

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE MARITIME CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

**FIRST SESSION – THURSDAY EVENING  
May 26, 2011**

***Time and Place and Constitution of the Court:***

The 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference, United Church of Canada, was called to order in the name of Jesus, the Christ, the Head of the Church, by the President, Ms. Ruth Gamble, at 6:50 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2011 in the Tantramar Veterans Memorial Civic Centre, Sackville, New Brunswick.

***Constitutional Motions:***

David Hewitt / Meggin King moved that the constitutional motions as printed in Section 1, Reports to the Conference 2011, page 15, including the Conference Roll, Quorum and Bounds, agenda, adoption of minutes and reports not requiring further action, including those in the registration package be adopted. Reports coming for action to also include the Nominating Committee and Incorporated Ministries Advisory Committee.

**MOTION CARRIED**

***Covenanting with Executive Secretary:***

The President, together with the Moderator, led the Conference in covenanting with Executive Secretary David Hewitt. The Executive Secretary was presented with Symbols from Conference which included a stole, cane, towel, and Bible.

***Welcome from Aboriginal Community:***

The Rev. Dr. Russ Daye, representing the Aboriginal Concerns and Relations Task Group, introduced guests, Hanford Nye, member of the Fort Folly First Nation and Raymond Solomon. Mr. Nye addressed the court and introduced Mr. Solomon who honoured the Conference with a smudging ceremony and a small pipe ceremony. The pipe ceremony is a great honour and gift of trust.

On behalf of the Conference the President presented the traditional tobacco to Mr. Solomon.

***Introduction of Ecumenical Guests:***

The Rev. Dr. Mark Hatfield, convenor of Gospel, Ecumenism and Theology, introduced the ecumenical and interfaith guests: Rev. Greg Frazer, Diocese of Fredericton; Rev. Lidvald Haugen-Strand, Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; and Rev. Marlene Knowles, Atlantic Ecumenical Council.

***Introduction of General Council Office Representative:***

The President introduced Rev. Michael Blair, Executive Minister for Communities in Ministry / Communautés et Ministères Unit of The United Church of Canada.

***Introduction of the Moderator:***

The President introduced Moderator Mardi Tindal.

***Announcements:***

The Executive Secretary shared announcements.

***Introduction of Music Leadership:***

The Executive Secretary introduced Lloyd MacLean, Gwen MacLean, Emma Lee Stewart, and Kirby Coolen who will be providing musical leadership for the annual meeting.

***Introduction of the Theme:***

Jim MacDonald and Jay Ettinger, co-chairs of Gospel, Ecumenical and Theology (GET), introduced the theme From Now On. This theme comes out of a three year exploration by the GET Committee of rural ministry.

The GET Committee thanked those committee members from the past and present. They also thanked all the Presbyteries, Synod, individuals and businesses for their financial support for the professional Reading of “Tompkinsville”, written by Lindsay Kyte which will be preformed Friday evening.

They introduced Donna Clark and Michelle Cooper from Courage Group International, who will lead us through the Open Space Technology we will be using on Saturday. Donna and Michelle addressed the court.

***Service of Remembrance:***

The Service began with worship focused on the Exodus story, the serving of communion, the commissioning and the blessing. During worship quilt blocks from reflecting the theme From Now On, will be brought forward noting the Past, Present and Future. This evening the “Past” quilt blocks were brought forward and placed on a table to be hung by the Worship Committee after this evenings closing.

The Court then held a service of remembrance. Ministry Personnel remembered were Thomas Stuart Bellis, Donald Fairweather, Reginald James Miller, William Robert Pope, Sidney Whitfield Snow, and Kenneth Wayne Yorke.

***Recess:***

The President declared the meet in recess until 8:30 am tomorrow morning.

The *Message* held a concert following the Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving.

**SECOND SESSION – FRIDAY MORNING**  
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***Gathering:***

The second session of the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Maritime Conference began with Gathering Worship at 8:30 a.m. The President welcomed the delegates back and reconvened the meeting.

***Worship:***

The Christ candle was lit. The service of worship was led by the Worship Planning team Rev. Jane Johnson, Rev. Kelly Burke, Rev. Matt Fillier and Rev. Valarie Kennedy and continued with the Exodus story. During worship quilt blocks from the “Present” were brought forward and placed on a table to be hung by the Worship Committee during lunch. The theme song, *From Now On*, was sung.

***Welcome & Thank you:***

The President welcomed the Bermuda delegates to annual meeting, some of whom have never been to Maritime Conference. She offered appreciation to Local Arrangements for setting up the table groups last evening, Melanie Matheson for gathering the tellers this morning to put table group numbers up, and to Pauline Walker for making new ribbons for the tellers this year.

***Announcements:***

Rev. Jane Johnson shared announcements.

***Table Groups:***

Donna Tourneur, Chair, Annual Meeting Planning Committee, invited table groups to introduce themselves to one another. Table groups were asked to share their most memorable table group experience, and what are your expectations around distractions at your table?

***Ministry Personnel and Education (MP&E):***

Jack Spencer, Chair, MP&E, referred to the MP&E report printed on pages 61 to 72 of Section 1, *Reports to Conference*. MP&E highlighted the Presbytery Oversight reports that are printed in Section 1, *Reports to Conference*, pages 101 to 120. Presbyteries are encouraged to read other Presbytery reports to see what other Presbyteries have done and are doing.

Jack noted that this is his last meeting as Chair of MP&E and he thanked all the sub-committee chairs for their work. He also wanted to thank Kendall Harrison and Lorraine Horyl for the work that they do on behalf of MP&E.

***Education and Students (E&S):***

Scott Hillier, Convener, Conference Education and Students Committee, referred to the E&S report printed on page 61 of Section 1, *Reports to Conference*. He made the following motions:

It is moved by Scott Hillier / Jack Spencer, that **Sarah Chapman** be ordained.

It is moved by Scott Hillier / Jack Spencer, that **Alison Etter** be ordained.

It is moved by Scott Hillier / Jack Spencer, that **Bonnie Fraser** be ordained.

It is moved by Scott Hillier / Jack Spencer, that **Helena Medeiros** be ordained.

It is moved by Scott Hillier / Jack Spencer, that **Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles** be ordained.

It is moved by Scott Hillier / Jack Spencer, that **Mary J. White** be ordained.

A written ballot was circulated. The President declared the ballot closed.

***Random Act of Worship:***

*More Voices* 23, Come, O Holy Spirit, was sung.

***Nominating Committee:***

Elaine Gray, Secretary, Nominating Committee, presented the report on behalf of the committee. She noted where they are still looking for people to fill positions and asked delegates prayerfully consider filling a gap.

Elaine Gray / Cheryl MacDonald moved that this report be received for information with permission to add as they are able and as necessary.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Executive Secretary asked the delegates to draw their attention to the two names for President-Designate that were in their registration bags. Those names are Rev. Philip Kennedy and Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Stevenson.

Ron Vincent / Barbara Rafuse moved the nomination of Rev. Philip Kennedy for President-Designate.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Elaine Gray introduced a video from Mardi Tindal who talked about Commissioners for the 41<sup>st</sup> General Council that is happening in Ottawa August 2012. Discussion followed.

***Education and Students (E&S):***

The Executive Secretary noted that the ballots have been counted for ordination and the majority are in favour.

David Hewitt / Robert Johnson moved that the ordination ballots be destroyed.

**Carried**

***Nominations for President-Designate:***

The President called three times for President-Designate nominations.

David Hewitt / Don MacQueen moved that nominations be closed.

**MOTION CARRIED**

***Stewardship Committee:***

Catherine MacDonald, Chair, Stewardship Committee noted that the committee has two purposes, one is to highlight, celebrate and encourage general congregational stewardship; and the other is to lift up the Mission and Service Fund to generate ideas on how to raise that up and celebrate it in our congregations, in our Presbyteries, and in our Conference.

Catherine highlighted some of the things the committee is about as they try to define purpose and faith in stewardship:

- They have talked about how people share their faith through singing. They are in the early stages of an intuitive around stewardship songs and they are inviting musicians and lyricists, both known and unknown, to share songs that proclaim Gods grace and Gods generosity and how we are part of that;
- They are developing a standard of practice for M&S convenors;
- Connie McNamara has developed a vacation Bible school resource around stewardship themes (this can be found on the Maritime Conference website);
- They have tentative plans to offer a Stewardship conference in the Fall of 2012 somewhere in the middle of Conference; and
- Encouraged delegates to visit their Stewardship table display.

***Moments for Mission Live, Brunswick Street Mission:***

Laura Hunter, Justice and Stewardship Minister, introduced Sandra Nicholas from Brunswick Street Mission, a community ministry. Brunswick Street Mission is supported through Presbyteries, as well as the Mission Support grant - they are a mission of all of us. She shared what they have done and what they are doing at the Mission, six days a week they offer a hot breakfast to the community; they have a clothing centre; they have a food bank serving about 80 families a month; they have a trusteeship program where they receive an individual's income, pay their primary bills (food and shelter) and work with them to budget their funds – they serve about 150-200 individuals each year); a benevolent program they run (they receive about 500 requests a year); they have a tax program to help with tax returns in 2007 he did 15, this year they did over 500 returns; they do Christmas support as well. They are exploring the concept of who they belong to. She thanked everyone for allowing them to do their work, through givings.

***Random Act of Worship:***

Rev. Jane Johnson asked delegates to find someone they don't know and tell them something that you are thankful for right now.

***General Council Report:***

The President welcomed Dr. Shirley Cleave, Rev. Ivan Gregan, and Rev. Michael Blair to the stage.

Shirley Cleave introduced Michael Blair who addressed the court giving an overview of the work he is doing at the General Council Office. He Executive Minister for Communities in Ministry / Communautés et Ministères Unit, this is a new group made up of an of three program areas that amalgamated a year ago (Ethnic Ministries, which then became Intercultural and Diverse Communities in Ministries Unit; Ministers in French; and Congregational, Educational and Community Ministries). They carry the

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responsibility of supporting the ministries of the church within the Canadian context. He highlighted a few pieces under their responsibilities:

- In a few weeks they will be announcing the criteria and the application for what is known as the New Ministers Fund. General Council Executive approved a fund of \$1,000,000 to be available to the Church to engage in new ministry possibility.
- Also out of the General Council Executive a network was sent up for ministry development called "The Edge". Rob Dalgleish is the Executive Director of this new network. The network is intended to support congregations as they seek to find ways of renewing and strengthening their ministries.
- In 2006 the General Council approved a decision that The United Church of Canada will become an intercultural church. To keep in mind that we are all intercultural communities, we all have differences. Two new DVD resources are available through the UCRD, *Our Common Vision* and *Sankofa*.
- In August is the national gathering for youth and young adults in Toronto called Rendez-vous and he encouraged us to send our youth and young adults.

Ivan Gregan discussed the options with regards to the General Council accommodations (as per page 95, Section 1, *Reports to Conference*). The Accommodations Working Group will bring recommendations to the November 2011 General Council Executive meeting.

He also discussed the Automatic Deposit Payroll (ADP) that The United Church of Canada encouraged, presently 91% of pastoral charges in Canada are on ADP. It is a considerable cost to keep the old payroll system running for the remaining 9% (or 181) of the pastoral charges therefore it was resolved that the cost of keeping this system functioning should be recovered from the 181 pastoral charges across the country that are still not on ADP. Pastoral Charges not yet on ADP were encouraged to sign up for ADP.

At the last meeting of the General Council Executive Rob Dalgleish brought before the council the changing nature of our country and how this affects our pastoral charges. To obtain current information on what is the make up of your pastoral charge contact Rob Dalgleish (noting that the cost of this report varies on the size of your pastoral charge).

There are vacancies within the General Council and you are encouraged to go onto the General Council website and put forth an expression of interest.

Discussion followed.

Shirley Cleave discussed the simplification of The Manual, this work has started and continues. The need to balance regulation and flexibility is something being held as they work through this. The Manual and process should reflect our Mission, not drive our Mission. They are also trying to make The Manual clearer. They have removed sections that are no long relevant and added sections that are. The draft will be sent out to for consultation with the wider church for feedback.

Discussion followed.

Ivan Gregan presented the following figures:

\$29,000,000 – this is what UCC raised last year for Mission & Service

\$3,100,000 – this is what The United Church of Canada people raised for the Haiti Relief

\$900,000 – that is what was raised for the Pakistan Relief.

The President thanked the General Council representatives.

***Maritime Conference Executive Accountability Report:***

The President gave the Executive accountability report. Maritime Conference Executive met seven times since our annual meeting of 2010. Two of those meetings were conference calls. The Sub-Executive met via conference call 11 times during the conference year. We extended good wishes to Catherine Gaw at our October meeting and welcomed David Hewitt as our Executive Secretary, January 2011. Almost immediately following meetings, an Executive Digest is prepared by the Executive Secretary, David Hewitt, and made available on the web page.

New this year is that the *Reports to Conference* have been made available upon on the Maritime Conference web site.

As president, I was able to visit the presbyteries that were part of this rotation year. Those presbyteries were Miramichi, South Shore, St. Croix, Inverness-Guysborough, Halifax and Bermuda Synod. It has been a privilege to serve the church. Thank you for sharing yourselves with me.

A big piece of our work this year centered around the planning for a new Archive Maritime Conference Center I will invite Dean Lawrence, chair, Conference Accommodation s Committee to come forth to share our journey.

***Conference Accommodations Committee (CAC):***

The President introduced Dean Lawrence, Chair, Conference Accommodations Committee (CAC). He thanked all the CAC committee members for their work. Interior and exterior slides of the new Archives Conference Centre were projected while Dean discussed each slide. Discussion around the building followed.

The Executive Secretary invited delegates to a sod turning ceremony at lunch time on Wright Street using the shovel that was used to turn the first sod on the site of the new Chapel and Teaching Centre of Pine Hill Divinity Hall in 1961.

***Finance & Property:***

Steve Berubé asked that we find time on the agenda to discuss the financial expenditures. It was agreed that this will follow the budget conversation.

***Table Blessing:***

The meeting was recessed for lunch following a blessing sung, God Bless us our Bread, by the music team.

**THIRD SESSION – FRIDAY AFTERNOON  
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***Gathering and Welcome:***

Lloyd MacLean and the music team led in a time of musical worship, *Draw the Circle Wide* was sung, at 1:15 p.m. to reconvene the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference in the third session. The President welcomed the delegates back to the meeting and reconvened the meeting.

***Settlement Committee:***

Ron Vincent, Chair, and Sharon Moyse, Secretary, referred to the Settlement Committee report printed on page 71 of Section 1, *Reports to Conference*. They presented the 2011 Settlement Committee report (Appendix A, pages 169-175).

Ron Vincent / Sharon Moyse moved that Sections A, B, C, D, E and G (Appendix A, pages 169-175) in the minutes of the Annual Meeting, be received for information.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ron Vincent / Sharon Moyse moved that Section F, Applications To Be Left Without Pastoral Charge 2011-12, (Appendix A, page 175) in the minutes of the Annual Meeting, be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ron Vincent / Sharon Moyse moved that Section H, Retirements, (Appendix A, page 175) in the minutes of the Annual Meeting, be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ron Vincent / Sharon Moyse moved that we receive this report as a whole.

**MOTION CARRIED**

***Christian Life and Growth (CLG):***

Janice Frame, Chair, Christian Life and Growth, directed delegates to their report on page 21. She noted that CLG has hired a bus to take the youth and young adults from the Nova Scotia to Toronto for Rendez-vous this Summer. There are donation forms for the sponsored bike ride that happened yesterday at the Rendez-vous table. They hope to raise \$1,500 to help defer the cost of the bus, but have not yet reached that goal.

Janice introduced Paul Reid, Chair, Computer Use & Education. Paul celebrated the work of Garth Casley who has been the Conference webminister since the beginning. He will be missed very much at the tech table during annual meeting. On behalf of CLG they will be presenting him with a gift for his talented work.

***Announcement:***

The Executive Secretary made announcements.

***Staff Committee:***

Charlotte Youland, Chair, Staff Committee invited Judith Colwell, Maritime Conference Archivist, and Stephen Mills, Chair, Archives Committee, to join her on the stage.

Charlotte introduced Judith who has been the archivist at Maritime Conference since June 1998 and will be retiring later this year, and presented her with a gift of appreciation. Stephen presented Judith with a certificate for her retirement, with our good wishes. Judith addressed the court to thank them for their gift and noted that she will miss being among the documents.

Charlotte introduced Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte, hospital chaplain in Saint John, who is unable to at annual meeting, and on behalf of Maritime Conference she will present her with a gift in recognition of her work.

***Atlantic School of Theology (AST):***

The President introduced Rob Fennell who brought greetings from AST. He presented a brief video on behalf of the school. He noted that AST has just launched a diploma in Youth Ministry (pamphlets were provided in delegate bags). This is a flexible and part-time ecumenical program that offers training and credentialing in youth ministry. Secondly, Pine Hill Divinity Hall has left a large endowment which allows for an enormous amount of funding for their students, it does not cover all their costs but it is one of the best packages available in Canadian theological studies.

He offered the following invitations:

- Visit their booth that is set-up during annual meeting
- Visit their campus in Halifax, NS
- AST is hosting a reception Saturday, May 28, at 4:30pm in Harper Hall at MTA
- Help someone to discern a call to Ordered Ministry

***Tatamagouche Centre:***

Lori Crocker and Catherine Stuart, Board Members, Tatamagouche Centre, each stated why they are board members and what the Centre does for our communities. Wilf Bean, Interim Organizational Director, who acknowledged Rev. Kenley MacNeill who is also a board member, as well as the other seven board positions that they have. Wilf noted that the Centre tries to build a shalom community. The Centre is changing and he noted how the governance of the Centre has changed – the staff team. He also noted that the Centre, along with the four other United Church Centres from across the country, called “Common Life”, he discussed how this group works. Please contact Kathryn or Wilf at the Centre if this program interests you or might interest someone in your congregation

Wilf invited Kathryn Anderson, Faith and Spirituality Program Coordinator, to speak on behalf of the Centre. Kathryn is responsible for the UC ecumenical and interfaith programming. She invited delegates to look at the Centre information packages that are at each table, and encouraged delegates to take those packages home and post the information. She highlighted a couple of upcoming events, please visit their website for more details or contact the Centre.

***Edge Network:***

Donna Tourneur introduced the Edge Network for ministry development. This network is grouped into three main sections:

- 1) Human health
- 2) Dial a Consultant

3) Network Development

A short video prepared by the network was shown. For information visit <http://blogs.united-church.ca/edge>.

**Education and Students (E&S):**

Scott Hillier, Convener, Conference Education and Students Committee, introduced each of those being Ordained; Sarah Chapman, Alison Etter, Bonnie Fraser, Helena Medeiros, Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles, and Mary J. White. Sharon Moyses, on behalf of the UCW, made a presentation to the candidates, a gift to the Mission and Service Fund in each of their names.

**President-Designate:**

Donna Tourneur introduced the two nominees for President-Designate, Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Stevenson and Rev. Philip Kennedy, and invited them to come forward to introduce themselves.

Ballots were distributed. The President declared the ballot closed.

**Proposals:**

Mary-Beth Moriarity introduced the proposal process we will go through at this annual meeting.

**Proposal 1**

**Title:** Limiting the Destructive Impacts of the Alberta Tar Sands

**Originating Body:** Maritime Conference Church in Action Committee  
(Environmental Working Group)

**BACKGROUND:**

**Proposal:** that Maritime Conference

- (A) urge the federal and Alberta governments to reject new applications that would expand the Alberta tar sands mines until the following conditions are met:
- (a) there is adequately-funded, scientifically-reviewed monitoring of the industry's impact on the water, ecosystems and human health; and
  - (b) the environmental and health impacts are addressed; and
  - (c) the rights of Indigenous People affected by the area of impact from the tar sands developments are respected and specifically addressed, including their treaty rights and the right to free, prior and informed consent; and
- (B) implore the federal government to develop a clean and sustainable national energy strategy based on:
- (a) conservation, efficiency and renewable energy; and
  - (b) principles of ecological sustainability and Indigenous Rights;

by:

1. writing letters to this effect to the Prime Minister, the Minister of the Environment, the Minister of Energy, the Minister of Natural Resources, and the Premier of Alberta;
2. issuing media releases stating these positions and actions;
3. supporting the development of an educational resource developed by the Conference Church in Action Committee; and
4. distributing to presbyteries and congregations this resource, the letters and press releases to raise awareness and to invite them to study theological, ethical and environmental issues that are the basis for these actions.

*The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.*

*Psalms 24:1*

#### Ethical Concerns:

Human beings are inextricably part of and dependent upon the natural world in which human activity is having increasingly destructive impacts; and we recognize God's call "to live with respect" in harmony with the one Earth community of which we are a part, to draw on the Earth's sustenance responsibly, and to care for it that all may benefit equitably now and in the future.<sup>1</sup>

The United Church is one of 11 Canadian denominations and agencies that, together as KAIROS, seek a positive role in the care of God's creation, right relations among peoples, and economic justice – all of which raise major questions about the tar sands, and call for "a major shift toward a sustainable and just energy economy with a decrease in the human rights violations and the ecological destruction that accompany the current fossil fuel dominated energy economy."<sup>2</sup>

The 37<sup>th</sup> General Council affirmed the principle that: "Energy policy in Canada should be based on ethical principles of respect for and justice within the One Earth Community, and should shift away from the strategy of expanding supply through energy megaprojects and focus more on managing demand and development of renewable, alternative sources."<sup>3</sup>

#### Climate Change Impacts:

Tar sands oil has a clear, unacceptable relationship to the threat of climate change through deforestation, other habitat destruction and greenhouse gas production from its extraction and processing, and greenhouse gas production in its end use. Tar sand deposits cover 140,000 sq km, an area about the size of Florida - or 2.5 times the size of Nova Scotia. Almost 60% of the total tar sands area has been leased to companies for extraction and an area larger than New Brunswick has been leased to in situ tar sands

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<sup>1</sup> United Church of Canada. Ethical Principles for Environment and Development: One Earth Community, 1992

<sup>2</sup> KAIROS. Re-energizing the Future: Faith and Justice in a Post-Petroleum World, December 2007. Also see KAIROS position papers: Drawing a line in the sand: why Canada needs to limit tar sands expansion and invest in a green economy, July 2010, and Re-energizing the future: faith and justice in a post-petroleum world, 2007

<sup>3</sup> United Church of Canada, Energy in the One Earth Community, 2000; policy statement adopted by the 37<sup>th</sup> General Council.

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companies for development.<sup>4</sup> The ‘easy’ oil in the tar sands lies just beneath the surface and is mined by stripping away the boreal forest and the fragile layer of soil underneath it. As well as the destruction of wildlife habitat, the removal of the boreal forest compounds the problem of climate change by removing a carbon sink. By July 2009, mining operations had removed more than 686 sq km of boreal forest.<sup>5</sup>

The average greenhouse gas emissions for tar sands extraction and upgrading are estimated to be 3.2 to 4.5 times as intensive per barrel as for conventional crude oil produced in Canada or the U.S.<sup>6</sup> About 5% of Canada’s total GHG emissions come from tar sands plants and upgraders.<sup>7</sup> The tar sands are the fastest growing source of GHG emissions in Canada and the number one reason Alberta’s and Canada’s emissions are rising instead of falling.<sup>8</sup> If Alberta were a country, its per capita GHG emissions would be higher than any other country in the world.<sup>9</sup>

#### Impacts on Water:

The tar sands development is extracting and contaminating vast quantities of water. Mining operations alone are licensed to divert 652 million cubic metres of water each year, about 7 times as much as the annual water needs of the Edmonton area.<sup>10</sup> It takes between 2-4 barrels of fresh water to produce a single barrel of tar sands oil (bitumen).<sup>11</sup> This is 4 times more water than it takes to produce oil from conventional reserves, according to a 2009 study by Argonne National Laboratory. The majority of the water used for mining is taken from the Athabasca River.<sup>12</sup> At least 90% of the fresh water used winds up in enormous toxic tailings ponds. These tailings ponds presently cover 170 square km along the Athabasca River. Tailings ponds seep. The exact amount of seepage is not known, but modeled estimates suggest that 11 to 12.6 million litres of tailings leak

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<sup>4</sup> Alberta Energy. Alberta’s Leased Oilsands Area 2010

<sup>5</sup> Data from GIS study conducted by Global Forest Watch. *Bitumen and Biocarbon: Land use conversions and loss of biological carbon due to bitumen operations in the Boreal Forests of Alberta.*

<sup>6</sup> National Energy Technology Laboratory. *Development of Baseline Data and Analysis of Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Emissions of Petroleum-Based Fuels*, DOE/NETL – 2009/1346, 2008, 12, Table 2-4.

<sup>7</sup> National emissions totaled 734 metric tons in 2008 according to Environment Canada, *National Inventory Report-Part 1, 1990-2008, GHG Sources and Sinks in Canada.*

<sup>8</sup> National Resources Canada, The ecoEnergy Carbon Capture and Storage Task Force. *Canada’s Fossil Energy Future*, 2008.

<sup>9</sup> Environment Canada. *National Inventory Report-Part 1, 1990-2008, GHG Sources and Sinks in Canada*, Table S-3.

<sup>10</sup> Tar sands allocations are from Alberta Environment, *Water Diversion by Oilsands Mining Projects in 2008*. EPCOR Water Services reported treating 92.9 million cubic metres of water for the greater Edmonton area in 2008: *2008 Performance Based Regulation Progress Report*, 2009.

<sup>11</sup> Alberta Energy Utilities Board communications to Pembina Institute Feb. 2006; Suncor Energy Ltd. *A Closer Look: An Update on our Progress*; Suncrude Canada Ltd. *2007 Sustainability Report*. Also see R.J. Mikula, V.A. Munoz and O. Omotoso, *Water Use in Bitumen Production: Tailings Management in Surface Mined Oilsands*, 2008.

<sup>12</sup> Alberta Environment. *Water Diversion by Oilsands Mining Projects in 2007*.

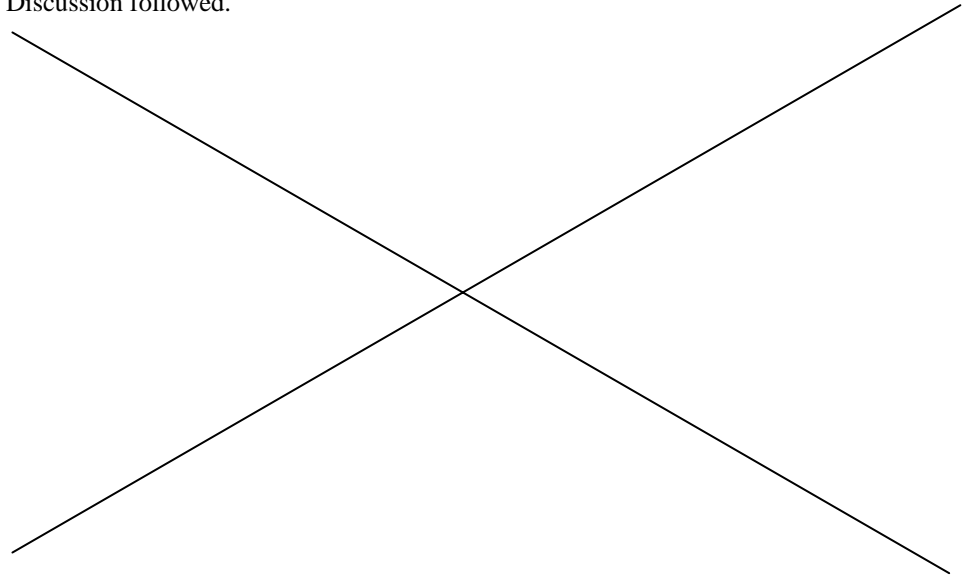
from the ponds each day.<sup>13</sup> There have been documented increases in toxins such as naphthenic acids, mercury and arsenic in the Athabasca River and the river delta downstream from the tar sands.<sup>14</sup>

Impacts on Human Health and Indigenous Rights:

In the First Nations community of Fort Chipewyan, located downstream of the tar sands on the Athabasca River, the incidence of cancer is about 30% higher than the provincial average.<sup>15</sup> Simon Reece, Downstream Coordinator for the Keepers of the Athabasca, reflects that “When settlers first came here they pushed us all onto little tracts of reserve land. Now our reserve lands are getting smaller and smaller because there’s industry surrounding all of our reserves, and there’s nowhere for our people to go.” Inhabitants of Fort Chipewyan are engaged in legal and public information campaigns calling for a moratorium on tar sands development.

Tar sands tenures are granted without consultation with First Nations on whose lands they are located. Three lawsuits launched by First Nations affected by tar sands development allege that First Nations were not consulted properly before tar sands tenures were granted. The Beaver Lake Cree Nation is taking the Alberta and Canadian governments to court over 16,000 infringements of their treaty rights and to protect against environmental damages.

Discussion followed.



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<sup>13</sup> *11 Million Litres a Day: The Tar Sands Leaking Legacy* by M. Price; and *Environmental and Health Impacts of Canada’s Oil Sands Industry* by Royal Society of Canada.

<sup>14</sup> Erin N. Kelly, David W., Schindler, Peter V. Hodson, Jeffrey W. Short, Roseanna Radmanovich and Charlene C. Nielsen. *Oilsands development contributes elements toxic at low concentrations to the Athabasca River and its tributaries*, 2010.

<sup>15</sup> Yiqun Chen, Alberta Cancer Board 2009. *Cancer incidence in Fort Chipewyan, Alberta 1995-2006*.

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Mary-Beth Moriarity /Mary-Lou Harley moved that Maritime Conference

(A) urge the federal and Alberta governments to reject new applications that would expand the Alberta tar sands mines until the following conditions are met:

- (a) there is adequately-funded, scientifically-reviewed monitoring of the industry's impact on the water, ecosystems and human health; and
- (b) the environmental, social and health impacts are addressed; and
- (c) the rights of Indigenous People affected by the area of impact from the tar sands developments are respected and specifically addressed, including their treaty rights and the right to free, prior and informed consent; and

(B) implore the federal government to develop a clean and sustainable national energy strategy based on:

- (a) conservation, efficiency and renewable energy; and
- (b) principles of ecological sustainability and Indigenous Rights;

by:

1. writing letters to this effect to the Prime Minister, the Minister of the Environment, the Minister of Energy, the Minister of Natural Resources, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, related party critics, the Premier of Alberta, leaders of the Federal political parties, and leaders of the Alberta political parties;
2. issuing media releases stating these positions and actions;
3. supporting the development of an educational resource developed by the Conference Church in Action Committee; and
4. distributing to presbyteries and congregations this resource, the letters and press releases to raise awareness and to invite them to study theological, ethical and environmental issues that are the basis for these actions.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Proposal 2**

**Title:** Funding for Hospital Chaplaincies after 2011

**Originating Body:** Halifax Presbytery

**Proposal:** That Maritime Conference

1. Revoke the decision to end Hospital Chaplaincy in Halifax/Saint John in December 2011;
2. Fund the two Hospital Chaplaincy positions through increased allocations.

### **Background:**

The work of United Church Chaplaincy is a vital ministry within Maritime Conference and the decision of Maritime Conference Executive to suspend funding for this ministry

after 2011 at the Saint John Regional Hospital and at the Capital Health District in Halifax was received with deep sadness and a sense of profound loss.

The decision raises the same serious issues this year as it did last year, namely –

1. The absence of United Church chaplains in the regional hospitals will have a significant impact on our ability as a church to fulfill our duty of care *when it is most necessary*: when members of congregations in outlying areas experience a health crisis serious enough to warrant a transfer to Halifax/Saint John.

If clergy in outlying areas of the province, and in other provinces, will no longer be able to call upon a United Church chaplain to provide care, their only alternative will be to call on the local clergy in the urban centres, forcing a much-increased responsibility for care on these few clergy and their congregations. This is an unreasonable expectation.

2. The end of United Church chaplaincies in the regional hospitals will reduce the quality of spiritual care that United Church patients receive in hospital.

While all clergy are called and trained to offer pastoral care, including pastoral care in hospital, not all clergy have the particular gifts, skills, and training required of chaplains. Chaplaincy is a specialized ministry of pastoral care in crisis with patients with whom there is no prior relationship. If crisis care in the regional hospital is undertaken only by local clergy and/or volunteers, therefore, it will not be possible to ensure an appropriate quality of care.

3. Ceasing to fund United Church chaplaincies in the regional hospitals compromises the church's capacity to participate in – and advocate for – Spiritual Care as a crucial element of professional Health Care.

The United Church has expended about 60 years of effort in establishing and ensuring a high level of professional spiritual care of the sick and dying. Professionally trained chaplains who work within the hospital system (even when paid by the Church) have a credible and trusted role to play within the hospital. They are treated as members of the health care team in ways that those who visit from outside the hospital can never achieve. They have access to information sharing and can work with the Coordinator of Spiritual Care on the hospital staff, again in ways which it is difficult for community clergy to access. Removing these chaplaincies from regional hospitals sends a clear and negative message that the Church no longer considers the professional spiritual care *it spent so long developing* a crucial and worthwhile component of health care. In addition, this action *has the potential* to cede the ministry of professional spiritual care to religious organizations more focussed on proselytizing to the vulnerable.

It was the seriousness of these concerns that led to the approval of Proposal 5 and the Annual Meeting, 2010, in which Conference directed the Executive to explore alternate funding possibilities for the continuation of Hospital Chaplaincy in the regional hospitals (Halifax/Saint John).

However, at its meeting of February 11, 2011, Conference Executive indicated that no further funding possibilities would be entertained, and that Hospital Chaplaincy would cease being funded at the end of 2011.

The precipitous conclusion of this conversation provokes additional concerns, namely –

1. In making this decision on the Conference's behalf without allowing us to hear or assess the alternate funding possibilities suggested, the Executive has acted with little regard for the Conference's clearly articulated commitment to finding a way for Hospital Chaplaincy at Halifax/Saint John to continue. This was an inappropriate use of power of the Executive to make decisions on our behalf.
2. The unilateral decision of the Executive to prohibit Conference-wide fundraising to support Hospital Chaplaincy, in favour of limiting this fundraising to support the building of a new archives and office for the Conference, suggests an ecclesiology *significantly* at odds with that articulated by the Conference. This was an inappropriate use of the power of the Executive to make decisions on our behalf.

We are aware that the decision to suspend our hospital chaplaincies in Halifax/Saint John was made in response to financial pressures. Our concerns outlined above, however, are serious. If we claim as a church to care about the sick and dying, to care more for people than for buildings, and to believe that patients should receive the very best care possible, we cannot allow this decision to stand.

Discussion followed.

Mary-Beth Moriarity / Ewen Moase moved that Maritime Conference take no action on Proposal 2, Funding for Hospital Chaplaincies after 2011.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### Proposal 3

**Title:** Restore Funding for Hospital Chaplaincies beginning January 01, 2012

**Originating Body:** South Shore Presbytery Executive

**Proposal** That Maritime Conference restore the funding for United Church Hospital Chaplaincy in Saint John NB (one full-time position) and Halifax NS (two full-time positions) beginning January 01, 2012 with a portion of the cost being supported through a Mission Support Grant, if available, and that the balance be distributed to Pastoral Charges within Maritime Conference through the current allocation formula.

## **Background**

The work of United Church Hospital Chaplaincy is a vital ministry within Maritime Conference and the decision of Maritime Conference Executive to suspend funding for this ministry after 2011 at the Saint John Regional Hospital and at the Capital Health District in Halifax was received with deep sadness and a sense of profound loss.

With a congregational base that is rooted within a rural or small town context and limited access to critical health care professionals there is a requirement that many from our communities must travel to larger cities for urgent and necessary health issues. This need to be hospitalized in distant hospitals removes our members from their home environments, their families, their support networks and their faith communities. The availability for spiritual care by their resident ministry personnel in times of grave illnesses is lessened due to the distance in which ministry personnel must travel to visit members in hospitals. We acknowledge that the return to restored health depends on many factors it is our belief that spiritual care is an important component in this journey of recovery.

The decision to suspend the funding to support the ministry of Hospital Chaplaincy at the hospitals in Saint John and Halifax reduces the accessibility of trained and familiar individuals to offer spiritual care at a time when it is most needed, particularly in emergencies.

In his Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25), Jesus inspired his followers to use their gifts wisely and carefully as well as to be good stewards of the gifts offered by God. With the ministry of Hospital Chaplaincy no longer to be receiving funding after 2011 ministry personnel would be required to travel as much as 5 hours to offer care to their members in distant hospitals thereby removing them from their communities and from other duties of ministry. Is this the best use of our resources? The increased cost for Pastoral Charges for travel would significantly increase thereby placing a greater strain on the financial resources of our faith communities, resources that could be administered in other beneficial ways. There would also be an increased strain on creation due to emissions emitted from vehicles necessary for travel.

The suspension of funding for United Church Hospital Chaplaincy is a loss for everyone. This ministry is vital and important. We view ourselves as partners in this ministry with all other pastoral charges within Maritime Conference. We also view ourselves as partners in creating a solution to re-instating the funding.

Discussion followed.

Mary Beth / Helga Mills That Maritime Conference restore the funding for United Church Hospital Chaplaincy in Saint John NB (0.5 full-time position) and Halifax NS (1.5 full-time positions) beginning January 01, 2012 ~~with a portion of the cost being supported through a Mission Support Grant, if available,~~ and that the balance be distributed to Pastoral Charges within Maritime Conference through the current allocation formula. That the proportional sharing be reviewed annually by the Executive.

Joanne McFadden / Jennifer Power moved the removal of “with a portion of the cost being supported-through a Mission Support Grant, if available,” and replacing it with “supported by 1/3 of the Mission Support Grant”

**AMENDMENT DEFEATED**

David Hewitt / Stephen Mills moved that this proposal be postponed definitely to later in the agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED**

***President-Designate:***

The Executive Secretary announced that Rev. Phillip Kennedy was elected as president-designated.

David Hewitt / Bob Johnson moved that the President-Designate ballots be destroyed.

**CARRIED**

***Budget:***

Dean Lawrence, chair, Finance and Property Unit, presented the Financial Statements found on pages 40 – 59 of Section 1, Reports to Conference.

Dean Lawrence / Pauline Walker moved that we adopt the financial statements as printed in the booklet.

**CARRIED**

Dean Lawrence presented the proposed Conference Budget for 2012 (pages 27 – 31 in Section 1, Reports to Conference). He noted that total expenses recommended are \$30,000 less than they should be so the total for that line should be \$1,130,625; and Excess of Revenue over Expenses is (\$79,169).

Dean Lawrence / Pauline Walker moved that the proposed operating budget for the year 2012, with expenditures of \$1,130,625 and with revenues other than Allocations of \$405,955 (subject to the final determination of the grant from The United Church of Canada) be approved.

**CARRIED**

Discussion followed.

Steve Berubé / Phil Griffin-Alwood moved that we table the budget.

**MOTION CARRIED**

***Introduction of Retirees:***

Rev. Bob Johnson, Past-President, introduced those members of the Conference who are retiring: Robert G. Campbell, Brian DeLong, Robert L. Johnson, Keith L. Lyons, Karen A. Lynch, Roger K. Moore, Linda Reid, Jim Shaffner, and Blair C. Whyte.

***Introduction of Jubilarians:***

Rev. Bob Johnson, Past-President, introduced those Jubilarians marking anniversaries of 50 years and above:

50 Years – Carman G. Burns, G. Boyd Butt, David H. Hamilton, L. Avery Kempton, David S. MacDonald, Neil F. MacDonald, Ian F. MacLean, Kenley M. MacNeill, S. Elroy McKillop, H. Martin Rumscheidt, Robert M. Shaw

55 Years – Waldo G. C. Elliott, Earle G. Leslie, James A. MacDonald, Douglas I. MacEachern, Robert H. Mills, George A. Mossman, Donald F. Murray, Lester M. Settle

60 Years – Nathan H. Mair, Edward P. Thompson

65 Years – G. Earl Leard

70 Years – W. Lawrence Randall

***Conference Accommodations Committee:***

Dean Lawrence, Chair, Conference Accommodations Committee, shared financial information with regards to the new building. The new structure will cost \$2.9 million with mortgage of \$1.9 million at 6.5% interest amortized over 25 years with a 10 year term. The monthly payment will be approximately \$12,830. It was noted that Gerilyn Enterprises, Gerry and Linda Moore, will be holding the mortgage. The Executive Secretary noted that there is a financial campaign that will begin shortly. Discussion followed.

***Announcements:***

The Executive Secretary gave announcements.

***Recess:***

The meeting was recessed for supper following a blessing by Michael Blair.

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Ruth Gamble, President

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David Hewitt, Executive Secretary

**FOURTH SESSION – FRIDAY EVENING  
May 27, 2011**

***Gathering and Welcome:***

The 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference fourth session formed at 6:45pm.

***Agenda:***

Following discussion, it was agreed that we leave the agenda as is and go back to unfinished business at the end of the agenda, 8:40 pm.

***Tompkinsville Reading:***

Jay Brown and Jim MacDonald introduced the stage reading of the play “Tompkinsville” by Lindsay Kyte. The play focuses on community and corporation.

“Tompkinsville” first reading was preformed.

Lindsay Kyte addressed the court.

Lindsay presented the question for Saturday mornings Open Space Technology, What is your story of Church in community?

Mark Hatfield thanked the cast for their presentation. Jim MacDonald and Jay Brown presented the cast with tokens of appreciation. Mark addressed the court regarding the play and the language used in it.

***Open Space Technology:***

Donna Clarke and Michelle Cooper, of Courage Group International, addressed the court. Encouraged the court to have conversations this evening thinking about the theme for our Open Space Technology: Making a difference in our communities: What new possibilities and bold actions is God calling us to step into? What really matters?

***Announcements:***

The Executive Secretary gave announcements.

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Ruth Gamble, President

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David Hewitt, Executive Secretary

**FIFTH SESSION – SATURDAY MORNING  
May 28, 2011**

***Gathering and Worship:***

Lloyd MacLean and the music team led the court in singing as people arrived for the day.

The Christ candle was lit. The service of worship was led by the Worship Planning team Rev. Jane Johnson, Rev. Kelly Burke and joined by Rev. Matt Fillier, Rev. Valerie Kennedy and Rev. Michael Blair. The theme song *From Now On* was sung.

The President welcomed everyone back to the fifth session of the 86<sup>th</sup> annual meeting.

***Open Space Technology:***

Mark Hatfield discussed the process for Open Space Technology. For the experience there are three givens, (1) if the project that you are focused on can be done without additional funds or approval, do it now; (2) if your project runs into a road block you can contact one of the following individuals who have volunteered to assist you in getting around roadblocks within the next nine months, and they would be Jane Johnson, Jay Brown, Joy Noble and Heather Maclean; and (3) as a group this afternoon we will identify some priorities.

Donna Clarke and Michelle Cooper, of Courage Group International, addressed the court with the process for the Open Space Technology for the day. Individuals were encouraged to write down their topic and take it to the agenda wall so individuals can choose the conversations they want to participate in.

***Blessing:***

The meeting was recessed for lunch following a blessing by Robert Lockhart.

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Ruth Gamble, President

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David Hewitt, Executive Secretary

**FIFTH SESSION – SATURDAY AFTERNOON**  
**May 28, 2011**

***Open Space Technology(OST):***

Michelle Cooper welcomed the delegates back and introduced the process for the afternoons OST.

Following the OST Donna Clark addressed the delegates and asked them to reflect on what they learnt about leadership in their organization today? What did you learn over the last few hours about the vision that is being held within this community that wants to emerge for the future. Were there any observations or insights around the community? What did you learn about management today?

The afternoon closed with the Open Space Technology holding a closing circle with all delegates able to share their thoughts.

Mark Hatfield offered prayer.

***Announcements:***

The Executive Secretary gave announcements.

***Closing:***

Jim MacDonald thanked Donna Clark and Michelle Cooper for the work they did with regards to the Open Space Technology and presented them flowers on behalf of Conference.

“Go Make a Difference” was sung.

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Ruth Gamble, President

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David Hewitt, Executive Secretary

**SIXTH SESSION – SATURDAY EVENING**  
**May 28, 2011**

***Gathering and Worship:***

The delegates were greeted by a performance by *The Message*. The President welcomed everyone back to the sixth session that reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

***Truth and Reconciliation Commission Update:***

The President introduced David MacDonald, General Council Advisor on Residential Schools. Mr. MacDonald addressed the court regarding Aboriginal healing, understanding the legacy of aboriginal residential schools. The Truth and Reconciliation Committee held a meeting last year to meeting to discuss the legacy through lenses of Canada today. The first National event in the Maritimes will take place in Halifax, NS on October 26-29, 2011. This is an exciting opportunity for us to close the gap between us and our closest neighbours – he hopes that members of Conference, including the youth, will attend this four day event.

May 28, 2011

Sackville, NB

**Worship:**

Worship was led by Youth Forum, along with the *The Message. Voices United* #400, “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” was sung. Youth Forum shared their Creed and thoughts on “Where are we going?”.

Youth Forum and Intermediates origami made paper hearts for all the delegates and asked that delegates open the hearts, write a prayer on the inside, fold it back up and they will be collected to be placed around the arena on the glass for Sunday Worship.

The Message closed with the signing of *More Voices* #220 “Hope Shines as a Solitary Star”.

Happy Birthday wishes were extended to the President-Elect, Rev. Jane Johnson.

***Intermediates at Conference (IaC):***

Terry Burry, IaC Chaplain, addressed why the IaC left the play reading last evening.

*The Message* joined IaC to sing *More Voices* #1 “Let us Build a House”. During the hymn the IaC presented artistic offering. Following they read from the Book of Jeremiah, chapter 1 vs. 4-10.

The President thanked the IaC for sharing their gifts with us.

The Executive Secretary thanked the leadership teams of both Youth Forum and Intermediates at Conference.

***President-Elect:***

Rev. Donna Tourneur invited Rev. Phillip Kennedy, President-Designate, to address the court.

***Canadian Bible Society:***

Rev. Brian DeLong presented Rev. Jane Johnson with a Bible on behalf of the Canadian Bible Society.

***Announcements:***

The Executive Secretary made a brief announcement.

***Unfinished Business:******Proposals:***

The Proposals Committee returned to continue with the consideration of Proposal #3.

**Proposal 4**

The Executive Secretary noted that the Proposals Committee met and recommended that proposal #4 go to the Executive for consideration. Agreed.

**Agenda:**

Steve Beurbé / Bill Thomas moved that we extend the time for unfinished business to 9 pm, the scheduled order of the day, and that the time be extended until 9:30 pm without further motion, additionally that the time to adjourn be extended beyond 9:30 pm should that be the will of the court.

**CARRIED**

**Proposals:**

**Proposal 3**

**Title: Restore Funding for Hospital  
Chaplaincies beginning  
January 01, 2012**

It was **agreed** to move to parliamentary procedure.

David Hewitt / Joanne McFadden moved that Maritime Conference restore the funding for United Church Hospital Chaplaincy in Saint John NB (4 0.5 full-time position) and Halifax NS (2 1.5 full-time positions) beginning January 01, 2012, with a portion of the cost being supported through a Mission Support Grant, if available, and that the balance be distributed to Pastoral Charges within Maritime Conference through the current allocation formula.. That the proportional sharing be reviewed annually by the Executive.

Alan Schooley / Jim MacKenzie moved an amendment to change Halifax from 2 full-time positions to 1.5 and in Saint John from 1 to 0.5, supported through 1/3 Mission and Support Grant funds and the remaining through increased allocations to 2014.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

David Hewitt / Joanne McFadden moved that Maritime Conference restore the funding for United Church Hospital Chaplaincy in Saint John NB (4 0.5 full-time position) and Halifax NS (2 1.5 full-time positions) beginning January 01, 2012, with a portion 1/3 of the cost being supported through a Mission Support Grant, if available, and that the balance be distributed to Pastoral Charges within Maritime Conference through the current allocation formula to 2014. That the proportional sharing be reviewed annually by the Executive.

**Agenda:**

Beth Johnson / Jack Spencer moved that we extend the agenda to 10:00 pm.

**CARRIED**

### Proposal 3

**Title: Restore Funding for Hospital  
Chaplaincies beginning  
January 01, 2012**

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Alan Schooley / Jim MacKenzie moved an amendment to change Halifax from 2 full-time positions to 1.5 and in Saint John from 1 to 0.5.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

Alan Schooley / Jim MacKenzie moved that the Hospital Chaplain positions be supported through 1/3 Mission and Support Grant funds and the remaining through increased allocations to 2014.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

Debbie Aitken / Andrew Richardson moved that the motion as a whole be referred to the Executive.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

David Hewitt / Joanne McFadden moved that Maritime Conference restore the funding for United Church Hospital Chaplaincy in Saint John NB (0.5 full-time position) and Halifax NS (1.5 full-time positions) beginning January 01, 2012, with 1/3 of the cost being supported through a Mission Support Grant, if available, and that the balance be distributed to Pastoral Charges within Maritime Conference through the current allocation formula to 2014.. That the proportional sharing be reviewed annually by the Executive.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

#### **Agenda:**

Betsy Hogan / Stephen Mills moved that we extend the agenda to 15 minutes to 10:15pm.

**CARRIED**

#### **Budget:**

Donna Tournier / Brett Anningson moved that refer the 2012 budget to the Executive.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

Dean Lawrence, chair, Finance and property discussed the financial information with regards to our new facilities. This information is currently with the lawyers. The

information has been reported to the Executive and Sub-Executive at every meeting for the last year. The Conference Accommodations committee is working on behalf of the Conference.

***Agenda:***

Rob Campbell / Diane Rowe moved that we extend the agenda to 15 minutes to 10:30pm.

**CARRIED**

***Budget:***

Discussion continued with regards to the budget and proposed new building.

***Agenda:***

Diane Rowe/ Janice Harvey moved that we extend the agenda to 15 minutes to 10:45pm.

**CARRIED**

***Budget:***

The Executive Secretary reviewed past actions with regards to Archives and our current building, proposed construction. Kevin Dingwell, Conference Accommodations Committee member, addressed the court with regards to the agreement with Kingsway Development.

***Agenda:***

Phillip Kennedy / Vince Galbraith moved that we extend the agenda to 15 minutes to 11pm.

**CARRIED**

***Budget:***

Discussion continued with regards to the budget and proposed new building.

***Point of Privilege:***

Rev. Jane Johnson read from the book of Jeremiah.

***Budget:***

Dean Lawrence / Pauline Walker moved that allocations for 2012 to presbyteries/pastoral charges totaling \$645,501 (subject to the final determination of the amount of the grant from The United Church of Canada) be approved, and the Treasurer be authorized to strike the allocations according to the formula established in previous years. This represents a one percent (1%) increase.

**CARRIED**

Dean Lawrence / Pauline Walker moved that the proposed capital expenditure for 2012 budget of \$1,500 be approved.

**CARRIED**

Dean Lawrence / Pauline Walker moved that Grant Thornton, CA, Moncton, NB be re-appointed as auditors of the Maritime Conference Fund for the year ending December 31, 2011.

**CARRIED**

Dean Lawrence / Pauline Walker moved to adopt the full report of the finance committee as a whole.

**CARRIED**

***Announcements:***

Donna Tourneur gave announcements.

***Courtesies:***

Donna Tourneur, convenor, Annual Meeting Planning Committee, gave courtesies for this Conference Annual Meeting.

***Point of Order:***

Steve Beurbé called a point of order with regards to the budget and the proposed building. The Executive Secretary thanked him for his comments.

***Closing Motions:***

David Hewitt / Bob Johnson that regrets received and requests to leave early be recorded in minutes.

**MOTION CARRIED**

***Requests to Leave Early:***

It was agreed that those who requested permission to leave early be listed in the minutes.

Rev. Beverly Daley (Woolastook), Emily Dixon (Chignecto), Rev. Scott Hillier (Saint John), Wayne Jarvis (Chignecto), Rev. Christine Johnson (Valley), Rev. Claudia Keller (Chignecto), Bruce MacCharles (Halifax), Rev. Karen MacLeod-Wilkie (PEI), Ruth Matheson (Truro), Rev. Mary Beth Moriarity (Pictou), Iva Rayworth (Chignecto), Keith Selwyn-Smith (Chignecto), Rev. Dr. James Shaffner (Pictou), Rev. Barbara Wagner (PEI), Rev. Jim Webber-Cook (Pictou)

***Regrets:***

**Regrets were received from the following members of the Order of Ministry:**

Amos Adeniyi (Woolastook), Jane Aikman (Chignecto), Morris Barss (Truro), Doreen Bird-Daley (Saint John), Chesley Boutilier (PEI), Frank Carey (Valley), Robert Crooks (Truro), Betty Darby (Truro), Eric G. Fullerton (PEI), Harold Kingston (Woolastook), Steven Longmoore (Woolastook), Charlene Maguire MacKnight (Miramichi), Jim Martell (Halifax), Bessie Minty (Woolastook), Brian D. MacDonald (Woolastook), Joan MacDonald (Valley), R. Marilyn MacDonald (Truro), Norman MacDougall (PEI), David MacLachlan (Halifax), Diane MacVicar (Halifax), Len Mills (Saint John), Wayne Mitton (Valley), Gordon Murray (Halifax), Karen Ralph (Valley), Margaret Sagar (Halifax), Jackie Saunders (Woolastook), Sally Shaw (Halifax), Gay Smith (Miramichi), Gordon K. Stewart (Halifax), Martin Rumscheidt (Halifax), and Boyd Vincent (Woolastook).

**Regrets were received from the following lay delegates to conference:**

Bill Acorn (PEI), Leslie Anthony (Saint John), Winnie Bates (Woolastook), Velma Boss (Saint John), Marg Brogan (Woolastook), Marjorie Caldwell (St. Croix), Faye Campbell (Woolastook), Myrtle Campbell (Woolastook), Helen Craig (Woolastook), Lola

Crawford (Woolastook), Craig Dickson (Chignecto), Marilyn Dyer (Bermuda), Dianne Etter (Woolastook), Jill Ferguson (Valley), Gail Gordon (Valley), Barbara Greenlaw (St. Croix), Roselyn Green (Woolastook), Carl Grierson (Woolastook), Vivian Kierstead (Miramichi), Doreen Kissick (Woolastook), Marjory Landry (Chignecto), Marjorie Linton (St. Croix), Marguerite McAlpine (Woolastook), Kathryn MacCuish (Sydney) John MacKnight (Miramichi), Bill MacLeod (Woolastook), Graham Powell (Woolastook), Delena Powell-Bujold (Miramichi), Grace Stone (Woolastook), Jim St. Clair (Inv/Guysborough), David Thorne (Woolastook), Dorothy Walls (Woolastook), Dorothy Webster (Woolastook), Elaine White (Woolastook), and Nellie Wilson (Woolastook).

David Hewitt / Stephen Mills moved that the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Maritime Conference be in Sackville, New Brunswick May 31-June 3, 2012.

**MOTION CARRIED**

David Hewitt / Stephen Mills moved that the 86th Annual Meeting of the Maritime Conference designate to the Executive power to act for the Conference in all matters except those excluded by the Manual and the adoption of the 2013 operating budget for the Maritime Conference Fund for the period following the benediction concluding the Service of Praise and Celebration of Ministry May 29, 2011 until the Constitution of the annual meeting 2012.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Steve Beurbé / Russ Daye moved the amendment, adding “with the exception of major capital expenditures on a new building” following Maritime Conference Fund.

**AMENDMENT DEFEATED**

David Hewitt / Beth Johnson moved powers to the Executive.

***Evening Prayer and Recess:***

The President closed the meeting in prayer.

The President’s Reception was held in the upper floor of the Civic Centre.

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Ruth Gamble, President

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David Hewitt, Executive Secretary

**EIGHTH SESSION – SUNDAY MORNING  
May 29, 2011**

**Service of Worship and Holy Communion, Celebration of Ministry *Reconvene:***

The members of the Conference gathered in the Tantramar Veterans Memorial Civic Centre, Sackville, New Brunswick, for the purpose of praise and celebration of ministry at 10:00 a.m., May 29, 2011.

***Worship:***

Worship was led by Ms. Ruth Gamble, President.

***Ordination:***

The Executive Secretary, Mr. David Hewitt, presented the following persons for ordination to the ordained ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care of The United Church of Canada: Sarah Rose Chapman, Alison Louise Etter, Bonnie Ann Fraser, Lena Medeiros, Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles, and Mary Josephine White.

The President conducted the Ordination Service and was assisted by the Executive Secretary, the General Council representative and representatives from the Presbytery, Pastoral Charge, and family of the ordinands in the laying on of hands and presentation of the stole. The President presented a Bible and parchment to each of the ordinands.

***Sacrament of Communion:***

The President, assisted by the Executive Secretary, the Ordinands, and others conducted a service of Holy Communion.

***Installation of President:***

Rev. Jane Johnson, President-Elect, was installed as President of the 87<sup>th</sup> Maritime Conference by Ms. Ruth Gamble, President, and presented with the symbols of that office, including the Conference Bible, the President's stole, cane and gavel.

***Appreciation:***

The newly installed President expressed thanks to the Conference for the privilege of serving and excitement in assuming the office. She then presented Ms. Ruth Gamble with a Past-President's stole.

***Close of Conference:***

The new President then declared the Eighty-Sixth Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference officially closed with the pronouncing of the Benediction, with the members to meet again in 2012 in Sackville, New Brunswick.

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Ruth Gamble, President

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David Hewitt, Executive Secretary

**APPENDIX A**

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
MARITIME CONFERENCE  
SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE  
2011 REPORT**

**LEGEND:**

Time to Call = Search in Process

Call Pending = Call to take effect after July 1, 2011

Presbytery Supply

**A. REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL TRANSFER COMMITTEE**

**Maritime Conference Candidates  
 for Ordained and Diaconal Ministry  
 Subject to Transfer**

**Assigned C**

Sheffield-Bowles, Lori Beth .....  
 White, Mary J.....

**Maritime Conference Candidates meeting Settlement Requirements  
 through Provisional Call or Appointment within Maritime Conference**

Etter, Alison  
 Fraser, Bonnie A.  
 Medeiros, Helena

**Maritime Conference Candidate meeting Settlement Requirement  
 through Provisional Call or Appointment within Toronto Conference, Transfer Pending**

Chapman, Sarah R.

**TRANSFERS COMPLETED MAY 13, 2010 TO MAY 10, 2011**

**Transferred into Maritime Conference:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>	<u>From: Presbytery/Conference</u>	<u>To: Presbytery/Conference</u>
Aitken, Debbie A.	Oct 12/10	Ottawa/M&O	Halifax/MAR
Bragan, James	May 10/11	Prince Rupert/BC	South Shore/MAR
Davis, S. Allison	Nov 29/10	Renfrew/BQ	Halifax/MAR
Dawson, W. Martin	Jan 31/11	Bruce/HAM	PEI/MAR
Gaskin, Rose-Hannah	Jul 31/10	Vancouver South/BC	Woolastook/MAR
Gibbons, R. Kent	Jan 25/11	Cambrian/MNWO	Miramichi/MAR
MacLeod, Christine	Dec 9/10	Quebec-Sherbrooke/M&O	Chignecto/MAR
Nesbitt, Brenda J.	Sep 7/10	Cobourg/BQ	Valley/MAR
Strawbridge, Elaine F.	Sep 7/10	Northern Waters/TOR	Woolastook/MAR
Van Heuvelen, Mary Anne	Jul 31/10	Belleville/BQ	Halifax/MAR
Whyte, Blair C.	Jul 30/07	Red Deer/ANW	Miramichi/MAR
Wright, Donald A.	Oct 12/10	Renfrew/BQ	Halifax/MAR

**Transferred out of Maritime Conference:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>	<u>From: Presbytery/Conference</u>	<u>To: Presbytery/Conference</u>
Bell, Pauline A.	May 26/11	St. Croix/MAR	Coronation/ANW
Conrad, Joan Y.	Nov 24/10	Truro/MAR	East District/NFLB
Feenstra, George	Dec 8/10	Woolastook/MAR	Kamloops-Okanagan/BC
Klotz, Earl S.	Jan 25/11	Halifax/MAR	Assinboine/MNWO
Levan, Christopher V.	Sep 14/10	Woolastook/MAR	Toronto Southeast/TOR
Lovelace, Donna	Jan 21/11	Halifax/MAR	East District/NFLB
Patterson, William H.	Oct 12/10	Woolastook/MAR	Renfrew/BQ

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**Transfers applied for and not yet complete:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>From: Presbytery/Conference</u>	<u>To: Presbytery/Conference</u>
Biggar, Robert C.	Living Waters/TOR	Sydney/MAR
Butt, Pix	Montreal/M&O	Valley/MAR
Hemming, Heather A.	Wascana/SK	Halifax/MAR
Krommenhoek, Cora	Living Waters/TOR	Woolastook/MAR
Landry, Heather	Pictou/MAR	Cambrian/MNWO
Lawrence, Donna J.	East District/NFLB	Truro/MAR
LeGrow, G.L. Sheldon	Inv-Guys/MAR	West District District/NFLB
MacDougall, Heather A.	Montreal/M&O	Valley/MAR
Paterson, Susan	PEI/MAR	Kingston/BQ

**B. PASTORAL CHARGES****BERMUDA SYNOD**

Emmanuel (1/2 Time).....Presbytery Supply  
 Grace Circuit.....Presbytery Supply

**CHIGNECTO PRESBYTERY**

Alma/Albert (Full Time) .....Presbytery Supply  
 Baie Verte/Port Elgin/Tidnish Bridge (1/2 Time)..... Presbytery supply  
 Bayfield/Little Shemogue (Full Time).....(DLM Recognized - Presbytery Supply) William Drysdale  
 Cumberland (1/2 Time)..... Christine MacLeod (June 1/10)  
 Dorchester United Church (Part Time) ..... Presbytery Supply  
 Hillsborough (1/2 Time) ..... Presbytery Supply  
 Jolicure (Part Time) ..... Presbytery Supply  
 Lakeville-St. David's (3/10 Time) ..... Presbytery Supply  
 Mapleton (Part Time)..... Presbytery Supply  
 McCully (3/10 Time) ..... (United Supply) Lloyd A. Bruce  
 McKee's Mills (3/10 Time) ..... (United Supply) Claudia Keller  
 Moncton: Vision United (Full Time) ..... Time to Call  
 Moncton: Wesley Memorial (Half Time) ..... (Retired Supply) Ronald Maund  
 Parrsboro-Port Greville-Advocate (Full Time) ....(DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Keith Selwyn-Smith  
 Petitcodiac (Full Time) ..... Time to Call  
 Riverview: St. Paul's (Full Time) ..... (Team Minister) Call Pending  
 Riverview: Trinity (1/2 Time) ..... Charlotte Youland (Jan 1/11)  
 Sackville (1/2 Time) ..... (United Supply) Catherine Gaw  
 Shediac (3/10 Time)..... Presbytery Supply  
 Springhill (1/2 Time) ..... Time to Call  
 Southampton (Part Time) ..... Presbytery Supply

**HALIFAX PRESBYTERY**

Bedford (1/2Time) .....Presbytery Supply  
 Bedford (Full Time).....Presbytery Supply  
 Bedford (1/2 Time) .....Presbytery Supply  
 Dartmouth: Grace (1/2 Time) ..... Presbytery Supply  
 Dartmouth: St. James (Full Time)..... (Retired Supply) Glenn M. MacLean  
 Dartmouth: Woodlawn (3M)(1/2 Time) ..... Presbytery Supply  
 Halifax: Bethany (3/8 Time) ..... Presbytery Supply  
 Halifax: Brunswick Street (1/3 Time) ..... Time to Call  
 Halifax: Rockingham (Full Time)..... (United Supply) Debbie A. Aitken  
 Halifax: St. Matthew's (Full Time) ..... (Intentional Interim Ministry) Presbytery Supply  
 Lawrencetown/Lake Echo (1/2 Time) ..... Presbytery Supply  
 Musquodoboit Harbour (Full Time) ..... Presbytery Supply  
 Sackville: Knox (Full Time) ..... (United Supply) I. Ross Bartlett  
 Sheet Harbour (Part Time).....(Congregationally Designated Ministry) Verna Dunlop  
 St. John's & St. Paul's (1/2 Time) ..... S. Allison Davis (Sep 7/10)  
 St. Margaret's Bay (Part Time)..... Presbytery Supply  
 Waverley (1/2 Time)..... Presbytery Supply  
 William Black (7/20 Time)..... Presbytery Supply

**INVERNESS-GUYSBOROUGH PRESBYTERY**

Baddeck (Full Time)..... (Provisional Call) Alison Etter  
 Margaree (Full Time)..... (DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Norma Mills  
 Middle River/Baddeck Forks..... Supplied from Baddeck  
 Port Hastings (1/3 Time)..... Supplied from Port Hawkesbury  
 Port Hawkesbury (2/3 Time)..... Call Pending  
 River and Lakeside (1/2 Time).....(Student Supply) Karen Ross  
  
 Saint John’s (Full Time) .....(DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Margaret A. Plant  
 West Bay (Full Time) ..... Time to Call

**MIRAMICHI PRESBYTERY**

Blackville (Full Time).....Presbytery Supply  
 Dalhousie/New Mills (Full Time)..... (DM) R. Kent Gibbons (Sep 1/10)  
 Gaspé/Cap-aux-Os (Part Time)..... (Shared Ministry - Anglican) Frances Aird  
 Loggieville/Black River (Full Time) ..... (DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Penny Postlethwaite  
 Miscou (Part Time)..... Presbytery Supply  
 New Bandon (Full Time)..... (DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Kathryn McIntosh  
 New Carlisle (1/10 Time).....Supplied by New Richmond  
 New Richmond (9/10 Time) ..... Time to Call  
 Red Bank (Full Time) ..... Time to Call  
 Tabusintac (Full Time) .....Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles (Jul 1/11)  
 Upsalquitch (Part Time)..... Presbytery Supply

**PICTOU PRESBYTERY**

Forbes Memorial (Half Time)..... Meredith J. Marple (Jul 1/11)  
 Hopewell/Erueka/East River (1/2 Time) .....(Candidate Supply) Bonnie A. Fraser  
 New Glasgow (1/2 Time)..... Presbytery Supply  
 Saltsprings/Lyon’s Brook/Scotsburn (Full Time)..... Sheila Redden-Smith (Dec 1/10)  
 St. Mary’s (Part Time)..... Presbytery Supply  
 Trenton (Full Time) ..... (Intentional Interim Ministry) Kenneth MacLeod

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND PRESBYTERY**

Alberton/Elmsdale (Full Time) ..... Presbytery Supply  
 Cavendish/Breadalbane (3/4 Time) ..... Presbytery Supply  
 Charlottetown:Park Royal (1/2 Time)..... (Student Supply) Barbara J. Cairns  
 Charlottetown: Spring Park (Full Time) ..... Time to Call  
 Charlottetown: Spring Park (1/2 Time) ..... Call Pending  
 Montague (Full Time)..... W. Martin Dawson (Nov 14/10)  
 Memorial (Full Time) .....(Student Supply) Keith Gale  
 O’Leary/West Cape (Half Time) ..... Presbytery Supply  
 St. David’s, Georgetown (Part Time) ..... Presbytery Supply  
 Summerside: Trinity (Part Time)..... Presbytery Supply  
 Vernon Bridge (Full Time) ..... Presbytery Supply  
 Wellington (1/2 Time) .....(Student Supply) Gerald Blaquiery

**SAINT JOHN PRESBYTERY**

Apohaqui/Norton/Kings Kirk (1/2 Time) ..... Time to Call  
 Hampton (Full Time) ..... Time to Call  
 Lorneville/South Bay/St. Giles (1/2 Time)..... Presbytery Supply  
 Millstream (Full Time) ..... Presbytery Supply  
 Rothesay (26.5 hrs/wk) ..... (DLM Staff Associate – Presbytery Supply) Alicia Walls  
 Saint John: Carleton/Kirk (Full Time)..... Presbytery Supply  
 Saint John: Glen View United Church (Full Time) ..... (Intentional Interim Ministry) Kathleen Zwicker  
 Saint John: Park Avenue (Full Time) ..... Presbytery Supply  
 St. Martin’s (Half Time) ..... Time to Call

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**SOUTH SHORE PRESBYTERY**

Barrington (Full Time).....	(DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Simpson Rushton
Blue Rocks-Stonehurst.....	Supplied from Mahone Bay
Bridgewater (3/4 Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Brooklyn (4 hrs/wk).....	(DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Thomas Watson
Caledonia (26 hrs/wk).....	(DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Thomas Watson
Clyde/Carleton (Part Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Liverpool (Half Time).....	Time to Call
Liverpool (Half Time) .....	(Retired Supply) Neil F. MacDonald
Lockeport (14 hrs/wk).....	Time to Call
New Germany (Half Time).....	Time to Call
Petite Riviere (Full Time).....	Time to Call
Port Mouton (1/2 Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Yarmouth (Part Time).....	(Intentional Interim Ministry) James Bragan

**ST. CROIX PRESBYTERY**

Bocabec.....	Supplied by St. James
Lawrence Station (Part Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Milltown (Half Time) .....	Presbytery Supply
St. Andrew's (Full Time).....	Jane V. Doull (Sep 1/10)
St. James (Full Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Upper Mills (Part Time).....	Presbytery Supply

**SYDNEY PRESBYTERY**

Chalmers/Warden (1/2 Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Donkin/Morien/Birch Grove (1/2 Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Florence/Little Bras d'Or (Part Time) .....	Presbytery Supply
Gordon (Part Time).....	(Congregationally Designated Ministry) Martha MacDonald
North Highlands (Full Time) .....	(United Supply) Margaret Wood
St. Ann's Bay United Church (Full Time).....	(DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Dianne Kempf
St. Peter's/Grand River/Loch Lomond (1/2 Time) .....	(Student Supply) Lynn McKinnon
Waterview (Full Time).....	(DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Nancy Whitney
Westmount (Full Time) .....	(United Supply) Robert Biggar

**TRURO PRESBYTERY**

Brookfield (Full Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Coldstream (Full Time) .....	Mary J. White (Jul 1/11)
Great Village (1/2 Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Kennetcook-St. Paul's (8 hrs/wk) .....	Presbytery Supply
Maitland (8 hrs/wk).....	Presbytery Supply
Noel (Half Time) .....	Time to Call
Rawdon (3/5 Time).....	Presbytery Supply
River Philip (3/4 Time).....	(DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) K. Ruth Gamble
Salem/West New Annan (Part Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Shubenacadie (Full Time).....	(DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) M. Dale Crawford
Tatamagouche (Full Time) .....	Presbytery Supply
Truro: Bible Hill (Full Time).....	Call Pending
Truro: First (Full Time).....	Call Pending
Truro: First (1/4 Time) .....	(Retired Supply) Roger K. Moore
Upper Londonderry (3/4 Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Upper Musquodoboit .....	(Shared Ministry – Presbyterian) Michael Henderson
Upper Stewiacke (1/2 Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Wentworth (1/2 Time) .....	Time to Call

**VALLEY PRESBYTERY**

Aylesford (Full Time).....	Brenda J. Nesbitt (Jul 1/10)
Cornwallis (Kingsport) (1/2 Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Hantsport (Full Time).....	(Intentional Interim Ministry) Heather A. MacDougall
Kentville (3/8 Time).....	Presbytery Supply
New Minas (3/5 Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Rivers of Grace (3/4 Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Trinity Canard (Full Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Vaughans.....	Presbytery Supply

**WOOLASTOOK PRESBYTERY**

Canterbury-Richmond (Full Time).....	(Student Supply) Greg Williams
Doaktown (Full Time).....	Hazel J. Morris (Jul 1/10)
Edmundston (Part Time).....	(Shared Ministry - Anglican) Fran Bedell
Faith Memorial (Full Time).....	Elaine F. Strawbridge (Jul 1/10)
Fredericton: Forest Hill (Full Time).....	Alison A. Smith (Sep 7/10)
Fredericton: Gibson Memorial (Full Time).....	Call Pending
Fredericton: Marysville-Penniac (Full Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Fredericton: Nashwaaksis (Full Time).....	James D. Kennedy (May 15/11)
Fredericton: Nashwaaksis (3/4 Time).....	Mary L. Tingley (Jul 1/10)
Fredericton: St. Paul's (3/4 Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Fredericton: St. Paul's (1/4 Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Fredericton: Wilmot (Full Time).....	Rose-Hannah Gaskin (Jun 16/10)
Fredericton: Wilmot (Part Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Keswick Ridge (Full Time).....	Time to Call
Kingsley/Birdton (1/4 Time).....	Time to Call
Lake View United Church (3/4 Time).....	(Student Supply) Mary Taylor
Lincoln (32.5% Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Minto (1/2 Time).....	Time to Call
Nashwaak (Full Time).....	Presbytery Supply
Sheffield (1/2 Time).....	(Provisional Call) Helena Medeiros (Jul 1/11)
Stanley (Full Time).....	(DLM Recognized – Presbytery Supply) Wally Ellis

**OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

University Campus Ministry – Dalhousie University (7/20 Time).....	Martha E. Martin (Oct 1/10)
Prison Chaplaincy – Springhill Institution.....	(Chignecto Presbytery Recognized) Lloyd A. Bruce

**C. TRANSFERS BETWEEN PRESBYTERIES  
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Presbytery From</u>	<u>Presbytery To</u>	<u>Date</u>
Blois, Janet E.	Inverness-Guysborough	Sydney	May 10/11
Cleveland, David F.	Saint John	Woolastook	Dec 9/10
Doull, Jane V.	Chignecto	St. Croix	Nov 29/10
Kennedy, James D.	Miramichi	Woolastook	Jan 25/11
Lloyd-Pearce, David C.	Chignecto	Truro	May 26/11
Lockhart, Robert	Prince Edward Island	Inverness-Guysborough	Dec 9/10
Moore, Roger K.	Inverness-Guysborough	Truro	Jul 31/10
Orton, Debra G.	Pictou	Valley	Jul 31/10
Redden-Smith, Sheila	Chignecto	Pictou	Nov 29/10
Sheppard, Rosemarie	Miramichi	Valley	Apr 20/11
Smith, Alison A.	St. Croix	Woolastook	Mar 21/11
Zwicker, H.G. Kathleen	Woolastook	Saint John	Oct 12/10

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**D. APPOINTMENTS FOR LONGER THAN ONE PASTORAL YEAR  
REFERRED TO SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>Pastoral Charge</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Period of Appt</u>
Aitken, Debbie A.	Halifax	Rockingham	US	Oct 1/10 – Sep 30/13
Bartlett, I. Ross	Halifax	Sackville: Knox	US	Nov 1/10 – Oct 31/13
Biggar, Robert	Sydney	Westmount/L...	US	Jul 1/11 – Jun 30/13
Blaquiere, Gerald	PEI	Wellington	SS	Aug 9/09 – Jun 30/12
Bragan, James	South Shore	Yarmouth	IM	Sep 1/10 – Dec 31/11
Bruce, Lloyd A.	Chignecto	McCully	US	Jul 1/10 – Jun 30/13
Crawford, M. Dale	Truro	Shubenacadie	DLM	Jul 1/09 – Jun 30/12
Drysdale, William	Chignecto	Bayfield-Little...	DLM	Jul 1/09 – Jun 30/12
Ellis, Wally	Woolastook	Stanley	DLM	Jul 1/10 – Jun 30/13
Gale, Keith	PEI	Memorial	SS	Sep 1/09 – Jul 1/14
Gamble, K. Ruth	Truro	River Philip	DLM	Jul 1/10 – Jun 30/13
Kempt, Dianne	Sydney	St. Ann's Bay U.C.	DLM	Jul 1/10 – Jun 30/13
MacDougall, Heather	Valley	Hantsport	IM	Nov 1/10 – Jun 30/12
MacLeod, Kenneth	Pictou	Trenton	IM	Feb 1/11 – Jun 30/13
McKinnon, Lynn	Sydney	St. Peter's-Grand...	SS	Jul 1/09 – Jun 30/12
Mills, Norma	Inv-Guys	Margaree	DLM	May 1/11 – Apr 30/14
McIntosh, Kathryn J.	Miramichi	New Bandon	DLM	Jul 1/10 – Jun 30/13
Moore, Roger K.	Truro	Truro: First	RS	Jun 15/11 – Jun 30/12
Plant, Margaret A.	Inv-Guys	Saint John's	DLM	Jul 25/10 – Jun 30/13
Postlethwaite, Penny	Miramichi	Loggieville/Black...	DLM	Jul 1/10 – Jun 30/13
Rushton, Simpson	South Shore	Barrington	DLM	Jul 1/10 – Jun 30/13
Selwyn-Smith, Keith	Chignecto	Parrsboro-Port...	DLM	Jul 1/10 – Jun 30/13
Taylor, Mary	Woolastook	Lakeview	SS	Jul 1/09 – Jun 30/12
Walls, Alicia	Saint John	Rothesay	DLM	Jun 15/10 – Jan 1/13
Watson, Thomas	South Shore	Caledonia/Brooklyn	DLM	Jan 1/11 – Jun 30/12
Whitney, Nancy	Sydney	Waterview	DLM	Jul 1/10 – Jun 30/13
Williams, Greg	Woolastook	Canterbury-Richmond	SS	Jul 1/10 – Jun 30/14
Zwicker, Kathleen	Saint John	Glen View U.C.	IM	Jul 1/10 – Jun 30/12

**E. APPLICATIONS TO BE LEFT WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE**

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Completed by Executive Action

<u>Name</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Anderson, Alastair	Saint John	Long-Term Disability
Brewer, J. David	Woolastook	Other employment – Elder Care
Buchanan-Rutherford, Natalie	Truro	In Search of Call/Appointment
Burrill, Gary	Truro	Other Employment – Member of NS Legislative Assembly
Crooks, Catherine J.	Truro	Other Employment – Minister in Congregational Church (USA)
Crump, Judith M.	Truro	Leave of Absence
Greenwood, Lisa	Woolastook	Long-Term Disability
Higgins, Kelly D.	Woolastook	Other Employment – Counsellor
Kennedy, Peter	Chignecto	Other Employment - Writer
Lloyd-Pearce, David	Chignecto	In Search of Call/Appointment
MacAskill, Lorraine A.	Halifax	Long-Term Disability
Morrison, Sandra L.	Sydney	Director of Pastoral Care
Murray, Gordon S.	Halifax	Long-Term Disability
Ritchie, Nancy E.	Woolastook	In Search of Call/Appointment
Rutherford, Alice A.	Truro	In Search of Call/Appointment

**F. APPLICATIONS TO BE LEFT WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE  
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We recommend to Maritime Conference the following members of the Order of Ministry to be retained on the roll of Presbytery indicated for the Pastoral Year 2011 - 2012:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Brewer, J. David	Woolastook	Other Employment – Elder Care, Teaching, Artist
Ford, Bradley C.	Halifax	In Search of Call/Appointment
Morrison, Sandra L.	Sydney	Other Employment – Hospital Chaplain
Reid, Martin A.	Halifax	Other Employment - Counsellor
Ritchie, Nancy E.	Woolastook	In Search of Call/Appointment

**G. PLACEMENT ON DISCONTINUED SERVICE LIST**

Maritime Conference acted to place the name of A. Kimberly J. MacAulay on the Discontinued Service List [Voluntary] at her own request, with the concurrence of Halifax Presbytery, removing her from the roll of Halifax Presbytery and Maritime Conference, effective October 4, 2010. (Manual [2010] Section 427.3)

**H. RETIREMENTS**

We recommend to Maritime Conference the following members of the Order of Ministry for retirement and attachment to the Presbytery indicated on the date of retirement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Barr, Joanne L.	Woolastook	Apr 1/09
Campbell, G. Robert	Chignecto	Jul 1/11
DeLong, Brian E.	Truro	Jul 1/11
Dingwell, T. Kevin	PEI	May 20/09
Johnson, Robert L.	St. Croix	Sep 1/10
Lynch, Karen	Inverness-Guysborough	Jul 1/11
Lyons, Keith	Saint John	Jul 1/11
Moore, Roger K.	Inverness-Guysborough	Oct 11/09
Patterson, John	Pictou	Jul 1/08
Reid, Linda	South Shore	Jan 31/11
Shaffner, W. James	Pictou	Jan 1/11
Whyte, Blair C.	Miramichi	Jul 1/11

**APPENDIX B****Biography of Candidate for Ordination****Bonnie Ann Fraser**

Bonnie was born the fourth of six children and as such is the younger half of the middle children. She grew up on a small “mixed” farm in Antigonish, NS. She was baptized into the faith community of St James United Church and it is the kindly people of this congregation who watched her grow in faith and stature. Sunday School, Confirmation Classes, church community events, and regular attendance at Sunday morning worship were mainstays which provided anchors for Bonnie’s faith development. It is to these people that she owes a great debt as supporters of her life’s journey.

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Upon completion of high school, Bonnie wandered off to Acadia University where she happily immersed herself in university life. While collecting the requirements for a BA in English ('73) and a B Ed ('74), she also collected the good friends of the "Red and Blue" another source of support. Years at Acadia also provided a rich understanding of Baptist influence on worship in Manning Memorial Chapel.

Following completion of her B Ed, Bonnie traveled to Alberton, PEI where she taught junior and senior high school Math and English for five years. She was warmly welcomed into the United Church there, and the folks were kind enough to allow her to lead their Youth Group, at time, madly off in all directions. Having come from Antigonish, Bonnie learned the rewards and challenges of 14 different churches existing in relative harmony in a very small area. and so took the opportunity to learn more about the various denominations.

Bonnie returned to Antigonish for a year's teaching at the local high school while she awaited admission to the M Ed for teachers of Deaf and Hard of Hearing program offered through U de M at the old "School for the Deaf" in Amherst. At the completion of this degree, Bonnie entered into an exciting 25 years as teacher and counselor. While the geographic area of Northeastern Nova Scotia was large, the population was relatively small and there were close bonds formed with the students and their families. Those years of teaching contributed much to her sense of call to ministry and she recognizes a close parallel between her two calls.

Early in Bonnie's third stint teaching she married and was blessed by the births of two children, a daughter, Laurel and son, Jeffrey. Laurel is married and living in Calgary with her husband Brad and his son Sam. Jeffrey will be married to Leah on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. These two young people and their "add-ons" rank high in Bonnie's list of blessings. Their support has been essential to her journey thus far.

Prior to retirement from teaching, Bonnie entered into the discernment process and knew by the time retirement arrived that she was not going to be relaxing. She sold her house and moved to New Glasgow where she was able to share housing with another single mom, Karen Crowley. Karen and her two daughters Holly Lynn and Leah have kept the home fires burning and been a great source of support.

The three year degree at AST was broken by an internship in Kingston, NS. The people of Kingston Pastoral Charge re-affirmed Bonnie's call to ministry and they will always own a huge piece of her heart.

Bonnie was fortunate to be placed at Trinity United for her Supervised Field Education placement and she owes a great debt of gratitude to the people of Trinity who have taught her much and made her feel so at home.

Bonnie considers her greatest blessing the privilege of being a full time in resident student at AST. She has experienced the best of teachers and a rich and diverse group of fellow students. The total learning experience is beyond belief.

Early in 2000, Bonnie became a member of Pictou Presbytery and has not missed an annual meeting of Maritime Conference since. She has been privileged to attend General Council and is excited to be part of the wider United Church of Canada. Bonnie looks forward to serving the Church in pastoral minister, in Pictou Presbytery, and as a member of various committees in the wider Church.

## **APPENDIX C**

### **Other Reports**

#### **Decisions and Actions of Executive (Supplementary)**

#### **Summary of Actions of Conference Executive May 19, 2011**

##### **Sub-Executive Meeting, May 19, 2011**

62. ANNUAL MEETING, OFFERING: Agreed that the offering from Thursday evening go to support the construction of the new Conference Archives, and the Offering Sunday morning go to support the Mission & Service Fund.
63. OSSEKEAGE PLACE: Approved the amendment to the by-laws as kept on file at the Conference Office for Ossekeage Place.
64. GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONERS:

##### PRESBYTERY / SYNOD

Agreed that we continue with the practice of assigning one Lay and one Ministry Personnel from each Presbytery / Synod for a total of 28, and that the Presbyteries / Synod be encouraged to make those nominations as soon as possible.

##### YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT

Agreed to continue to encourage and accept nominations for youth and young adult Commissioners (ages 15-30), up to 10% of our total number of Commissioners.

##### PRESIDENT

Agreed that the President serving the Maritime Conference in August 2012 be an ex-officio nomination for General Council.

##### EX-OFFICIO

Agreed that due to the reduction in numbers and the need to balance Lay and Ministry Personnel we can not assure sufficient spaces for more ex-officio nominations, therefore the Maritime Conference discontinue the practice of electing the President of United Church Women, and the President of United Church Men as ex-officio Commissioners. The persons in these positions are encouraged to seek a Presbytery nomination. They may also be nominated for election from the floor of Conference.

65. CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATIONS COMMITTEE, GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY:

Agreed that a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Conference Archives and Office be held during the upcoming annual meeting.

66. HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY:

Approved the resignation of Linda Marcotte from the Saint John Hospital Chaplain position effective July 1, 2011; and agreed to hold the position in abeyance until after the annual meeting.