

Summary of Woolastook Presbytery meeting held April 22nd, 2010 at Marysville United Church

The Presbytery was called to order by the chair, Rev. Meredith Fraser at 11:00am. New members and 2 special guests were welcomed and concern expressed for those members unable to attend because of illness. The names of Lay Delegates attending Conference were read and members reminded to let the Secretary know if their plans changed.

Special guest, Rev. Bob Johnson, President of Maritime Conference spoke to the Court. He highlighted some of the 'changes' that he has seen in his years of ministry and spoke of changes that will probably come to our church and congregations in the years ahead. He told of a new and different program for Conference this year and felt that delegates would find it exciting. Bob will be retiring this year and we wish him well.

The second guest, George Doughart, Stewardship Programming, with visual aids spoke of the Stewardship program available to congregations. Each Pastoral Charge in the Presbytery was given an outline of a stewardship program for a congregation. His presentation was very informative and well received.

A vote on Remit #3 was taken. A copy of the Remit had been distributed at the last meeting of Presbytery and a short discussion was held at that time. Members were urged to read the material and to come prepared to vote at this meeting. The vote taken was in favour of the Remit which if passed nationally, will change the method of Settlement for Ordinands.

During the lunch hour a poem and song dedicated to Meredith Fraser were presented. Meredith will be leaving the Presbytery at the end of May. Rev. George Feenstra will also be leaving the Presbytery for a move to British Columbia. We wish them both well as they begin a new phase of their ministry.

Reports from the Committees were kept short because of the time element. Key motions were the approval of an application by Canterbury Richmond for a Mission and Service grant; approval of appointments recommended by Pastoral Relations; reminder of the Racial Justice Workshop to be held in June and notice that the Proposal passed at the last meeting on the providing of legal aid had been sent on to Conference.

Randy Nason, incoming chair of Presbytery, distributed a paper suggesting changes to the agenda of Presbytery which will be discussed at the June meeting.

The next meeting of Woolastook Presbytery will be held at Faith Memorial United Church, Florenceville on Thursday, June 10th at 11:am.

Doreen Kissick, Secretary