

### Summary of the November meeting of Woolastook Presbytery

Presbytery met at St. Andrews United Church in Harvey Station. The Court was constituted by the chair, Randy Nason. The opening worship was led by Rev. K. Clowater and the theme, Hope, Peace and Justice, was carried out with the singing of hymns, some new and some familiar. One item in the minutes was clarified-the quorum for this coming year is 32 persons, 10 of whom must be clergy. Business arising was the necessity of taking a vote on the Remits from General Council. These had been made available to all Presbyters at the September meeting, for study.

Details of the Remits and the vote are in the minutes. One item from correspondence was a letter from the Moderator re the "occupy" groups. A motion was made to have her letter read in all churches as soon as possible.

Sessional groups for this meeting centered on Camp Woolastook. The Camp situation is critical and decisions must be made on the future of Camp Woolastook. Problems they are facing include lack of Board members; necessary renovations and improvements and lack of campers. Several suggestions were made and will be considered.

Pastoral Relations had several JNAC's to be approved and search committees appointed. Pastoral Care reported on a successful visit to St. John the Baptist Anglican/St. Paul's United Church in Edmonston.

A reply had been received from the government of New Brunswick about the letter sent from Presbytery on 'fracking'. The information in the letter was similar to that appearing in the news media.

Stewardship reports for M and S were distributed. Church In Action reminded Presbyters about the web site where the latest information on issues can be found. Dr. G. Powell, a Board member of Pine Hill, gave an update on what is happening there. Manse reports were received for Lake View and Centreville.

Under new business an item on General Council and a proposal for combining the work of Pastoral Relations and Pastoral Care and Oversight with the work of Conference office was introduced. More information about this will be coming shortly.

A reminder-a copy of the minutes, which have a full description of the meeting are available from your clergy or your Presbytery rep.

[The next meeting will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 at Gibson Memorial United Church.  
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