

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
TORONTO CONFERENCE**

**Minutes of the meeting of  
the Executive of Toronto Conference  
Friday, December 4, 2009**

The Executive of Toronto Conference met by conference call on Friday, December 4, 2009 to consider three matters. The meeting began at 12:48 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Members present**

Carol Gierak (president), David Allen (executive secretary), Marg Walker (president elect), Linda Thompson (Northern Waters), Paget Blaza (Toronto Southeast), Ron Coughlin (South West), Linda Parsons (Living Waters), Tom Clarke (Toronto Southeast), Ralph Schmidt (Northern Waters), Kevin Logie (Living Waters),

**Regrets**

Karen Williams (South West) Brian Goodings (Northern Waters), Carol McKinley (Living Waters)

**Appointment of program staff – Susie Henderson**

The Executive had received a report from the search and selection committee, along with the resume of the candidate being recommended.

MOTION by Linda Thompson/Ron Coughlin that the Executive of Toronto Conference appoint Susie Henderson to the position of Conference Minister, Program and Public Witness, South West Presbytery effective January 4, 2010.

MOTION

CARRIED.

Executive members expressed appreciation for the work of the committee and the qualifications of the successful applicant.

**Records review**

The minutes of the former nine Presbyteries were reviewed at the last annual meeting, but the minutes of those Presbyteries from May and June need to be reviewed.

MOTION by Linda Parsons/Paget Blaza that the Executive appoint Mary Gooley to review the final minutes of the former nine Presbyteries.

MOTION

CARRIED.

**WoodGreen property – 875 Queen Street East, Toronto**

The executive secretary reported that the General Council has requested submissions of potential sites for a new home for the General Council office. This Conference is looking after the property of the former WoodGreen United Church at 875 Queen Street East, Toronto. The executive secretary asked whether he should have initial explorations regarding the site as a possible General Council office location. The Executive AGREED that the executive secretary should explore the matter.

**Concluding matters**

Executive members exchanged information on personal and family matters. Ron Coughlin gave his regrets for the February meeting of the Executive, and announced that South West Presbytery has found a third person to serve on the Conference Executive. The president offered prayer for Linda Gray as she anticipates surgery in January.

**Adjournment**

The business of the meeting completed, the president declared the meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

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Carol Gierak  
President

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David Allen  
Executive Secretary