

Southampton United Church Executive Special Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2026

Purpose of Meeting: to prepare for congregational meeting on January 11, 2026

Present: Ann-Marie Collins, Dennis Connell, Karen Plaskett, Christina Edwards, Dave Armchuk, Laurel Silenzi, Rev. Heather Davies, Ridley Gilmore, Anne Marriott

Anne Marriott took minutes

Welcome/Opening Devotions: Rev. Heather – read reflections on “Repair of the World”

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 3 topics under New Business (St. Andrews, Trustee resignation, agenda for Sunday). Motion made by Christina, seconded by Dennis. Motion carried.

Business Arising

Regional Worksheets

1. Motion to approve Real Property Worksheet to be presented at the congregational meeting. Motion made by Dave, seconded by Laurel. Motion carried.
2. Motion to approve the Community of Faith Financial Viability Worksheet to be presented at the congregational meeting. Motion made by Laurel, seconded by Karen. Motion carried.
3. Motion to approve the Demographics Worksheet to be presented at the congregational meeting. Motion made by Dave, seconded by Karen. Motion carried.
4. Motion to approve the Living Faith Story Worksheet to be presented at the congregational meeting. Motion made by Laurel, seconded by Anne. Motion carried.
5. Motion to approve the Position Description to be presented at the congregational meeting. Motion made by Laurel, seconded by Karen. Motion carried.

These Regional worksheets will now be voted on by the congregation, then will go to the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways to be approved in February.

The Board agrees with the recommendation in the financial viability workshop to call or appoint a ½ time minister up to 20 hours at category F or equivalent. Motion made by Dennis, seconded by Laurel. Motion approved.

The Southampton United Church Board approves the collaborative agreement between Southampton/Mount Hope and Hepworth/Sauble Beach Pastoral Charge. Motion made by Anne, seconded by Laurel. Motion approved.

New Business

Formation of Joint Search Committee – Laurel. Additional members will be requested at the congregational meeting.

Formation of Joint Coordinating Team to manage the collaboration – Karen. Additional members will be requested at the congregational meeting.

Agenda for upcoming congregational meeting:

- 1 To approve the Community of Faith Profile documents
- 2 To approve the New Collaborative Covenant
- 3 To change worship time from 10:00 to 11:00 am

A meeting will be held at SUC with St. Andrew's Presbyterian church representatives on Jan. 22 at 1:00. The worship team will be invited.

Motion to accept with regret the resignation of Trudy Peirson from the Board of Trustees. Motion made by Karen and seconded by Ridley. Motion carried.

Potluck planned for February 8 when Sauble/Hepworth comes to SUC for worship.

Date of Next Board Meeting: January 28 10:00 (change from Jan. 21)

Rev. Heather closed the meeting with prayer.