

MINUTES for the LLWL Forum Meeting

held 17 September 2025 at <https://meet.goto.com/BradleyFord1>

Present: Rev. Bradley Ford (Chairperson), Lisa Norman (LLWL), Susan Garrod-Schuster (Regional Council Rep.)

Absent: Paul Kneebone (Secretary), Tanna Edwards, Nancy Payne, Susan Pleasance, Rev Lynn Watson

There were only two people at the meeting when we started; Rev. Susan Garrod-Schuster joined us after a few minutes and, even through technical difficulties was able to assist us in our deliberations for our next Forum meeting. We only dealt superficially with the items listed below in the minutes.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

WORSHIP

ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

BUSINESS ARISING

1. LLWL Learning Event, Saturday 1 November, 10a.m, Cambridge St UC, Lindsay. Nancy Payne can provide details on this event but unfortunately will not be able attend. Chair and attendees will have to refer to the details already provided from Nancy about Rev. John Young's presentation, lunch & other refreshments, Evite invitation process, etc. Hopefully we will get a good attendance for this PD Learning Day, as we skipped the Spring event due to timing and low registered attendance.

*** See below for to-date details, as outlined by Nancy in earlier emails to ad hoc organizing group of the LLWL Forum [Susan Pleasance, Paul Kneebone, Tanna Edwards, Lisa Norman, Nancy Payne].

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presently, there are 22 approved LLWLs and 7 students. Mary Kay just retired after 50 years as a LLWL! Also, John & Helen Bowman will be retiring on December 31st after 40 years as LLWLs!

2. Paul is sending list of all 22 present LLWLs to Rev. Darren Leipold, so all can be recognized as renewing/approved LLWLs at the upcoming ECORC Fall meeting. As well, Darren will recognize Mary Kay, as well as John & Helen Bowman. That will bring us down to 20 approved LLWLs, going forward into 2026.

NEXT MEETING: **22 October**, 7pm online at <https://meet.goto.com/BradleyFord1>.

DISMISSAL: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

Now and forevermore. Amen.

*** To-date details for the **PD Learning event** that is scheduled for Saturday, **November 1st** at Cambridge Street UC in Lindsay:

- ✓ Rev. John Young will be the featured speaker. Here are a few details by Nancy Payne: Leading worship services during Lent can feel like a big responsibility, and the churches we serve may have very different approaches and expectations for this liturgical season. Our next learning session will offer practical guidance and time to go deeper in our preparations. Rev. Dr. John H. Young will provide some context about the season of Lent and explore the lectionary readings for the first two Sundays of Lent in 2026. We'll have lots of time to discuss further in small groups as well as to hear what other groups thought and ask any final questions. This promises to be an outstanding learning opportunity and a welcome chance to gather and discuss our experiences as LLWLs.
- ✓ As usual, we will end with a brief LLWL Network meeting.
- ✓ Complimentary lunch and morning refreshments including coffee and tea will be provided.
- ✓ Please bring the Bible you usually work with as well as writing material. If you haven't already, you may wish to read the book John wrote with Catherine Faith MacLean *Preaching the Big Questions: Doctrine Isn't Dusty*, an excellent resource for United Church preachers. As well as his time with various communities of faith, John has served at Queen's Theological College, Emmanuel College and in the General Council Office. We are truly fortunate to have him with us on Nov. 1st.
- ✓ Look for an *Evite* invitation by the first week of October. It will ask all LLWLs and LLWL students to confirm attendance, as well as any food allergies, etc.

--- Initial Minutes by Rev. Brad Ford (Chair), with added supplementary content by Paul Kneebone (Secretary).