

**MARITIME CONFERENCE  
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

TIME AND PLACE: The Executive of Maritime Conference met, at the call of the President, on January 18, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. by telephone conference call, with the President, Rev. Richard Bowley, officiating.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT: “I constitute this court in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of our church and the light on our path. By the authority vested in me by the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada, I hereby declare this meeting of the Executive of Maritime Conference to be in session to deal with all business and matters that may be brought before it. May all that we do be inspired by the Holy Spirit as we discern our way forward together.”

OPENING PRAYER: The President led the Executive in opening prayer.

ATTENDANCE AND REGRETS: Present President Rev. Richard Bowley, Executive Secretary Mr. David Hewitt, Past-President Rev. Catherine Stuart, President-Elect Rev. Catherine MacDonald, Ms. Julielynn Anderson, Ms. Bette Ashley, Rev. Brian DeLong, Rev. Alison Etter, Rev. Catherine Gaw, Mr. Kent Gibbons, Ms. Sarah Goodfellow, Rev. Tara Ann Gourson, Rev. Jane Johnson, Rev. Sharon Lohnes, Mr. Malcolm MacLeod, Ms. Jane McDonald, Rev. Connie McNamara, Rev. Stephen Mills, Mr. Layton Peck, Rev. Sarah Reaburn, Ms. Susan Reid, Ms. Pauline Walker, and Rev. Tom Woods. Also in attendance were Conference Ministers Ms. Laura Hunter and Ms. Lauren King, and Ms. Jennifer Whittemore to record minutes.

Regrets: Treasurer Mr. Alan Gray, Mr. Ross Cameron, Rev. Matthew Fillier, Rev. Sean Handcock, Mr. Lance Howard, Mr. Christopher Lane, Mr. Max Martin, Ms. Roberta Phillips, Rev. Cyril Simmons, Ms. Fay Smith, and Ms. Alicia Walls,

AGENDA: It was agreed that the agenda for this meeting was to have a discussion about Regions and the proposed staffing model.

MINUTES: It was agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting will be carried over until the next regular meeting of the Executive.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: Rose-Hannah Gaskin representing Staff Committee joined the call.

REGIONS: The Executive discussed ideas and considerations about the proposed Regions to be shared with the Commission on Regions. A report was drafted (Appendix A).

REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFFING MODELS: The Executive discussed ideas and considerations about the proposed Regional Council Staffing Models.

CHAIR: Past-President Catherine Stewart assumed the chair.

**REGIONS:**

Jane MacDonald / Mac MacLeod that Maritime Conference Executive inform the Boundaries Commission that Maritime Conference should remain intact as New Brunswick including the Gaspé Bay Peninsula, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Bermuda.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

**CHAIR:** President Richard Bowley assumed the chair.

**REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFFING MODELS:**

Julielynn Anderson / Kent Gibbons that Maritime Executive inform the Implementation Team that Maritime Conference prefers a staffing model with a mechanism for regions to work together.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Catherine Gaw / Stephen Mills moved that the Maritime Conference Executive express its concerns to the Remit Implementation Task Group that full information including both staffing and financials be available to the 43<sup>rd</sup> General Council by June 30.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Our Conference Executive is not of one mind on the boundaries presented in the Boundaries Commission report.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:** Reminder of the Spring Executive meeting scheduled for April 27-28, 2018 at the Maritime Conference Centre, Sackville, NB.

**POWERS TO THE SUB-EXECUTIVE:** David Hewitt / Stephen Mills moved that powers be granted to the Sub-Executive in the interim until Executive reconvenes and that permission be given for a telephone conference call to be used in decision making in the Sub-Executive's work, if necessary.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CLOSING PRAYER:** The President led the Executive in closing worship.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President declared the meeting adjourned.

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Richard Bowley, President

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David Hewitt, Executive Secretary

**MARITIME CONFERENCE  
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**TIME AND PLACE:** The Sub-Executive of Maritime Conference met, at the call of the President, on March 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. by telephone conference call, with the Past-President, Rev. Catherine Stuart, officiating.

ATTENDANCE AND REGRETS:

Present: Executive Secretary Mr. David Hewitt, President-Elect Catherine MacDonald, Rev. Catherine Stuart, Brian DeLong, Jane MacDonald, Stephen Mills, Layton Peck, and Pauline Walker. Also in attendance was Ms. Jennifer Whittemore to record minutes.

Regrets: President Rev. Richard Bowley, and Treasurer Mr. Alan Gray.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT: “I constitute this court in the name of Jesus Christ, who is our Light and our Hope. By the authority vested in me by the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada, I hereby declare this meeting of the Sub-Executive of Maritime Conference to be in session to deal with all matters that come before it as we seek to live in the Light of Christ. As we gather to share the work that rightly comes before this court, let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi’kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people. Let us remember that we are an Affirming Ministry, seeking to provide a safe and welcoming space for all people.”

MINUTES: David Hewitt / Stephen Mills moved that the Sub-Executive minutes from September 5, 2017 [33(17)-35(17)] be approved as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

STAFFING IN THE REGIONS: Catherine MacDonald reported on a telephone meeting between General Secretary, Nora Sanders, the President and President-Elect of Conference, Chairs of Presbyteries/Synod. Representatives from each Region are needed to have conversations with the existing Executive Secretaries in order to help the General Secretary make a decision about Executive Minister appointments to the groupings of new Regions.

Catherine MacDonald / Stephen Mills moved that Tara Ann Gourson and Jane Johnson (representing Region 14), Malcolm MacLeod and Simpson Rushton (representing Region 15) be appointed to participate in conversations with the Executive Secretaries of Newfoundland and Labrador Conference and Maritime Conference.

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was agreed that Catherine MacDonald will inform those individuals selected and the General Secretary.

ADJOURNMENT: Past-President declared the meeting adjourn.

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Catherine Stuart, Past-President

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David Hewitt, Executive Secretary

**MARITIME CONFERENCE  
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TIME AND PLACE: The Executive of Maritime Conference met, at the call of the President, on April 27 at 10:00 a.m. at the Maritime Conference Centre, Sackville, NB, with the Past-President Rev. Catherine Stuart.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT: “I constitute this court in the name of Jesus Christ, who is our Light and our Hope. By the authority vested in me by the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada, I hereby declare this meeting of the Executive of Maritime Conference to be in session to deal with all matters that come before it as we seek to live in the Light of Christ. As we gather to share the work that rightly comes before this court, let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi’kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people. Let us remember that we are an Affirming Ministry, seeking to provide a safe and welcoming space for all people.”

OPENING PRAYER: Catherine MacDonald led the Executive in opening worship.

ATTENDANCE AND REGRETS: Present Executive Secretary Mr. David Hewitt, Past-President Rev. Catherine Stuart, President-Elect Rev. Catherine MacDonald, Treasurer Mr. Alan Gray, Ms. Julielynn Anderson, Ms. Bette Ashley, Mr. Ross Cameron, Rev. Brian DeLong, Rev. Alison Etter, Rev. Catherine Gaw, Mr. Kent Gibbons, Rev. Sean Handcock, Mr. Lance Howard, Rev. Sharon Lohnes, Mr. Malcolm MacLeod, Mr. Max Martin, Ms. Jane McDonald, Rev. Connie McNamara, Rev. Stephen Mills, Ms. Fay Smith, Rev. Donna Tourneur, Ms. Pauline Walker, and Rev. Tom Woods. Also in attendance were Conference Ministers Rev. Kendall Harrison, Ms. Laura Hunter, Ms. Lauren King, and Ms. Jennifer Whittemore attended to record minutes.

Regrets: President Rev. Richard Bowley, Mr. Larry Davis, Rev. Matthew Fillier, Ms. Sarah Goodfellow, Rev. Tara Ann Gourson, Rev. Jane Johnson, Mr. Layton Peck, Ms. Roberta Phillips, Rev. Sarah Reaburn, Ms. Susan Reid, Mr. Sim Rushton, and Ms. Alicia Walls.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: David Hewitt / Stephen Mills moved that Roland Easter, representing Prince Edward Island Presbytery; Heather Donnelly, representing Woolastook Presbytery; Jim Wicks, representing Church in Action; and Wally Ellis, representing United Church of Men; be granted full member status at this meeting of Maritime Conference Executive; and Maritime Conference staff Laura Hunter, Kendall Harrison and Lauren King be granted corresponding privileges for this meeting of Maritime Conference Executive.

**MOTION CARRIED**

AGENDA: David Hewitt / Jane McDonald moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

MINUTES: David Hewitt / Brian DeLong moved that the Executive minutes from October 27-28, 2017 [35(17)-55(17)], November 24, 2017 [56(17)-58(17)], and January 18, 2018 [01(18)-02(18)] be approved as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

David Hewitt / Malcolm MacLeod moved that the Sub-Executive minutes from March 15, 2018 [02(18)-03(18)] be received for information.

**MOTION CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE: Stephen Mills / Max Martin moved that those correspondence items marked for action are minuted separately and those marked for information be received (appendix A).

**MOTION CARRIED**

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Catherine Gaw shared news on the health of Cathy Smith and asked that we hold Cathy and her family in our prayers.

STAFF INPUT: Kendall Harrison offered a brief snapshot of the recent priorities of his work.

MINISTRY PERSONNEL & EDUCATION: Brian DeLong, chair, reported on the work of the committee.

The Executive Secretary reported that permission was given as follows:

- Truro Presbytery, Ms. Kim Curlett, Candidate for Ministry working in a supervised ministry intern site on the Rawdon Pastoral Charge, to administer the sacraments and officiate at weddings.

License Lay Worship Leaders (LLWL)

Brian DeLong / Pauline Walker moved that Maritime Conference recognize the Tatamagouche Centre LLWL program as a program for the training of Licensed Lay Worship Leaders.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Brian DeLong / Kent Gibbons moved that Maritime Conference approve the request from Tatamagouche Centre for funding to support the License Lay Worship Leader training program in the amount of \$11,500, for the year 2018, with funds to come from:

- \$3,075.00 Christian Life & Growth deferred revenue
- \$3,075.00 Gorham Annuity (NS)
- \$3,240.69 Angus Ross Bequest (NB)
- \$1,759.31 Ministry Personnel & Education deferred revenue

Catherine Gaw / Jane McDonald moved an amendment that Maritime Conference approve the request from Tatamagouche Centre for funding to support its ~~the~~ License Lay Worship Leader training program in the amount of \$11,500, for the year 2018, with funds to come from:

- \$3,075.00 Christian Life & Growth deferred revenue
- \$3,075.00 Gorham Annuity (NS)

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**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

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- \$1,759.31 Ministry Personnel & Education deferred revenue

**MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED****Interim Ministry**

Brian DeLong / Max Martin moved that on the recommendation of the Conference Interim Ministry Committee that E. Lorraine "Lori" Crocker continue designation as an Interim Minister.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Brian DeLong / Heather Donnelly moved that on the recommendation of the Conference Interim Ministry Committee that Bill MacLeod continue designation as an Interim Minister.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DISCONTINUED SERVICE LIST (VOLUNTARY)**: Brian DeLong, Chair, Ministry, Personnel and Education presented the following motion regarding a request to place a name on the Discontinued Service List (Voluntary) of The United Church of Canada.

Brian DeLong / Lance Howard moved to waive written ballot in order to deal with a request to have a name placed on the Discontinued Service List (Voluntary) of The United Church of Canada.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Brian DeLong / Jane McDonald moved that the Executive of Maritime Conference concur with the recommendation of Halifax Presbytery to approve the request of John Wayne Hartlen to have his named placed on the Discontinued Service List (Voluntary) of The United Church of Canada effective April 27, 2018.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Brian DeLong / Stephen Mills moved that Maritime Conference, under Manual Section I.3.3.5, stipulate that John Wayne Hartlen not be granted permission to exercise any of the functions of an ordained minister while his name is on the Discontinued Service List (Voluntary).

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MEETING SCHEDULE**: The Executive Secretary presented the proposed dates for the Fall meeting is September 21-22, 2018, November 2-3, 2018, or November 9-10, 2018 with a storm

date of November 23-24, 2018 at the Maritime Conference Centre, Sackville, NB for the Executive to consider.

STAFF INPUT: Laura Hunter offered a brief snapshot of the recent priorities of her work.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Catherine Gaw shared news that Cathy Smith has passed away and asked that we hold her family in our prayers.

RECESS: The meeting recessed for lunch.

TATAMAGOUCHE CENTRE: Josie Baker, Executive Director, gave a brief report on the Tatamagouche Centre. Discussion followed.

FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

2017 Audited Statements

Alan Gray, Treasurer, reported on the audited statements.

Alan Gray / Jane McDonald moved that the Maritime Conference Executive approve the 2017 audited statements to be reported to the 2018 Conference Annual Meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Alan Gray / Jane McDonald moved that Maritime Conference transfer \$111,061 of the 2017 operational surplus to the Contingency Reserve Fund.

**MOTION CARRIED**

First Quarter Financials

Alan Gray, Treasurer, reported on the first quarter financial statements (appendix B).

2019 Budget

Jane McDonald, Chair, presented the 2019 proposed budget and discussed the process of coming to the recommendation of a 0% allocation increase for 2019.

Jane McDonald / Stephen Mills moved that the Executive of Maritime Conference recommend to the Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference a deficit budget for 2019 with expenses totaling \$1,123,291.64 including a 0% assessment increase for a total assessment of \$934,366, and a draw from reserves if necessary of up to \$62,900.64.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Conference Annual Meeting Travel

Jane McDonald / Malcolm MacLeod moved that Maritime Conference committee travel rate of \$0.30/km, meal rates of \$30/day, and annual meeting travel rate of \$0.10/km remain the same for 2019.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Capital Budget

For the information of the Executive the following motion will be presented to the Conference Annual Meeting:

That Maritime Conference approve a capital budget of \$3,000 for 2019, which is a 0% increase over the approved 2018 capital budget.

CHIGNECTO PRESBYTERY, DORCHESTER UNITED CHURCH:

David Hewitt / Catherine Gaw moved that Maritime Conference, on the recommendation of Chignecto Presbytery, approve the Dorchester United Church, Dorchester, New Brunswick, distribution of remaining funds as follows:

Remaining funds approximately \$15,227.59:

- 10% (approximately \$1,522.76) to the Mission and Service Endowment Fund.
- 25% (approximately \$3,806.90) to Maritime Conference Financial Campaign.
- \$6,070.54 to the Presbytery Education Fund.
- Remaining balance (approximately \$3,827.39) to Maritime Conference Fund to be used to help offset costs to Maritime Conference surrounding the actions (sales/demolition) relating to Church buildings/or the care of orphaned cemeteries associated with disbanded pastoral charges within the bounds of Maritime Conference or its successor Regional Councils (Reginal Council 14 and Regional Council 15).

**MOTION CARRIED**

CHIGNECTO PRESBYTERY, COVERDALE UNITED CHURCH:

David Hewitt / Stephen Mills moved that Maritime Conference, pending recommendation from Chignecto Presbytery, approve the Coverdale United Church, Riverview, New Brunswick, distribution of remaining funds as follows:

Remaining funds approximately \$71,466.43:

- \$46,000.00 along with the Coverdale cemetery be transferred to the Wesleyan Union Cemetery Committee, Inc.
- \$18,000.00 (25.2%) Maritime Conference Financial Campaign.
- Remaining balance (approximately \$7,466.43, 10.5%) to the Mission and Service Endowment Fund.

**MOTION CARRIED**

INVERNESS-GUYSBOROUGH PRESBYTERY, ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED CHURCH:

David Hewitt / Brian DeLong moved that Maritime Conference, on the recommendation of Inverness-Guysborough Presbytery, approve the St. Matthew's United Church, Marble Mountain, Nova Scotia, distribution of remaining funds as follows:

Remaining funds approximately \$37,779.98:

- 10% (approximately \$3,778.00) to the Mission and Service Endowment Fund.
- 25% (approximately \$9,445.00) to Maritime Conference Financial Campaign.
- Remaining balance (approximately \$24,556.99) be transferred to the River and Lakeside Pastoral Charge.

**MOTION CARRIED**

HALIFAX PRESBYTERY, ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH:

David Hewitt / Jane McDonald moved that St. Andrew's United Church, Moser River, Nova Scotia, be offered for sale using a Request for Proposals process. Proposals to state the intended purpose for the property and purchase offer. The Request for Proposals will be issued with a six week deadline.

**MOTION CARRIED**

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

Alison Etter / Max Martin moved that Doreen Richard be named to the Mount Allison University Board of Regents, effective immediately, until May 31, 2018.

**MOTION CARRIED**

PRESBYTERY REPORTS:

Mac MacLeod, chair, Halifax Presbytery reported on behalf of the Presbytery (appendix C).

Roberta Phillips, chair, Inverness-Guysborough Presbytery submitted a report on behalf of the Presbytery (appendix D).

Roland Easter, Prince Edward Island Presbytery reported on behalf of the Presbytery (appendix E).

Bette Ashley, chair, Saint John Presbytery reported on behalf of the Presbytery (appendix F).

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Julielynn Anderson, chair, reported on behalf of the committee.

RECESS: The meeting recessed for a brief break.

ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING COMMITTEE: Donna Tourneur, chair, reported on behalf of the committee (appendix G).

CHURCH IN ACTION: Jim Wicks reported on behalf of the committee.

PRESBYTERY REPORTS:

Sharon Lohnes, chair, South Shore Presbytery reported on behalf of the Presbytery (appendix H).

Lance Howard, chair, St. Croix Presbytery reported on behalf of the Presbytery (appendix I).

Connie McNamara, chair, Truro Presbytery reported on behalf of the Presbytery (appendix J).

Tom Woods, chair, Valley Presbytery reported on behalf of the Presbytery (appendix K).

Heather Donnelly, Woolastook Presbytery reported on behalf of the Presbytery (appendix L).

STAFF INPUT: Lauren King offered a brief snapshot of the recent priorities of her work.

STAFF COMMITTEE: The Executive Secretary reported on behalf of the committee (appendix M).

RECESS: The meeting recessed for supper.

REMIT IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE REPORT: The Executive Secretary offered an update report on Remit implementation and preparations for transitions in The United Church of Canada. Discussion followed.

EVENING PRAYER: Past-President Catherine Stuart offered evening prayer.

IN CAMERA SESSION: Catherine Gaw / Sean Handcock moved that the Executive move in camera and that Catherine Stuart, chair, and Jane McDonald, secretary the session.

**MOTION CARRIED**

OPENING WORSHIP: The meeting opened Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. with the lighting of the Christ Candle. Connie McNamara led the Executive in worship.

IN CAMERA SESSION: Jane McDonald / Max Martin moved that the Executive move out of in camera.

**MOTION CARRIED**

PROVISIONAL EXECUTIVE MINISTER: Jane McDonald / Sharon Lohnes moved that a letter be written by the Past-President of Maritime Conference requesting information on the process of the hiring of the provisional Executive Ministers, nationally. We request a definition and clarification from the General Secretary and the General Council Executive on the processes used for hiring the provisional Executive Ministers nationally. This would include how it was determined who would be considered for each of the 6 positions and on what basis were the final decisions made.

**MOTION CARRIED**

REMIT IMPLEMENTATION AND TRANSITION PLANNING:

Catherine Gaw discussed the proposal brought to the Executive (appendix N).

It was agreed to vote on the motion seriatim.

Catherine Gaw / Heather Donnelly moved that the Maritime Conference Executive:

1. The title of the proposed Transition Region Commissions be changed to Transitional Regional Committees and not be given the power of a Commission.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

Catherine Gaw / Heather Donnelly moved that the Maritime Conference Executive:

2. The Executive of Maritime Conference develop a formula to reflect the number of pastoral charges in each of its presbyteries in order to establish a representational Transitional Regional Committee.\*

\* One suggestion is that each presbytery elect two representatives and that those presbyteries with more than 25 pastoral charges elect an additional representative.

Stephen Mills / Lance Howard moved an amendment that the Executive of Maritime Conference develop a formula to reflect the number of pastoral charges in each of its presbyteries in order to establish a representational Transitional Regional *Commission, Committee.* ~~\*\* One suggestion is that each presbytery elect two representatives and that those presbyteries with more than 25 pastoral charges elect an additional representative and that this Commission have power to add.~~

**AMENDMENT DEFEATED**

**RECESS:** The meeting recessed for a brief break.

**REMIT IMPLEMENTATION AND TRANSITION PLANNING:**

Catherine Gaw / Jane McDonald moved that we postpone indefinitely the proposal from Chignecto Presbytery.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Betty Ashley / Max Martin moved that we invite the Presbyteries to name up to two (2) representatives for the Transition Planning Commission.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Stephen Mills / Lance Howard moved that the Regional Commission be the Presbytery Representatives as presented and those yet to be named, and no additional members be named.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

Catherine MacDonald / Tom Woods moved that the Regional Commissions be the President, President Elect, and Presbytery/Synod representatives as presented and those yet to be named, to be named as the Transition Planning Commission for each Region and that each Commission be given the power to name up to five (5) additional members.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Region 14

- Richard Bowley (President)
- Steve Berube (Chignecto)
- Wayne Trail (Chignecto)
- Blair Lewis (Miramichi)
- Kevin Dingwell (PEI)
- Naming May 10 (Saint John)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (St. Croix)
- Rose-Hannah Gaskin (Woolastook)
- Heather Donnelly (Woolastook)

Region 15

- Catherine MacDonald (President Elect)
- Peter Hardy (Bermuda)
- Ruth Gamble (Chignecto)
- Bill Drysdale (Chignecto)
- Naming May 10 (Halifax)
- Alicia Cox (Inverness-Guysborough)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Pictou)
- Naming at upcoming Executive Meeting (South Shore)
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- Donnie Morrison (Sydney)
- David LeBlanc (Truro)
- Naming May 8 (Valley)

Max Martin / Jane McDonald moved that Maritime Conference Executive give a list of criteria to the Regional Commissions of how to fill the five (5) additional members to ensure that the skills listed are met in either those already named or in the additional members.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Donna Tournour / Catherine Gaw moved that Regional Commissions be encouraged to ensure that representation include gender balance, lay/ordered balance, Affirming, justice, indigenous, youth, archives, and experience with staffing.

**MOTION CARRIED**

AGENDA: Malcolm MacLeod / Betty Ashley moved that the Maritime Conference extend the agenda by 10 minutes.

**MOTION CARRIED**

MEETING SCHEDULE: Reminder of the Executive meeting scheduled May 27, 2018 following worship at Conference Annual meeting. The proposed dates for the Fall meeting is September 21-22, 2018, November 2-3, 2018, or November 9-10, 2018 with a storm date of November 23-24, 2018 at the Maritime Conference Centre, Sackville, NB for the Executive to consider.

Catherine Gaw / Sean Handcock moved that the Maritime Conference Executive meet September 21-22, 2018 and reserve November 2-3, 2018 as necessary.

**MOTION CARRIED**

POWERS TO THE SUB-EXECUTIVE: David Hewitt / Max Martin moved that powers be granted to the Sub-Executive in the interim until Executive reconvenes and that permission be given for a telephone conference call to be used in decision making in the Sub-Executive's work, if necessary.

**MOTION CARRIED**

CLOSING PRAYER: Catherine MacDonald led the Executive in closing worship.

ADJOURNMENT: President declared the meeting adjourned.

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Catherine Stuart, Past-President

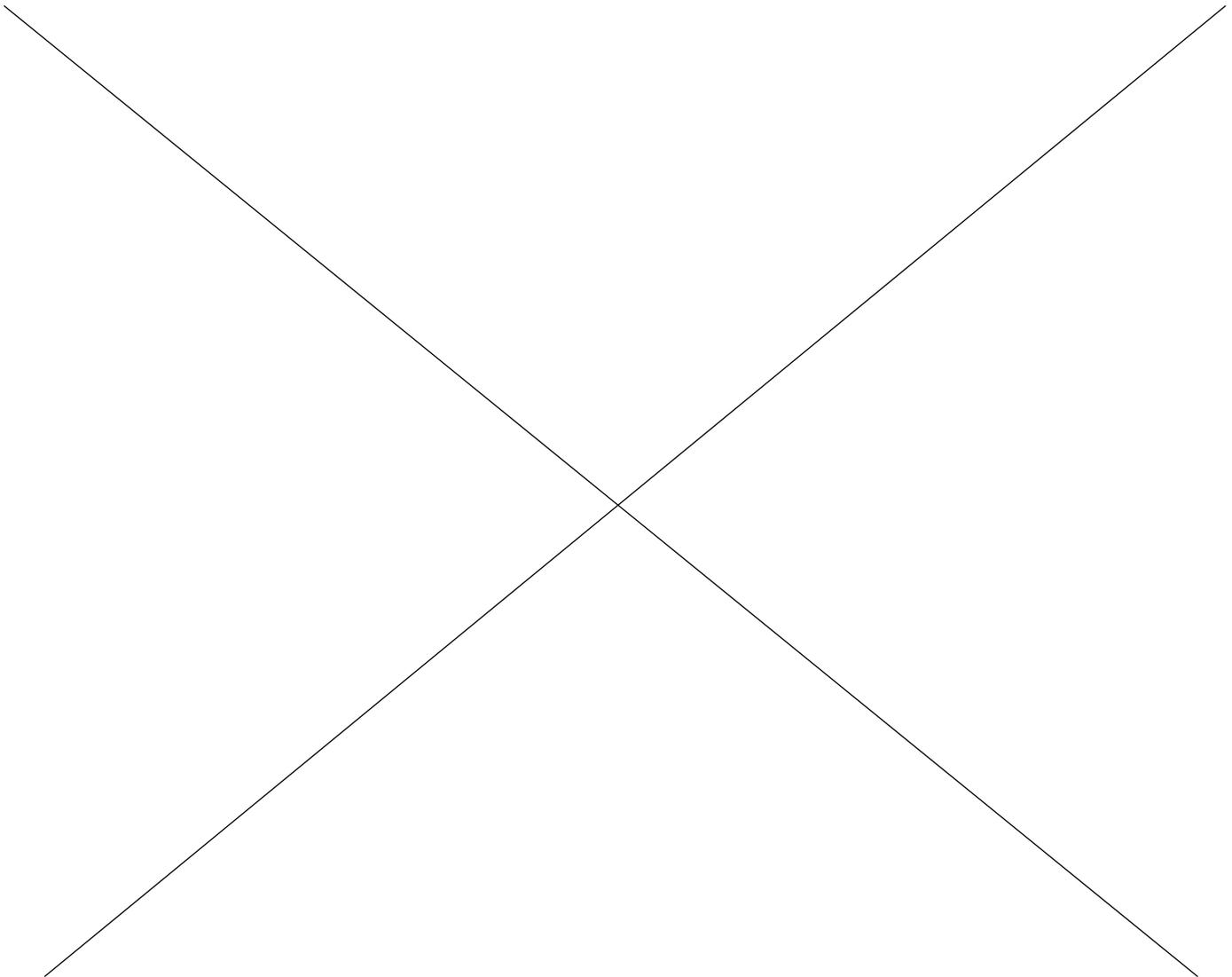
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David Hewitt, Executive Secretary

### Appendix A

#	Received From	Date Rec.	Regarding	Recommended Action
A01	Paul Wood	21-Dec-17	Dorchester United Church closing statements	to Exec for Action

A02	Jennifer Brown, Secretary, Chignecto Presbytery	20-Mar-18	Dorchester United Church motion re assets	to Exec for Action
A03	Debbie Aitken, Convenor, Conference Interim Ministry Committee	8-Jan-18	Recommending Lori Crocker for Initial Designation as an Interim Minister	to Exec for Action
A04	Debbie Aitken, Convenor, Conference Interim Ministry Committee	8-Jan-18	Recommending continuing designation as an Interim Minister for Bill MacLeod	to Exec for Action
A06	Rhonda Allen, Fowler Law	20-Dec-17	Closing statements for Coverdale United Church (Riverview)	to Exec for Action
A07	Rhonda Allen, Fowler Law	18-Dec-17	Agreement of Purchase and Sale for Coverdale United Church (Riverview)	to Exec for Action
A07	Marin Vogels, Chairman, Trustees of Coverdale United Church	9-Apr-18	Dispersal of proceeds of sale of the Coverdale United Church	to Exec for Action
A08	Trustees of Coverdale United Church	10-Apr-18	Dispersal of proceeds of sale of the Coverdale United Church	to Exec for Action
A09	David Atwood, Bermuda Synod	19-Oct-17	New Regional Model, Summary of What to Expect Regarding Employment	to Exec for Action
A10	L. K. Evans, EMM Law	10-Jan-18	Closing statements for St. Matthews United Church (Marble Mountain)	to Exec for Action
A11	Heather Manuel, Secretary, Inverness-Guysborough Presbytery	16-Jan-18	Distribution of funds from St. Matthew's United Church (Marble Mountain)	to Exec for Action
A12	L.T. McCann	22-Jan-18	Closing statement for St. Matthew's United Church (Marble Mountain)	to Exec for Action
A13	L.T. McCann	30-Jan-18	Closing statement for St. Matthew's United Church (Marble Mountain)	to Exec for Action
A14	Josie Baker, Tatamagouche Centre	6-Feb-18	Request for LLWL funding	to Exec for Action
A15	Brian DeLong, Chair, Conference MP&E	8-Mar-18	LLWL training funding and support motions	to Exec for Action
A16	Terry Rutledge, Halifax Presbytery	24-Jan-18	Three quotes for St. Andrews United Church (Moser River) deconstruction	to Exec for Action
A17	Terry Rutledge, Halifax Presbytery	16-Feb-18	Trustees request for the demolish of St. Andrews United Church (Moser River)	to Exec for Action
A18	J. Wayne Hartlen	11-Apr-18	Request to be placed on the Discontinued Service List (Voluntary)	to Exec for Action
A19	Catherine Gaw, Chignecto Presbytery	19-Apr-18	Proposal re Number of Presbytery elected representatives to Regional Councils	to Exec for Action

A20, 21,22	Erika Foran, Manager, Grant Thornton	18-Apr-18	Draft audited statements, report to management and management representation letters	to Exec for Action
I01	Brian DeLong, Chair, Conference MP&E	18-Dec-17	Application to Administer the Sacraments for Kim Curlett	to Exec for Info
I02	Milltown Board of Trustees	9-Apr-18	Resignation of board	to Exec for Info
I03	John Young, Executive Minister, Theological Leadership, UCC	24-Apr-18	UCC Archives Network Review final report	to Exec for Info
I04,0 5	David Allen, Remit Implementation Project Leader, UCC	15-Apr-18	Letter from Woodlawn United Church and response	to Exec for Info



**Appendix B****MARITIME CONFERENCE FUND****THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA****Interim Balance sheet**

Unaudited - For internal purposes only

Period ended March 31, 2018

	General	Bequest	Special	Total	12/31/2017
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Current Assets:					
Cash and Investments					
Unrestricted	\$ 716,756			\$ 716,756	\$ 779,617
In Trust/Restricted	304,129	-	142,337	446,466	434,968
Restricted/Unearned	392,738			392,738	410,468
Accounts Receivable					
Allocations	102,765			102,765	47,837
United Church of Canada	-			-	-
GST/HST Recoverable	4,381			4,381	12,510
Other	-			-	3,098
Accrued Interest Receivable	3,945			3,945	1,748
Land held for resale	20,800			20,800	20,800
Prepays	5,502			5,502	9,437
	1,551,015		142,337	1,693,352	1,720,483
Investments	-	206,125		206,125	206,125
Property & Equipment	2,770,901			2,770,901	2,794,827
	\$ 4,321,917	\$ 206,125	\$ 142,337	\$ 4,670,378	\$ 4,721,435
<b>Liabilities &amp; Fund Balances</b>					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	\$ 70,291			\$ 70,291	\$ 102,435
Funds held in trust	42,600			42,600	34,388
Unearned Revenues	392,738			392,738	410,468
Current portion of LTD	75,816			75,816	1,048,987
	581,445			581,445	1,596,278
Long Term Liabilities					
Restricted Contributions	1,182,313			1,182,313	1,186,671
Mortgage Payable	949,873			949,873	-
	2,132,186	-		2,132,186	1,186,671
Fund Balances	1,608,287	206,125	142,337	1,956,749	1,938,486
	\$ 4,321,917	\$ 206,125	\$ 142,337	\$ 4,670,379	\$ 4,721,435

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**MARITIME CONFERENCE FUND**  
**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
**Interim Statement of Cash Flow - General Fund**  
 Unaudited - For internal purposes only

Period ended March 31, 2018

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	3 months	
	ended	Y/E
	03/31/2018	12/31/2017
Increase(decrease) in cash & equivalents:		
<b>OPERATING</b>		
Excess of (expenses over revenue)	18,263	186,862
Amortization of financial campaign contributions	(8,120)	(32,388)
Amortization of property & equipment	24,930	101,736
Change in non-cash working capital		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(45,898)	15,479
(Increase) decrease in prepaids	3,935	1,722
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable	(32,144)	18,579
(Decrease) Increase in unearned revenue	(17,730) -	58,518
	<u>(56,764)</u>	<u>233,472</u>
<b>FINANCING</b>		
Restricted contributions to project	3,762	153,703
Proceeds from funds held in trust	8,212	(63,091)
Repayment of Long Term Debt	(23,298)	(202,631)
	<u>(11,324)</u>	<u>(112,019)</u>
<b>INVESTING</b>		
Expenditures on capital assets	(1,004)	0
	<u>(1,004)</u>	<u>0</u>
Net (decrease) increase in cash and equivalents	(69,093)	121,453
Cash and Investments, beginning of period	<u>1,625,053</u>	<u>1,503,600</u>
Cash and Investments, end of period	<u>1,555,960</u>	<u>1,625,053</u>
Cash and equivalents consist of the following		
Unrestricted	716,756	779,617
In Trust/Restricted	446,466	434,968
Restricted/Unearned	392,738	410,468
	<u>1,555,960</u>	<u>1,625,053</u>

**MARITIME CONFERENCE FUND**  
**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
**Interim Statement of Changes in Fund Balances**  
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Period ended March 31, 2018

	General Fund			Total			
	Unrestricted	Contingency Fund	General Fund	General Fund	Bequest	Special	Total
Fund Balances, beginning of period	\$ 1,322,761	\$ 268,844	\$ 1,591,605	\$ 206,125	\$ 140,756	\$ 1,938,486	\$ 1,751,624
Excess of Revenue over Expenditure (Expenditure over revenue)	16,681		16,681	-	1,581	18,263	186,862
Transfers from (to) other funds	-			-	-	-	-
<b>Fund Balances, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 1,339,443</b>	<b>\$ 268,844</b>	<b>\$ 1,608,287</b>	<b>\$ 206,125</b>	<b>\$ 142,337</b>	<b>\$ 1,956,749</b>	<b>\$ 1,938,486</b>

**MARITIME CONFERENCE FUND****THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA****Interim Statement of Revenue and Expenditures - General Fund**

Unaudited - For internal purposes only

Period ended March 31, 2018

	3 months ended 03/31/2018	Annual Budget	Y/E 12/31/2017
<b>Revenues</b>			
Allocations	\$233,592	\$934,366	\$934,366
Salary & Equalization Grants	7,500	30,000	194,097
Event Receipts			
Youth Forum	3,525	40,750	42,802
Intermediates at Conference	2,650	30,250	24,097
Fees	-	-	-
Rental of Facility/Archives	3,438	12,250	15,357
Unbudgeted projects income	12,731		117,870
Sundry	6,616	2,800	26,564
Amortization of Financial Campaign Cont.	8,120	33,500	32,388
	<u>278,172</u>	<u>1,083,916</u>	<u>1,387,541</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Executive	227	26,050	50,429
Administration	3,344	25,750	29,439
Interest on LTD	11,606	63,500	62,890
Office			
Operation	28,017	67,175	70,704
Salaries & benefits	123,867	556,350	562,233
Staff Travel	2,305	21,125	17,247
Standing Committees	39,465	234,400	213,932
Unbudgeted Project Expenses	12,731		117,870
Grants to tatamagouche Centre	15,000	50,000	50,000
Amortization	24,930	101,500	101,736
	<u>261,491</u>	<u>1,145,850</u>	<u>1,276,480</u>
Sub-total	<u>\$ 16,681</u>	<u>-\$ 61,934</u>	<u>\$ 111,061</u>
Unrealized Gain on Investments			70,370
Excess of (Expenditures over Revenues)	<u>\$ 16,681</u>	<u>-\$ 61,934</u>	<u>\$ 181,431</u>

### Appendix C

Maritime Conference Executive  
Halifax Presbytery Report  
27 April 2018

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

How has your Presbytery responded to this call?

This past year, the work of Presbytery has focused on the study of the Remits, the Presbytery voting on the Remits and offering assistance to congregations with Remit votes.

In the midst of all the uncertainty, we have been looking for some new ways to live out our call to be the church we are, instead of the church we used to be. In support of this work, we have given a number of grants from our Revitalization Fund, made possible by the generosity of two churches which sold their property and are now closed. One of these grants have supported a Presbytery-wide learning event on church revitalization with the Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart to explore new ways to be the church, to support technology upgrades, an inclusive community choir program and more. As old things end, new things begin, and that is our resurrection story.

What trends in celebration, service, justice seeking, and proclamation are filled with the Spirit in your Presbytery?

As reported in our 2017 report, Halifax Presbytery continued our work with the cemeteries located within our Presbytery. The Finance and Property Committee has continued to assist congregations which have cemeteries, with an eye towards helping them work collaboratively and pool their resources to maintain and keep accurate documents for their plots.

For another example, our Pastoral Oversight Committee, which has been doing regular visits since forever, is working to get beyond just listening to the problems, towards raising awareness about new church resources that might help, resources like webinars, grants available and the new Stewardship programs.

At our Executive meetings, we continue to be concerned about the growing number of part time ministry positions in Halifax Presbytery. We have two churches move to part time ministry within the past year with no minister in place and we have a number of congregations whose financial positions are not stable. Who knows how the Spirit will speak into the work of the coming year and if we are ready to hear.

Where is the Spirit of Jesus, our judge and our hope, evident within the religious life of your Presbytery?

We begin every full Presbytery meeting, six times a year, with a meal together, and then worship together, Christian spiritual practices that are ever old and ever new. Being together continues to be a joy for us, even in the midst of uncertainty. Sometimes our work feels like a burden, but we are filled with gratitude at all the wonderful and diverse skills we have represented within our presbytery. We have a wealth of resources, and a willingness to discern and do the work that needs doing. Like the bewildered disciples on Easter morning, we are living into the change as it happens, sure enough about the last part of the creed (“In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us, we are not alone”) to keep moving forward. Thanks be to God.

Where is God calling your Presbytery?

God is calling our Presbytery to move forward with the coming reorganization. While we mourn the loss of the fellowship that we have within the presbytery family, we are also excited about the new relationships that we will form within the new church organization. As our Oversight Chair ended her report for the past year, “We continue our work in faith as we listen to the Spirit and trust in God.”

## **Appendix D**

### **Inverness-Guysborough Presbytery**

Inverness-Guysborough Presbytery is located in the northeast corner of mainland Nova Scotia and part of Cape Breton Island. It is of note that all current clergy in our Presbytery are female.

#### **Pastoral Charge Highlights**

- Nan Corrigan (clergy) and Noreen MacLean (lay representative) were appointed as nominees for General Council Commissioners;
- Reverend Alicia Cox was welcomed to Margaree Pastoral Charge;
- Reverend Karen Ross requested a change in Pastoral Relations from River and Lakeside Pastoral Charge to Stellaraton Pastoral Charge, Pictou Presbytery;
- Reverend Alison Etter, Baddeck, transferred to United Heritage Pastoral Charge, Sydney, NS;
- Long time presbyter, Jim St. Claire, retired from Presbytery and his dedication and help over the years was acknowledged at our June meeting;
- Whitehead, New Haven, Orangedale and Marble Mountain have been closed and sale of same completed;
- Greenwood United and Middle River/ Baddeck Forks are currently searching for clergy;
- A very well attended joint choir service took place at Greenwood United Church, Baddeck on September 10<sup>th</sup>;

- Three guest speakers attended meetings in 2017: Dr. Todd Vascello, a psychotherapist based in Sydney, spoke to the membership on PTSD and mental illness; Reverend Rodger Janes, General Council Field Position as Stewardship and Gifts Officer for the Maritime provinces, spoke on Stewardship and giving within our churches and offered many resources for use in our Pastoral Charges and Reverend David Hewitt, Executive Secretary of Maritime Conference, spoke about the upcoming changes in the geographic boundaries of the United Church of Canada per remit presented at General Council. We will no longer be part of Maritime Conference, but will be the Nova Scotia/Bermuda Region with 17 regions across Canada;
- Presbytery continues to work through the Affirming process and have voted on final remits;
- Triennial visits continued throughout the year

Respectfully submitted,  
Alice MacAskill, Chairperson  
Pastoral Oversight Committee, Inverness-Guysborough Presbytery

## **Appendix E**

### **Report to Maritime Conference Executive Prince Edward Island Presbytery April 2018**

Much like it has been for all of us, this past year has been one of preparing for change, while also continuing the important work of our Presbytery. In June, we gave thanks to Roland Easter who finished his two year term as our chairperson, and welcomed Tara Ann Gourson into the role. Although his term has ended, gratitude must be given for his willingness to assist our current chair with some duties, as she welcomes her first child. His support has made this unexpected change much easier.

In the fall, we were blessed to covenant with three pastoral charges and their ministry personnel: West River Pastoral Charge and the Rev. Barbara Cairns; Memorial Pastoral Charge and the Rev. Keith MacPherson; and Trinity-Clifton Pastoral Charge and the Rev. Cathy Crooks and the Rev. Greg Davis. Like others, we continue to respond to vacancies within our presbytery, and to work with pastoral charges in need of support, due to ministry personnel being off on various forms of leave.

Our Church in Action committee continues to focus on issues related to aboriginal justice, and have worked hard to invite us to learn more about this important issue. Recently we began to incorporate “minutes for reconciliation” into every meeting, which helps to bring awareness to on a variety of issues; and last spring added the acknowledgement of territory to each meeting and presbytery sponsored event.

Both our presbytery and our executive have been hard at work preparing for the expected transition at the end of this year. Our executive has met multiple times to reflect on what needs to be taken care of before the end of the year, but also to do some visioning for life and ministry in

PEI after 2018. We continue to be blessed by the ministry we have here in our Presbytery and by the many dedicated volunteers who contribute in a variety of ways to the church. We wonder how we might continue to be in relationship with one another when presbyteries no longer exist. Yet we are also placing our trust in God to guide us through the transitions that lie ahead, and as we seek new ways of being the church here in PEI.

## **Appendix F**

### **Saint John Presbytery**

Saint John Presbytery consist of 19 pastoral charges. We are made up of part time and full time ministry. In our presbytery we are always looking for new ways to minister. These talks are ongoing, it is our hope much will come of them.

We in Saint John Presbytery continue to work towards new ways to "Live with respect in creation". Many of our congregations have come up with various ideas and continue to find new ones.

Justice work continues throughout our presbytery with open pit mining talks, fair trade products sold and TRC ideas as well as others.

There are a number of congregations financially strapped. With their faith, prayer and pursuing new ways to raise funds, they continue to serve their congregations and community. Even saying this the congregations continue to support food banks, make meals and supply clothes for our homeless and low income, along with many other ways to support outside our church walls.

Mental Health First Aid was a workshop held this month. This is one of many ways our presbytery is trying to give our clergy and lay help with this ongoing problem.

Two River Pastoral Charge has a "Blanket Exercise Team" which has been going to the school and other organizations to tell the true story of the Aboriginal people. This is part of the TRC to educate the people of what really happened. We have 4 members and a Cree First Nations Elder, which comes with us as the drummer and explains smudging. She is also a survivor of the Residential Schools.

Andrew Donald United Church held a celebration of their 175 years as a church. Guest speaker was the former Lt. Governor of N.B. Graydon Nicolas.

Saint John Presbytery were in attendance for the decommissioning of St. Andrews United Church in Norton, N.B.

We are supporting two churches going through the amalgamation.

Carleton Kirk United Church held a covenanting ceremony for Rev. Bill MacLeod as their Intentional Intern Minister.

Two Rivers are preparing to receive a new ordinant on July 1.

Quispamsis UC and St. David's UC are in search of new Ministry personnel.

St. Andrew's/St. David's UC in uptown Saint John is for sale. They will be looking into new ways to minister to their community.

The Home Mission Council will continue to support the United Church Clothing Depot in uptown Saint John and their work within the boundaries of Saint John Presbytery.

Throughout the presbytery there is always new ideas with the Spirit always leading us in these decisions. Saint John Presbytery with faith and prayers in the coming year of changes will seek the Spirit's guidance in all we say and do. To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen our judge and our HOPE.

In Peace, Bette Ashley (Chair of Saint John Presbytery)

## **Appendix G**

### **Maritime Conference Annual Meeting Planning Committee**

#### **Theme: # True Story**

Recognizing this is a significant year, the committee felt the need to honour the broad challenges and emotional context associated with this time of change. This meeting will attempt to both share information about the work happening and to offer time through theme and worship to share our stories. Our time together is reflected and remembered through 93 years of work. Several themes emerge and will be remembered in chapters of our common story.

*Chapter 1: In the beginning 1925 & early days*

*Chapter 2: Potlucks, pews & pastoral adventures congregational life*

*Chapter 3: A woman's place women's work & ministry*

*Chapter 4: To seek justice social justice & action*

*Chapter 5: Are we there yet? children's & youth ministry*

*Chapter 6: The next chapter imagining the future*

The final theme session on Saturday will be an "order of the day" so we spend our time in the last chapter with an eye to the future.

The worship team will endeavor to integrate worship with theme, providing a sacramental unity in a kind of "controlled Chaos." Kevin Parks and Dana Parady will be leading music again.

The Youth Forum and Intermediates at Conference will once more provide a quality experience for our young people. We are expecting a combined number of about 200 youth, who will join in inviting us to imagine how the sacred is at work in our communities and churches. The infusion

of hope we feel through these programs, in both leadership and participants will surely be appreciated this year.

In case you think this whole annual meeting will be focused on our changing structure, it is helpful to be reminded that the work of justice seeking and faithful living continues, as it ought, the Church in Action committee has invited Sister Maudilia Lopez Cardona, Guatemala, to address the court during their committee time. We anticipate the insights she brings will invite us to look beyond ourselves to the places we are called to work for justice with our mission partners.

Workshops are being planned by several groups in our conference. Those who are bringing proposals have been invited to offer a workshop to offer a time for those who might like to work through the heart of the proposals before they come to the floor to do so.

Faith March-MacCuish, who has been named Executive Minister (Provisional) for our regions in the new structure will be joining us at the Annual Meeting.

We have reserved some time on Friday evening to honour the Conference Staff. The Staff committee has been given the responsibility to plan this event.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Tourneur

## **Appendix H**

### **South Shore Presbytery**

Bob Dylan wrote, "The Times They Are a-Changin'". This is certainly true in The United Church of Canada this year. In South Shore Presbytery, we have spent time looking at what the future holds for us when we are no longer a Presbytery. A series of workshops were held throughout the year that not only helped us learn more about ourselves as a church community, but also helped us make individual and congregational connections. The Future Directions Committee helped organize three workshops with help from other committees. In September, Rev. Dr. Ross Bartlett led us in a session, "The United Church: Past, Present and Future". In the afternoon, the Church in Action Committee had members of KAIROS lead us in The Blanket Exercise: The Indigenous Rights History We've Never Been Taught. In November, David Csinos explored with us our Ministry with Children and Youth. In the afternoon, several people from our Presbytery led us in a discussion on "How to Become an Affirming Congregation". The January workshop was an all-day session entitled "Leadership in Changing Times" and was led by David Hewitt, Executive Secretary of Maritime Conference.

In addition to workshops offered at the Presbytery level, several congregations held workshops for their members but opened them up to the entire Presbytery and sometimes other Presbyteries. Bridgewater United Church hosted The Blanket Exercise: The Indigenous Rights History We've Never Been Taught and another session entitled "Toward a Just Peace in Palestine/Israel". Trinity

United Church in Shelburne hosted Rev. Gretta Vosper to hear first-hand about her ministry and her beliefs.

Two other events included a 'BE' event held at White Point Beach Resort and a Newcomers Day for refugees and their families held at Sherbrooke Lake Camp. The latter provided an opportunity for refugees to connect with other refugees in our area. This event included refugees within Valley Presbytery as well.

The Future Directions Committee continued, this year, to encourage pastoral charges to seek ways they can work together and share resources. They also are encouraging conversations about creating clusters of churches to support one another when Presbyteries are dissolved. A covenanting service was held in October for Rev. Lee Simpson for a 70% position shared between the Mahone Bay Pastoral Charge and the Blue Rocks/Stonehurst Pastoral Charge. This is one example of two pastoral charges working in co-operative ministry.

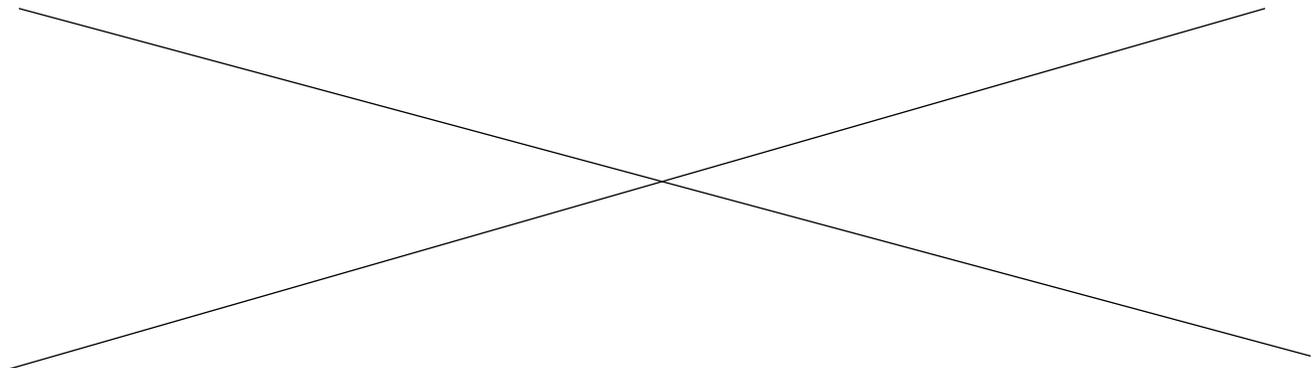
The Property and Finance Committee continued to look after grant applications. Congregations struggle with balancing their ministry costs and their building maintenance costs. The Hunter Church Building Fund and other grants through Maritime Conference help congregations offset major expenses for buildings.

The Church in Action Committee brought forward many social justice issues to our attention. The Committee was aware that individuals and congregations could be overwhelmed with mission requests. They shared a "5 Step Triage" document with us to help us prioritize appeals for help.

The Pastoral Care and Oversight Committee continued to read every pastoral charge's annual report and respond in writing to it. In addition, triennial visits were conducted on the following pastoral charges: Mahone Bay, Blue Rocks/Stonehurst and Riverport. Notes and cards were also sent to Presbytery members experiencing illness, death in the family or happy occasions. Of note, Rev. Heather Ferrier was congratulated on the birth of her baby boy on Christmas Day!

The Archives Committee, the Christian Life and Growth Committee, the Education and Students Committee and the Pastoral Relations Committee carried on with their respective tasks throughout the past year. With all the changes that are before us, we journey on together in faith and in confidence that the Divine One will lead us to preach the gospel, serve one another and look for ways to take care of creation.

South Shore Presbytery April 2018 Annual Report as per Manual C3.4.5



**Appendix I****Maritime Conference Executive  
Saint Croix Presbytery Report  
April 2018**

Saint Croix Presbytery is a very small presbytery. We have seven pastoral charges, including eight congregations, six of which are rural. There are only two paid accountable ministers in the Presbytery, Revs. Jane Doull and Lesley Hamilton, so most of our pastoral charges rely on licensed lay worship leaders, retired clergy and a student for Sunday supply. Last year we were sad to say goodbye to the buildings of the congregations of Lawrence Station and Tower Hill, both long standing congregations that, like their rural communities, had dwindled to a handful of people.

And yet, there is certainly life yet in Saint Croix:

- The congregation at St. James is experimenting with open-mike music nights, and have been amazed at the turn-out which fills the church.
- The Wesley Saint Andrews charge is holding drum circles and mid-week spiritual groups, which seem to attract curious members of the community. It's also coming toward the end of a major visioning process which will likely see major modernisation of the building and an application to Affirm United.
- Our student, Emma Seamone, is very busy serving three dispersed rural charges, and must be putting a lot of kilometres on her little car.
- At Kirk McColl, the congregation is experimenting with new ideas of church, and has seen fit to advertise for a youth minister.
- Finally, the Saint Croix Wellness Centre continues to flourish. It's an outreach ministry of the United Church that has now been able to hire staff, and develop new programs. We're particularly pleased with their weekly program for those 50 plus that always includes social time, physical activity, a themed presentation and lunch. Transportation can be provided and it's all free of charge. Not surprisingly, participation is full every week.

United Church people in Saint Croix participated in the series of remits and so have at least a vague idea that structural change is likely. Many presbyters are concerned about how our congregations will co-operate after the dissolution of Presbytery, and are exploring ideas ranging from organic clusters to almost re-creating presbytery with a local association of United Churches. They're not sure how or if they will transfer their volunteer efforts to the New Brunswick and PEI Region, and are concerned about things like driving to meetings. They'll need to know more before they commit.

However, there remain many of us who want to ensure that the only expression of a liberal Christianity in our region survives, and so I am confident that they will eventually step forward to see that it does.

Respectfully,  
Lance S Howard, Chair, Saint Croix Presbytery

**Appendix J**Truro Presbytery Report to Maritime Conference Executive  
April 27 & 28, 2018

My Pastoral Charge offers the New Creed read aloud as an affirmation of faith during worship most Sundays of the year, and I have, rather sadly, come to hear it as monotonous, so the request to utilize the words of the New Creed as an analogy of the faith filled presence of Truro Presbytery began as a real challenge for me.

And yet it is quite obvious that Truro Presbytery is indeed called to be the church - we meet as scheduled and as urgently required, we do paperwork ad nauseam, we share in the cares and the concerns of our members and the wider church and the world, we discuss all sides of every issue, and we work in ways both big and small to proclaim the word and do the work of God in our midst. I see all of that, at every meeting, sitting behind the table with the microphone and the candle and the best secretaries a Presbytery could ever have - Fay Smith and Fran Fiddes! Yet to really share who Truro Presbytery is, I believe that we need to hear from the committee level, where the majority of the work is done, so I asked each committee chair to share a line or two, based on the words of the New Creed and their work.

Joyce Custance, chair of “Archives, Communications, and Nominations” wrote: “Nothing in the words of the Creed seems to fit our work as outlined in the directory, and to be honest, I have been told by a couple of ministers that they tell their secretaries to ignore our comments and suggestions in their books, so we’re not sure that we are contributing anything in that part of our work!”

Meggin King, chair of “Education and Students”, shared: “The work of E&S comprises the challenging work of preparing people for the work of the public proclamation of Jesus Christ. The work is challenging because people are challenging ... mostly in the positive sense of the word! The work is challenging because of the structure of our denomination, and the sometimes overwhelming combination of categories and paperwork that need to follow each individual on their path. And yet, the work is affirming in the joy we feel as people become more and more clear in their choice of ministry, and as we support them in as many ways as possible.”

Chris Urquhart, chair of “Christian Life and Growth”, wrote: “CLG has sponsored youth to attend Maritime Conference Annual Meeting, helped with the costs for youth attending other church events, worked on ideas for increasing Sunday School attendance and making suggestions for outside church activities, tried to improve the amount of givings to M&S, praised those who have managed to not only meet their objectives but surpass them, inspired a more devoted attitude towards the stewardship of our earth, and raised the issues of justice and injustice.”

Penny Nelson, chair of “Church in Action” offered: “We have wrestled with how to address our Presbytery’s history of condoning slavery and oppression through looking into anti-racism training at Presbytery, and we admit that we have struggled with our own racism and white privilege as we have temporarily paused this conversation. We have sought justice for our brothers and sisters in Potlotek through petitioning the federal Government in support of their right to access clean drinking water, and we are in the process of organizing a Blanket Exercise event to help our Presbyters explore the true history of this land and its people. We continue to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, as we enable refugee sponsorship groups across our Presbytery, and stand in solidarity and hope with these new Canadians.”

Harvey Gullon, chair of “Pastoral Relationships”, told me: “PR has several Pastoral Charges under supervision, and are working on JNACs, amalgamations, and the sale of buildings. We strive to respect all of the feelings involved in such changes, and to avoid influencing those involved as we work to explain all obstacles and help Pastoral Charges to get to where they want to be. Our committee serves above and beyond the call of our mandate, and in fact have had to stop doing triennial visits because we simply do not have enough people with time to carry them out, however we continue to keep going forward with hope in the name of Jesus.”

David LeBlanc, chair of “Finance and Property”, shared: “It is more difficult to celebrate when we are overwhelmed by the sheer number of buildings closing, when the ownership of cemeteries requires close scrutiny, and when what we seem to be proclaiming is that we are the church selling churches.”

Glenn MacLean, Pension Convenor, explained to me: “The yearly gathering of retired people, their family, and their survivors, celebrates and offers a sense of community to a people who are largely forgotten; and Truro Presbytery advocating for people who have trouble with their pension is indeed justice seeking.”

Mary Thompson, chair of “Future Directions”, said: “Our purpose is to assist church congregations and Pastoral Charges going through changes and looking to the future, while recognizing that every situation is different.”

And so, just as the words of the New Creed are truly more than rote, even if I currently find them to be over used, the work of Truro Presbytery is also far more than perfunctory. There is a level of care and devotion present in the people of Truro Presbytery that enables the body to function even in the face of overload and downturn and uncertainty; for there is indeed an encouragement of call, a witness to God’s presence, a willingness to love in Jesus name, an attempt to respect all, a desire for justice, and a proclamation of hope that keeps us moving forward. It has been my pleasure to chair Truro Presbytery for this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Connie McNamara  
Chair of Truro Presbytery

## **Appendix K**

### **Valley Presbytery Report to Maritime Conference Executive**

Valley presbytery congregations continue to persevere from its rural farmlands to small towns and fishing communities. They are supporting refugee families, hosting community suppers, staging jam sessions, visiting ill, elderly or shut-in people, providing food and clothing to the needy, comforting those who have suffered losses, celebrating baptisms and weddings and speaking out on social justice issues.

With a mixture of highlights and ongoing concerns we start in the eastern part of the Presbytery: The Ste. Croix Pastoral Charge completed a successful amalgamation of the Ellershouse and Ste. Croix congregations into the Ste. Croix Ellershouse pastoral Charge. The work involved several meetings and a few unforeseen issues. But the people of the charge persevered and under the capable leadership of the Reverend Krista Anderson have a new governance structure and a renewed sense of being a community of faith within the United Church of Canada.

The Berwick Trinity Pastoral Charge also embarked on an amalgamation proposal that was supported by one church and rejected by the other. Through this process the two congregations were able to dialogue about their future direction and develop a new governance model for the Pastoral Charge. They will continue to work and worship individually and together throughout the year and summer months as they look at other options.

The Walton Pastoral Charge has been working on governance and financial issues as they adjust and renew their congregations under the leadership of the Reverend Judith Perry, who accepted an appointment to the Charge last November.

We are delighted to welcome new ministry personnel to the Presbytery since last we talked: the Reverend David Hann began in October of 2017 as minister at Windsor United Church and the Reverend Donald MacPherson in November to the William Black Pastoral Charge. We also look forward to the arrival of the soon-to-be-ordained Donald Sellsted who has answered the call of Orchard Valley United Church, beginning in July 2018.

A great deal of the Presbyterys work involves informally offering support, advice and comfort to congregations and their leaders. While some committees are very active: Pastoral Oversight and Pastoral Relations are very busy and require expertise and knowledge of their members , therefore are often called upon numerous times throughout the year. Whereas Education and Students are redefining themselves as no candidates are presently in the stream seeking entry to ministry.

Hopefully this work will continue under the proposed governance changes. But we are concerned about the lack of clear direction about how this will be carried out.

Respectfully submitted,  
Reverend Tom Woods,  
Chair, Valley Presbytery

## **Appendix L**

### **Woolastook Presbytery Report Maritime Conference Executive April 2018**

I would have to say that this past year for Woolastook Presbytery could most be characterized as bonding, at least among presbyters. And I suspect that this attitude of love and acceptance gets carried back to our pastoral charges.

I am always amazed when I see the evidence of what a broad spectrum of theology is represented in this body and yet we work and celebrate and sorrow together in full acceptance. This was terrifically demonstrated at the meeting where the Gospel, Interfaith and Theology Committee presented an order of the day in reaction to the Greta Vosper question. Greta Vosper and her situation were not discussed but several presbyters spoke of their personal beliefs, and they

varied greatly. We were then in small groups discussing our own personal feelings. Rather than being divisive it was, well, bonding. One of our newer members coming from another presbytery was amazed that we would be discussing faith at presbytery. That's the kind of stuff we do.

This same committee facilitated the formation of Presbytery Reads, a book club. The book they have been studying is The Meaning of Jesus, Two Visions by Marcus Borg and N. Thomas Wright. Book club members have been meeting in the later half of our lunch breaks during regular presbytery meetings.

We are always trying to get to know each other better. Jane has had us doing various (seemingly) silly things to begin our committee reports like starting with a joke, wearing a hat and telling about it, wearing favourite socks and telling about them, and sharing what is fun about your committee. Take my advice and don't ask committee chairs to tell jokes.

As much as this has been a year of bonding for presbyters, it has been a year of shrinking for the Presbytery. Two congregations are definitely disbanding and there are rumblings of another. Several charges have switched from full-time to part-time staffing. The good news is that some are looking at ways to share (except for a couple of neighbours who don't seem to love each other quite enough).

Our rural churches are generally the ones who are struggling to survive. But they continue to serve the faith and community needs of their aging members. We see the more urban churches working to serve the needs of their neighbourhoods, physical and social, answering the call to feed, clothe, and visit.

We did celebrate four covenanting services with full time ministers, three of them coming to us from quite a distance. These were remarkable in that all four are relatively youthful. (Youthful compared to the rest of us.)

Woolastook Presbytery now has four new Licensed Lay Worship Leaders to fill out the pulpit supply list and we have been keeping them quite busy covering for vacations, study leaves, and medical leaves.

When regular business resumed after Advent and Christmas, we suddenly realized that our time together is coming to an end. Many of us had been excited following the results of the remits and anticipating the excitement of change but now were wondering, "What have we done?". Ideas and plans are developing to visit with other presbyteries to get to know those we will be working with in the future. There is talk of what we would call clusters forming among neighbouring charges because we do so enjoy getting together.

And so it is with mixed emotions that we anticipate the changes to come, not because we are resistant to change but because we do so love what we currently have...together.

## Appendix M

### Staff Committee

The Maritime Conference Staff Committee acts as a sounding board and support for the Conference ministry and administrative staff. We serve in an advisory and consultative capacity for the Executive Secretary's Human Resources responsibilities, as well as making recommendations to the Conference Executive regarding Conference Staff.

Through ongoing relationship with staff liaisons, and opportunity for staff to have conversation with the committee as a whole, the Staff Committee seek to provide encouragement and reflection as needed.

While more general comments about the Staff Committee's work such as advocacy and consultation with the implementation process can be found in the Annual Meeting report, we would like to focus on updating the Executive on our most recent meeting in April.

On the Friday evening of the Conference Annual Meeting, we will be giving thanks for Lorraine Horryl's contribution to our church as she has retired. Given that the implementation process as we know it still has to be confirmed by the meeting of the next General Council, we won't be saying goodbye to our current staff. We will certainly be celebrating them unabashedly and without reservation, which will likely make them uncomfortable. They'll just have to deal with it because we are saying goodbye to the team as we know them and whatever the future holds, it will not be the Maritime Conference that was. We will build what is to come by standing on the firmest of foundations.

Following a time of intentional recognition, there will also be a reception where the whole of the meeting will be invited to express their appreciation to staff individually as they are so moved.

We are also being playful with the #TrueStory theme of the meeting, and you will see announcements from us on Facebook, the announcements, and others forums very soon as we get closer to the rise of Conference.

While our staff has been given the impression that it would be welcome for them to continue in the new church system that is still emerging, they are expected to continue in their role during the transition. Much more will be clear after the next meeting of the General Council.

For our sisters and brothers in Christ, they will likely receive mail notification over the summer months containing an invitation to continue in some capacity or their termination. Please keep them in your prayers, both those said to your Maker, but also to them directly. The committee has many concerns about the implementation process as well as how the Executive Ministers were appointed. We have communicated these concerns to our General Council representatives and through other channels available to us.

We may not be saying goodbye to all the staff, but we know in a very particular way, David Hewitt won't be continuing in a role akin to Executive Secretary. We acknowledged that and made our

thanksgiving, appreciation, and sincerest support for all that he has given this Conference very clear in our meeting. We hope you will too at the rise of Conference.

We also discussed the possibility of Staff Committees for the new Regions, but have decided to wait to see what recommendations may come from Executive Ministers or the implementation process.

## Appendix N

### **Proposal to Maritime Conference Executive**

**FROM: Chignecto Presbytery, April 27-18, 2018**

**RE: Number of Presbytery elected representatives to Regional Councils**

**Date Submitted: April 18, 2018**

**Background:** Since its formation in 1925 The United Church of Canada has been committed to being a conciliar, consultative and representational denomination. This form of government has been shaped and informed by various shifts and changes over its history. The common thread is the connexional nature of our denomination.

At present Chignecto Presbytery has an average attendance of 44-50 delegates. While this does not represent every pastoral charge within the presbytery, it represents a significant majority. At present Chignecto Presbytery is a part of the Executive of the Maritime Conference Executive which averages 35 members from across Maritime Conference.

The proposed composition of the Regional Transition Commissions for Region 14(which includes the New Brunswick side of Chignecto Presbytery) and Region 15 (which includes the Nova Scotia side of Chignecto Presbytery) is to elect 1 representative to the Regional Transition Commission(s) into which the Presbytery will be enveloped if the Remit carries.

The establishment of a 'Commission' within the polity of The United Church of Canada carries with it the 'power of a court' and the decisions are not subject to appeal as stated in the Manual of The United Church:

(Manual 2016: "13.3 Exceptions: Decisions That May Not Be Appealed The following decisions may not be appealed:

(a) a decision by a court or commission making policy in any area for which it has responsibility; {*A court may make a decision that makes policy or sets out the court's position on a particular matter. The court is acting in its legislative capacity, and the decision may not be appealed.* }

The magnitude of change represented by the possibility of moving from a four court to three court system calls for more 'buy in' than the actions of a Commission may allow. The conciliar understanding of The United Church of Canada calls us to be responsive to one another, and not to hand off our responsibility to a small group.

In information received from Nora Sanders, General Secretary, General Council, on April 4, 2018 the mandate for the Transitional Commission is as follows:

“with each commission mandated to...

- a) function as the Executive of the regional council from January 1, 2019 until such time as the regional council meets and elects a new Executive; and
- b) make decisions on such items as in the commission’s opinion are necessary to allow for the immediate functioning of the regional council on January 1, 2019;
- c) make decisions on the following items:
  - any required actions regarding staff who will serve the regional council;
  - a regional council budget for 2019;
  - mission support grants for 2019;
  - a preliminary Memorandum of Understanding between the regional councils being served by a single Executive Ministers;
  - a plan for how the Executive Minister will come to know the regional councils;
  - whether to have a getting-acquainted gathering in 2018 (optional);
  - property matters formerly done by presbyteries or Conferences;
  - a date and organizing a founding meeting for the regional council not later than June 30, 2019;
  - any unfinished business from presbyteries.
- d) propose plans for addressing the following potential topics:
  - a vision for the regional council;
  - the composition of the regional council’s governing body;
  - a process and timeline for determining the longer term governance of the regional council following the interim period filled by the commission;
  - nominations policies;
  - frequency and times of regional council meetings;
  - a process for selecting a name for the regional council (no longer than 44 characters);
  - a plan regarding current resource centres, if applicable.”

This reflects a massive undertaking, if indeed it is intended to reflect a locally generated vision of moving forward. Our concern is that the weight of the responsibility is overwhelming for such a small grouping. Given the varying sizes of the presbyteries which may become Regions such a Commission could exert undue pressure upon the smaller presbyteries to find appropriate representatives and under-represent the larger presbyteries.

**Therefore Chignecto Presbytery proposes to the Maritime Conference Executive that:**

3. The title of the proposed Transition Region Commissions be changed to Transitional Regional Committees and not be given the power of a Commission.
4. The Executive of Maritime Conference develop a formula to reflect the number of pastoral charges in each of its presbyteries in order to establish a representational Transitional Regional Committee.\*
5. That the Transitional teams reflect skills in the following areas:
  - a. Developing staffing models to serve Region 14 and 15
  - b. Developing financial models
  - c. Developing mission priorities

6. That the Regional Transition Committee report regularly to the Conference Executive and the electing Presbytery to ensure that the electing bodies have input into the planning process and that the electing bodies have input into the final approval of the processes to be developed.

\* One suggestion is that each presbytery elect two representatives and that those presbyteries with more than 25 pastoral charges elect an additional representative.

**MARITIME CONFERENCE  
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

TIME AND PLACE: The Executive of Maritime Conference met, at the call of the President, on May 16, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. by telephone conference call, with the President, Rev. Richard Bowley, officiating.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT: “I constitute this court in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of our church and the light on our path. By the authority vested in me by the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada, I hereby declare this meeting of the Sub-Executive of Maritime Conference to be in session to deal with all business and matters that may be brought before it. May all that we do be inspired by the Holy Spirit as we discern our way forward together.”

OPENING PRAYER: The President led the Executive in opening prayer.

ATTENDANCE AND REGRETS: Present: President Rev. Richard Bowley, Executive Secretary Mr. David Hewitt, President-Elect Rev. Catherine MacDonald, Treasurer Mr. Alan Gray, Rev. Brian DeLong, Ms. Jane MacDonald, Rev. Stephen Mills, Mr. Layton Peck, and Ms. Pauline Walker. Also in attendance was Ms. Jennifer Whittemore to record minutes.

Regrets: President-Elect Rev. Catherine Stuart.

MINUTES: Stephen Mills / Pauline Walker moved that the Sub-Executive minutes from March 15, 2018 [02(18)-03(18)] be approved as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

THE HOME MISSION COUNCIL: Jane McDonald / Brian DeLong moved that Maritime Conference give consent for the Home Mission Council of Saint John Presbytery to sell the property at 68 Carleton Street, Saint John, NB for \$450,000 to Cooke Aquaculture Inc.

**MOTION CARRIED**

CLOSING PRAYER: The President led the Executive in closing worship.

ADJOURNMENT: President declared the meeting adjourned.

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Richard Bowley, President

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David Hewitt, Executive Secretary

**Appendix A**

#	Received From	Date Rec.	Regarding	Recommended Action
A01	Gerald Higgins, President, The Home Mission Council	11-May-18	Conference request for Consent to sell 68 Carleton St.	to Exec for Action

**MARITIME CONFERENCE  
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

TIME AND PLACE: The Executive of Maritime Conference met, at the call of the President, on May 27, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the Tantramar Civic Centre, Sackville, NB, with the President, Rev. Catherine MacDonald, officiating.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT: “I constitute this court in the name of Jesus Christ, who is at the centre of our faith, and whose example enables us to follow him with courage, creativity and compassion. By the authority vested in me by the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada, I hereby declare this meeting of the Executive of Maritime Conference to be in session to deal with all business and matters that may be brought before it. We are an Affirming Ministry, seeking to provide a safe and welcoming space for all people. As we gather, let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi’kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people.”

OPENING PRAYER: The President opened the meeting with prayer.

ATTENDANCE AND REGRETS: Present President Rev. Catherine MacDonald, Executive Secretary Mr. David Hewitt, Past-President Rev. Richard Bowley, President-Elect Ms. Sheila Gallant, Ms. Bette Ashley, Ms. Julielynn Anderson, Mr. Ross Cameron, Rev. Brian DeLong, Rev. Alison Etter, Rev. Catherine Gaw, Mr. Kent Gibbons, Rev. Tara Ann Gourson, Mr. Lance Howard, Rev. Jane Johnson, Ms. Ruth Kennedy, Mr. Malcolm MacLeod, Ms. Jane McDonald, Rev. Connie McNamara, Mr. Donald Smith, and Ms. Pauline Walker.

Regrets: Treasurer Mr. Alan Gray, Rev. Matthew Fillier, Rev. Sean Handcock, Mr. Max Martin, Mr. Layton Peck, Ms. Roberta Phillips, Rev. Sarah Reaburn, Ms. Susan Reid, Mr. Sim Ruston, Ms. Fay Smith, Ms. Alicia Walls, and Rev. Tom Woods.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: David Hewitt / Richard Bowley moved that Maritime Conference staff Laura Hunter, Kendall Harrison and Lauren King be granted corresponding privileges for this meeting of Maritime Conference Executive.

**MOTION CARRIED**

MINUTES: David Hewitt / Brian DeLong moved that the Executive minutes from April 27-28, 2018 [04(18)-34(18)], be approved as circulated with the correction that E. Lorraine “Lori” Crocker continue designation as an Interim Minister be revised to read E. Lorraine “Lori” Crocker receive initial designation as an Interim Minister.

**MOTION CARRIED**

CONFERENCE SUB-EXECUTIVE: Noting that the President (Catherine MacDonald), President-Elect Sheila Gallant, Executive Secretary (David Hewitt), Treasurer (Alan Gray) and one of the GC Executive representatives are traditionally members of the Conference Sub-Executive, the Executive Secretary invited suggestions of four or five other persons.

It was agreed that Sean Handcock, Ordered representative, to the Executive of General Council be on the Maritime Conference Staff Committee of the Maritime Conference and that Pauline Walker, Lay representative, to the Executive of the General Council serve on the Sub-Executive.

The President declared nominations closed.

David Hewitt / Jane Johnson moved that President, President-Elect, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, one General Council Executive, Jane MacDonald, Donald Smith, Brian DeLong, Lance Howard, and Richard Bowley sit on the Sub-Executive.

**CARRIED**

MEETING SCHEDULE:

David Hewitt / Julielynn Anderson moved that the Fall date of the Executive be September 21-22, 2018 at the Maritime Conference Centre, Sackville, NB.

**CARRIED**

David Hewitt / Pauline Walker moved that a second Fall meeting date of the Executive be November 9-10, 2018 at the Maritime Conference Centre, Sackville, NB, and November 23-24, 2018 as a storm date.

**CARRIED**

MINISTRY PERSONNEL & EDUCATION:

Brian DeLong / Richard Bowley moved that on the recommendation of the Ministry Personnel and Education Committee and at the request of Miramichi Presbytery, that Kathryn McIntosh, DLM (Recognized), be licensed to administer the sacraments and officiate at weddings within the bounds of Miramichi Presbytery, for the duration of her appointment to the Millerton Pastoral Charge, July 1, 2018 to June 3, 2019.

**MOTION CARRIED**

POWERS TO THE SUB-EXECUTIVE:

David Hewitt / Bette Ashley moved that powers be granted to the Sub-Executive in the interim until Executive reconvenes and that permission be given for a telephone conference call to be used in decision making in the Sub-Executive’s work, if necessary.

**CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT: President declared the meeting adjourn.

The President closed by offering a benediction.

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Catherine MacDonald, President

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David Hewitt, Executive Secretary

### Appendix A

#	Received From	Date Rec.	Regarding	Recommended Action
A01	Charlene Maguire MacKnight, Secretary, Miramichi Presbytery	17-May-18	Request for Kathryn McIntosh (Recognized DLM) to administer Sacraments and licensed to perform marriages from July 1, 2018 to June 3, 2019	to MP&E; to Exec for Action
I01	Nora Sanders, General Secretary, General Council	22-May-18	Response to Catherine Stuart's letter regarding appointment of Provisional Executive Ministers	to Exec for Info

### MARITIME CONFERENCE THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

TIME AND PLACE: The Sub-Executive of Maritime Conference met, at the call of the President, on August 8, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. by telephone conference call, with the President, Rev. Catherine MacDonald, officiating.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT: “I constitute this court in the name of Jesus Christ, who is at the centre of our faith, and whose example enables us to follow him with courage, creativity and compassion. By the authority vested in me by the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada, I hereby declare this meeting of the Sub-Executive of Maritime Conference to be in session to deal with all business and matters that may be brought before it. We are an Affirming Ministry, seeking to provide a safe and welcoming space for all people. As we gather, let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi’kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people.”

OPENING PRAYER: The President opened the meeting with prayer.

ATTENDANCE AND REGRETS: Present President Rev. Catherine MacDonald, Executive Secretary Mr. David Hewitt, Past-President Rev. Richard Bowley, Rev. Brian DeLong, Ms. Jane McDonald, Mr. Donald Smith, and Ms. Pauline Walker.

Regrets: President-Elect Ms. Sheila Gallant, Treasurer Mr. Alan Gray, and Mr. Lance Howard.

MINUTES: Pauline Walker / Richard Bowley moved that the Sub-Executive minutes from May 16, 2018 [34(18)-35(18)] be approved as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE OF VOCATION: Brian DeLong / Richard Bowley moved the following names in nomination for the General Council Office of Vocations Candidacy Board:

Region 14

Sheila Gallant, Jane Johnson, Robert Johnson, Blair Lewis, Elizabeth Stevenson, Catherine Stuart and Yvette Swan

Region 15

Lorraine Beasley, Helene Burns, Kevin Cox, Ian MacDonald, Norma Mills, Margaret Plant, Natasha Pearen and Sally Shaw

**MOTION CARRIED**

DISCONTINUED SERVICE LIST (VOLUNTARY): David Hewitt / Jane McDonald moved to waive the written ballot in order to deal with a request to have a name placed on the Discontinued Service List (Voluntary) of The United Church of Canada.

**MOTION CARRIED**

David Hewitt / Don Smith moved that the Sub-Executive of Maritime Conference concur with the recommendation of South Shore Presbytery to approve the request of Ronald D. Frampton to have his name placed on the Discontinued Service List (Voluntary) of The United Church of Canada effective August 8, 2018.

**MOTION CARRIED**

David Hewitt / Jane McDonald moved that Maritime Conference, under Manual Section I.3.3.5, stipulate that Ronald D. Frampton not be granted permission to exercise any of the functions of an ordained minister while his name is on the Discontinued Service List (Voluntary).

**MOTION CARRIED**

HALIFAX PRESBYTERY: David Hewitt / Richard Bowley moved that at the request of Halifax Presbytery for Maritime Conference to conduct a formal hearing with respect to Kathi Zwicker.

**MOTION CARRIED**

SAINT JOHN PRESBYTERY: David Hewitt / Don Smith moved that at the request of Saint John Presbytery for Maritime Conference to conduct a formal hearing with respect to Scott Hillier.

**MOTION CARRIED**

MARITIME CONFERENCE CENTRE: Jane McDonald / Don Smith moved that the Conference Executive Secretary be authorized to write to the General Council seeking clarification on the status of the Maritime Conference Centre following January 1, 2019.

**MOTION CARRIED**

HALIFAX PRESBYTERY: ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH (MOSE RIVER): David Hewitt / Richard Bowley moved that Maritime Conference accept the offer of Andrew Naugler to purchase the St. Andrew's United Church (Moser River) church property, PID #00544502, for \$5,000. All additional related costs to be the responsibility of Mr. Naugler.

**MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT: President declared the meeting adjourn.

The President closed by offering a benediction.

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Catherine MacDonald, President

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David Hewitt, Executive Secretary

### Appendix A

#	Received From	Date Rec.	Regarding	Recommended Action
A1	Ronald Frampton	21-Dec-17	Request to be placed on the Discontinued Service List (Voluntary)	to Exec for Action
A2	Stephen Fram, Secretary, Halifax Presbytery	11-Jan-18	Motion passed to initiate the steps for a formal hearing by the Maritime Conference to determine whether the name Rev. Kathi Zwicker should be placed on the DSL, Disciplinary	to Exec for Action
A3	Steven Longmoore, Saint John Presbytery	26-Jun-18	Discontinued Service List (Disciplinary) form for S. Hillier	to Exec for Action
A3	Sharon Russell, Secretary, Saint John Presbytery	26-Jun-18	Presbytery motions regarding S. Hillier	to Exec for Action