

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
TORONTO CONFERENCE**

**Minutes of the meeting of
the Executive of Toronto Conference
Wednesday, November 23, 2011**

The Executive of Toronto Conference met by conference call on Wednesday, November 23, 2011. The meeting began at 2:32 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present

Marg Walker (president), David Allen (executive secretary), Linda Parsons (Living Waters), Tom Clarke (Toronto Southeast), Don Laing (South West), John Brown (Toronto Southeast), Brian Nicholson (Northern Waters), Ann Harbridge (president-elect), Debbie McMillan (Living Waters), Ross Leckie (South West)

Regrets

Pat Edmonds (Living Waters), Linda Thompson (Northern Waters)

Absent

Catherine Smith (South West), Shelley Roberts (Northern Waters), TBA (Toronto Southeast)

Welcome and constituting the meeting

President Marg Walker welcomed everyone to the meeting. She constituted the meeting in the name of Jesus Christ to conduct such business as should properly be brought before it, and offered prayer with a reading from Joyce Rupp.

Agenda

The Executive AGREED to deal with two property matters, a request for sacraments privileges, and a report on the 2013-2015 annual meeting sites.

Property

Centennial-Rouge United Church: An offer on the property has been received. The executive secretary explained that the offer does not include the church cemetery on a separate piece of property. Negotiations are underway for a local group to take over the cemetery with a financial contribution toward the upkeep of the cemetery.

MOTION by Don Laing/Linda Parsons that...

- 1) the Toronto Conference of The United Church of Canada give its consent to the sale of the property of the former Centennial Rouge United Church at 6540-6550 Kingston Road, Toronto, Ontario, legally described as Part of Lot 3, Concession 1, Scarborough, designated as Part 1 on Plan 64R-8530 (the "Property") for a purchase price of \$1,550,000, payable in cash on closing, with a closing date of April 3, 2012 and otherwise on the terms set out in an agreement of purchase and sale between Shri Swaminarayan Sitdhant Sajeevan Mandal Canada and the Trustees of the Property of the Former Centennial Rouge Congregation of The United Church of Canada (the "Trustees") dated November 18, 2011, with such changes as may be approved by the Executive Secretary (the "Agreement"); and
- 2) the Trustees be authorized and directed to sign all documents and take all other actions necessary or advisable to complete the sale of the Property in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and the Executive Secretary of Toronto Conference be authorized to approve, on behalf of the Toronto Conference, any changes to the Agreement or the closing arrangements that he considers, on the advice of legal counsel, to be necessary or advisable.

MOTION

CARRIED.

Dunkerron United Church property: Conference's legal counsel is preparing the background material to enable the listing of the property.

MOTION by Ann Harbridge/Tom Clarke that the Trustees of the Dunkerron United Church property be directed to take all steps to list the property for sale when legal counsel has prepared the necessary paperwork.

MOTION

CARRIED.

Sacraments privileges

Northern Waters Presbytery has requested sacramental privileges for Mary Elizabeth Piercy.

Motion by Debbie McMillan/Ann Harbridge that in accordance with Section 353(a) of *The Manual* (2010), Mary Elizabeth Piercy, Candidate Supply, be granted sacramental privileges during her time of appointment at Nottawa/Rob Roy Pastoral Charge and,

that she be granted sacramental privileges within the jurisdiction of Northern Waters Presbytery during the time of appointment.

MOTION

CARRIED.

Annual meeting 2013-2015

Ann Harbridge gave a brief report on the applications for hosting the 2013-2015 annual meetings. Eight groups expressed interest; four applicants were short-listed. Visits will take place in December with a recommendation to come to the February Executive meeting.

Closing the meeting

With the agenda completed, the president declared the meeting closed at 2:49 p.m. She offered a blessing for the day and the Advent season.

Marg Walker
President

David Allen
Executive Secretary

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