

Report of the Executive to the 152nd meeting of the Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda. October 21, 2026. Submitted by J Biggs, Clerk.

The main tasks of the Executive are to prepare a budget for Synod's consideration, as well as overseeing the work of our camping ministry and our regional staff. It also deals with emergent business between our annual 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, the chair of the Regional Consultative Committee (re staff), President of the Women's Missionary Society Synodical, the chair of the Synod Camp Board, as well as representatives of several presbyteries. Other attendees include the Cairn Camp Executive Director and our Regional Staff. The chair of the Sexual Abuse and Harassment Committee attends as necessary.

The Executive wants to thank Janet Brewer for her two years on Executive. She has provided excellent leadership as Moderator and past moderator. Her heart for Jesus has always been obvious. She has led with grace, wisdom and humour. We will miss her very much going forward.

The Synod has already acknowledged the great work of our long serving treasurer, George Myers, who retired as of December 31, 2025. After that time, he still spent considerable time working on the transition to our new treasurer, Rob McMaster. We remain so grateful to George for his leadership and service to the Synod and its Executive. We welcome Rob McMaster as our new treasurer and thank him for his desire to serve God in this way.

The Synod and its treasurer oversee the Synod Ministry Fund. This fund began with the wise and forward-thinking Synod meeting that voted to increase their Synod dues so that this fund could begin. It started out as a five year commitment to raise \$20,000 each year. This has grown considerably. Over the past few years several presbyteries have agreed to support the fund with a 5% gift from the sale of church buildings and property. We encourage other presbyteries to consider this as a way to increase the Fund and further the ministries of the Synod. Increasing the fund will also allow the Synod to use the Fund to offset ministry expenses, and thus allow the per unit Synod dues to remain lower. The fund needs to continue to grow in this way so we can support our camping and staff ministries. This year will be the first year that there have been proposals to use the fund in generous ways. I point you to the report of the Special Committee on Cairn Finances for more information. This group has put in many hours to help provide a vision for financing Cairn Camp. The Executive is very grateful and eagerly awaits the debate on its recommendations to determine how we move forward.

Motions.

1. That Janet Brewer be thanked for her two- year term on Executive as Moderator and Past Moderator.
2. That the Synod indicate its gratitude to the Presbyteries who have helped build up the Synod Ministry Fund by gifting the Synod 5% of the proceeds from the sale of church buildings and property.
3. That the Synod encourage all its presbyteries to support its work with a 5% donation to the Synod Ministry Fund from the sale of church buildings and properties.