

Report of the Synod's Executive to the November 9, 2022 meeting of the Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda.

The main tasks of the Executive are to prepare a budget for Synod's consideration as well as overseeing the work of our camping program and our staff members. It also deals with emergent business between our annual Synod meetings. The Executive normally meets twice per year, as well as a short preparatory meeting right before the Synod meeting begins.

The Executive is made up of the Moderator, Past Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Chair of the Regional Consultative Committee, Women's Missionary Society Synodical President, the Chair of the Cairn Camp Board, as well as several Presbytery representatives. Executive truly benefits from having representatives from some of the Presbyteries. If your Presbytery would like to name someone as your representative, please contact the Clerk of Synod. Ex officio members include the Chair of Presbyterian Music Camp, our two Synod staff, Cairn managers and the Chair of the Synod's Sexual abuse and harassment committee (only when there is an active investigation or appeal).

This will be Synod's third meeting held by Zoom. It has worked well and is an efficient use of commissioners' time and Synod money. Executive presented a Notion of Motion to amend our Standing Orders to say "The Synod will normally meet virtually during the fall". The motion will thus be included later in this report.

The Executive had a lengthy discussion about the proposed budget. It was agreed at Synod 2021 that the final \$20,000 annual payments from Presbyteries to build up the Synod Ministries Fund be spread out over 2021 and 2022, \$10,000 per year. The reason for this being to help congregations struggling financially because of COVID restrictions. This year's budget will contain that \$10,000. In order to balance our 2022 bare-bones budget, an increase in the unit rate has been proposed.

Synod has been truly blessed by the contributions made by our two retiring members. The Rev Stephen Kwon rotates off after being our moderator and then past moderator. The Rev John Hong also rotates off as the representative of Oak Ridges Presbytery. The Synod Executive would like the Synod to express its gratitude formally.

Motions

1. That the Synod amend its Standing Orders to state that "The Synod will normally meet virtually in the fall".
2. That the Synod express its appreciation to S Kwon and J Hong for their their years of devotion to the work of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

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