REGULAR MEETING OF THE OTTAWA PRESBYTERY, MAY 13, 2014

The Ottawa Presbytery was called by the Chair, the Rev. Trisha Elliott to meet on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 6:30 pm at Shawville United Church in Ottawa. Committees of the Presbytery met before the dinner. The Rev. Kim Vidal asked the blessing and the Rev. Kathryn Peate offered thanks to those in the kitchen.

THE FOLLOWING REGISTERED THEIR ATTENDANCE:


**Lay:** Pat Ashton, Rick Balson, Charles Barrett, Nicole Beaudry, Isabel Bender, Reg Best, Alice Black, Lola Brown, Pat Brown, Janice Burroughs, Molly Colwell, Margaret Coughtrey, Isobel Eastman, Rhonda Fields, Dietlind Gardell, Betty Giffin, Bryan Giffin, Brenda Girling, Beth Gutsell, Jacquie Hawken, Eric Hebert-Daly, Jodi Hoar, Kathryn Holman, Marni Hunt Stephens, Chris Inrig, Charles Knight, Mary Laidlaw, Lorrie Lowes, Jeff Milan, Sue Morrison, David Patterson, Janice Péron, Al Quirt, Barbara Reynolds, Don Reynolds, David Rockwell, Ron Scharfe, David Stafford, Maureen Stark, Cathy Stewart, Hanna Strong, Desna Sulway, Sara Surjadi, Beth Sweetnam, David Sword, Keith Vodden, Jim Watchorn. (47)

**Lay Minister:** (including the categories of DLM, DLM Applicant, DLM not recognized, Retired DLM, Retained DLM, Student Intern and Student Supply): Ruth Sword.

**Corresponding:** Wendy Mather


**Guests:** Albert Armstrong, Barbara Bole Stafford, Bill Burr, Donna Burr, Gail Draper, Susan Gaden, Ginnie Galloway, Jim Galloway, Scott Hebert-Daly, Heidi Martin, Bob Richards, Anita Rutledge, Larry Seguin, Vicki Seguin, Shirley Shouldice, Ken Stewart, Leyton Woods, Winnifred Woods

**CALL TO ORDER**
The Rev. Trisha Elliott, Chair of the Ottawa Presbytery, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with a call to order and to worship. Quorum was met.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
**Motion:** (Dillenbeck/Jensen) that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried
WORDS OF WELCOME TO MEMBERS OF THE COURT & GUESTS
Rev. Trisha Elliott welcomed the court and guests, including the many guests who had come for the covenanting of Éric Hébert-Daly. Rhonda Fields, new lay presbyter from Ashton-Munster and the Rev. Paul McLenaghan, retired supply in Bristol were introduced.

Motion: (Stafford/I. Black) that guests be made corresponding members. Carried.

WELCOME TO SHAWVILLE UNITED CHURCH
Albert Armstrong, Chair of the Board, welcomed Presbytery to Shawville United Church. He expressed appreciation for the ministry of Rev. Angus MacDonald as Retired Sunday Supply during their vacancy and noted that the Rev. Sally Budge from the Maritimes will become Minister of Shawville United Church on July 1, 2014.

The Chair then invited the court to pause in prayer and remember the couple in the Shawville community killed in a fatal highway accident early that morning, their children as well as the woman who had been critically injured. Silent prayer was concluded with the singing of the Lord’s Prayer. Lorena Duncan shared her gifts as the musician in residence for the evening.

WORSHIP
The Rev. David Sherwin’s theme for worship was “Hallelujah”. Worship opened with the singing of Over My Head – VU#88, which is about what slaves escaping on the underground railway while they were in the basement of churches. The reading was Matthew 4:12-22 and Projected images created space for personal meditation on the theme of following Christ. Worship concluded with prayer and the singing of I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me, VU #575.

NEW MINISTRY STORY – FAITH AND ARTS OTTAWA
The Rev. David Sherwin reported on Faith & Arts Ottawa, a mission set up by the Ottawa Presbytery just over two years ago. David started his half-time position with Faith & Arts Ottawa on March 1, 2012. He expressed appreciation for the Board of Faith & Arts Ottawa. He described the Mission, Vision and Values of Faith & Arts Ottawa, as well as its work. The ministry is looking forward to “godVERBATIM”, a production about perceptions and experiences of spirituality that will run as part of the Fringe Festival in June 2014 and to being the sponsoring body of “CRACKS – a festival of spirituality, art and social justice” in November 2014.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion: (G. Carruth, D. Patterson) that in one action the Ottawa Presbytery receives and approves as appropriate the following minutes, each and every, circulated in the last mailing:
Minutes of the Presbytery meeting held on April 8, 2014, for approval.
Minutes of the Covenanting held on April 27, 2014, for approval.
Minutes of the Executive meeting held on March 27, 2014, for information. Carried.
CORRESPONDENCE

CONSENSUS PACKET 2 MOTIONS

Motion: (Dillenbeck/Jensen) that having been assured that all the movers and seconders of motions contained in the Consensus Packet #2 are present in the Court, the Ottawa Presbytery adopt the motions, each and every, as part of this single action.

RENEWAL OF LEASE WITH CITY VIEW UNITED CHURCH

Motion: (Cornelius/D. Lee) that Ottawa Presbytery enters into an extension of the lease for the presbytery office within the United Church Regional Centre with City View United Church for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016. The terms of the lease between the United Church Regional Centre (M&O Conference and Ottawa Presbytery) and City View United Church to be a fixed monthly rental of $2,922.57 or $33,708.96 annually for the duration of the lease. (Ottawa Presbytery currently pays 60% of the lease. In addition the lease provides for the provision of 15% of the utilities costs of the property being assigned to the lease.)

ROLL OF CONFERENCE

Motion: (L. Roberts/ D. Lee) that Ottawa Presbytery certifies the current Roll of the Ottawa Presbytery to the Montreal & Ottawa Conference as follows and as defined in Manual 2013 C. Presbytery 1. Membership, 1.1 Membership of Order of Ministry; 1.2 Lay Members;

1.1 Members of the Order of Ministry

The following members of the order of ministry are members of the presbytery:

(a) those who have been settled in pastoral charges, missions, or outreach ministries in the presbytery;
(b) those who have been appointed by the presbytery to serve a pastoral charge, mission, or outreach ministry;
(c) those who have been appointed to a United Church position by the General Council, a Conference, a presbytery, or an institution of the United Church;
(d) those who are retired;
(e) those who were granted leave for postgraduate studies at the time of commissioning or ordination;
(f) those who are from another denomination if
   (i) their credentials have been approved through General Council procedures; and
   (ii) they have been appointed by the presbytery to a pastoral charge, mission, or outreach ministry; and
(g) those who have been retained on the rolls of the presbytery and Conference.

1.2 Lay Members

The lay members of the presbytery are full members of the United Church who are

(a) appointed by the presbytery as designated lay ministers to serve a pastoral charge or other presbytery-accountable ministry in the presbytery;
(b) retained on the roll at the end of an appointment as designated lay ministers;
(c) candidates appointed by the presbytery to serve a pastoral charge, mission, or outreach ministry in the presbytery;

(d) receiving long-term disability benefits as a result of a disability that occurred when they were serving as designated lay ministers in the presbytery;

(e) appointed by a court of the church to an administrative or program position;

(f) elected by congregations and missions on the following basis:
   (i) one representative from each congregation or mission with 100 or fewer resident members;
   (ii) two representatives from each congregation or mission with 101 to 200 resident members;
   (iii) three representatives from each congregation or mission with 201 to 300 resident members;
   (iv) four representatives from each congregation or mission with more than 300 resident members;

(g) elected on the same basis as in the previous paragraph by an interdenominational congregation or mission, including a Canadian Forces Base, if it is recognized by the presbytery and the United Church is one of the participating denominations;

(h) one representative from the presbyterial United Church Women or a successor organization;

(i) one representative from the presbytery United Church Men or a successor organization;

(j) at least one youth representative (age 13 to 18) appointed by the presbytery;

(k) at least one young adult representative (age 18 to 30) appointed by the presbytery;

(l) one representative from each outreach ministry in the presbytery;

(m) past Moderators who live in the presbytery;

(n) past presidents or leading Elders of a Conference if
   (i) they are members of a congregation in the presbytery; and
   (ii) the presbytery is in the Conference where they served as president or leading Elder; and

(o) up to 10 lay members at large appointed by the presbytery.

Those lay members of Presbytery elected by congregations, those elected by the Presbytery to serve as members at large, the elected Youth and Young Adult representatives, the representative of the Women’s Network, and of the United Church Men’s published and corrected on May 13, 2014 to be the lay representatives;

Those names of alternate lay delegates forwarded by the governance body in the pastoral charge to the Presbytery no later than May 23, 2014; or in the instance of the Youth and Young Representatives forwarded by the YAYA Committee of Presbytery by the same date, may be authorized as the delegates in place of those cited in 7, when authorized by:

The Chair and Secretary (Presbytery Minister) who by this resolution are authorized to appoint and certify where vacancies in representation exist between the date of this meeting May 13, 2014 and the rise of Conference May 30, 2014.
EDUCATION AND STUDENTS
Establishment of a Discernment Committee
Motion: (Sherman/Hermanson) that on the recommendation of the Education and Students Committee of the Ottawa Presbytery, having considered the recommendation of First United Church, the Ottawa Presbytery names Rev. Laurie McKnight Walker and Alice Black to the discernment committee and, once training is completed, agree to establish a discernment committee for Colleen Lowrie, Inquirer.

Bristol Pastoral Charge Educational Supervisor
Motion: (Sherman/Hermanson) that Ottawa Presbytery approves Rev. Laurie McKnight Walker as the educational supervisor for the application from the Bristol Pastoral Charge to be a Supervised Ministry Education site for the Atlantic School of Theology “In Ministry” Master of Divinity Program.

MINISTRY PERSONNEL
Motion: (Bryan Giffin/B. Reynolds) that Ottawa Presbytery notes with appreciation the following ordered ministry personnel who are celebrating milestone anniversaries in May 2014:

Milestones in Ministry
Celebrating 55 Year Anniversary (55 years 1959) – Garth Mundle, Dorothy Naylor
Celebrating Golden Anniversaries (50 years 1964) – Donald Boyd, Laura Richardson
Celebrating 45 Year Anniversaries (1969) – Keith Brown, Joseph Burke
Celebrating 40 Year Anniversary – Stanley Ralph
Celebrating 35 Year Anniversary (35 years 1979) – Brian Copeland, Kathryn Guthrie
Celebrating Pearl Anniversaries (30 Years 1984) – Christine Gross, Lillian Roberts, Whit Strong, Andrew Jensen
Celebrating Silver Anniversaries (25 Years 1989) – Ruth Ballinger, Elizabeth Bryce, Stephen Clifton, James Murray, Karen Niven-Wigston
Retirement Jan Lougheed, Neil Wallace

PASTORAL RELATIONS
RETAINED ROLL OF OTTAWA PRESBYTERY STANDING STATUS
Ministry Personnel serving in other church appointments or special ministries
Motion: (Bryan Giffin/B. Reynolds) that the Ottawa Presbytery notes and transmits that the following ministry personnel are currently on the roll of Ottawa Presbytery while they are serving in United Church appointments and special ministries. Manual 2013C. Presbytery 1. 1(c)
  Rev. Dr. Graeme Carruth - Canadian Forces
  Rev. Nancy Colton - Canadian Forces
  Rev. Shaun Yaskiw – Canadian Forces
  Rev. Hilary Merritt - Ottawa Presbytery, Youth and Young Adult Minister
  Rev. Lillian Roberts - Ottawa Presbytery, Presbytery Minister
  Rev. James Scott - General Council Staff - Residential Schools
  Rev. Angelika Piché – United Theological College
  Rev. Whitman Strong - Montreal and Ottawa Conference Staff
Ministry Personnel Retained on Roll on LTD:
Motion: (Bryan Giffin/B. Reynolds) that Ottawa Presbytery notes and transmits that the following ministry personnel are currently retained on the roll of Ottawa Presbytery and on LTD:
   Rev. Ruth Ballinger
   Rev. Christine Gross
   Rev. James Lee
   Rev. Anne McKnight
   Karen Niven-Wigston, D.M.

Ministry Personnel newly retired and on the retired roll

RETAINED ROLL OF OTTAWA PRESBYTERY ANNUAL STATUS
Rev. Kathryn Guthrie
Motion: (Betty Giffin/Bryan Giffin) that the Ottawa Presbytery notes and transmits with approval the request of the Rev. Kathryn Guthrie to be retained on the roll of Ottawa Presbytery for the pastoral year 2014-2015, while she is serving in other employment (registered marriage and family therapist in private practice).

Rev. Dr. Christine Johnson
Motion: (Betty Giffin/Bryan Giffin) that the Ottawa Presbytery notes and transmits with approval the request of the Rev. Dr. Christine Johnson to be retained on the roll of Ottawa Presbytery for the pastoral year 2014-2015, while she is in search for an appointment or call.

Rev. Alan Edwards
Motion: (Betty Giffin/Bryan Giffin) that the Ottawa Presbytery notes and transmits with approval the request of the Rev. Alan Edwards to be retained on the roll of Ottawa Presbytery for the pastoral year 2014-2015, while he is serving in other employment as a strategic policy analyst.

Rev. Mark Wilson
Motion: (Betty Giffin/Bryan Giffin) that the Ottawa approves the request of the Rev. Mark Wilson to transfer from Ottawa Presbytery, Montreal and Ottawa Conference to Sudbury Presbytery, Manitou Conference effective May 1, 2014.
VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATE MINISTER STATUS

Motion: (Bryan Giffin/G. Roberts) that the Ottawa Presbytery transmits with approval the requests of the following ministry personnel to be Voluntary Associate Ministers with the indicated congregations for the Pastoral Year 2014 - 2015, and request Montreal and Ottawa Conference to certify for retaining a license to marry within the appropriate province:

Rev. Angela Bailey (Bells Corners)  
Rev. Donald Boyd (Glen Cairn)  
Rev. Martin Carnahan (Barrhaven)  
Rev. Gail Christy (Riverside)  
Rev. Howard Clark (First)  
Rev. Cyril Cook (North Gower)  
Rev. Jacques deRêland (Thurso)  
Rev. Eileen Hepplewhite (Carp-Dunrobin)  
Rev. George Hermanson (Barrhaven)  
Rev. Stewart Hewlett (Emmanuel)  
Rev. Angus MacDonald (Riverside)  
Rev. Don Maclean (Barrhaven)  
Rev. Hilary Merritt (Cumberland)  
Rev. Sharon Moon (First)  
Rev. John Moor (St. Paul’s Eastern)  
Rev. Angelika Piché (Namur)  
Rev. Lillian Roberts (South Gloucester)  
Rev. Tom Sherwood (First) (PWP)  
Rev. Whitman Strong (Glen Cairn)  
Rev. Susanne Taylor (First)  
Rev. Janet Thompson (Navan-Vars)  
Rev. Wendy Wright McKenzie (Manotick)

APPOINTMENT OF PRESBYTERY PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS

Motion: (Betty Giffin/Bryan Giffin) that Ottawa Presbytery appoints the following as pastoral charge supervisors to the indicated pastoral charge for the 2014-2015 pastoral year.

Chinese United Church – Barbara Reynolds  
Vernon United Church – Rev. Gordon Roberts  
Campbell’s Bay Pastoral Charge – Rev. Angus MacDonald  
Namur – Rev. Angelika Piché

South Gloucester Pastoral Charge: Housing Allowance

Motion (Hoar/Betty Giffin) that the Ottawa Presbytery grants approval to the South Gloucester Pastoral Charge to maintain their housing allowance of $16,800 based on the fair rental value of suitable accommodation comparable to that which would have been provided as a manse in the area, effective April 27, 2014.

Schiebout, Rev. Arlyce: Retirement

Motion: (Betty Giffin/Bryan Giffin) that the Ottawa Presbytery takes note of the retirement of the Rev. Arlyce Schiebout effective May 1, 2014.

Schiebout, Rev. Arlyce: Appointment

Motion: (Betty Giffin/Bryan Giffin) that the Ottawa Presbytery transmits with approval to the Montreal and Ottawa Conference Settlement Committee the request of the Ashton-Munster Pastoral Charge for the reappointment of the Rev. Arlyce Schiebout as retired supply - Interim Minister - full time effective May 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, with the following terms $42,018 base salary plus 10% [total salary $46,220], $18,300 housing allowance; basic telephone $500; financial support for study, including book allowance to be reimbursed to a maximum of $1320; three weeks study leave (21 days) within each Pastoral Year; vacation of minimum one month within each Pastoral Year; participation in the Centralized Payroll Service; pension and group
insurance payments as assessed; travel expense reimbursement as logged based on minimum General Council rate (presently $0.41/km) (Category F).

**Woodroffe Pastoral Charge: Appointment of Representatives to Joint Needs Assessment**  
**Motion:** (Hoar/Betty Giffin) that the Ottawa Presbytery appoints the Rev. Robert Merritt and David Stafford as the presbytery representatives to the Joint Needs Assessment Committee with Woodroffe Pastoral Charge.

**MacKay Pastoral Charge: Appointment of Representatives to Joint Needs Assessment**  
**Motion:** (Hoar/Bryan Giffin) that the Ottawa Presbytery appoints Barbara Reynolds and Betty Giffin as the presbytery representatives to the Joint Needs Assessment Committee with MacKay Pastoral Charge.

**Ashton-Munster Pastoral Charge: Appointment of Representatives to Joint Needs Assessment**  
**Motion:** (Betty Giffin/Hoar) that the Ottawa Presbytery appoints Barbara Reynolds as the presbytery representatives to the Joint Needs Assessment Committee with Ashton-Munster Pastoral Charge.

**Bells Corners Pastoral Charge: Presbytery Appointee**  
**Motion:** (Hoar/Betty Giffin) that the Ottawa Presbytery appoints the Rev. Angela Bailey as Presbytery Appointee for the purpose of quorum to the Bells Corners Pastoral Charge Church Board meeting of May 21, 2014 and the congregation meeting of May 25, 2014 during the absence of the serving minister.

**Fitzroy Pastoral Charge: Approval of Joint Needs Assessment**  
**Motion:** (Bryan Giffin/Betty Giffin) that the Ottawa Presbytery approves the joint needs assessment report of Fitzroy Pastoral Charge as approved by the congregation April 13, 2014.

**Fitzroy Pastoral Charge: Declaration of Vacancy**  
**Motion:** (Bryan Giffin/Betty Giffin) that the Ottawa Presbytery declares a vacancy for a full-time transitional minister (40 hours/week) at the Fitzroy Pastoral Charge, effective July 1, 2014.

**Fitzroy Pastoral Charge: Transition Committee**  
**Motion:** (B. Reynolds/Hoar) that the Ottawa Presbytery appoints Bryan Giffin and an order of ministry person to be named as the presbytery representatives to the Transition Team at the Fitzroy Pastoral Charge.

**Lovering, Melodee: Reappointment to Parkdale Pastoral Charge**  
**Motion:** (Betty Giffin/Bryan Giffin) that the Ottawa Presbytery requests the approval of the Montreal and Ottawa Conference Settlement Committee to the request of the Parkdale Pastoral Charge for the reappointment of Melodee Lovering, as a recognised Designated Lay Minister for Youth and Children, full time (40 hours/week), effective July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016 with the following terms (annual prorated amounts): $37,677 base salary plus 3% [total salary $38,807], $25,000 housing allowance; basic telephone of $554; Continuing Education and
Learning amount, including book allowance to be reimbursed to a maximum of $1,500; three weeks study leave (21 days) within each Pastoral Year; vacation of minimum one month within each Pastoral Year; participation in the Centralized Payroll Service; pension and group insurance payments as assessed; travel expense reimbursement as logged based on minimum General Council rate (presently $0.41/km) (Category D).

*Note that Ottawa Presbytery requests the Settlement Committee to approve this as a two year appointment.

**Hawthorne Pastoral Charge: Supply Appointment of the Rev. Sam Wigston**

**Motion:** (Betty Giffin/Bryan Giffin) that the Ottawa Presbytery requests the approval of the Montreal and Ottawa Conference Settlement Committee to the request of Hawthorne Pastoral Charge for the appointment of the Rev. Sam Wigston as Retired Supply Minister (30 hours/week) effective July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016 with the following terms (prorated annual amounts) $27,731 base salary plus 0% [total salary $27,731], $12,426 housing allowance; basic telephone $300; financial support for study, including book allowance to be reimbursed to a maximum of $874; three weeks study leave (21 days) within each Pastoral Year; vacation of minimum one month within each Pastoral Year; participation in the Centralized Payroll Service; pension and group insurance payments as assessed; travel expense reimbursement as logged based on minimum General Council rate (presently $0.41/km) (Category F).

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**Navan Vars Pastoral Charge: Call to the Rev. Janet Nield**

**Motion:** (Betty Giffin/Hoar) that the Ottawa Presbytery transmits with approval to the Montreal and Ottawa Settlement Committee the call of the Rev. Janet Nield to Navan Vars Pastoral Charge as part time diaconal minister (20 hours/week), effective September 1, 2014 with the following terms (prorated amounts): $20,237.50 base salary plus 0% [total salary $20,237.50], $8,322.00 housing allowance; basic telephone $678.00 annual; Continuing Education and Learning Amount to be reimbursed to maximum of $660.00; three weeks study leave (21 days) within each Pastoral Year; vacation of minimum one month within each Pastoral Year; participation in the Centralized Payroll Service; pension and group insurance payments as assessed; part-time administrative assistance, sabbatical policy provision, travel expense reimbursement as logged based on minimum General Council rate (presently $.41/km) to a maximum of $1,363, and the flexible management of the 20 hours per week, including “banking” time, to be organized with the Ministry and Personnel Committee. (Category E)

**Ashton Munster Pastoral Charge: Approval of Joint Needs Assessment**

**Motion:** (Betty Giffin/Hoar) that the Ottawa Presbytery approves the transition report of Ashton Munster Pastoral Charge as approved by the congregation on April 28, 2014.
Église Unie de la Grace United Appointment Caroline Penhale

Motion: (Stafford/Hoar) that the Ottawa Presbytery transmits with approval to the Montreal and Ottawa Conference Settlement Committee the request of Église Unie de la Grace United (collective ministry unit of Ottawa Presbytery) for the appointment of Caroline Penhale as presbytery appointment full time effective June 1, 2014 to October 31, 2014 with the following terms (annual amounts noted, to be prorated for five month appointment): $37,388 base salary plus 0% [total salary $37,388], $15,600 housing allowance; basic telephone $ up to $60 per month; financial support for study, including book allowance to be reimbursed to a maximum of $1,320; three weeks study leave (21 days) within each Pastoral Year; vacation of minimum one month within each Pastoral Year; participation in the Centralized Payroll Service; pension and group insurance payments as assessed; travel expense reimbursement as logged based on minimum General Council rate (presently $0.41/km) (Category C). This appointment is open to renewal.

Licensed Lay Worship Leader Renewal for 2014-2015

Motion: (Boivin/Hunt Stephens) that Ottawa Presbytery relicenses Laurie O’Nanskie as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader for 2014 – 2015 pastoral year.

All Carried

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

Celebration of Ministry presided by the Chair began with a bilingual Covenanting with candidate for ministry, Éric Hébert-Daly. The Rev. Read Sherman spoke in the presentation of the candidate and members of the discernment committee were invited to stand. The Rev. Anne Montgomery and Ruth Sword participated on behalf of the Education & Students ministry team. Presbyters said the New Creed in the language of their choice. Covenanting included the promises of the candidate, the promises of the presbytery, dismissal of the discernment committee, a blessing and celebration chorus.

Two clergy who were retiring were recognized and thanked:
- Rev. Grant Dillenbeck reflected on the ministry of the Rev. Jan Lougheed, D.M. Jan noted that she liked the Very Rev. David Giuliano’s word “reirement”.
- Rev. Whit Strong gave highlights from the nine-year period when he and Rev. Neil Wallace served at City View. Neil Wallace thanked everyone for sharing in this adventure in ministry and felt blessed that he has been able to do what he really wanted to do – ministry.

The Presbytery Minister said good-bye and thank-you to Rev. Read Sherman, who has moved to Montreal but is being retained by Ottawa presbytery. He was ordained and settled at Aylwin United Church in 2003 and has served presbytery in many ways since then. She wished him all the best in Montreal.

Rev. Lillian Roberts also thanked two lay representatives for their work as presbyters:
Isobel Eastman has been a lay representative for about 25 years and held many positions during this time.
Geraldine Reid has served over 10 years as a lay representative.

Those celebrating milestones in ministry, as noted in Packet 2, were recognized by name.

The celebration of ministry concluded with the singing of the ministry hymn, *O Christ, the Tree of Life*, and ministry prayers from *Seasons of the Spirit*.

**ELECTION OF NOMINEES TO M & O CONFERENCE FOR CONSIDERATION AS GC42 COMMISSIONERS**

Barbara Reynolds stated that the Nominations Ministry Team had received the following persons whose names have been forwarded by two presbyters for inclusion in the ballot for nominees as commissioners nominations to Montreal and Ottawa Conference for GC42:

**Lay Representatives:**
- Nicole Beaudry – has now withdrawn
- David Patterson
- Hanna Strong

**Ministry Personnel:**
- Rev. Elizabeth Bryce
- Rev. Glen Stoudt
- Rev. Kim Vidal

There were no nominations from the floor.

**Motion:** (B. Reynolds/Hermanson) that nominations be closed. **Carried.**

Hanna Strong (under 30 years of age) and David Patterson were acclaimed as Lay nominees to be considered at the M&O conference as commissioners for GC42.

There was a secret ballot for Order of Ministry nominees because there were three nominees for two places. Chair Trisha then declared that the voting was closed.

Rev. Elizabeth Bryce and Rev. Kim Vidal were elected as Ministry Personnel nominees to be considered by M&O conference as commissioners for GC42.

**REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUDGET REVIEW WORKING GROUP**

The Rev. Paul Dillman noted that the presbytery had established a budget review working group to bring recommendations regarding the financial management principles and practice of the presbytery with a view to balancing the budget. He then presented the recommendations of the working group.

**Motion:** (Dillman/Cornelius) that Ottawa Presbytery receives the report of the Budget Review Working Group and adopts the five recommendations.

**Recommendations from the Budget Review Group for the 2015 Budget** (and beyond)

We recommend that the Ottawa Presbytery
1. protect $400,000 of the present financial capital, invest with the United Church Foundation, and budget a 4% income from the market value of the investment as of December 31st of the prior year. This action would require that the following funds cease to exist as individual funds and instead be amalgamated into the Ottawa Presbytery Budget Support Fund
   i. Interim Ministry Fund
   ii. Student Fund
   iii. Hearing Reserve
   iv. Pastoral Emergency Reserve
   v. Resource Centre Reserve
   vi. Stewart House Reserve
   vii. Sparling Bequest
   viii. Amount needed from retained earnings to total $400,000 which would leave the Retained earnings at only $30,000

2. Designate that all proceeds given to the presbytery from the sale of property within Ottawa Presbytery be invested with the United Church Foundation in a Mission Strategy Fund. In principle the presbytery is committed to preserving the capital of this Fund, but should mission opportunities warrant, disbursements beyond the amount of the annual interest would need to be approved by Ottawa Presbytery or its Executive, upon recommendation of the Mission Strategy Ministry Team, in consultation with the Finance Ministry Team.

3. request that the Scrivens/Baillie Fund increase their contribution to the Presbytery to $30,000

4. commit to a balanced budget and commit to include in the budget of the Ottawa Presbytery the following
   i. Education and Student Grants that can never go below $1,700 and that any unused grants be retained for granting in subsequent years
   ii. That outreach ministries budget line item cannot go below $9,200.
   iii. That a budget line be added to provide “grants” for supporting educational programming within the presbytery (presently identified as $2,000)
   iv. That “sundry” be expanded to $5,000 a year to offset costs related with reviews, hearings and legal costs.
   v. That 2% savings line be included and prudent management secures that this 2% be realized each year.

5. maintain present levels of staffing and pursue any means to reduce telephone and other office costs.

Motion to Amend: (Carruth/Hoar) that recommendation two be amended to read:

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Amended Motion
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Carried.

C’EST LA VIE
Nicole Beaudry, the Rev. Graeme Carruth and Dietland Gardell from the Ministries in French mission team showed the distinctions between Une FOIS – Le FOIE – La FOI.
PRIORITIES FOR MISSION STRATEGY IN OTTAWA PRESBYTERY

Motion: (B. Reynolds/Hermanson) that the Executive of Ottawa Presbytery forward with its support, the Priorities for Ministry and Mission (noted below) to the whole presbytery for consideration at the May meeting with a Notice of Motion at the April meeting.

Priorities for Ministry and Mission Within The Ottawa Presbytery:

The Ottawa Presbytery is committed to assisting Local Ministry Units in carrying out their ministry and mission by providing, where possible, useful information, strategies for planning and implementation of ministry, leadership resources and financial support. The priorities for the Ottawa Presbytery when considering requests for financial support from Presbytery Ministry Teams or Local Ministry Units within the Presbytery will be those proposals which have or are seeking to create:

A - a well-developed new and innovative expression of mission and ministry to meet the clearly identified needs of the community being served,

B - a well-developed and clearly stated plan for the sustainable ongoing financial and human resources required to carry out a new or expanded expression of ministry,

and who also have or are seeking to create one or more of the following:

C - a focus on being in ministry with those in our community whose needs could be better served (this could include but not limited to those being served by university and college chaplaincies or inner-city outreach ministries),

D - a well-developed and clearly stated mission plan for congregational renewal,

E - partnerships with other United Church Local Ministry Units, ecumenical and/or interfaith partners, and/or secular organizations and agencies where there is a sharing of purpose to enhance the flourishing of the human condition. Carried

YAYA MOMENT

Rev. Hilary Merritt, Youth and Young Adult Minister for Ottawa Presbytery, shared moments from Haida Gwaii SEVEC exchange and news about upcoming opportunities for YAYA participation, including Rendez-vous 2014, Camp Awesome, Youth Forum at GC 42 and a young adult trip to Zambia planned for May 2015.

NOMINATIONS REPORT FOR 2014-2015 PASTORAL YEAR

Motion: (B. Reynolds/Hermanson) that all ballots used for Nominations to M & O Conference for consideration as GC 42 Commissioners be destroyed. Carried

Motion: (B. Reynolds/Hermanson) that Ottawa Presbytery elects David Lee as Chair of the Ottawa Presbytery for the pastoral year 2014-2015. There were no nominations from the floor and the Chair declared the motion Carried

Motion: (B. Reynolds/Hermanson) that Ottawa Presbytery elects the Rev. Anne Montgomery as Chair-Elect for the pastoral year 2014-2015. There were no nominations from the floor and the Chair declared the motion Carried
Motion (B. Reynolds/Hermanson) that Ottawa Presbytery elects as executive members at large the following for the specified terms:

- Rev. Steve Clifton - 2014-2017
- Mary Laidlaw - 2014-2016
- Jodi Hoar - 2014-2017
- Jim Watchorn - 2014-2016

Carried

Motion: (B. Reynolds/Hermanson) that the Nominations Report for 2014-2015 as circulated at the May Presbytery meeting be accepted with any corrections or changes to be included in the final report to be approved at the September meeting. Contact Barbara Reynolds with any corrections. Carried (Appendix 1 – page 2014-127)

NEW BUSINESS

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE
The Diversity Committee brought a proposal to the floor asking for the support of Ottawa Presbytery to request Montreal & Ottawa Conference to begin the process of formally becoming an Affirming Conference. (Appendix 2 – page 2014-137)

Motion: (Jenson/D. Lee) that Ottawa Presbytery transmits with concurrence that Montreal & Ottawa Conference take steps to become an Affirming Ministry of The United Church of Canada. Carried

(Rick Balson, Chair of Montreal & Ottawa Conference, abstained)

FULL POWERS
Motion: (Carruth/Patterson) that the Presbytery Executive be given the full powers of the Presbytery in all matters including property between now and the next meeting of Presbytery. Carried

CLOSING WORSHIP
Chair Trish concluded the meeting by having presbyters stand and participate in an action blessing.

CLOSING OF MEETING BY CHAIR
The Chair declared the meeting closed at 9:15 pm.

The next regular meeting of Ottawa Presbytery is called for Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at Glebe-St. James United Church; the Executive next meets on June 3 and 4, 2014.