



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 87th ANNUAL MEETING

*Please hold May 25th to May 27th, 2012
for the 88th Annual Meeting
of Hamilton Conference.*

WHERE: Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Fergus
WHEN: May 27 – 29, 2011
THEME: **"Hope For Our Future" – a hope that begets
action and fosters dreams**

*(Please note: The full Record of Proceedings will be
available in the Fall.)*

1. Worshipped under the leadership of the worship and theme team, Children and Young Teens, Orville James and Youth Forum as well as music leader Keith Hagerman and friends, focusing on President John Hurst's theme: "Hope For Our Future" – a hope that begets action and fosters dreams.
2. Covenanted with Sybil Wilson of Thorold, President of Hamilton Conference, 2011-2012.
3. Acclaimed Christina Paradela of Trinity United Church, Grimsby as President-designate of Hamilton Conference, to serve in the year 2012-2013.
4. Ordained Joanne Helen Hedge, Heather Joy James, and Tyler Scott Powell; Commissioned Victoria Lynn Aldersley and

Debra Lynne Kigar and Admitted into the Order of Ministry of The United Church of Canada Rose Ann Vita (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.)

5. Celebrated a Festival of Cosmic Creation: Loving Earth Back to Health: a day with guest presenters Bruce Sanguin, Alanna Mitchell and Mark Hathaway. Concluded with Missa Gaia/Earth Mass evening worship in concert style, written by Paul Winter and performed by The Karen Schuessler Singers from London, ON.
6. Received an offering of **\$7,361.18** for the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada.
7. Approved the proposed 2012 budget and set an assessment rate for 2011 not to exceed \$657,595.31, with the final budget and assessment to be established by the Conference Executive in the fall.
8. Celebrated the presence of 21 Youth Forum and Children and Young Teens participants and their leaders.
9. Approved the Settlement Committee report and the Human Resources report.
10. Supported the Book Room, organized and staffed by Presbytery Resource Centre staff, Esly Alvarez of UCRD and volunteers (in excess of \$21,000 in sales.)
11. Visited 18 displays sponsored by Conference committees, networks and other groups.
12. Marked the retirement of ministry personnel: Lee Robert Haughton and Robert Putman.
13. Celebrated the 25 years of ministry since commissioning or ordination of Katharine Edmonstone, Donald Glennie, Barry King, Edward Laksmanis, John Lawson, Hugh MacDonald, Janet MacDonald, Cynthia Stretton, Gregory White, Jean

Wright and Neil Young; the 50 years of William Bell, Gerald Brown, Keith Hawkes, Johannes Huntjens, Walter Marttila, Harvey Murphy, Rosalene Sallmen and George Sim; and celebrated the 60 years of ordination of Howard Brox, Hugh Rose, Robert Shorten and Graham Tipple.

14. Remembered those ministry personnel in Hamilton Conference who passed away since the last Annual Meeting: Charles Frederick Boorman, Albion Richard Wright, Keith G. Wettlaufer, W. Robert Peebles, G. Beverley Johnston, D. Bruce MacDougall, Fred Roberts, Jean B. Kellerman, Murray B. Masecar, Edgar (Ted) Davey, W. Ernest Henderson, Douglas J. Aikman and J. Oliver Stevens.
15. Proposed that the Executive Secretary of Hamilton Conference develop a greening plan for the operation of the Conference Office, committees and task groups and the Annual General Meeting of the Conference, and that a preliminary plan be presented to the spring 2012 meeting of the Conference Executive.