

**Toronto Southeast Presbytery Education and Students Commission  
Minutes September 19, 2017 2:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Norm Seli, Dan Benson, Bruce Galbraith, Pam Lock, Kathryn Moase, Norm Seli,  
Paul Stott, Cynthia Stretton, John Suk, Ella Taylor-Walsh, Marney Winn

**Regrets:** Lorrie Daly-Price, Lorna Joblin, Joan Silcox-Smith, Ila Vaculik

**Guests:** Grant Williams, Dale Hildebrand (staff)

**Support:** Wendy Miller (staff)

**Welcome:** Paul Stott

**Devotional:** Paul Stott—read a hymn from Dan Damon’s book, *My Child Is A Flower*, addressing the issue of trans-gender people in the church entitled “As Colours In The Sky”. The hymn speaks of finding new beauty, truth and life in places we have not yet seen and asks us to live in grace as a cry for justice. (Dan is a jazz musician and composer of many Voices United and More Voices hymns)

**Agenda / Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Norm Seli/Cynthia Stretton to approve today’s agenda as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION:** Pam Lock/Bruce Galbraith to approve the E&S minutes of June 13, 2017 as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

**Guest speakers:**

**Grant Williams** is minister at St Andrews, Georgetown, responsible for candidate internships for 2017-2018 as a volunteer. Grant has been doing internships, for about 6 years, had 5 students in internship at his church, and been on E&S for 12 years

- Grant distributed 4 handouts: the Reference Flow Chart for SMEs chart (pages I and II attached); Toronto Conference Internship Placement Grant Application; So-You’re Considering Becoming a Learning Site information sheet; and form SME224/2014 Financial Information for Supervised Ministry Education (Internship) 2014.
- It was noted that E&S liaisons need to have candidates contact Grant Williams ASAP when they are considering an internship need so that they know what is available, how to access forms, deadlines (e.g. for September to April internships - May 1 in to Grant, March 31 from Pastoral Charges). Grant can give them the right direction and contact information so that they stay on track to meet their goals. It is advisable for them to read about internships on the UCC website and review it regularly. The Toronto Conference and General Council Office both provide grants to help a number of churches fund candidate internships. Forms are available under the TC website under forms.
- Grant shared insights re internship considerations, and a site evaluation form.

- It was suggested that someone from Toronto Conference go out to churches to sell the idea of internships.

E&S thanks Grant Williams for sharing his expertise and taking the time to prepare and present this pertinent information. It was an excellent review of what we have been doing as well as an informative addition regarding this year's process.

**Dale Hildebrand** is Conference Personnel Minister for Toronto Southeast and South West Presbyteries.

- Dale brought 3 items from the Conference Interview Committee (CIC):
  1. Vocational assessments will be required of all Inquirers before they become Candidates. Conference has approved payment of this (\$1400) as well as another \$400 toward other additional programs recommended by E&S after they become a Candidate. Implementation details will follow.
  2. CIC and the E&S teams will be consulting on Nov 29 about liaison issues.
  3. The CIC recognized that there is a long schedule gap between interviews in Oct and March. CIC has agreed that they will have a Nov interview meeting as needed (if there is more than 1 applicant) for I to C and other non-final ordination interviews.
- Candidacy Pathway: Candidacy Pathway is being tested through pilot programs in three Conferences and if approved by General Council, may be our future ministerial training process.
- Dale's handouts included a BC Candidacy pathway chart and a June 2016 booklet from Bay of Quinte Conference entitled *Guiding Pathway Students*. Three Conferences have tried this pilot that is designed to meet the inquirer/candidate where they are, and work with them. The two year membership in UCC before becoming an inquirer is waived. Inquirers have to be a member of UCC and be active in their pastoral charge before becoming a candidate. There is to be more intentionality regarding ESL/new Canadian inquirers.

E&S thanks Dale for gathering these materials and helping E&S to build bridges to a probable new processes to becoming a minister. His informative presentation was helpful as internship becomes more of an apprenticeship.

### **Business arising**

**MOTION:** Ella Taylor-Walsh / John Suk that the Education and Students Team of Toronto Southeast Presbytery, upon receiving the request from Rosedale Pastoral Charge, receives B.S. as an inquirer and appoints Dan Benson and Lorrie Daly-Price to represent the presbytery on her discernment committee. The discernment start date is Sept 19, 2017.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION:** Cynthia Stretton / Norm Seli that the Education and Students Team of Toronto Southeast Presbytery, upon receipt of the request from Palgrave Pastoral Charge, approves Greg Daly's continuation as student supply minister from November 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018.

**CARRIED.**

- The Education and Students Team of Toronto Southeast Presbytery, received a letter from St. Marks stating that Roberta Howey is now a member of St. Marks Pastoral Charge after her former church, Church of the Master, closed.
- Cynthia O'Connell will be supervised by Linda Petrides while she is at Glebe Road.
- The E&S committee members welcomed the announcement that the E&S co-chairs intend to stay on until Jan 2019.

**Next Meeting:** Tues Oct 17, 2017 at 1pm

- Opening and Closing - June Cavers
- Possible Interviews
  - Brett Boyko I (Bruce Galbraith, Marney Winn) from I to C for Nov CIC
  - Karen Chandler I (Norm Seli, Kathryn Moase) from I to C
  - Greg Daly C (Pam Lock) post internship

Adjourn: 4:20 pm

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Paul Stott, Co-Chair

June Cavers, Co-Chair / Note-taker