



The Permanent Committee on Ministry and Employment Policies and Services (PC-MEPS) in the chapel at the General Council Office. Left to right: Marion Carr, Neville Smith, Alan Hall (Executive Officer, Human Resources and staff resource to the PC), Tracy Fairfield, Lynda Gow, Erin Sterling, Eleanor Scarlett, Wayne Flewelling, Sharon Willis-Whitwell, Jack Spencer, Donna Bowman-Woodall, Jenny Stephens (Conference Personnel Minister, Hamilton Conference, and staff resource to the PC), Harry Brown, Bill Rogers, Linsell Hurd, Tracy Murton (Chair), Gordon Staples

Donna Bowman-Woodall

OM, Oxford Presbytery (London Conference), Norwich Pastoral Charge
Commissioner GC37, 38, and 39;
PC-MEPS 2006–2012; Steering Group on Pastoral Relations Policy 2009–2012; Isolation in Ministry Working Group
Donna is passionate about healthy ministry personnel, pastoral relationships, and congregations.

Harry Brown

Lay, Toronto Southeast Presbytery (Toronto Conference), St. Mark's Pastoral Charge
PC-MEPS 2006–2012; Isolation in Ministry Working Group; Human Resources Policy Review Working Group; Communications Review Working Group 2009–2010
Harry's background is in human resources and education. His work at the congregational, presbytery, Conference, and national levels has spanned more than 30 years.

Marion Carr

Lay, Fraser Presbytery (British Columbia Conference), Crossroads United Pastoral Charge
Executive of the General Council 2003–2009; Commissioner GC39; PC-MEPS 2006–2012, Task Group on Sexual Abuse Policy Review 2009–2010; Candidacy Pathway Working Group, Chair 2010
Marion has worked with national committees since 2003, and with various presbytery and Conference committees for a number of years.

Tracy Fairfield

DM, Prairie Pine Presbytery (Saskatchewan Conference), Kindersley St. Paul's Pastoral Charge
Commissioner GC39; PC-MEPS August 2009–2012; Communications Review Working Group, Chair 2009–2010; Candidacy Pathway Working Group
New to national service and newly settled as a diaconal minister, Tracy is experienced in leadership with youth and young adults, and in working with Education and Students at presbytery and Conference levels.

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Wayne Flewelling

Lay, Edmonton Presbytery (Alberta and Northwest Conference), Sherwood Park Pastoral Charge
Commissioner GC39 and GC40; PC-MEPS 2006–2012; Ministry Compensation Task Group, Chair
Wayne's background is in labour relations and compensation in the Alberta hospital system. Now retired, he has extensive experience in all courts of the United Church, on issues of compensation and financial assistance.

Legend

PC-MEPS: Permanent Committee on Ministry and Employment Policies and Services

GCE: Executive of the General Council

GC37, GC38, GC39, GC40: General Council 37 (2000), 38 (2003), 39 (2006), 40 (2009)



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Lynda Gow

DM, Edmonton Presbytery (Alberta and Northwest Conference)
PC-MEPS 2009–2012

New to PC-MEPS, Lynda is a diaconal minister and has an interest in Education and Students work and support.

Linsell Hurd

OM, River Bend Presbytery (Saskatchewan Conference)

Commissioner GC39 and GC40; GCE 2004–2012; PC-MEPS 2003–2012; Task Group on Counselling by Ministry Personnel, Chair 2007–2012; Pension Board member

Linsell's background is in administration, human resources, and pastoral ministry and education. He also has extensive national-level committee experience in the United Church.

Tracy Murton

Lay, River Bend Presbytery (Saskatchewan Conference), St. Martin's Pastoral Charge PC-MEPS 2006–2012, Chair 2009–2012; GCE 2009–2012; Steering Group on Oversight and Discipline of Ministry Personnel, Chair 2008–2012; Ministry Compensation Task Group; Isolation in Ministry Working Group

Tracy has a 20-year background in youth and young adult ministry, and has served as a designated lay minister.

Bill Rogers

Lay, Spirit Dancing Presbytery (Manitou Conference)

Commissioner GC37, 38, 39, and 40; GCE 2008–2012; PC-MEPS 2009–2012; Human Resources Review Working Group; Grievance Committee; Joint Endowments and Grants Committee

Bill's background is in hospital administration. Now retired, he also has extensive presbytery, Conference, and General Council involvement.

Eleanor Scarlett

OM (London Conference)
Commissioner GC40; PC-MEPS 2006–2012; member of the planning team and steering committee for The Journeys of Black Peoples, Working Group on Administration of Sabbatical Leave; Grievance Committee

Eleanor's background is in intercultural youth ministry and she is an experienced interim minister.

Neville Smith

OM Halton Presbytery (Hamilton Conference), Cooksville Pastoral Charge
Commissioner GC39; PC-MEPS 2009–2012; Steering Group on Pastoral Relations Policy 2009–2012

Since his ordination in 1973, Neville has served at all court levels of church governance, including service at the General Council Office.

Jack Spencer

OM, Prince Edward Island Presbytery (Maritime Conference), Kensington Pastoral Charge

PC-MEPS 2009–2012; Working Group on Disability Policy and Procedures
Jack has 25 years of experience in Conference and presbytery ministry personnel and education, and is 39 years ordained.

Gordon Staples

Lay, Toronto West Presbytery (Toronto Conference), Royal York Road Pastoral Charge

PC-MEPS 2009–2012; Task Group on Demographics of Ministry Personnel 2009–2010; Steering Group on Recruitment; Pension Board member
New to PC-MEPS, Gordon has an interest and experience in leadership, team building, and church development and growth.

Erin Sterling

OM, Victoria Presbytery (British Columbia Conference), Pilgrim Pastoral Charge
PC-MEPS 2009–2012; Steering Group on Oversight and Discipline of Ministry Personnel 2009–2011; editor of *Connex* 2009–2012; Communications Review Working Group 2009–2010

Erin is the new editor for Connex, and has a particular interest in transformational ministry and ministry to "Generation X" and younger folk.

Sharon Willis-Whitwell

OM, Essex Presbytery (London Conference), Tecumseh Pastoral Charge
Commissioner GC40; GCE 2006–2012; PC-MEPS 2009–2012; Financial Assistance Committee 2009–2012

Sharon holds Masters degrees in social work and divinity, and a diploma in business administration. She has 30 years of experience with ministry and personnel, Education and Students, and pastoral care and oversight committees.



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