

SUMMARY OF MARCH 4th, 2010 PRESBYTERY MEETING
FOREST HILL UNITED CHURCH

Due to news of pending adverse weather, the February meeting of Woolastook Presbytery was postponed until March 4th. Unfortunately, the guest speaker George Doughart, was unable to be with us. He will be at the April meeting of Presbytery and the workshop will take place as originally scheduled-1:15pm-2:15pm.

After a welcome from Margie Roxborough, chair of the Congregational Board, the chair of Presbytery, Rev. Meredith Fraser welcomed members and guests. Concern was noted for the family of Rev. Vera Sampson who had recently passed away and for Rev. Bev. Daley and Fran Campbell both recovering from surgery.

In her report to the Court of the Conference Executive meeting, Meredith Fraser noted that Rev. Catherine Gaw, Executive Secretary of Maritime Conference, will be resigning on Dec. 31st. It was also noted that the name of Rev. Paul Ross, formerly of St. Paul's United Church, Fredericton, has been placed on the Discontinued Service List. A ecumenical Peace Centre has been set up in Moncton. Valley Presbytery are holding a Presbytery wide anniversary service. Truro Presbytery has named a Chaplain for the Presbytery. And Conference is planning a new Archives building.

Time was given on the agenda for the discussion of the Remit from General Council. This Remit pertains to Settlement of Newly Ordained Clergy. The Court felt that there was not enough time to discuss this thoroughly and a decision was made to leave a vote on the Remit until the April meeting of Presbytery.

The Pastoral Relations committee presented for approval, several appointments; one Call to Rev. Elaine Strawbridge for Faith Memorial and one Transfer, Rev. Meredith Fraser to Pictou Presbytery.

There will be other appointments made at the June meeting.

Heritage and Resources request approval for Grant applications for Centreville United Church; Mackenzie Corner on the Canterbury Pastoral Charge; and Chipman United Church.

The motion made at the November meeting re a grant for Camp Woolastook was amended to include an amount for a loan.

The budget, approved by the executive because of a time line, was affirmed.

Rev. George Feenstra who had examined a document pertaining to Anglican/United church relations suggested that others look at the document for comment and then have conversation with Presbyters about it.

Pastoral Care is preparing an update of the Presbytery Handbook for Delegates.

Church in Action presented a motion to be dealt with by the executive on providing legal services to those who cannot afford a lawyer.

Christian Life and Growth mentioned the Covenanting Service to be held on Sunday March 4th in Woodstook at St. James United Church for Rev. Debra Baker. Names of those applying for the Intermediates at Conference were presented. And a Fall Youth Rally is being planned.

NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING, MARYSVILLE UNITED CHURCH, APRIL 22ND

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