its thanks to the following:

To the Host Congregation:

Our thanks to the Reverend Denise Allen-Macartney, the Session and Congregation of Gloucester Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, for hosting the 140th meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario, and demonstrating such warm hospitality.

To the Reverend Denise Allen-McCartney and Gordon Walford:

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

Friday Communion Service:

Harold Kouwenberg and Denise Allen-Macartney

Piano: Sabrina Tang

Bell Choir:

Olive O'May Joan Born Flett

Carol Patterson

Saturday Morning Service:

Gordon Walford

Piano: Diane Walford

Singers: Gordon Walford

Dakota Copeland Geffen Copeland

Tanisha Copeland Cheyenne Copeland

To the members and adherents of the Gloucester Church Congregation:

For all their hours of hard work put into preparing the delicious meals and coffee breaks.

Servers:

Olive O'May

Betty McLaughlin

Jill Dewar

March Azoh-Moi

Joan Born Flett

Esmie Coward

Geoff Matthews

Susan Jung

Carol Patterson

Elsie Miller

Goodlove Ngwafusi

Thompson Asana

Wendy Fuller

Lynn Davie

Sue and Terry Duncan

Heather Foster

Emma Fuller

Liz Reibin

Hilda Makonyola

Catering:

March Azoh-Moi

To Alex Plant:

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

To the Rev. Harold Kouwenberg:

For serving faithfully as the Moderator of the 139th Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario and for preaching the Word faithfully during this Synod gathering.

To Gordon Walford:

For serving patiently and competently as Moderator of the 140th Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario.

To the Reverend Dr. Roland De Vries:

For sharing his insights about hospitality and the missional church. He challenged us to re-examine the relationships between women and men and redefined the concept of female equality. This reminded us that it is about the relationship we have with Jesus Christ, each other and those outside our doors.

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Committee on Courtesies (cont'd):

To the Representatives to Canada Youth 2014:

Margaret Rose Cameron, Marissa Waddell, Erica Heiber and Tiffany Hickey, who shared their experiences and demonstrated to us how God has worked in their hearts to revolutionize their view of the Church and their own faith journey.

To the Board / Camp Committee and Staff of Gracefield and CAB

For the dedication, hard work, and positive results achieved during the past camping season.

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 Webservant; 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 over the last 13 years which they have performed so well and for the important role that they have played in 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.

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 140th 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.

MOTION: It was moved by David Christiani and seconded by Milton Reddick that the report be adopted. ADOPTED.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (cont'd from page 10)

Discussion on the 2015 budget documents resumed.

Ruth Davidson advised that the synod costs for the 2015 Budget Allocation for Regional Staff Transition have been increased by \$4,875.86 from the proposed amount of \$13,408.59 to

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Finance Committee (cont'd):

\$18,284.45 to reflect the anticipated costs more accurately. This adjustment increases the 2015 expenditure budget from \$117,312.02 to \$122,187.88.

Discussion on the 2015 expenditure budget continued.

Recommendation No. 1

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Katherine Burgess that the expenditure budget for 2015, as amended, be \$122,187.88. ADOPTED.

Recommendation No. 2

It was moved by Harold Kouwenberg and seconded by Milton Reddick that the proposed presbytery assessments for 2015, as amended, be adopted. ADOPTED.

Barry Carr, Grete Halsall and Karen Hincke requested that their dissents be recorded.

Recommendation No. 3

It was moved by Roland De Vries and seconded by Douglas Kendall that the five year forecast from 2015-2019, as amended, be received for information. ADOPTED.

Synod Reviewer

MOTION: It was moved by Mark Bourgon and seconded by Paul Johanson that Suzanne Aubre be engaged to review the Synod financial statements for the year 2014. ADOPTED.

Thanks Extended

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Milton Reddick that the Synod express its deep gratitude to David Morris for his assistance in the preparation of the 2015 budget documents. ADOPTED.

MOTION: It was moved by Marianne Emig Munro and seconded by Mark Bourgon that the report of the Finance Committee, as a whole and as amended, be adopted. ADOPTED.

Committee on Business (cont'd from pages 8-9)

Recommendation No. 11

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Grete Halsall that the Synod Committees for 2014-2015 be as listed below.

A question was raised regarding the membership on the Regional Resourcing Committee. It was noted that the committee terms of reference list under membership: one representative from each of the five presbyteries, and two representatives from the Synod at large.

Additional Motion:

It was moved by Milton Reddick and seconded by Denise Allen-Macartney that the two representatives from the Synod at large on the Regional Resourcing Committee be from the two camps within the synod bounds, and that each camp name their representative. ADOPTED.

Clerk:

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Meeting at Gloucester Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, Ontario

On Friday and Saturday, October 17th and October 18th, 2014

Committee on Business (cont'd):

It was noted that the position of convener of the Finance Committee is vacant. Commissioners were encouraged to advise the Synod Council of potential conveners.

According to the Synod Standing Orders, section 2.4.6, the Synod Council is authorized to fill vacancies occurring through the year.

Synod Committees

Synod Council – Committee to Nominate

Moderator, Past Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, 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), Brian Ruse (Montréal), Ian MacMillan (Seaway-Glengarry), Noral Rebin (Ottawa), and 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), Denise Allen-Macartney or designate (Ottawa), Joan Hilliard (Lanark & Renfrew), and Richard Bonetto (representing Francophone ministries within the Presbyteries of Québec and Montréal) and the Synodical President.

The Regional Resourcing Committee

Greg Davidson (Convener & Montréal), John Barry Forsyth (Québec), Geoff Howard (Seaway-Glengarry), Douglas Kendall (Ottawa), Barry Carr (Lanark & Renfrew) and vacant (Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre) and vacant (Camp d'action biblique).

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 – Harold Kouwenberg (2014-2017)

On being put to the vote Recommendation No. 11 was ADOPTED.

Clerk:

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Committee on Business (cont'd):

Recommendation No. 12

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Grete Halsall that pursuant to notice of motion, the Synod Standing Orders, section 4.3 Regional Staffing Committee, be removed. ADOPTED.

Recommendation No. 13

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Grete Halsall that pursuant to notice of motion, the Terms of Reference for the Regional Resourcing Committee be added to the Synod Standing Orders, section 4.3. ADOPTED.

Recommendation No. 14

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Grete Halsall that the Moderator and the immediate Past Moderator, in consultation with the synod clerk and synod council, be appointed the Commission on Unfinished Business. ADOPTED.

Recommendation No. 15

It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Grete Halsall that the 141st meeting of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario be held within the bounds of the Presbytery of Québec, in Granby, Québec, on Friday, October 16th and Saturday, October 17th, 2015. ADOPTED.

MOTION: It was moved by James T. Hurd and seconded by Grete Halsall that the Committee on Business report, as a whole and amended, be adopted. ADOPTED.

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

MOTION: It was moved by Mark Bourgon and seconded by Paul Johanson 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 Mark Bourgon and seconded by Paul Johanson that the minutes of the Synod Council, the Presbytery of Québec, the Presbytery of Montréal, The Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry, the Presbytery of Ottawa and the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, be attested as neatly and correctly kept. ADOPTED.

MOTION: It was moved by Mark Bourgon and seconded by Paul Johanson that the report of the Committee to Examine the Minutes of the Presbyteries and the Synod Council be adopted. ADOPTED.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION: It was moved by Ann Langabeer and seconded by Sybil Mosley that the Synod adjourn. ADOPTED.

Clerk:

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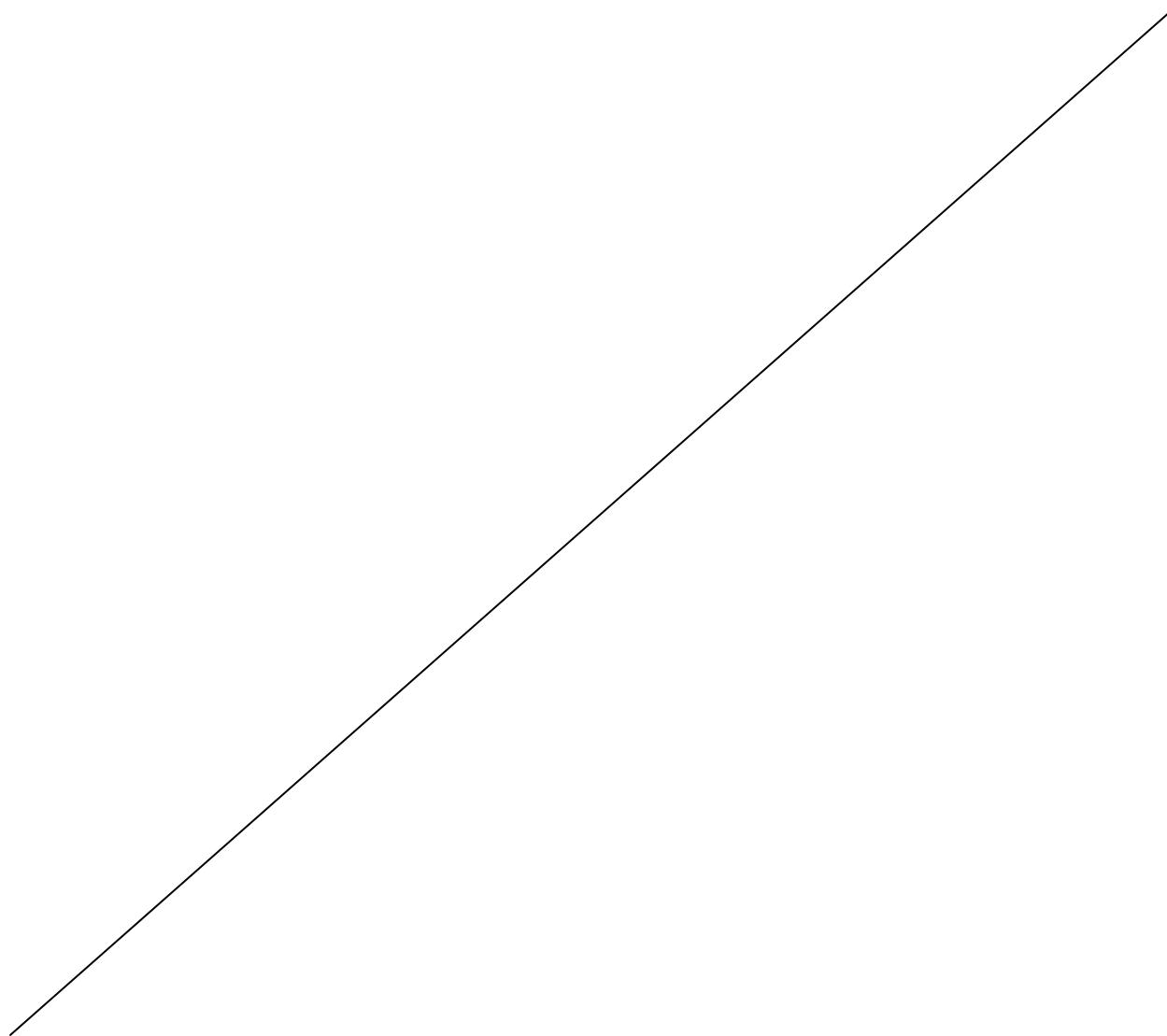
The Moderator led the Synod in prayer.

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 this Synod adjourned to meet again within the bounds of the Presbytery of Québec on Friday the sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord, two thousand and fifteen.”

Moderator

Clerk



Clerk:

140th MEETING DOCKET
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17th to SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 2014

GLOUCESTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OTTAWA, ONTARIO

FIRST SEDERUNT Friday, October 17th at 2 p.m.

1. 2:00 p.m. Opening Worship / Communion
2. 3:15 p.m. Constitution of the Synod
3. Memorials
4. Welcome to Gloucester 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 139th meeting
10. Correspondence
11. Business Arising
12. Committee on Business / Notice of Motion
13. 3:45 p.m. Refreshment Break
14. 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee
 - Auditor's Report 2013
 - Treasurer's Report 2013
 - Treasurer's Report year to date 2014
 - Budget 2015
15. 4:30 p.m. Regional Staffing Committee
 - Regional Staff Reports
16. 4:50 p.m. Regional Resourcing Committee
 - Referral: Recommendation #4
17. 5:20 p.m. WMS Synodical
18. 5:30 p.m. Committee re: Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment
19. Synod Webservant
20. Synod Historian
21. Synod Representative on the Assembly Council
22. 5:55 p.m. Committee on Roll and Leave to Withdraw
23. Announcements
24. Adjournment / Prayer
25. 6:00 p.m. Supper

Clerk:

140th Meeting Docket (cont'd):

SECOND SEDERUNT	Friday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m.
1. 7:00 p.m.	Prayer/Constitute the Court
2. 7:05 p.m.	Youth Ministry Working Group - Canada Youth 2014 presentation
3. 7:25 p.m.	Mission Committee and Robert Fund Committee
4. 7:40 p.m.	Report from the Presbytery of Ottawa Re: Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre
5. 8:00 p.m.	Report from the Presbytery of Québec Re: Camp d'action biblique
6. 8:20 p.m.	Minute of Appreciation for Anita Mack and Christine Ball
7. 8:25 p.m.	Committee on the Roll and Leave to Withdraw
8.	Announcements
9. 8:30 p.m.	Adjournment and Prayer
THIRD SEDERUNT	Saturday, October 18th at 9:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m.	Committee Meetings (as needed)
1. 9:00 a.m.	Worship
2.	Prayer to Constitute the Court
3. 9:30 a.m.	Guest Speaker: Roland De Vries - "Thresholds of Encounter"
4. 11:00 a.m.	Break / Evaluations
5. 11:15 a.m.	Presbyterian College presentation
6. 11:30 a.m.	General Assembly Referral: Optional Elimination of Synods
7. 11:55 a.m.	Committee on Roll and Leave to Withdraw
8.	Adjournment and Prayer
9. 12:00 p.m.	Lunch
FOURTH SEDERUNT	Saturday, October 18th at 1:00 p.m.
1. 1:30 p.m.	Prayer to Constitute the Court
2. 2:00 p.m.	Finance Committee (cont'd)
3.	Committee to Examine the Minutes of the Presbyteries and the Synod Council
4.	Unfinished Business
5.	Committee on Courtesies
6.	Time and Place of the next Synod meeting
7.	Adjournment and Prayer

Clerk:

The Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
The Reverend John Vaudry, Moderator

Margrete I. (Grete) Halsall, Clerk of Presbytery
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April 23, 2014

The Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario
Mrs. Donna McIlveen, Clerk
1711 County Road 2
Johnstown, Ontario
K0E 1T1

The Reverend the Synod of Quebec & Eastern Ontario

The Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew met in regular stated session on Tuesday April 22, 2014 within Petawawa Presbyterian Church, 24 Ethel Street, Petawawa, Ontario.

Inter alia, notice of motion having been given at a previous sederunt of the Presbytery, the Presbytery re-visited decisions made at its meeting in November 20, 2012 in response to Synod priorities and its assessment of this Presbytery.

A motion was then made, seconded and carried that we thank the Synod of Quebec & Eastern Ontario for reducing the 2013 assessment by 25% and that the Presbytery forward the remainder of the 2013 assessment (\$7,550.13) to the Synod Treasurer.

The presbytery also decided to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 10am within Westminster Presbyterian Church, Smiths Falls to continue a discussion on the Presbytery's relationship to/with Synod. The Synod Council is invited to send representatives to meet with the Presbytery. The Synod representatives are invited to join the Presbytery at 1pm.

Sincerely,

Margrete I. Halsall, Clerk
The Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew

Clerk:

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September 17, 2014

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

To the Reverend the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario

At a recent meeting of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, it was agreed that a cheque for \$8,333.50 should be forwarded to Synod. This completes our financial commitment for 2013. We wish to thank the Synod for forgiving 25% of our assessment for the year.

As we move forward, we request the Synod to consider a similar reduction for 2014, forgiving 25% of the assessment to the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew.

Yours Truly,

Mrs. Margrete I. Halsall, Clerk
Lanark & Renfrew Presbytery

Attachment. Cheque

Clerk:

Gloucester Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, Ontario
 Friday and Saturday, October 17th and October 18th, 2014

2015 Budget of Synod Expenses – ADOPTED							
Synod Synod Admin. & Programs	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	2014 Budget	2014 Actuals to Sept 6	Projected year end 2014	2015 Budget	% Change
Administration							
Synod Meeting	3,285.49	6,000.00	4,000.00	2,370.00	5,000.00	3,000.00	-25.00%
Minutes	271.62	250.00	300.00		300.00	300.00	
Honoraria							
Clerk's	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	1,100.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	
Treasurer's	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	550.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	
Audit/Review	350.00	400.00	350.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	14.29%
Accountant	250.00	250.00					
Clerk's Office							
Office expenses	524.17	500.00	500.00	583.50	750.00	600.00	20.00%
Liability insurance	1,776.16	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,660.56	1,660.56	2,000.00	
Clerk's consultation		150.00	150.00	275.00	275.00	150.00	
Committees							
Synod council	1,925.19	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,097.60	2,500.00	2,500.00	25.00%
Other committees	1,014.24	2,000.00	1,750.00	500.40	1,000.00	1,000.00	-42.86%
Finance							
Banking costs	118.22	100.00	100.00	83.15	120.00	120.00	20.00%
Programs							
Youth							
Youth programs	2,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	-33.33%
Canada Youth	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00	6,000.00	60.00%
Betty Williams Memorial (Not Budgeted)	100.00						
Total Admin. & Programs	18,665.09	23,700.00	21,200.00	14,370.21	22,055.56	21,370.00	0.80%
Camping & Outreach							
Gracefield							
Operating grant	43,952.00	43,952.00	46,016.00	23,008.00	46,016.00	43,506.26	-5.45%
Capital grant		6,904.00					
Camp d'action biblique							
Operating grant	25,813.00	25,813.00	25,413.00	16,942.00	25,413.00	24,568.52	-3.32%
Total Camping/Outreach	69,765.00	76,669.00	71,429.00	39,950.00	71,429.00	68,074.78	-4.70%
TOTAL OPERATIONS	88,430.09	100,369.00	92,629.00	54,320.21	93,484.56	89,444.78	-3.44%

REGIONAL STAFFING	32,743.10
TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2015	122,187.88

Clerk:

2015 Budget Allocation for Regional Staff Transition - ADOPTED

	2014 Budget	2014 Actuals to Sept 6 2014	2014 Sept 7 to Dec 31 2014	Total 2014	Budget for 2015
Stipend	Stipend Costs	Stipend Costs	Transition Costs	Transition + Stipend	Transition Costs
Travel	54,964.20				
Housing	10,800.00				
	15,500.00				
Stipend/Transition Payment	81,264.20	42,138.94	20,316.06	62,455.00	60,948.15
Total deductions & Synod Cost	24,500.00	28,099.80	15,210.20	43,310.00	18,284.45
Total Reg Staff Stipend Costs	105,764.20	70,238.74	35,525.46	105,764.20	79,232.60
L & M Grant (1)	82,354.00	61,767.00	20,589.00	82,356.00	46,489.50
Net Costs for Regional Staffing	23,410.20	8,471.74	14,936.46	23,408.20	32,743.10
Other Regional Staff/ Transition Expenses					
Office Expenses	4,000.00	976.81		976.81	
Continuing Education	1,000.00	1,591.90		1,591.90	
Previous Year Rev Que Expense		1,316.90		1,316.90	
Previous Year Rev Can Expense		1,658.11		1,658.11	
	5,000.00	5,543.72		5,543.72	
Total Regional Staffing	28,410.20	14,015.46	14,936.46	28,951.92	32,743.10
(1) Note: Balance of Grant Available for Regional Resourcing					15,496.50
2015 L & M Grant for Regional Resourcing	61,986.00				Estimated 2015 Synod Costs: -
9 Months applied to Transition Costs	46,489.50				22% of Total Cost of Regional staff (Established from 2012, 2103 & 2014 and pro-rated)
Balance for Special Projects	15,496.50				
For 2015 stipend would have been:-					
Stipend A & P 2014 (140th Gen Assy.	54,964.20				
Travel Allowance	10,800.00				
Housing Allowance	15,500.00				
			Nine months Transition Costs		
Total for the year	81,264.20				60,948.15

Clerk:

2015 Presbytery Assessments – ADOPTED

Presbytery	\$ Base	% share of Synod total	\$ Assessment for Operating Budget	\$ Assessment for Regional Staffing & Transition	2015 Total Assessment	2014 Assessment	% Change
Quebec	364,531	3.5	3,161.16	1,157.21	4,318.37	3,340.84	29.3
Montreal	3,357,972	32.6	29,119.89	10,659.93	39,779.83	39,722.79	0.1
Seaway-Glengarry	1,759,074	17.1	15,254.46	5,584.21	20,838.67	21,027.53	-0.9
Ottawa	3,455,266	33.5	29,963.61	10,968.80	40,932.41	40,503.38	1.1
Lanark & Renfrew	1,377,518	13.4	11,945.65	4,372.95	16,318.61	16,444.66	-0.8
Total Synod	10,314,361	100.0	89,444.78	32,743.10	122,187.88	121,039.20	0.9

Note: \$ Base is provided by Acts & Proceedings 2014

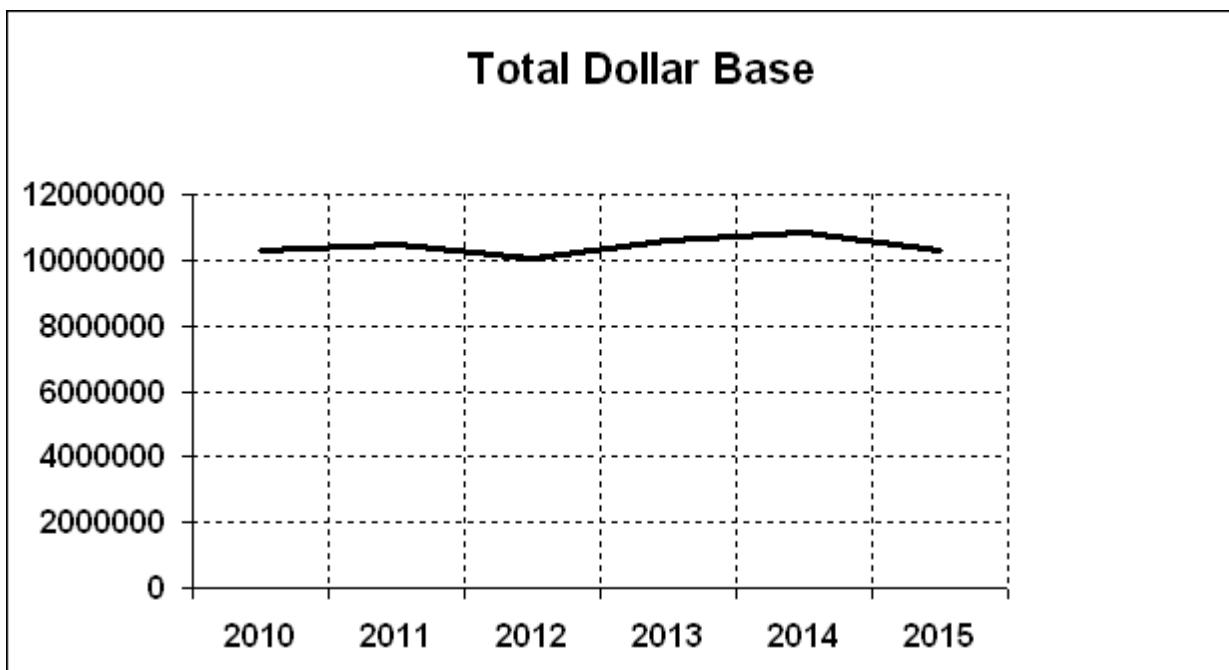
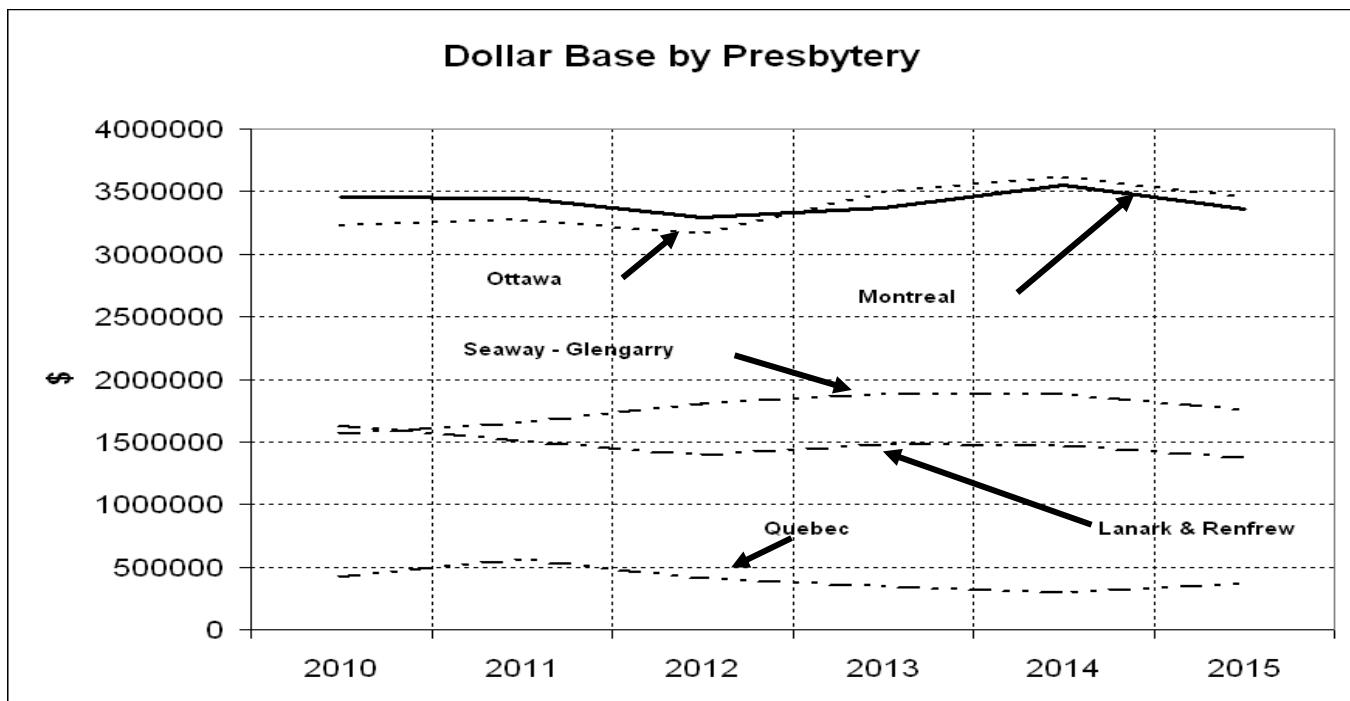
Clerk:

5 Year Forecast 2015 to 2019 - Adopted

DESCRIPTION	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<u>Expenses</u>					
Administration					
Synod meetings	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Minutes	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Honoraria					
Clerk	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
Treasurer	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Audit/Review	400.00	350.00	400.00	400.00	450.00
Clerk's Office					
Office expenses	600.00	630.00	661.50	694.58	729.30
Liability insurance	2,000.00	2,100.00	2,200.00	2,300.00	2,400.00
Clerk's consultation	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Committees					
Synod council	2,500.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,400.00
Other committees	1,000.00	2,000.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,500.00
Finance					
Banking costs	120.00	120.00	120.00	125.00	130.00
Programs					
Youth					
Youth program	2,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Canada youth	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Vie chretienne					
Operating grant					
Gracefield					
Operating grant	43,506.26	40,610.00	40,610.00	40,610.00	40,610.00
Capital (septic/water project)		13,250.00	13,250.00	13,250.00	13,250.00
Camp d'action biblique					
Operating grant	24,568.52	22,940.00	22,940.00	22,940.00	22,940.00
Total Expenses	89,444.78	99,950.00	100,581.50	101,219.58	101,859.30
Regional Staff Transition Costs	32,743.10				
Net Total Expenditure	122,187.88	99,950.00	100,581.50	101,219.58	101,859.30
Base Amounts					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Quebec	364,531	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
Montreal	3,357,972	3,350,000	3,350,000	3,350,000	3,350,000
Seaway-Glengarry	1,759,074	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,750,000	1,750,000
Ottawa	3,455,266	3,450,000	3,450,000	3,450,000	3,450,000
Lanark & Renfrew	1,377,518	1,350,000	1,350,000	1,350,000	1,350,000
Total Synod	10,314,361	10,250,000	10,250,000	10,250,000	10,250,000
Total Assessments	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Quebec	4,318	3,413	3,434	3,456	3,478
Montreal	39,780	32,667	32,873	33,082	33,291
Seaway-Glengarry	20,839	17,065	17,172	17,281	17,391
Ottawa	40,932	33,642	33,854	34,069	34,284
Lanark & Renfrew	16,319	13,164	13,247	13,331	13,416
Total Synod	122,188	99,950	100,582	101,220	101,859

Note: History indicates that over the past 6 years the total dollar base has fluctuated between \$ 10,000,000 and \$10,500,000. Therefore a constant \$10,250,000 has been used.

DOLLAR BASE HISTORY



TREASURER'S REPORT ON SYNOD FINANCES – JANUARY 01ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 2013
 (AUDITED – see letter)

1. SYNOD FUNDS

Brought forwarded from December 31 st , '12	5,171.01	
RECEIPTS DURING THE PERIOD	2013 ACTUAL	2013 BUDGET
Presbytery of Québec	4,231.00	4,231.00
Presbytery of Montréal	41,157.00	41,157.00
Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry	22,905.57	22,906.00
Presbytery of Ottawa	42,701.00	42,701.00
Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew	6,000.00	<u>18,067.00</u>
GST refunds '11 & '12	<u>1,909.67</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	118,904.24	118,904.24
GRAND TOTAL	124,075.25	129,061.00

EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD:

Synod (travel, meals, speakers)	3,285.49	6,000.00
Minutes	271.62	250.00
Clerk's honorarium	2,200.00	2,200.00
Treasurer's honorarium	1,100.00	1,100.00
Audit / Review of '12	350.00	400.00
Accountant's work (tax returns, TP4)	250.00	250.00
Clerk's consultation	-----	150.00
Office expenses (clerk and/or treasurer)	524.17	500.00
Liability insurance premium	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, reg. staff):	1,014.24	2,000.00
Bank charges	118.22	100.00
Reserve fund (see final balance)	-----	3,300.00
Regional staff synod support	21,392.00	21,392.00
Regional staff supplementary support	1,300.00	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	43,952.00	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:	111,518.22	111,518.22
BALANCE:		12,557.03

2. SYNOD CONFERENCE

RECEIPTS FOR THE EVENT:

PCC support grant	3,500.00	
Registrations	<u>5,780.75</u>	
TOTAL:	9,280.75	9,280.75

Treasurer's report on Synod Finances – January 01st to December 31st, 2013 (cont'd):

EXPENDITURES FOR THE EVENT:

Meals during the conference	3,600.00
Office expenses	300.97
Planning committee	272.65
Equipment	917.36
Personnel costs	<u>4,112.67</u>
TOTAL:	9,203.65
BALANCE:	<u>77.10</u>

3. CANADA YOUTH 2014

RECEIPTS FOR THE EVENT:

Balance from CY '12 (PCC early grant)	944.92
Synod's 2013 CY '14 budget	3,750.00
PCC matching grant for CY '14	<u>2,587.63</u>
TOTAL:	7,282.55

EXPENDITURES FOR THE EVENT:

G.I.C. purchased for 18 months (July '14)	7400.00
BALANCE:	<u>- 117.45</u>

4. REGIONAL STAFF

Brought forward from December 31 st , '12	296.38	
RECEIPTS DURING THE PERIOD:	<u>2013 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2013 BUDGET</u>
Grants (20,589.00 x 4)	82,356.00	82,354.00
Additional support	1,300.00	
Budgeted from Synod funds	<u>21,392.00</u>	<u>21,392.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	105,048.00	103,746.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE:	<u>105,344.38</u>	

EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD:

Stipends, housing and travel	56,951.76	–	80,588.00
Revenu Québec	8,466.36]	
Revenue Canada	12,157.01] = 45,993.61	20,835.00
Health & Dental (PCC) (2,140.16 X 4)	8,560.64]	
Pension benefits (PCC) (1,400.80 X 12)	16,809.60	–]	
Regional Staff office expenses	1,871.14		4,000.00
Continuing education	<u>333.50</u>		<u>2,323.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	105,150.01	<u>105,150.01</u>	103,746.00
BALANCE		<u>194.37</u>	

CONSOLIDATION STATEMENT:

On hand:	1 – Synod	=	12,557.03
	2 – Synod conference	=	77.10
	3 – CY '12	=	- 117.45
	4 – Staff	=	<u>194.37</u>
	TOTAL:	=	12,711.05
	RUNNING LEDGER TOTAL:	=	12,711.05
	BANK BALANCE (less cheques)	=	12,711.05

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

NOTE: \$1,360.90 held in reserve at year's end for continuing education.

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Clerk:

REVIEWER'S LETTER

February 4, 2014

**RE : Financial statements
January 1st to December 31st, 2013**

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 Eastern Ontario for the fiscal year 2013, 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 2013 cheques, cheque stubs, invoices, payroll records and ledgers, as well as the 2012 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
175, Côte de l'Église
St-Ferdinand (Qc)
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Note : At the time of this examination, I was the Executive Director of the Megantic English-speaking Community Development Corporation (MCDC). The MCDC is a non-profit community organization based in Thetford Mines. The organization is funded by grants through various federal and provincial government programs and donations by Quebec-based private foundations. The annual budget of the MCDC for which I am responsible and accountable is approximately \$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 1,500 employees across Canada.

Clerk:

TREASURER'S REPORT ON SYNOD FINANCES – JANUARY 01ST TO OCTOBER 15TH, 2014

1. SYNOD FUNDS

Brought forward from December 31 st , '13	12,711.05	
RECEIPTS DURING THE PERIOD:	<u>2014 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2014 BUDGET</u>
Presbytery of Québec	3,340.84	3,340.84
Presbytery of Montréal	29,792.25	39,722.79
Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry	11,500.00	21,027.53
Presbytery of Ottawa	29,979.50	40,503.38
Presbytery of L & R (2014)	12,333.50	<u>16,444.66</u>
Presbytery of L & R (2013)	7,550.13	
Refund on 2013 tax deductions	812.70	
Lost cheque	<u>64.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>95,372.92</u>	<u>95,372.92</u>
GRAND TOTAL (less 194.37 to Reg. Staff)	107,889.60	121,039.20

EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD:

Synod in June (travel, meals)	1,870.60	4,000.00
Synod meeting in 2015 (reservation)	500.00	----
Minutes	256.65	300.00
Clerk's honorarium	1,100.00	2,200.00
Treasurer's honorarium	550.00	1,100.00
Audit / Review of '13	400.00	350.00
Accountant's work (tax returns, TP4)	----	----
Clerks' consultation	275.00	150.00
Office expenses (clerk and/or treasurer)	326.85	500.00
Liability insurance premiums	1,660.56	2,000.00
Revenu Québec (2013)	1,316.90	----
Revenue Canada (2013)	1,658.11	----
Synod Council meetings	2,997.05	2,000.00
Committee meetings: (finance, ad hoc, reg. staff)	500.40	1,750.00
Bank charges	90.60	100.00
Regional staff synod report	23,410.20	23,410.00
Youth programming	2,000.00	3,000.00
Canada Youth conference 2014	3,750.00	3,750.00
Gracefield operating grant	34,512.00	46,016.00
Camp d'action biblique operating grant	<u>25,413.00</u>	<u>25,413.00</u>
TOTAL:	<u>102,587.92</u>	<u>102,587.92</u>
BALANCE:		<u>5,301.68</u>

2. CANADA YOUTH 2014

RECEIPTS FOR THE EVENT:

Synod budget 2014	3,750.00	
Synod budget 2014 youth programme	1,000.00	
G.I.C. for CY14 redeemed with interest	7,579.37	
Brockville presbyterial	200.00	
Bus refund	350.00	
Adult advisor's refund	<u>535.00</u>	
TOTAL:	13,414.37	13,414.37

Treasurer's Report on Synod Finances – January 01st to October 15th, 2014 (cont'd):

EXPENDITURES FOR THE EVENT:

Commercial travel	1,951.24
Reserved bus	1,692.00
Bursaries for participants	7,370.30
Adult advisors' support	<u>1,070.00</u>
TOTAL:	12,083.54
BALANCE:	1,330.83

3. REGIONAL STAFF

Brought forward from December 31st, '13 194.37

RECEIPTS DURING THE PERIOD:	<u>2014 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2014 BUDGET</u>
Grants (20,589.00 x 4)	82,356.00	82,354.00
Synod stipend support	23,410.20	23,410.20
Stipend overpayment	<u>882.76</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	106,648.96	<u>106,648.96</u>
TOTAL OF ABOVE:		105,764.20

EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD:

Stipends, housing and travel	46,722.96		81,264.20
Revenu Québec	6,462.45		
Revenue Canada	8,823.54	Employer costs	24,500.00
Health & Dental (PCC) (2,268.74 X 3)	6,806.22		
Pension benefits (PCC) (1,406.31 X 9)	12,656.79		
Office expenses	976.81		4,000.00
Continuing education	<u>1,591.90</u>		<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	84,040.67	84,040.67	110,764.20
BALANCE		22,802.66	

CONSOLIDATION STATEMENT:

On hand:	1 - Synod	=	5,301.68
	2 - CY'14	=	1,330.83
	3 - Staff	=	<u>22,802.66</u>
	TOTAL		29,435.17
RUNNING LEDGER TOTAL		=	29,435.17
BANK BALANCE (less cheques)		=	29,435.17

NOTE: 1. No reserve held any longer for continuing education or office expenses.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Ross H. Davidson

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Clerk:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SYNOD FINANCES – OCTOBER 15TH TO DEC. 31ST, 2014

1. SYNOD

ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS:

Presbytery of Montréal	9,930.54
Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry	9,527.53
Presbytery of Ottawa	10,523.88
Presbytery of L & R (2014)	4,111.16
Refund on 2013 tax deductions	<u>270.90</u>
TOTAL	34,364.01
	34,364.01

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES:

Synod meeting	4,000.00
Honoraria	1,650.00
Office expenses	200.00
Committee expenses	400.00
Accountant's work	300.00
Bank charges	30.00
Reserve fund (see balance)	-----
Grants: Gracefield	<u>11,504.00</u>
TOTAL:	18,084.00
BALANCE	<u>18,084.00</u>
	<u>16,280.00</u>

2. CANADA YOUTH '14

ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS:

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ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES:

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3. REGIONAL STAFF

ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS:

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES:

Stipends (two months)	9,168.04
PCC deductions (three months)	4,218.93
Revenue Canada (three months)	2,154.15
Revenu Québec (three months)	3,088.74
Health and Dental (three months)	<u>2,268.74</u>
TOTAL	20,898.60
BALANCE	<u>20,898.60</u>
	<u>- 20,898.60</u>

ANTICIPATED CONSOLIDATION STATEMENT:

	BALANCE IN OCTOBER	ANTICIPATED BALANCE	YEAR END BALANCE
1. SYNOD:			
5,301.68	+	16,280.00	= 21,581.68
2. CANADA YOUTH '14:			
1,330.83	+	0000	= 1,330.83
3. REGIONAL STAFF:			
22,802.66	+	- 20,898.60	= <u>1,904.06</u>
FINAL ANTICIPATED BALANCE			<u>24,816.57</u>

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

Clerk:

**REPORT OF THE SYNOD REGIONAL RESOURCING COMMITTEE
to the Synod of Quebec & Eastern Ontario**

At the request of the Synod meeting of June 2014 at Ingleside, our committee sent correspondence on July 3, 2014 to the five Presbyteries and two camps, asking for feedback on the proposed new model for Regional Resourcing, which is:

Our committee suggests that the Synod of Quebec & Eastern Ontario move to a hybrid model of resourcing of options 1 and 4 above, that supports the current ministries to children and youth in our Synod, and offers new possibilities in the current funding environment. We envision the whole Synod Regional Resourcing budget being allocated each year as follows:

- a) To a Synod Camp Leadership Grant to each of our camps that, if accepted, must be used to fund personnel to promote and lead Christian camping for children and youth in our Synod. Given the current Synod staff's commitment to children and youth, especially Christian camping, we feel this would be an important investment for our Synod. (50%)
- b) That a Canada Youth coordinator (or two) be identified in the year of each Canada Youth event, and be contracted to coordinate the registration, transportation and promotion. They might be part of the national CY planning team. (10%)
- c) That a pool of funds be set aside each year to which Presbytery and congregations can apply for events that promote ministry to children and youth, or congregational leadership. These funds might be committed to be used in each region. (40%)

The committee received feedback from the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry and from Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre. The response from Seaway-Glengarry had no recommendations for any changes to the model. The response from Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre included their support of a proposal put forth by the Presbytery of Ottawa, which they quoted in their correspondence to us but which the committee has not received from the Presbytery of Ottawa. This is our response to the Presbytery of Ottawa's proposal as contained in the Gracefield Camp response.

1. We appreciate and agree with Gracefield's support of the Presbytery of Ottawa's proposed model.
2. We agree in principal with the Presbytery of Ottawa's model, though the financial details of the proposal need further clarification and working out.
3. The committee cannot recommend adoption of the Presbytery of Ottawa's new model to hire a staff person on contract, in conjunction with Seaway-Glengarry, because the Synod has committed itself to paying transition allowance, using the Regional Resourcing funds from the Life & Mission Agency and Synod funds, until September 30, 2015.

The committee therefore recommends that the model proposed in its report at the June Synod meeting be adopted. Should this model be approved at this Synod meeting, the Regional Resourcing committee would be responsible for receiving applications and approving requests for funds, which would be available from October 1, 2015.

The Synod Regional Resourcing Committee
Greg Davidson, John Barry Forsyth, Geoff Howard, Doug Kendall

Clerk:

SYNOD WEBSERVANT REPORT, 2014

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

Currently (Oct 10/14), the presbyteries' stats re: e-mail and church websites are as follows:

Quebec:

4 e-mail addresses (ex. appendix), 3 church websites, 1 Facebook page
(7 congregations in 7 charges; 3 vacant; two shared ministries)
100% of ministers have e-mail

Montreal:

44 e-mail addresses (incl. church offices, excl. appendix), 18 church websites,
8 Facebook pages
(33 congregations in 30 charges, 1 mission; 7 vacant, 1 supply, 2 stated supply,
2 summer supply, 1 lay missionary)
100% of ministers and stated supply have e-mail, as well as 2 vacant charges

Seaway-Glengarry:

17 e-mail addresses (incl. church offices, excl. appendix), 15 church websites,
4 Facebook pages
(27 congregations in 14 charges; 1 vacant, with appointment)
100% of ministers have e-mail; all charges have e-mail contact

Ottawa:

35 e-mail addresses, 21 church websites (100% coverage), 14 Facebook pages
(21 congregations in 20 charges and one extension work, 8 vacant; 1 regular supply,
1 lay missionary with special training, 3 interim ministers)
100% of ministers and all vacant charges have e-mail

Lanark-Renfrew:

15 e-mail addresses, 10 church websites, 1 Facebook page
(21 congregations in 15 charges, 2 vacant; 3 supply, 1 stated supply)
100% of the ministers and 1 stated supply 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 13 of the 109 congregations in 86 charges and 2 missions do not have known e-mail addresses. 40 charges have two or more e-mail addresses.

The synod site was revised extensively in 2013. It now consists of eight main pages plus one page for each of the five presbyteries. The main pages include the home page, contacts, regional staff, past meetings (minutes), documents, camps, youth and related links. Each presbytery page lists the churches (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

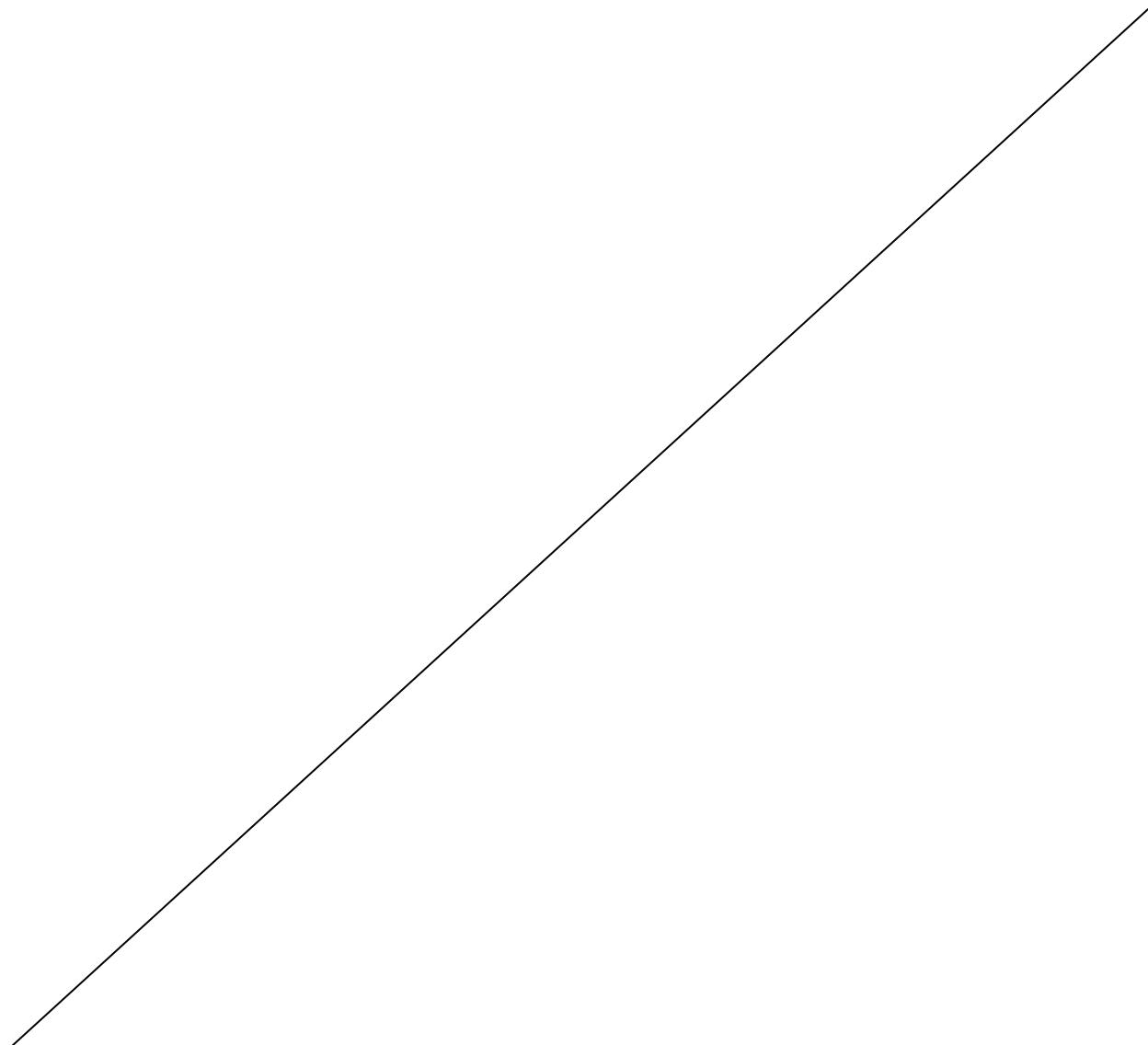
Clerk:

Synod Webservant report, 2014 (cont'd):

found in the back of the Acts and Proceedings. Where there are shared ministries those are noted as well. The Regional Staff page is in transition. Maps are included on the entry page and each presbytery page.

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



Clerk:

SYNOD HISTORIAN REPORT

Presbyterianism, in both the old world and the new, has a rich history. Our synod contains some of the oldest congregations in The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and every congregation has a heritage which deserves to be remembered. Has anyone written a history of your church or presbytery? If not, could you undertake such a project or encourage someone else to do it? Our history ought to be accessible; we should be aware of the traditions of Presbyterianism (even if we choose to move in some new directions today); we might even learn how to avoid some of the pitfalls our forebears encountered, as well be reminded of areas of our heritage that might well be revived.

I have not been able to accomplish as much as I would have liked this year. However, I did participate in a Skype conversation with Andrew Faiz of the Presbyterian Record and A. Donald MacLeod, of the Canadian Society for Presbyterian History, concerning Don's recent book, *A Kirk Disrupted*, a biography of Charles Cowan, a leading layman in the 19th century Free Church of Scotland. Part of this discussion was published in the June Record. A fuller online version is available on YouTube.

I was also able to write a short article on William Taylor, a leading United Presbyterian minister in Montreal in the late 1800s. This piece may appear later this year.

Don't forget that The Presbyterian College, Montreal, will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2015. This will be an opportunity to thank God for the important contribution Presbyterian College has made to the wider Church, and to honour the men and women associated with the college through the years. Several special commemorations are planned, including a book.

Respectfully submitted,
John Vaudry

Clerk:

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

The WMS celebrated 100 years of existence in Toronto in May. Devoted WMS members, former missionaries and staff attended this event. Pauline Brown gave a memorable speech on behalf of former missionaries. As we reflected on what the Society has done in the past, now we need to make changes for the future. We do know that there are many women in our denomination as six hundred attended the Women's Gathering.

Finances are a concern as the society has to continue using their reserves. To keep a check on expenses, Council will meet every two years. The Book Room is being phased out. The Book Room never operated at a profit as the Society always paid the salary and benefits of all the staff. Now the Society is looking at reducing executive numbers.

Our Synodical wishes to thank our Regional Staff, Anita Mack and Christine Ball for their devotion and steadfastness to their work in this Synod. Their contribution will be greatly missed by all sectors in our churches.

Synodical still meets twice a year with the Fall Synodical to be held in Kemptville on October 25th. Our theme is Planting the Seed with the speakers being Janet Ham of Gracefield and Rev. Jill Turnbull on Canada Youth 2014.

Irene Nesbitt
President

Clerk:

SYNOD MINISTRY YOUTH WORKING GROUP REPORT

The Synod Youth Ministry working group which consists of Anita Mack, Christine Ball, Synod Finance convener (vacant) and Ruth Davidson (convener) met three times in 2014 by teleconference. The group would like to thank the synod for its prayers and financial support for synod youth functions held in 2014.

Recommendations:

Consent Recommendation

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

► Recommendation No. 1

That synod financially support Canada Youth 2016 by setting aside \$6000 in the 2015 budget.

► Recommendation No. 2

That synod financially support synod youth retreats for the year 2015 in the amount of \$2000.

Rationale for Recommendations

Re Recommendation No. 1

In 2014, the synod spent close to \$12,000 on Canada Youth 2014. With youth ministry growing in our synod and inflation, the committee thinks there should be \$12,000 available for Canada Youth 2016. Of course, this assumes the national church will continue to run biennial Canada Youth conferences.

Re Recommendation No. 2

The annual retreats at Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre in the spring and Camp d'action biblique (CAB) continue to be a success and these funds make the retreats possible.

2014 Information

There were two successful synod youth events supported by synod youth programming funds in 2014, one at Gracefield in May and one at CAB in September. The synod supported each of the events financially with \$1000.

As 2014 was a year for Canada Youth (CY), there was more planning, budgeting and problem solving to be done. Especially this year, when synod transportation between a central place in Toronto and St Catherine's was delayed, several of our synod youth and leaders missed their connections home and extra costs had to be dealt with. All and all Canada Youth was a wonderful experience for our synod people. The Leader in Training (LIT) program at Gracefield was coordinated with CY which worked well. The numbers from our synod were up from the previous Canada Youth conference in 2014.

It should be mentioned that our Regional Staff, Christine Ball and Anita Mack have played a big role in both the synod retreats and Canada Youth conferences. They are always in attendance at all of these supporting our young people, leaders and adult advisors and they also spend hours

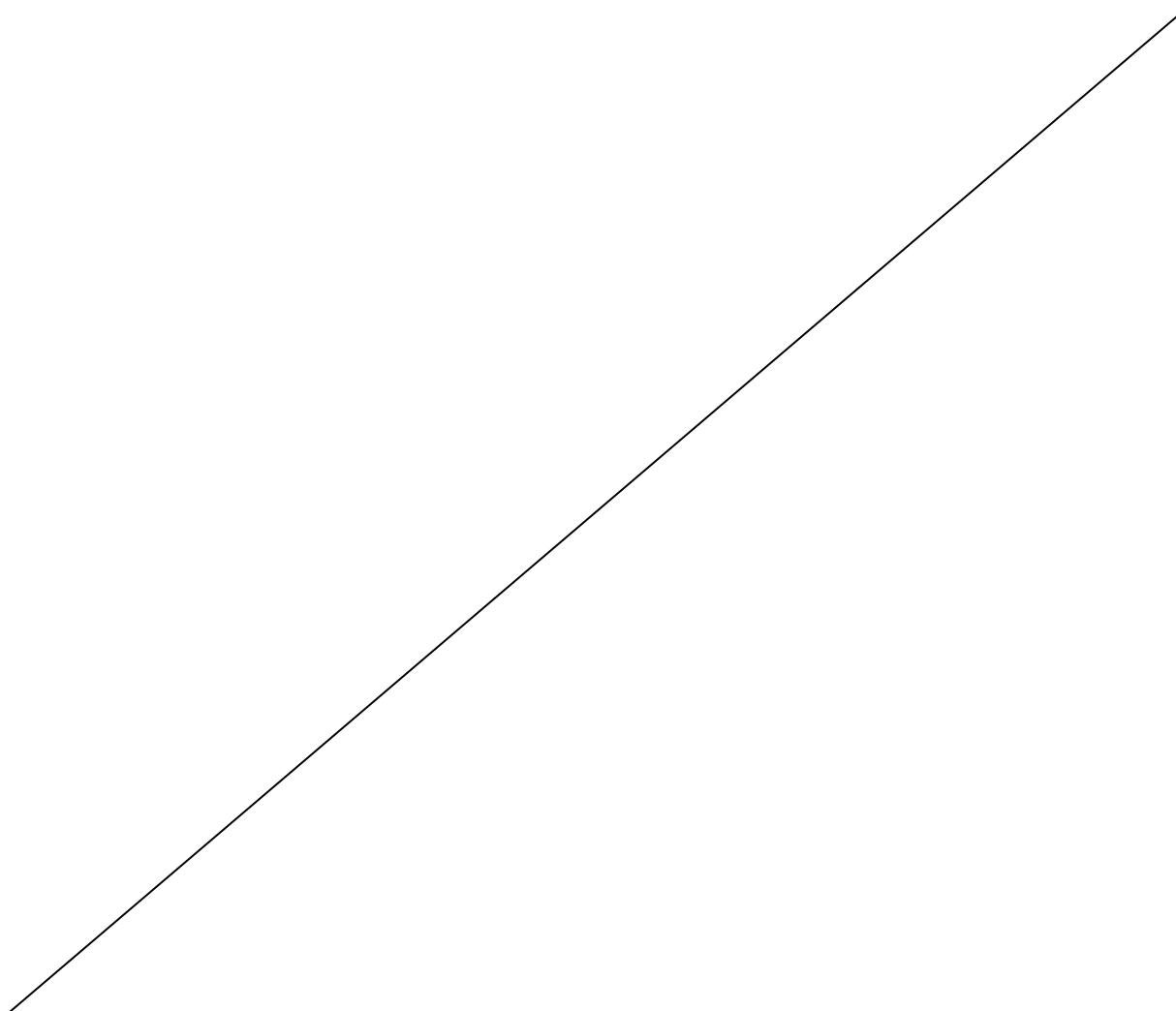
Synod Youth Working Group Report (cont'd):

before and after Canada Youth with planning and completion tasks. Thanks Anita and Christine for your dedication to youth over the thirteen years as Regional Staff.

Three years ago, the Regional Staffing committee did a survey to see what the priorities were for Regional Staffing in the synod and it was loud and clear that youth were high on the list. The synod youth ministry has blossomed in these last years. Let us give thanks to God, the Regional Staff and the leaders in the congregations for the growth in youth ministry throughout the synod in the last three years.

May the synod remember to place a high priority in the future of youth ministry by providing leadership and financial resources.

Respectively submitted,
Ruth Davidson, Synod Youth Ministry Working Group convenor



Clerk:

REGIONAL STAFFING COMMITTEE REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS

Consent Recommendation

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

► Recommendation No. 1

That Anita Mack and Christine Ball be thanked for their dedicated service to the synod over the last thirteen years, particularly with Children and Youth Ministry, Congregational Work on Leadership and Provision of Resources.

► Recommendation No. 2

That the Regional Staffing committee be discontinued with thanks as of the conclusion of the 140th synod.

REPORT

The Regional Staffing committee which consisted 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 in June 2013. Both staff attended some of the meeting.

On September 29th, the Regional Staffing committee met informally for a luncheon to show our appreciation for Christine Ball and Anita Mack as they completed their time as Regional Staff for the synod.

Regional Staffing 2014:

The Regional Staffing committee continued to oversee the work of the Regional Staff and to ensure that the needs of the Synod/Synodical and the staff were being met by:

- Keeping in touch with staff throughout the year as the synod worked on the future of Regional Resourcing in this synod
- Receiving staff reports and ensuring priorities for the year were being met
- Approving study and annual leave
- Processing expense submissions throughout the year
- Attending to matters involved in the closing of the positions

The Regional Staffing committee wishes to thank the synod for giving us the privilege of walking side by side with Anita Mack and Christine Ball. Through them, we have learned about the diversity of our synod and the amazing place where our awesome God is at work. It has been a sad year for the synod with the closing of the Regional Staffing positions but let us trust in our Sovereign God as He leads us into new beginnings with Regional Resourcing.

Respectively submitted,
Ruth Davidson, Convener of Regional Staffing committee

Clerk:

SYNOD REPORT 2014 REGIONAL STAFF – CHRISTINE BALL

As I finish up my time serving as Regional Staff for the Synod, I would like to thank the congregations that made me feel so welcome. I have appreciated the breadth of the job description and that it allowed me to work with the children, youth, teachers, leaders, WMS group, elders and members of so many congregations.

Ministry Priority Youth and Young Adults:

It has been a real joy to work with the youth leaders in the Ottawa Youth Working Group. www.pcc.web.ca/ottawayouth Last year this group organized and led a number of successful youth events including an Olde Fashioned Christmas in Manotick, Winterlude Event at Knox, Ottawa, Presbytery Confirmation Weekend, Spring Youth Retreat at Gracefield and Peacemaking Day Camp at St. Giles. The Working Group is made up of youth leaders, volunteers, Sunday School teachers, elders, young adults and ministers who have a passion for youth ministry and want to support each other in this important ministry. They put on several events each year to help the youth get to know each other, give the youth experience at larger youth events and offer youth planned and led worship. I hope the congregations will continue to support this group and send congregational delegates willing to share in the leadership of our youth and young adults.

This past summer the synod sent 61 participants and leaders to CY2014. I was involved with promotion of the event, recruiting Adult Advisors, orientation and organizing transportation and bursaries for the Ontario participants. This year 8 Gracefield LIT participated in CY with workshops for leaders and helped in the evening recreation one night. I have been involved with Gracefield serving on the program committee, Gala Committee, Co- directing March Break Camp with Scott Sinclair, Family Camp Director, helped during leadership training week for counsellors and LIT. I have visited various groups to promote camps and CY, lead classes and support youth leaders. I volunteered at AY Jackson High School as a Spiritual Care Worker and represent the Presbytery on the Spiritual Care in Secondary Schools Steering Committee.

In support of Young Adults Ministry I am heavily involved in Open Table program. The meals take place each month and are hosted by various congregations. The Open Table ministry has a Partners Board made up of congregational representatives that meet regularly through-out the year. I have taken the responsibility to organize the meal schedule and organize the Orientation Table at University of Ottawa by finding volunteers, set up display and hosted for one day. I work often with my colleagues who have youth and young adults as part of their job description from the United Church, Anglican and Lutheran Churches. A student intern has been hired to help take some of the Open Table workload off of this group. www.theopentable.ca The Open Table has moved to a new time and location this autumn.

With the help of a young adult, Philip MacFie, there were several gatherings of young adults for coffee and conversation and a Pot Luck and Communion Service for Young Adults (15 attended). Pot Luck events for Young Adults are planned this autumn at Knox, Ottawa in October and St. Andrews, Ottawa in November.

Synod Report 2014 Regional Staff Report: Christine Ball (cont'd):

Resources for Congregations and Leadership Development

I am pleased to support the educational ministry of congregations by supporting CE Teams in the Curriculum Selection and Teacher Training (Age Group Characteristics, Special Needs Students, Leading with Care and Lesson Planning). With sessions I have led workshops on Visioning and Discernment, Clustering Ministries, Every Home Visitation, Worship, Roles and Responsibilities of Elders, Board of Managers and Trusties, Governance, Pastoral and Friendly Visiting, Welcoming Workshop, Stewardship. I helped to organize the Treasures Workshop last fall with the support of Church offices Stephen Roche. With Women's groups I have led a Changing Role of Women in the Church Study, Bible Study for the WMS on Volunteers and was the speaker at a women's retreat on the theme of Hope.

Once again I would like to express my thanks to the Synod Regional Staffing Committee and the three Ontario presbyteries of the Synod for the privilege of serving God and the church as your Regional Staff.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Ball

SYNOD REPORT 2014 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

Synod Report 2014 Regional Staff Report: Anita Mack (cont'd):

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,
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SYNOD MISSION / ROBERT FUND COMMITTEE REPORT 2014

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 is \$ 10, 316.13 in interest for distribution this year. The committee received three requests. The suggested allocation is as follows.

\$5,016.13 - Camp d'action biblique (CAB)

\$2,650 - la mission Siloé

\$2,650 - Eglise St-Luc

Total: \$10,316.13

CAB qualifies under the terms of reference adopted in 1979 because it does summer programming in French. This request for 2015 is approximately equivalent to what was granted last year. (The C.A.B. report is available and grant application available on request.)

The sum of \$2,000 granted last year to aid "la mission Siloé" in obtaining a CRA charitable donation number and setting up their accounting practices in conformity to Canadian norms has borne fruit. A charitable number has now been assigned by the Canada revenue Agency. Their accounting practices have been monitored by the Montréal Presbytery treasurer, Sandra Steadman, who has confirmed to the Steering Committee in writing that the proper steps have been taken and that she will mentor the Treasurer during the next year in case he has any concerns or difficulties. Aided by three elders from the Church of St. Andrews and St. Paul (Dorothy Thomas-Edding, Keith Randall and Robert Koffend) all of whom are voting members on the Comité de gestion, the mission is about to petition the Presbytery of Montreal to be formed as a congregation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the requests for monetary assistance from the Robert Fund for 2015 be as presented above; and that they be forwarded to Canadian Ministries with the approval of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Dr. Barry Mack

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REPORT FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA
RE: GRACEFIELD CHRISTIAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE

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

October 14, 2014.

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

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

At the November, 2013 stated meeting of the Presbytery of Ottawa, the actions of the board of directors and the presbytery at the October, 2013 meeting of the synod in agreeing to forego for 2013 the capital grant of \$6,904 previously approved were noted.

At the January, 2014 stated meeting, preliminary and unaudited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013 were presented and received for information. Representatives of the board of directors reported that in response to the call for proposals for an executive director four very strong proposals had been received, that the list had been narrowed to two, and that negotiation was underway. The board also agreed to file for review with the presbytery's Committee on Finance and Maintenance a complete financial and status report on the installation of the water treatment system which was reported to be complete but yet to be inspected and certified by the representatives of the government of Quebec.

At the March, 2014 stated meeting, the new executive co-directors, Brian and Janet Ham, were present and were introduced. A copy of the contract between the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre and the executive co-directors was received and the terms of the contract were affirmed, specifying a three-year term commencing March 1, 2014, and the name of Janet Cassels Ham was placed on the constituent roll of the presbytery; the presbytery also agreed to conduct a public service of recognition for the appointment of the new executive co-directors. The treasurer, A. Herbert, presented the budget for 2014, which forecasted income of \$278,289 and expenditure of \$278,158. The Business Committee of the presbytery advised the court and the board of directors that it had reviewed the budget and while encouraged to find it balanced and based on relatively conservative assumptions with respect to camper enrollment and providing adequately for ten months' stipend and allowances for the new executive co-directors, and giving scope for the new directors to operate the planned summer programmes, the Business Committee wanted to signal to the board of directors that a future budget for 2015 would need to undertake to reduce the accumulated operating deficit.

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Report from the Presbytery of Ottawa re: Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre (cont'd):

The death of Sandy Higgs Nesbitt, a former member of the board of directors, was noted, along with a report of a memorial service for her held March 15, 2014 at St. Paul's Church, Ottawa.

Following appointment at the November, 2013 stated meeting of the presbytery of J. T. Hurd and A. Herbert as its representatives with respect to cadastral reform within Quebec and its impact on the Gracefield property, it was reported to the May, 2014 stated meeting that Messrs. Hurd and Herbert had accepted the offer of the firm employed by the government of Quebec to undertake cadastral reform to have title to the Gracefield property, presently in seven parts and encompassing various lots and portions of lots, consolidated to one entity, which would simplify the pending transfer of title from the national church's trustee board for the synod to the presbytery, and also make any possible future sub-division of the property an easier matter to pursue; and that the firm acting for the government of Quebec had accordingly been advised that we would take advantage of the offer to consolidate the title, and that the trustee board and the board of directors of the camp had been so advised. Receipt of consolidated title is still pending, and transfer of title to the presbytery is still to be effected.

On June 14, 2014 a special meeting of the presbytery was held at the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre and a public service of recognition for Brian and Janet Ham as the new executive codirectors and installation of Janet Ham in her ministry as a member of the Order of Diaconal Ministries was held.

To the June, 2014 stated meeting of the presbytery, the board of directors presented a report from its audit committee and the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013, a summary of the financing of the water and septic systems for the period 2003 through May 31, 2014, and year-to-date financial statements to May 31, 2014. The financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013 were approved and are appended to this report. They show total revenue of \$231,411.88 and expenditure of \$212,734.45, for a surplus of revenue over expenditure of \$18,677.43. The balance sheet for December 31, 2013 shows assets of \$28,901.58, liabilities of \$220,670.59, and equity of negative \$191,769.01.

The board also presented a slate of nominations for the appointment of the membership of the board; this was referred back to the board on account of four vacancies, but the appointment of officers and conveners of committees was affirmed.

The presbytery also received and took into consideration a response from the board of directors concerning the report of the regional resourcing committee of the synod. The presbytery's actions with respect to this matter were reported to the emergent meeting of the synod held June 26, 2014.

At the September, 2014 stated meeting of the presbytery, the board of directors presented a report on the summer's operations indicating favourable improvements versus the prior year in a number of areas. In particular, enrollment in the children's camps increased to 117 campers in eight programs, including eight in the Leaders-in-training program, which had been cancelled in

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the previous year due to insufficient numbers. These increases along with the March break youth camp which was held in 2014 after having been cancelled in 2013, were reflected in the total program revenue for children and youth, which rose to \$51,161. vs \$28,306. in the prior year. Significant improvements in the maintenance of the site and facilities were also reported, including re-roofing of half of the Jolly Roger building, the replacement of flooring in half of the East Block community washrooms, and the installation of a new outhouse at Second Beach. The board also reported progress in the work of long-term planning and sustainability. Year-to-date financial statements to August 31, 2014 were also presented, showing revenue of \$199,871.69, expenditure of \$218,640.99, for an excess of expenditure over revenue of \$18,769.30, which was reported as being ahead of expectations for this point in the year, on the basis of a balanced budget for the year as a whole, and an improvement on the previous year-to-date position. A revised slate of nominations for appointment to the board of directors was presented, and approved by the presbytery.

The presbytery also recorded thanks to Ruth Coulton, Ruth Draffin, and Terry Flett, retiring members of the board of directors.

The membership of the board of directors is presently as follows: Bon E. Cummings, Chair; Julia Apps-Douglas, Secretary; Alan Herbert, Treasurer; Julie Madden, Vice-Chair and Fundraising Committee Convener; Peter Lamont, Personnel Committee Convener; Gordon Richardson, Property Committee Convener; Martha Dulmage, Sustainability Committee Convener; and Ellie Bennett, Geoff Demelo, David Kilgour, and Debra Luckow.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. T. Hurd,
Clerk.

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Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
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ASSETS

Current Assets

Chequing/Savings

	<u>31 Dec 13</u>	<u>31 Dec 12</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
1001 – Desjardins bank account #34138	15,882.48	(9,673.60)	25,556.08	264.18%
1004 – Desjardins share account	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.0%
1005 – Petty Cash	(6.03)	0.00	(6.03)	(100.0%)
2001 – Desjardins Line of Credit	0.00	(30,000.00)	30,000.00	100.0%
Total Chequing/Savings	15,881.45	(39,668.60)	55,550.05	140.04%

Accounts Receivable

	<u>31 Dec 13</u>	<u>31 Dec 12</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
1200 – Accounts Receivable	3,503.54	5,066.95	(1,563.41)	(30.86%)
2382 – G.S.T. Receivable	2,271.59	0.00	2,271.59	100.0%
2397 – Q.S.T. Receivable	4,635.03	0.00	4,635.03	100.0%
Total Accounts receivable	10,410.16	5,066.95	5,343.21	105.45%

Other Current Assets

	<u>31 Dec 13</u>	<u>31 Dec 12</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
1499 – Undeposited Funds	2,609.97	16,501.15	(13,891.18)	(84.18%)
Total Other Current Assets	2,609.97	16,501.15	(13,891.18)	(84.18%)

Total Current Assets

TOTAL ASSETS 28,901.58 (18,100.50) 47,002.08 259.67%

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

	<u>31 Dec 13</u>	<u>31 Dec 12</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
2000 – Accounts Payable	8,010.37	2,180.56	5,829.81	267.35%
Total Accounts Payable	8,010.37	2,180.56	5,829.81	267.35%

Other Current Liabilities

	<u>31 Dec 13</u>	<u>31 Dec 12</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
2100 – Payroll Liabilities	865.06	0.00	865.06	100.0%
2121 – Accrued liability	0.00	1,714.16	(1,714.16)	(100.0%)
2240 – GST/QST Payable	15,683.51	5,215.91	10,467.60	200.69%
2301 – Jemima Rae Mem. Fund	2,860.23	2,860.23	0.00	0.0%
2303 – Turtle Rock Land Fund	761.86	761.86	0.00	0.0%
2306 – Water/Septic Capital Fund	43,581.02	65,016.48	(21,435.46)	(32.97%)
2309 – Program grants	2,388.40	2,388.40	0.00	0.0%
2310 – Grace Garceau Campership fund	690.00	690.00	0.00	0.0%
2320 – Campership Fund	(1,018.26)	3,631.24	(4,649.50)	(128.04%)
2351 – Erskine Fund loans received	142,613.80	100,050.87	42,562.93	42.54%
2401 – Deferred revenue	4,234.60	7,836.23	(3,601.63)	(45.96%)
Total Other Current Liabilities	212,660.22	190,165.38	22,494.84	11.83%

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	<u>31 Dec 13</u>	<u>31 Dec 12</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>220,670.59</u>	<u>192,345.94</u>	<u>28,324.65</u>	<u>14.73%</u>
Total Liabilities	220,670.59	192,345.94	28,324.65	14.73%
Equity				
3000 – Opening Balance Equity	(59,052.83)	(59,052.83)	0.00	0.0%
3900 – Retained earnings	(151,393.61)	51,841.35	(203,234.96)	(392.03%)
Net Income	18,677.43	(203,234.96)	221,912.39	109.19%
Total Equity	(191,769.01)	(210,446.44)	18,677.43	8.88%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	28,901.58	(18,100.50)	47,002.08	259.67%

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Ordinary income/Expense

Income

Donations

	Jan – Dec 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
1509 – Chapel offerings	15.00	125.00	(110.00)	12.0%
4205 – Donations individuals	30,250.63	15,000.00	15,250.63	201.67%
4206 – Donations Churches/organization	9,193.65	12,000.00	(2,806.35)	76.61%
4212 – Designated Donations (individ)	3,000.00	11,500.00	(8,500.00)	26.09%
4213 – Designated Donation (Church)	5,051.13	10,000.00	(4,948.87)	50.51%
4218 – Gala dinner & auction	8,044.28	10,000.00	(1,955.72)	80.44%
4221 – Canada Helps donations	3,272.25	1,000.00	2,272.25	327.23%
4509 – Gracefield Improvement Fund	50.00			
Total Donations	58,876.94	59,625.00	(748.06)	98.75%

Grants & Other revenue

	Jan – Dec 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
4208 – Synod block grants	43,952.00	42,000.00	1,952.00	104.65%
4209 – Presbytery Grants	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4410 – Fundraising Grants	0.00	(3,000.00)	3,000.00	0.00%
4801 – Interest revenue	88.10			
4901 – Net Sales taxes collected	7,244.70			
4999 – PCC portfolio investments	0.00			
Total Grants & Other revenue	56,284.80	44,000.00	12,284.80	127.92%

Pgm Revenue – Adult/Family

	Jan – Dec 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
4101 – Family Camp fees	1,383.86	1,000.00	383.86	138.39%
4111 – Lodge guest fees	15,461.97	10,500.00	4,961.97	147.26%
4112 – Lodge guests equip. rentals	569.77	300.00	269.77	189.92%
4121 – Tent/Trailer fees	18,434.00	25,280.00	(6,846.00)	72.92%
4122 – Camp site	5,694.01	7,000.00	(1,305.99)	81.34%
4141 – Group Retreat Fees	43,648.63	45,000.00	(1,351.37)	97.0%
4142 – Group program/equip rental	763.15	500.00	263.15	152.63%
Total Pgm Revenue – Adult/Family	85,955.39	89,580.00	(3,624.61)	95.95%

Pgm Revenue – Child/Youth

	Jan – Dec 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
4001 – Co-ed summer camp fees	24,056.77	50,000.00	(25,943.23)	48.11%
4010 – Co-ed camperships allocated	3,510.00			
4011 – Day Camp Fees	304.40			
4021 – L.I.T. Camp fees	826.26	1,000.00	(173.74)	82.63%
4041 – Outdoor Educ. Fees	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.0%
4051 – March Break camp fees	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.0%
Total Pgm Revenue – Child/Youth	28,697.43	53,100.00	(24,402.57)	54.04%

Store Revenue

	Jan – Dec 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
4301 – T-Shirt/Sweatshirt sales	787.09	1,000.00	(212.91)	78.71%
4302 – STAFF T-SHIRTS	490.76			

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	Jan – Dec 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
4303 – Tuck adhoc sales	311.64	2,000.00	(1,688.36)	15.58%
4304 – Souvenir sales	7.83			
Total Store Revenue	1,597.32	3,000.00	(1,402.68)	53.24%
Total Income	231,411.68	249,305.00	(17,893.12)	92.82%
Gross Profit	231,411.88	249,305.00	(17,893.12)	92.82%
Expense				
Administration Expenses				
6001 – Wages (office admin)	22,384.67	23,000.00	(615.33)	97.33%
6003 – Interim Camp Director	5,100.00	5,100.00	0.00	100.0%
6004 – Executive Manager	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.0%
6011 – Payroll Taxes (all depts)	5,559.19	8,000.00	(2,440.81)	69.49%
6012 – Vacation Pay (all depts)	2,369.63	2,000.00	369.63	118.48%
6041 – Workers Comp (all depts)	2,174.30	2,750.00	(575.70)	79.07%
6071 – Committee member travel	0.00	400.00	(400.00)	0.0%
6081 – Auto Gas (admin)	2,506.48	5,500.00	(2,993.52)	45.57%
6091 – Auto mileage (Admin)	4,498.28	750.00	3,748.28	599.77%
6101 – Auto registration (all depts)	590.41	760.00	(169.59)	77.69%
6111 – Property/liability insurance	14,316.15	20,000.00	(5,683.85)	71.58%
6121 – Office postage	1,767.16	1,000.00	767.16	176.72%
6131 – Office supplies (all depts)	983.86	1,000.00	(16.14)	98.39%
6141 – Office copier	2,810.88	2,000.00	810.88	140.54%
6151 – Office postage meter	269.91	1,000.00	(730.09)	26.99%
6171 – Computer equipment/software	1,417.57	1,750.00	(332.43)	81.0%
6181 – Health care/infirmary	165.91	750.00	(584.09)	22.12%
6182 – Safety equipment	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	0.0%
6191 – Phone & internet services	3,608.07	4,000.00	(391.93)	90.2%
6201 – Prof. Development (directors)	1,205.81	500.00	705.81	241.16%
6202 – Staff Training (all depts)	194.35	500.00	(305.65)	38.87%
6203 – Board development	52.54	150.00	(97.46)	35.03%
6211 – Publicity & promotion	2,099.00	3,000.00	(901.00)	69.97%
6221 – Membership/permits	3,189.00	2,600.00	589.00	122.65%
6231 – Audit prof. services	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	0.0%
6251 – Auto insurance (all depts)	1,307.88	2,300.00	(992.12)	56.86%
6511 – Fundraising events/materials	3,019.49	500.00	2,519.49	603.9%
6991 – Miscellaneous/unclassified	71.69			
8001 – Bank & Merchant Card charges	3,860.02	3,000.00	860.02	128.67%
8011 – Line of Credit & Interest	3,600.21	1,600.00	2,000.21	225.01%
8015 – Registration fees - online	3,564.50			
8021 – GST Net expense	1,227.78			
8022 – QST Net Expense	2,566.98			
8023 – Ontario sales taxes	679.84	1,000.00	(320.16)	67.98%

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	Jan – Dec 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
8201 – Property taxes	0.00	5,700.00	(5,700.00)	0.0%
Total Administration Expenses	107,161.56	115,860.00	(8,698.44)	92.49%
Camp Store				
7651 – Tuck supplies	390.31	1,000.00	(609.69)	39.03%
7671 – Souvenir Shirts	699.00	1,200.00	(501.00)	58.25%
7681 – Staff theme shirts	480.23			
Total Camp Store	1,569.54	2,200.00	(630.46)	71.34%
Food Services				
5001 – Wages – kitchen staff	11,692.50	12,000.00	(307.50)	97.44%
5051 – Small kitchen equipment	0.00	180.00	(180.00)	0.0%
5171 – Major kitchen equipment	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	0.0%
5311 – Repairs and kitchen supplies	560.22	1,000.00	(439.78)	56.02%
5541 – Food & beverage supplies	16,056.73	30,000.00	(13,943.27)	53.52%
5545 – Food & beverage – Group rentals	6,034.39			
5551 – Propane (cooking) supplies	768.05	800.00	(31.95)	96.01%
6541 – Fundraising dinner supplies	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	0.0%
Total Food Services	35,111.89	44,980.00	(9,868.11)	78.06%
Program – Adult/Family				
7006 – Program equipment	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.0%
7007 – Program supplies (Family)	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
7009 – Program events	0.00	400.00	(400.00)	0.0%
7054 – Bus Transport – groups	0.00			
7057 – Program expenses - groups	102.26			
Total program – Adult/Family	202.26	600.00	(397.74)	33.71%
Program – Child/Youth				
6701 – Wages (co-ed summer camp)	13,940.00	20,000.00	(6,060.00)	69.7%
6704 – Bus transport (Co-ed camp)	560.00			
6705 – Staff travel (Co-ed camp)	40.70			
6706 – Program equipment (Co-ed camp)	399.30	1,000.00	(600.70)	39.93%
6707 – Program supplies (Co-ed camp)	554.92	800.00	(245.08)	69.37%
6709 – Program – Ariel trek	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.0%
6723 – LIT Honoraria	1,500.00			
6727 – Program supplies - LIT	44.66	500.00	(455.34)	8.93%
6743 – Honoraria (outdoor educ)	800.00			
6751 – Wages – March Break camp	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	0.0%
7817 – Wilderness & Trip Equipment	0.00	50.00	(50.00)	0.0%
Total program – Child/Youth	17,839.58	23,850.00	(6,010.42)	74.8%
Property Management				
6301 – Wages – Maint & housekeeping	11,825.00	23,000.00	(11,175.00)	51.41%

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	Jan – Dec 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
6381 – Fuel – tractors, engines	707.17			
6401 – Housekeeping supplies	1,375.23	1,000.00	375.23	137.52%
6411 – Repairs & building supplies	8,920.65	5,000.00	3,920.65	178.41%
6414 – Water testing services	2,180.00	2,500.00	(320.00)	87.2%
6421 – Road Maintenance	2,709.27	4,000.00	(1,290.73)	67.73%
6431 – Garbage/septic collection	2,558.21	2,400.00	158.21	106.59%
6432 – Trailer permits	743.61	1,500.00	(756.39)	49.57%
6441 – Hydro electricity	15,064.51	12,000.00	3,064.51	125.54%
6451 – Auto repair & maintenance	3,977.62	2,000.00	1,977.62	198.88%
6452 – Vehicle depreciation/purchase	110.35			
6471 – Major maint. equipment	678.00	150.00	528.00	452.0%
Total Property Management	<u>50,849.62</u>	<u>53,550.00</u>	<u>(2,700.38)</u>	<u>94.96%</u>
 Total Expense	 212,734.45	 241,040.00	 (28,305.55)	 88.26%
 Net Ordinary Income	 18,677.43	 8,265.00	 10,412.43	 225.98%
 Other income/Expense				
 Other Income				
 Capital Maint. Grants				
 4506 – Capital Maint. Church donations	 1,964.11			
 7910 – Grants for Water Treatment proj	 22,035.23	 27,000.00	 (4,964.77)	 81.61%
 Total Capital Maint. Grants	 23,999.34	 27,000.00	 (3,000.66)	 88.89%
 Total Other Income	 23,999.34	 27,000.00	 (3,000.66)	 88.89%
 Other Expense				
 Capital maintenance Pgm				
 7806 – White Pine renovations	 1,964.11			
 7920 – Water Treatment Expenses	 22,035.23	 27,000.00	 (4,964.77)	 81.61%
 Total Capital Maintenance Pgm	 23,999.34	 27,000.00	 (3,000.66)	 88.89%
 Total Other Expense	 23,999.34	 27,000.00	 (3,000.66)	 88.89%
 Net Other Income	 0.00	 0.00	 0.00	 0.0%
 Net Income	 18,677.43	 8,265.00	 10,412.43	 225.98%

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CAMP D'ACTION BIBLIQUE – OCTOBER 2014

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 camp committee met twice over the last year and conducted a significant amount of the business with the assistance of internet and phone calls to save on people time and travel costs.
2. Part-time position. Executive Director – randy Johnston completed another successful camping season and is planning to be back in 2015.
3. Campers. A total of 116 camper weeks and 27 different staff (totalling 91 staff weeks) were involved with CAB this past summer.
4. Open House, June 28th, 2014. A good time was had by all. The weather was perfect and the day included: outdoor activities, worship service and a BBQ. It was a great day to thank supporters and an opportunity to renew acquaintances.
5. QCA. Our third 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.
6. Presbytery of Montreal. The Presbytery of Montreal directly sponsored 20 campers, churches sponsored a number of their young people and the recurring grants have greatly contributed to the care and upkeep of the property.
7. Inspections. A number of inspections were all satisfactorily completed this summer. Water, beach, fire and CITQ. CITQ inspection went extremely well and the Camp's rating has been upgraded from two stars to three stars. A significant achievement.
8. Rentals. Six main rentals. There are many opportunities for additional rentals especially in the months of June and September.
9. New addition / camp activity. New tee pees were purchased and installed.
10. Retreat September 19th – 21st, 2014. The third annual combined Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario and CAB retreat was held with an additional 20 campers and staff in attendance. On Saturday, the Presbytery of Quebec worshipped with the young people and then held their Presbytery meeting at the Camp while the young people conducted an outing to Mount Pinnacle, just southeast of Magog, QC.
11. Maintenance. The team (Gary Johnston, with help from Jeremy Johnston, William and Michel Randlett) accomplished much during the summer. The work included much tender loving care and preventative maintenance. With a camp built primarily in the early 1960's, there will always be additional maintenance jobs to do, finance permitting. From concept (2001), to fund raising, to ground breaking (May 2006), with the help of many volunteers, I am happy to report that the final touches to the bathrooms have been done, finally completing the CAB washroom project.

Camp d'action biblique Report (cont'd):

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, a renewed relationship with the Welcome Hall Mission in Montréal and a slightly larger number of campers and rentals we will again be in the black at year end. A special thanks to Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario for the stable recurring funding.

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

C.A. Dewar October 6th, 2014
Director General (Convenor) / Secretary
Camp d'action biblique
(613) 822-9881 (Home)
(613) 943-6944 (Work) (New)

Enclosures: 3

Financial Statement August 31st, 2014
Schedule for 2015
Collection of Pictures Summer 2014 (Will be fwd to Gord Walford for Synod webpage)

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Camp d'action biblique Report (cont'd):



2015 Camp d'action biblique Schedule

Work Day: Saturday, May 16th (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Pre-Camp: Monday, June 22nd (2 p.m.) – Saturday, June 27th 910 a.m.)

Open House: Saturday, June 27th (2 – 8 p.m.)

Youth Camp 1 (ages 13-16): Sunday, June 28th (5 p.m.) – Saturday, July 4th (10 a.m.)

Junior Camp 1 (ages 8-12): Sunday, July 5th (5 p.m.) – Saturday, July 11th (10 a.m.)

Junior Camp 2 (ages 8-12): Sunday, July 12th (5 p.m.) – Saturday, July 18th (10 a.m.)

Camp Rental: Sunday, July 19th – Saturday, July 25th (10 a.m.)

Junior Camp 3 (ages 8-12): Sunday, July 26th (5 p.m.) – Saturday, August 1st (10 a.m.)

Youth Camp 2 (ages 13-16): Sunday, August 2nd (5 p.m.) – Saturday, August 8th (10 a.m.)

Camp Rental: Sunday, August 9th – Saturday, August 15th

Camp Rental: Sunday, August 16th – Saturday, August 22nd

Retreat: Friday, September 18th (5 p.m.) – Sunday, September 20th (2 p.m.)

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

Website: www.cabqc.ca

E-mail: cabqu@yahoo.ca

Phone: **(819) 826-5400 (June to August)**

(450) 923-0794

(450) 826-4599

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

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Camp d'action biblique Report (cont'd):

EXPENSES 2014

Hydro Quebec	\$ 2,064.77
Propane	\$ 466.50
Bell telephone	\$ 462.41
Postage / Stationary / Photocopying	\$ 290.98
Property	\$ 2,116.11
Electrician	\$ 1,049.15
Pharmacy – First Aid	\$ 318.45
Food – Maxi / Tuck	\$ 4,361.83
Office Supplies	\$ -
Water Testing + UV machine bills	\$ 334.29
Honorariums – Staff	\$ 22,360.00
Honorariums – Executive Director	\$ 8,915.00
Honorariums – Maintenance (Michel)	\$ 345.00
Honorariums – Maintenance (William)	\$ 1,250.00
Honorariums – Maintenance (Gary)	\$ 2,430.00
Honorariums – Maintenance (Jeremy)	\$ 960.00
Honorariums – Maintenance (Luc)	\$ 100.00
Travel – Maintenance (William)	\$ 36.00
Travel – Staff (Ex Dir & Committee)	\$ 993.97
Retreat	\$ -
Septic	\$ -
Insurance	\$ 9,063.35
Return of Registration	\$ 195.00
Cleaning – housekeeping – Supplies (Cherbourg)	\$ 1,143.25
CITQ – QCA – CCI	\$ 1,221.00
T shirts	\$ 804.82
Program	\$ 964.16
Nouvbelle Generations	\$ 300.00
Webpage hosting	\$ 160.49
Tractor	\$ 600.00
Freezer	\$ 200.00
Tee pees	\$ 1,171.23
Fire Exit	
Bank charges / fees / returned cheque	\$ 119.00
	\$ 64,776.76
 Sent to Presbytery of Québec for Tax Receipts	\$ 2,295.00
	\$ 2,295.00
 Expenses 2014	\$ 67,071.76

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Camp d'action biblique Report (cont'd):

CAMP OPERATING INCOME / DONATIONS / MISC – 2014

Camp Operating Income	\$ 18,857.00
Camper dues week 1 (Youth 1)	\$ 4,340.00
Camper dues week 2 (Eng Jr 1)	\$ 7,560.00
Camper dues week 3 (Eng Jr 11)	\$ 3,867.00
Camper dues week 4 (Fr Jr)	\$ 680.00
Camper dues week 5 (Youth 11)	\$ 2,410.00
Retreat	\$ -
 Donations	 \$ 24,563.90
Presbytery of Montréal	\$ 1,900.00
Presbytery of Québec	\$ -
PCC – LacMegantic	\$ -
Synod of QC and Eastern ON	\$ 16,942.00
Various churches / Organizations (4)	\$ 2,916.90
Various individuals (21) (includes open house donations)	\$ 2,805.00
Lac Megantic (0)	\$ -
Robert Fund	\$ -
 Miscellaneous – 2014	 \$ 5,159.85
Joe Kelly Bottles (Apr – Jun)	\$ 1,371.40
Rental Fees	\$ 3,400.00
Bottle Return (Elie)	\$ 263.45
T-shirt	\$ 48.00
Bell rtn overpayment	\$ -
Silent Auction (open house)	\$ 77.00
 Camp Operating/Donations/Misc – 2014 (Total)	 \$ 48,580.75
 Donations receipted through the Presbytery of Québec	 \$ 2,295.00
	\$ 2,295.00
 Operating Balance (01 Jan 14)	 \$ 37,447.00
+ Camp Operating/Donations/Misc 2014	\$ 50,875.75
- Expenses 2014	<u>\$ 67,071.76</u>
 Book Balance 31 Aug 14	 \$ 21,250.99

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REGIONAL STAFF – MINUTE OF APPRECIATION
Mrs. Christine Ball

The Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario places on record its appreciation to Mrs. Christine Ball, Diaconal Minister, for her faithful service as Regional Staff within the Presbyteries of Ottawa, Seaway-Glengarry and Lanark and Renfrew from August 1, 2001 to September 30, 2014.

Christine has served as a Christian Educator within The Presbyterian Church in Canada since her designation to the Order of Diaconal Ministries in 1984. As Synod Regional Staff for the presbyteries in Eastern Ontario, Christine has provided pivotal leadership in the area of educational ministry across the lifespan. Her enthusiasm, commitment and engaging style of leadership has been in evidence in congregations across the three Eastern Ontario presbyteries. Christine responded to the unique needs in each of the presbyteries, offering a wide range of workshops, retreats and events on topics suggested to her and which she embraced with enthusiasm. She shared resources and ideas, and enabled others to share and develop their gifts.

Within the setting of the local congregation, Christine led numerous workshops for Sunday School teachers on curriculum choices and educational methods. She held training events for Children and Worship, encouraged Vacation Bible School/Camp leaders, and met regularly with youth leaders. Popular workshop requests were for Leading with Care, strategic planning, Natural Church Development, Elder training, Board of Managers and Trustees. Taking each request on with enthusiasm, Christine also offered workshops on topics such as faith development, story, rituals and traditions, parenting, family ministry, communication, ministry with seniors, spiritual gifts, the labyrinth, communication, visioning and discernment, stewardship, every home visitation, and the list goes on.

Participating at WMS events at the Presbyterial, Synodical and national level was another aspect of Christine's role as Regional Staff. She helped plan many events, and was often asked to take the leadership with Bible Studies, contribute to the meeting program with mission studies, and regularly helped lead in worship.

While serving as Regional Staff, Christine has been a faithful participant in the courts of the church. As a member of the Presbytery of Ottawa, Christine was a diligent presbyter, lending her gifts to different committee endeavours. She also found time to attend presbytery meetings in Seaway-Glengarry and Lanark and Renfrew, sharing news of upcoming events and working with the presbyteries as requested, connecting with congregations within the bounds. Christine attended Synod meetings in her role as Regional Staff and also as a presbytery commissioner. She attended General Assembly as a commissioner, and her dedication to the church was also expressed as she competently served on several national committees.

Christine has a passion and tremendous energy for camping ministry. At the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre she helped prepare the counselors for their important role during leadership training week, and was an educator and mentor during the Leaders-in-Training program.

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Regional Staff Minute of Appreciation – Mrs. Christine Ball (cont'd):

Connected to her passion for camping is her dedication and enthusiasm for youth ministry. As a key member of the Synod Youth Committee and then the Synod Youth Ministry Working Group, Christine organized retreats for youth in junior high and high school, as well as for young adults. She also helped plan monthly youth worship services, Youth Worship Forums, spoke from time to time to CGIT groups, was involved in youth leader training through ReNew, ReFresh, ReVision, participated in the development of spiritual care at the secondary school level, and gave hands-on support to the Open Table. During her years serving as Regional Staff, Christine demonstrated her particular dedication, passion and enthusiasm for youth ministry as she spent many hours helping to coordinate the synod plans for participation in the several Canada Youth events.

In all types of events and settings, participants witnessed Christine's strong faith and her commitment to Christ and Christ's Church. Whether a young person, youth leader, teaching or ruling elder, each person benefited from her creative and practical gifts, appreciated her experienced guidance, and were grateful for the opportunity to be together. In her role as Regional Staff, Christine expressed joy at being able to share in the faith development of others. She received great satisfaction from enabling others to grow in confidence and take on greater leadership roles.

Christine has been an encourager, consultant, listener and facilitator to countless numbers of people over the thirteen years she served as Regional Staff. She has enriched the educational life of the Synod beyond measure. The Synod has been richly blessed by her warmth, care for persons, and passion for Christian Education. We thank God for Christine and her ministry amongst us, and we pray God's blessing upon her in all her future endeavours.

Recommendation

That the minute of appreciation for Mrs. Christine Ball be adopted.

(Adopted, unanimously, by the 140th Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario)

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REGIONAL STAFF – MINUTE OF APPRECIATION
Mrs. Anita Mack

The Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario places on record its appreciation to Mrs. Anita Mack for her faithful service as Regional Staff within the Presbyteries of Québec and Montréal. Anita was employed on interim contract within the Québec presbyteries for a time before being formally engaged as Regional Staff on May 1, 2001 and served faithfully until the position ended on September 30, 2014.

As Regional Staff, Anita has been a constant presence and source of information and encouragement to the two presbyteries within the Province of Québec. Anita attended meetings of the Presbytery of Québec and the Presbytery of Montréal, and worked with the presbyteries as requested, connecting with congregations within the bounds. Gathering at Synod meetings and national events afforded Anita the opportunity to engage and dialogue with people.

Anita has described her work as Regional Staff as being an Event Planner and Workshop Leader. Those two words describe much of what the work has encompassed over the last thirteen years. Anita was instrumental in organizing monthly youth services and daily Vacation Bible Camps. She organized elder training workshops on her own, in conjunction with the Elders' Institute, and with the Deputy Clerk of Assembly. Anita has helped numerous congregations implement the Leading with Care policy, arranged for congregational visits, and offered workshops on being a welcoming congregation, stewardship, curriculum options, evangelism and outreach, and the list goes on.

Much of Anita's ministry was based in congregational care. Offering support to and for congregations during changing times. Listening, encouraging and developing strategies. Anita helped organize a mini Stewards by Design conference, and also shared her knowledge of Natural Church Development as she introduced the principles to congregations within both presbyteries.

Beyond the local congregational setting, Anita has shared her leadership gifts with the wider Church. She served for a time on the Tyndale St-Georges Board. She represented the Presbytery of Montréal on interfaith and ecumenical dialogues. Anita served on the planning team for the women's conference "Heart, Mind & Soul" held in Montréal and also helped out with the Taiwan/Canada Youth Exchange. When the Truth and Reconciliation Commission event was held in Montréal, Anita helped out with the local arrangements.

Anita's leadership gifts have also been shared in both official languages of English and French. The ability to take on a leadership role at events in either English or French has been a tremendous asset in her work and opened the door to new and varied ministry opportunities. As she served within the Presbyteries of Québec and Montréal, Anita worked alongside the congregations within the bounds as they faced the challenges of being missional congregations in changing communities.

Camping ministry has filled a large part of Anita's role as Regional Staff. For a time the position of Executive Director at Camp d'action biblique was vacant and Anita was called upon to tend to

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Regional Staff Minute of Appreciation – Mrs. Anita Mack (cont'd):

many on-going tasks. Anita experienced first-hand the joy of living in Christian community. From administration, to camp cook, chaplain, and a general on-site presence, Anita undertook her role in camping ministry with energy, determination, and a resolve to see ministry at CAB grow and develop.

Working alongside the WMS at many Presbyterial, Synodical and national events was another important aspect of Anita's Regional Staff work. Opportunities for leading Bible Studies, developing programs, exploring mission studies, sharing resources and helping lead worship, were embraced with creative energy and appreciated by all who were at the events.

The position of Regional Staff encompassed work in several areas, including youth ministry. As a key member of the Synod Youth Committee and then the Synod Youth Ministry Working Group, Anita spent many hours planning retreats and other youth and young adult events. At Canada Youth time Anita helped with travel plans, and kept youth and parents informed of changes along the way. She was responsive to the needs and joys that encompass so much of youth ministry. Whether at a camp setting, or a large youth gathering, Anita understood the importance of an intentional and strong youth program.

Anita's support to the congregations and presbyteries in the Québec portion of the Synod has been steadfast and strong. She has shared her faith and commitment to Christ's Church with energy and determination. The Synod has been richly blessed by her thirteen years of service as Regional Staff. We thank God for Anita and her ministry amongst us, and we pray God's blessing upon her in all her future endeavours.

Recommendation

That the minute of appreciation for Mrs. Anita Mack be adopted.

(Adopted, unanimously, by the 140th Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario)

Clerk:

(from page 21, minutes)

That the one page statement be forwarded to the General Assembly Special Committee re the Optional Elimination of Synods, with the added comment that the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario was not of one mind on the question of the optional elimination of synods, with some holding the alternative view that the optional elimination of synods might be useful to the life of the church.

A STATEMENT ON SYNODS (prepared by James T. Hurd):

“A synod is instituted for weighty matters, to be intreated by mutual consent and assistance of the presbyters within the bounds, as need requires.”

This definition (paraphrased from section 274 of The Book of Forms, but in its original form found in the Second Book of Discipline in 1578, is foundational to our historic presbyterian polity.

Two other statements grounded in the Second Book of Discipline provide the basic *raison d'être* for the synod: “A synod has power ‘to handle, order, or redress all things omitted or done amiss’ by presbyteries and sessions within its bounds.” (section 273); and “In general, the synod possesses the whole power of the particular presbyteries and sessions within its bounds.” (section 275)

Synods may meet as frequently or infrequently as the presbyters deem necessary. It is true that section 261 of The Book of Forms says, “The synod meets ordinarily once a year”, but there is nothing that precludes the synod from meeting somewhat more or somewhat less frequently. Synods are free to meet by commission, and can fix the ratio of commissioners to presbyters, as deemed best. On one hand, there is nothing that precludes the synod from appointing a small commission to meet every two years for the purpose of examining and attesting the records of the presbyteries. On the other hand, there is nothing that precludes the synod from meeting in full session for days or weeks on end for conference, prayer, study, and learning, and to bring together all the leaders or even all the members of the congregations within the bounds.

The synod collectively has the responsibility and authority to aid and support the presbyteries within its bounds, and to support sessions -- and through them congregations and missions -- to advance the gospel and the kingdom of Christ.

Rather than time and energy spent on crafting detailed changes to complicate The Book of Forms and permit “optional elimination of synods”, the resources of the church would be far better spent in doing the mission that Christ entrusted to the church: to go into all the world and make disciples of every nation, baptising, and teaching by word and deed the great commandments to love God with heart and soul and mind and strength and to love neighbour as self.

Provision for synods as part of our polity is sound and useful. Let us use it, not lose it.

If one were to use the analogy that a synod is like a camp gathered in a tent, one might say that the place (and time) where the tent is pitched is far less significant than the company of people who gather to enjoy camp together. One might also say that the campers value the camp gathering for the people who come not for the size and shape of the tent. The tent poles are important to provide the framework for the tent, but the focus is not on admiring the poles, but using the tent wherever and whenever the campers find occasion to gather together to share life and work.

“Let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another.” (Hebrews 10: 24-25, NIV)

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(from page 21, minutes)

That the position paper be included in the appendix to the minutes of the 140th Synod meeting, and that the position paper does not reflect the opinion of the entire synod.

Position Paper on the Optional Elimination of Synods

Presented to the 140th Meeting of the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario
October 17 & 18, 2014

by David Christiani

Introduction

No doubt it is a healthy exercise for our denomination to examine the relevance of our institutions from time to time and to ask whether they continue to fulfill their mandate. This is a very healthy exercise. The overtures from the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew challenge us to undertake such an exercise in regard to our own Synod. However, I am speaking today against the optional elimination of Synods. I believe that optional dissolution is motivated not by a desire to question the relevance of the Synod and its continued ability to fulfill its mandate, but rather by the fear that congregations in a Presbytery may no longer survive if they continue to contribute financially to a process they see as propping up a Synod.

The Synod has three important roles that it is equipped to fill within the spiritual life of our denomination:

- the opportunity to build a larger-scale gathering place for the exchange of Christian ideas and ideals,
- the chance to provide balanced support to our congregations and our Presbyteries, and
- fulfilling the mandate to maintain the system of governance that is an integral part of Presbyterianism in Canada.

How many of us Elders here present recall the question asked of us at our Induction? “Do you accept to follow no divisive course but to seek the peace and unity of Christ among your people and throughout the Holy Catholic Church?” It is difficult to see how overtures that advocate the dissolution of Synods serve to create peace and unity among Christian people. Their very wording seems to suggest that we should separate into isolated pockets of worship, cut off from the chance to celebrate those other places where God is at work in the lives of our fellow Presbyterians in the denomination.

Yes, we all recite the same creed; we pray the same prayers and sing the same hymns in our own churches. We know that our Book of Forms prescribes what it is to worship God as a Presbyterian in Canada in our individual congregations. But, you know, we are all human. We understand much better the concrete rather than the abstract. We may observe that there is a dwindling number who share in the worship prescribed for our own congregations and fear that all congregations are shrinking, or worse still that the apparent demise of the worship we have known is the full story. An institution like the Synod could be a place that would put paid to this kind of disunity and defeatism. There over 10,000 Presbyterians on our Communicant Rolls

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within the walls of the churches currently members of this Synod. Where are we going to see them if we do not from time to time invite them all to attend Synod? How can we be sensitized to the fact that we are not alone, we are not isolated and that God loves us? The position in favour of optional elimination is: The Synod is an institution that has lost its relevance. We are no longer capable of contributing financially and in so doing may hinder it from fulfilling its mandate. Therefore, we should gradually withdraw financial support ourselves and urge the other Presbyteries to acquiesce in abolishing our Synod. It cannot be denied that others within the Presbyterian Church in Canada consider Synods to be irrelevant and unsustainable. That is why the General Assembly has asked us respond to the report of the Committee on the Optional Elimination of Synods, and to take a position on the possibility of making regular Synod meetings optional.

But there is another side. There are those of us who say that Synods could serve an important purpose and that it is healthy for our denomination to support their continued existence. I cannot speak for you, but I am proud to be a commissioner to Synod. I am proud to be in a place that challenges us to dig deep and to speak up on spiritual issues of import based on our own years of experience. Here is where we are privileged to hear the opinion of others outside our immediate circle expressed before making a final judgment on the validity of our beliefs and those of our fellow members of Synod. There is potential within these walls for that to happen. That is what I am arguing today and that is what I intend to demonstrate in this speech: that the health of our congregations is best served by remaining within a fully functioning Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario.

Synod – Relevant and Competent

The position that I propose is: The Synod is an institution that continues to be relevant and competent. Even those churches, who feel that they are no longer capable of contributing financially, are still in need of the support of Synod. They are in need of help not only to survive, but to be communities who reflect God's vision of how we should live together. Therefore, we should find alternate sources of financial support so that all of the Presbyteries, through continued membership in the Synod, are able to put themselves in a stronger position to enact God's vision for His Church.

Let us take, as an example, the question of the health of the congregations in Lanark and Renfrew. Dr. Clyde Irvine has stated eloquently that "I'm here to plead that our central focus as a denomination be placed on congregations." (A&P 2012) I concur with him. We all should be concerned with the support of individual congregations. However, if the congregations of Lanark and Renfrew are so much under threat, I would have preferred that their Presbytery had sent an appeal to Synod asking for more financial support from the other Presbyteries who are Synod members, rather than asking Synod to disband. Far more desirable it would be to collaborate in Christian love within the Synod, than to further isolate the congregations of any one Presbytery by removing them from access to the important support available at the Synod level. We could help. We could draw the wagons together and provide shelter, aid and assistance to these beleaguered believers.

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Would it not have been a more compassionate response to the needs and concerns of the Lanark & Renfrew congregations to say to the Presbytery, with the words of Christ, “Seek and ye shall find. Knock and the door shall be opened. Please come to this court in this spirit, so that we may respond constructively.” As it is, we are side-tracked into an existential dialectic that, taken to its conclusion, would result in more rather than less isolation for these precious congregations who, like many other Presbyterian congregations, are asking; “How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land?”

Synod – Source of Spiritual Guidance and Counsel

Take for instance the question of regional resource people. One of the Lanark and Renfrew Overtures has forced us to fire these valued workers. As a result, we have lost the inestimable value of their work as counsellors to our Presbyteries. Their ability to act as advocates for the fabulous camping programmes ongoing with in our bounds has been compromised. Most significantly we have eliminated their function as spiritual guides for the youth of our denomination who are coming to grips with Christ’s call to embark on a journey of personal faith as new Presbyterians. These regional resource workers were available to the congregations in Lanark and Renfrew too. Now they are gone.

Perhaps the two larger Presbyteries in the Synod could take up the slack and engage these workers as their employees. In fact, some of us in Montreal are urging our Presbytery to do just that. If that eventuates, what help can a regional resource person be in the outlying parts of Lanark and Renfrew? This regrettable decision has, at one and the same time, robbed Lanark and Renfrew of access to this service and at the same time weakened an important function of Synod. More on this later.

The case of the resource workers is cited here as evidence that the motivation of the move to optional elimination of Synods has led us on a destructive rather than a constructive path in building the Christian unity that we are enjoined by our Elder vows to build up within the bounds of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario. Those of us who are Elders are in danger of failing our vows. As a community, our ability to respond to the guidance of God and his higher aims may be now have been seriously compromised.

Synod – Preparing the Saints of God to be His Missional Church in the World

Let us instead look at what this Synod has offered to our constituents by way of an escape from a preoccupation with our survival and diminishing numbers. Let us consider what the Synod can contribute to the work that God is already doing outside the walls of our churches. He is waiting out there for us to be at the ready and respond. Let us not cower at the crossover, afraid to plunge in and forge a path to the other side of the river. I believe that there are important missions waiting to be fulfilled, if we only we can draw together as a denomination.

The 139th Synod meeting took a bold step to demonstrate the force of Synod’s mandate to provide a gathering place. During last year’s conference-style Synod, at no expense to the Synod

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coffers, we were able to hear an engaging and thoughtful analysis from Dr. Gary Nelson of the position of the Church in the 21st Century society. Yes, our influence within society has waned and is diminished, but Dr. Nelson was able to reassure us that God is still at work. It is up to us to be brave and to take that step out into our world that demands courage and faith on our part. In his book, Nelson goes on to say:

"From the beginning, God's redemptive plan was putting first an individual (Abraham), then a tribe and nation (the Israelites), and finally a people (the Church) who would be set apart to be God's new society. This people of God, called, "a holy nation" and a "royal priesthood" in I Peter 2:9-10, are particularly odd because they represent a profoundly different way of living life together as a community, while at the same time existing for others." (Nelson p. 47)

The former minister at the Church of St. Andrew & St. Paul, Dr. Richard Topping, pointed out in one of his memorable sermons that all of us can be the Saints of God, if we just seek out the way to live our lives in that spirit. I think that Gary Nelson would concur. As he puts it, we all need to be conscious of our own spiritual awareness as we interact with others in our daily life. If we can do so, then we will demonstrate the manner in which, as Nelson goes on to quote David Augsburger,

The church is an alternative community - an alternative to human communities that live by coercion, competition and collective self-interest. It seeks to be a community of disciples who obey the particular rules of God that are revealed by Jesus. It models neighbour love, transformative redemptive justice, inclusion of the stranger, servanthood to each other and beyond, creative love, forgiveness and reconciliation and the humility to recognize and confess its own need for repentance and forgiveness.

And as David Fitch says,

The question is, how do we make sense of the Christian claim that 'Jesus is Lord' in a postmodern world where old ways to truth have broken down? The answer is we display what these words mean in the way we live and worship so that its reality, once displayed, cannot be denied, only rejected or entered into. We will persuade through living displays of truth, not one-on-one arguments. - (Nelson p. 50)

The intent of the Lanark and Renfrew Overtures has the potential to rob the congregations within its bounds of the chance to work with us as a Synod to fulfill these ideas and the concepts that were put on the floor of last year's conference. Again at no cost, all of the sessions have been videotaped and are on our Synod website for congregations within our bounds and congregations anywhere in Canada to see and to evaluate anytime. Do we really want further such opportunities for events organized by Synod to evaporate?

No, we do not. In fact we probably should contemplate how we could go beyond the focus on congregations that Clyde Irvine has encouraged. We should act forcefully to assist each

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individual Presbyterian to heighten their sense of spiritual awareness. Equipped with this awareness, we would hope that all of us could demonstrate what it is to be in a Christian community that is a preferable alternative to the status quo as demonstrated in secular society. As it stands today, the Book of Forms stipulates a built-in tripartite structure in our governance. We rely on a rapport between the courts of Presbytery, The Synod and the General Assembly to provide balanced judgement and support to individual Presbyterians and their congregations. The acts of any individual can be supported or censured and corrected for their own good by their congregation; likewise for the congregation, who can count on the support of the Presbytery and then for the Presbytery with the ongoing overview of the Synod. The problem is that this intermediate step between Synod and Presbytery has increasingly been circumvented by the General Assembly when it deals directly with Presbyteries.

Our decision to terminate our resource workers has furthered this erosion. Even if Presbyteries step in to employ the workers, we have further diminished the healthy balance and separation of powers between the General Assembly, the Synods and the Presbyteries. The decision regarding resource workers was partly made in response to the overtures. In the minority view of the resource worker decision, the balance of power has already been upset. Furthermore, those of us on the side of retaining an active Synod find that the call for optional elimination of Synods threatens to upset balanced governance all together. I, for one, am hesitant to take this step.

Conclusion – One Church, One Faith, One Lord

Let us recall that as Elders, our vows incite us “to accept the government of this church by sessions, presbyteries, synods and General Assemblies, and ... to share in and submit yourself in all lawful oversight therein.” Before moving to abolish this institution, we as Elders and the Presbyterian Church as a whole would have to do some considerable soul-searching.

We may feel that it is inconvenient to attend Synod meetings at a great distance from home and with considerable cost attached. Did Peter and Andrew think in those terms when our Lord said, “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men?” We may be tempted to look at our struggling congregations with financially strapped budgets and say that the exercise of Synod is too frivolous and expensive. Have we considered that the God of the loaves and fishes is not going to see the 10,000 of us who profess belief in Him will be sufficiently nourished, financially speaking? If we watch our influence diminishing in a sea of secular thought and action; if we feel that something like a Synod may be irrelevant; are we forgetting that there is a God who loves us unconditionally and is surely not going to abandon those of us who espouse belief in Him?

Being a Canadian Presbyterian since I was a teenager has brought great joy and blessing to my life. I can depend on the teachings of Jesus and the love of God as expressed by our Teaching Elders and those in authority within those congregations who have framed my faith journey. I come from a large urban Church that is blessed with thriving church programmes, inspirational

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worship experiences and an engaged and growing congregation. I was raised in a small suburban Church that nevertheless achieved the same ends. If one was to examine them more closely in terms of what they could do to grow more and to impact society and all you relied upon were the resources and people of the congregation alone, you might find there would be a good chance that either could be thwarted in their aims. Yes, Christianity is under attack. Churches lack the influence we once held. I do not choose to ignore these challenges. I do choose to not allow this situation to deter me from joining with the other “Saints of God” here assembled and to carefully observe and keep our vows as Elders in respecting the Synod as an ordained part of Presbyterian governance and to promote unity among our fellow Presbyterian Christians.

As we consider the consequences and strive to come to a decision, I invite us all to be inspired by the words of the hymn *Thy hand, O God, has guided Thy church from age to age.*

And we, shall we be faithless,
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict and cast away God's crown?
Not so, in God's great counsel,
Some better thing is stored.
We will maintain, unflinching,
“One Church, one Faith, one Lord!”

In Jesus' name, I pray that God in His wisdom will lead us to a decision that is in our best interests and faithful to Him.

Respectfully submitted by David Christiani, Commissioner – Presbytery of Montreal

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MEMORIAL RECORDS

The Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry

THE REV. EDWARD “TED” O’NEILL, B.A.

The Rev. Edward ‘Ted’ O’Neill was born in Dundee, Scotland on November 15, 1935. Growing up in Scotland Ted spent many hours exploring the lush green beauty of the countryside. While dating his future wife Ann, they spent hours bicycling around Scotland on their days off from school and work.

As a young man Ted studied to be a Tool and Die Maker in Scotland. Ted and Ann, 21 and 19 respectively, made the decision to emigrate to Canada to begin their married life together. The day after their wedding they boarded a ship to Canada, and after a five week journey they settled in Toronto. Ted was able to find a job as a tool and die maker with Massy Ferguson. While Ted was working he went to night school to earn his B.A. On top of his own studies he taught auto mechanics at the local high school at night.

During those very busy years Ted and Ann raised their family of two daughters and one son. In addition to family life Ted enjoyed spending time woodworking. He also appreciated cars and owned a canary yellow 1982 Triumph Spitfire convertible. Ted and Ann also relished the company of many family dogs and were especially fond of border collies.

Ted and Ann had a deep rooted faith in God and after 15 years with Massy Ferguson Ted felt God pulling him in a different direction. With the help of his minister and the session at Alderwood Presbyterian Church, Ted discerned a call to Christian ministry. He attended Knox College and graduated with the General Assembly Certificate in 1972. He was licensed by the Presbytery of West Toronto on May 9, 1972 and ordained on October 25, 1972. Ted’s first congregation was Rexdale Presbyterian Church in Toronto where he served from 1972-1979. During his time there the church building was completed, as well as the development of the idea and the subsequent building of the Rexdale Presbyterian Senior Citizens Corporation (Highway Terraces).

A call from the Cresswell, Sonya and Wick pastoral charge in 1983 brought Ted and family to the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough. Ted served as minister in the pastoral charge until 1993 and also as presbytery clerk from 1987 to 1997. God called Ted to resume pastoral ministry and in 1997 he accepted a call from the pastoral charge of Maxville, Moose Creek, St. Elmo in the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry. Ted served there until December 1, 2002 when he retired from full time ministry following a heart attack. Following a time of recuperation, Ted was able to help out in the presbytery doing pulpit supply, including in Winchester and Mountain pastoral charge from September 2003 to June 2004 and then in the Mountain congregation until the end of the year.

Ted’s beloved wife Ann passed away on March 29, 2012. Ted was lost without the love of his life beside him. Ill health continued to plague Ted, which limited the activities he was able to enjoy. On the evening of Tuesday, April 22, 2014 in Alexandria, Ontario Ted passed away peacefully at the age of 78.

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The Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry held a service giving glory and thanks to God for the life of the Rev. Edward 'Ted' O'Neill at Knox Presbyterian Church in Moose Creek on Wednesday, May 21, 2014.

THE REV. DR. ALLAN MORPHY DUNCAN, B.A., B.D., D.D.

The Rev. Dr. Allan Morphy Duncan was born on February 15, 1932 and was raised on a farm near Carleton Place. After obtaining a B.A. at Sir George Williams University in Montréal in 1954, he pursued his call to ministry with studies at The Presbyterian College in Montréal. On April 30, 1957 at the 90th Annual Convocation Allan received the Bachelor of Divinity degree with a major in Old Testament studies. He was recipient of The Presbyterian College's highest award, the Calvin Gold Medal. He was also awarded the Forsyth Graduate scholarship, the Dora Forsyth scholarship, and the Raymond T. Nettleship prize in Pastoral Theology.

Allan was licensed by the Presbytery of Montréal on May 1, 1957 and then ordained by the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Carleton Place on May 14, 1957. He was then appointed ordained missionary to Scott Memorial, Fairmount Memorial and Kindersley within the Presbytery of Saskatoon, and with his wife Eleanor, began serving there on May 30, 1957. A year later he was called to the pastoral charge of McDonald's Corners, Elphin and Snow Road within the Presbytery of Lanark & Renfrew with the service of induction on May 30, 1958. In 1961 Allan received a call to the pastoral charge of St. Giles Church, Peterborough and Knox Church, Keene within the Presbytery of Peterborough, with the service of induction on September 21.

A call to the Maritimes came in 1974 and with the induction service on September 12 Allan began serving the pastoral charge of Kensington, Malpeque and St. John's, New London within the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island. During his ministry in the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, Allan took a keen interest in the Geddie Memorial Church which was located within the charge. Allan understood the importance of sharing the stories of the early missionaries such as John Geddie, and the impact they still have for the church today.

A move back to Ontario took place when Allan received a call to First Presbyterian Church, within the Presbytery of Brockville, where he served as minister for 18 years from February 5, 1978 until his retirement on March 1, 1996.

In the various congregations in which Allan served, he is remembered as a good and faithful pastor. He was a kind, caring and concerned visitor and a friend to people of all ages, always ready and willing to help everyone. He helped establish many groups in response to identified needs within the congregations. He had a keen interest in the youth, was a strong support to the Church Schools, and valued the mission and ministry of the WMS.

Allan was also a faithful, diligent and active presbyter. He served in many capacities in the various courts of the church. He was Moderator of the Presbytery of Brockville in 1981-1982 and then in the newly formed Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry from 1995 until his retirement in the spring of 1996. He also served as the Moderator of the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario

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at the 109th meeting held at First Church in Brockville in 1983. He also served on the national Committee on Articles of Faith (Church Doctrine) from 1969-1971. He then served on the Senate of Presbyterian College from 1972-1974, followed by two terms on the Board of World Mission from 1975-1977 and 1978-1980. He also served on the Assembly Council from 1992-1993. On May 3, 1990, at the 123rd annual convocation of The Presbyterian College the degree of Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) was conferred upon the Reverend Allan M. Duncan, B.A., B.D.

One of Allan's many interests was history. Following his retirement from First Church, Allan helped catalogue and preserve the congregation's historical records and archives. His knowledge and expertise were especially invaluable during the congregations' bicentennial celebrations and in preparing the book First Presbyterian Church Brockville: A Historical Sketch 1811-2011.

A man of great faith, Allan was a life-long learner who approached difficult circumstances and the challenges of life with grace and dignity. He never forgot his rural roots and the call to ministry which shaped his life. He maintained connections with folk from many communities in which he and Eleanor lived. He was also a great friend to colleagues in ministry across the country. He valued and gave thanks for the many friendships he treasured. Many will truly miss his company, his support and encouragement, the conversations on Biblical texts, theological points, political issues of the day, and simply spending time together.

After a brief illness the Rev. Dr. Allan Duncan passed away in Brockville, Ontario on Thursday, May 29, 2014 at the age of 82 years. Allan was predeceased by his beloved and cherished wife Eleanor Duncan on May 4, 2012. They are survived by two sons, David and Terry and their families.

A service of remembrances and thanksgiving was held at First Presbyterian Church in Brockville on Tuesday, June 3, 2014.

“Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God.” Psalm 42:11b

The Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew

THE REV. DR. RUTH SYME, B.A., B.ED., M.A., DIP.MIN., PH.D.

The Rev. Dr. Ruth Syme died peacefully at home in Deep River, Ontario, on November 27, 2013, surrounded by family and loved ones. It was the end of a battle with leukemia that Ruth faced with the same courage and faith that she did all her life. Ruth is pre-deceased by her husband of forty years, the Rev. Robert Syme, and her sister Joyce. She is survived by her children Alison (Marty Sulek) of Winchester, Indiana and Christopher (Melissa Greiner), Hilary (Craig Swaby), Peter (Sandra Singh) and Matthew (Liz Thorpe) of Toronto, and by her dearest friend Joan Morison of Deep River, Ontario. She will be much missed by her twelve grandchildren, her brothers, her sister, and by her many nephews, nieces, in-laws and cousins.

After graduating from Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, in 1964, she served as a missionary in Toyo Eiwa Jogakuin Girls' School in Tokyo Japan. She was a faithful servant of her Lord the Creator, through her calling to The Presbyterian Church in Canada and

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the United Church of Canada. She graduated from McGill University and Presbyterian College, Montreal in 1978 and earned her Ph.D. in Theology in 1989, also from McGill. She was ordained and served in pastoral ministry in Montreal, Toronto, Deep River and, finally, Golden Lake, Ontario, where she served part-time until weeks before her death.

Ruth had many interests, including music, gardening, dogs and sewing. From 2010 until shortly before her death, she served as an active member on the Deep River Town Council. She will be remembered for her commitment, her passion and her love of a good, reasoned argument.

Members of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew joined the community for a celebration of Ruth's life, held at Deep River Community Church on December 2, 2013.

THE REV. DR. THOMAS ALEXANDER (IAN) HAY, B.A., B.D., S.T.M., PH.D.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Alexander Hay, known to many as Ian, died in Inverness, Scotland on February 25, 2014, in his 78th year. Ian was born in South Africa of Scottish parents in 1936 and educated at Rhodes University, Union Theological Seminary in New York, and the University of Natal (now KwaZulu-Natal University). He also studied Education in Scotland at St. Andrew's and Dundee.

He was ordained by the Presbyterian Church of South Africa and served in that country before emigrating to Canada. He was minister of St. Stephen's Church in Ottawa until he moved to Scotland where he taught religion and history in schools.

Ian had interim ministries in several congregations of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, including, within the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew: Westminster, Smiths Falls, St. Andrew's, Cobden and Ross St. Andrew', Almonte and St. Andrew's, Kinburn and, within the Presbytery of East Toronto, St Mark's. He was also well known as a supply preacher in many congregations.

In later years, Ian divided his time between Inverness, Scotland and Micksburg, near Pembroke, Ontario. He will be remembered as a teller of stories, a lover of nature and wildlife, a world traveler, a man of prayer, and a good friend.

The Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew gathered for a memorial service within Renfrew Church on May 24, 2014.

MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF QUÉBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO 1945- 2014

<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

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1986	Perth	J. Bruce Robertson, S.T.M.	Montréal
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
2013	Cornwall	Harold H.A. Kouwenberg, B.A., M.Div.	Seaway-Glengarry
2014	Gloucester	Gordon K. Walford, B.A., M.A.	Ottawa

