

SUMMARY OF PRESBYTERY MEETING HELD AT
OROMOCTO UNITED CHURCH

November 25, 2010

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Wally Ellis, chair of the Education and Students committee recommended that Nick Coates be accepted as a Candidate for the Order of Ministry and that Lena Medeiros be recommended as a Candidate for Ordination. Both motions passed.

Church in Action committee chair, Norman Laverty, asked that Presbytery assist 2 delegates, one male and one female, to attend the GO project in Halifax in the summer of 2011. This also was passed.

Pastoral Relations, Merle Blake had several motions passed dealing with a Transfer, an Appointment and a Request to be Retained on the Roll of Presbytery. Also, the Ministry Personnel Workshop that had been postponed will now be held on January 8, 2011 at Gibson Memorial United Church with registration at 9:30am. A very amusing and thought provoking presentation was made by Barbara Kelly, chair of Stewardship. Using balloons she demonstrated the importance of stewardship.

A motion, made and carried, will see money collected for coffee at Presbytery meetings and at Covenanting services go to M and S through the local congregation.

Heritage and Resources, requested that applications for modernization grants for Chipman and Sheffield be accepted and forwarded to Conference. This also passed.

Christian Life and Growth, Amos Adeniyi, spoke of the successful Youth Rally that had been held in Woodstock and reminded clergy of the obligation to attend Racial Justice workshops.

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