

The Transition Task Force moves the following:

The Suspension of the Plan of Presbytery be continued from January 2017 to March 11, 2017.

Rationale:

In November 2014, the Presbytery of New Brunswick voted to suspend the Plan of Presbytery for a period which was to begin in January of 2015 and continue through January 2017. During the ensuing two year time period, the Task Force has been working steadily on a revised Plan of Presbytery for the body's consideration.

The revised plan is to be presented at the November 8, 2016 meeting for a first read. Subject to discussion and possible amendment, a motion to finalize or the plan will be called at the January 10, 2017 stated meeting.

Whether the plan be approved at the January meeting or not, presbytery will be unable to either launch the plan recommended by the task force or revert to the former plan in January, as the Nominating Committee will not have received guidance from the body.

It is therefore the recommendation of the Task Force the suspension continue until the March 11, 2016 stated meeting, at which time the Nominating Committee will present a slate for consideration. If the way be clear, all members of the Transition Task Force and a majority of members of the Administrative Commission have agreed to continue their faithful work till the March presbytery meeting – ensuring the work of the presbytery will not experience disruption.

Additionally, rather than adhering to the practice of a January shift in moderatorial leadership, Wendi Werner and Jim Huang will continue their respective moderator and vice-moderator roles until the suspension period has concluded. Jim Huang is to be installed as moderator at the March meeting. This is to ensure continuity for both the task force, which Wendi has been moderating and the Administrative Commission, which Jim has been moderating.