

AGENDA for the LLWL Forum Meeting
22 October 2025

Online at <https://meet.goto.com/BradleyFord1>

ATTENDANCE: Brad Ford, Paul Kneebone, Lisa Norman, Susan Pleasance

MISSING: Nancy Payne

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Note #1: Lynn Watson has submitted her resignation to this Forum. Brad has possibly another minister in mind.

Note #2: Susan Garrod-Shuster has sent her regrets.

WORSHIP (Brad)

Moment of Silence / Thoughts to Consider – Be aware of the Spirit Moving... / Moment of Prayer

ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES (June 25th): Moved by Paul / Seconded by Susan.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. LLWL Learning Event, Saturday 1 November, Cambridge St UC, (61 Cambridge St N., Kawartha Lakes, ON, K9V 4C9) in Lindsay.

Tanna: 11 have confirmed attendance via Evite, including Brad, 9 LLWLs, 1 student. She will send a follow-up note to all non-responders. Nancy has finalized all the details on food/beverages/snacks – as well as payments to speaker, hosting church and lunch costs. Brad will start the day at 10am -- after arrival for beverages & muffins between 9:30 & 10am. Brad will lead off with welcome/opening remarks & worship. He will also introduce Rev. John Young. Rev. Young (Part 1) before lunch, then Rev. Young (Part 2) after lunch break. We will finish with a short LLWL Network business meeting. Dismissal for the day will be 2:30pm. Paul will consult Nancy about sending an agenda for the day to all attendees, etc.

2. Recognition of LLWLs' Fall Regional Council Meeting. It will be led by Patti James, Wanda Stride and Brad Ford. Flowers will be presented to Mary Kay during last remarks.

UPDATE ON STATUS OF REGIONAL COUNCIL LLWL'S.

At this week's ECORC Fall Meeting, we will recognize 20 renewed LLWLs. Plus, one newly approved LLWL: Derek Marsellus.

We now have a total of 21 approved ECORC LLWLs. 19 are also available for pulpit supply, other than at their own community of faith. [See the latest version of this pulpit supply list on the ECORC website - LLWL Forum webpage.]

2025 is the latest 3-year renewal for all ECORC LLWLs --- which all 21 completed successfully.

8 people are also enrolled in various stages of the online 2-year United in Learning/ChurchX LLWL program. One started this Fall, one will start next term, and another has just finished their last course of study.

Over the last two years: 3 LLWLs have moved onto Candidates for Ministry, one to a CDM position and 4 LLWLs have retired - all after many years of service in that role. Also, 4 others have decided not to renew as approved ECORC LLWLs.

Lastly, we also recognize Mary Kay, who retired in July as a LLWL --- after over 50 years as a LLWL/Lay Preacher. John & Helen Bowman will be retiring as LLWLs Dec. 31st -- after over 40 years as LLWLs/Lay Preachers.

So, we will start **2026** with 19 approved ECORC LLWLs --- down from our high of 30 two years ago.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. An LLWL has been denied support by their home community of faith. Their name has been removed from the current list of approved ECORC LLWLs.
2. The new 2026 minimum rate for Pulpit Supply will be \$261/per day, and Travel is \$0.60/km. [ECORC just posted the new salary rates for 2026 - pg. 10 on the Minimum Salaries and Reimbursements for Ministry Personnel (2026)].
3. Question was raised by new Covenant Support Team chair about monitoring ongoing PD learning by LLWLs. Paul will send Brad a list of current annual and tri-annual (renewal year) requirements, including a specific list of LLWL's PD Learning fulfillments annually -- which Brad can forward to CST chair (Patti James), and possibly ECORC Pastoral Relations Minister (Susan Garrod-Shuster).
4. Reminder that the **Spring PD Learning event will be held on April 18th** at St. Paul's UC in Bowmanville. Mark your calendars now! *It is an LLWL requirement that they attend at least one ECORC-sponsored LLWL PD Learning event annually --- our Spring and/or Fall sessions.

NEXT MEETING: **Wednesday, January 21st at 7pm.**

DISMISSAL: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

Now and forevermore. Amen.

MEETING adjourned: 8:30pm

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