

Lightening the load of Conference officers

On June 6, 2017 a conference call was held involving the President, Past-President, Executive Secretary and Executive Assistant to discuss ways in which the officers' loads could be lightened in the coming year. The following plan was developed:

- Presbytery visits: The President will complete her visits to presbyteries not visited already (two), and will not schedule new visits.
- Settlement and Pastoral Relations Committee: The President will send regrets for conference calls as necessary, and will not attend face-to-face meetings.
- Retirees events: Gatherings of retirees will be spread out with two taking place in the spring and two in the fall, one in the north and one in the south. The President will attend the northern gatherings; the Past-President will attend the southern gatherings.
- Living into Right Relations: remain on mailing list and attend if possible.
- Executive: Make better use of video conferencing with the following schedule:
 - September – in person
 - November – video conference
 - February – video conference
 - April – in person
 - June – to be determined
- Annual meeting planning: June evaluation meeting will be conducted by Executive Secretary and Finance Administrator. A planning meeting with an expanded group, e.g. worship and music leaders, will take place in September to set the overall plan for the 2018 meeting. Most other meetings will be by conference call.
- General Council meeting of Presidents/Leading Elders: If the meeting happens in 2018, attend a portion after seeing the agenda.
- Gathering of Ontario Conferences to talk about boundaries: to be determined after seeing how things unfold.
- Presbytery chairs and secretaries meetings: Attend both fall and spring meetings.
- Toronto United Church Council annual meeting: attend in 2017, not in 2018.
- United Church Women annual meeting: attend for one day in 2018.

The Past-President will provide back-up as necessary.