

Minutes of the Presbytery of London

Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church, London, Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

In London, and within Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Special Session on Tuesday, the twenty-third day of February, two thousand and sixteen, at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening for the purpose of considering a Call to The Reverend Dr. Andrew Fullerton as Minister of Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church, London.

In the absence of the Moderator, the former moderator, The Reverend Andrew Reid, served as Acting Moderator.

Constitution The Acting Moderator, Rev. Andrew Reid, constituted the Court with prayer.

**Welcome,
Courtesies and
Announcements** The Moderator welcomed the members of Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church to the meeting. Margaret McCullough represented the WMS.

Attendance Charlotte Brown, Mavis Currie, Keith McKee, Andrew Reid, Ministers; Cathy Cornhill, Ruth Ann Drozd, Lynda Drummelsmith, Patrick Laurin, Linda McKenna, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Trudy Van Der Hoek, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Margaret McCullough, WMS; members of Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Regrets John Bannerman, Ed Hoekstra, Heather Paton, Ministers; Jane Swatridge, Appendix; Bob Baron, Linda Charlton, Ian Fleck, Tom Jeffery, Sheila McMurray, Inge Stahl, Gerald Stocking, Elders.

Absent Deb Dolbear-VanBilsen, William Khalil, Amanda MacMillan, John Park, Andrew Thompson, Mark Turner, Heather Vanderstelt, Ministers; Janis Boyle, Ray Burgess, Richard Cote, Janet Donkervoort, Mildred Greig, Nancy Newell, Sandra Vanderveen, Elders.

**Narration of
Steps** The Moderator invited the Interim Moderator, the Reverend Keith McKee to narrate the steps leading up to the Call.

K. McKee read the narration of the steps to the Court.

**Conduct
Approved** **MOTION:** (Van Der Hoek/Currie) THAT the conduct of the Interim Moderator, The Reverend Keith McKee, be approved. **CARRIED.**

The Moderator asked the Interim Moderator to present the Call and read the guarantee of Stipend:

**Guarantee of
Stipend** *Call and Guarantee to Presbytery of Stipend*
We, the professing members of the pastoral charge of Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church, London, being well satisfied with your faithfulness to

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the Gospel and your qualifications for the ministry of Word and sacraments and confident that the Holy Spirit has led you to us, earnestly and solemnly call you, The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton to become the minister of this congregation. In calling you we promise you all due respect, encouragement, and allegiance in the Lord as, together, we seek to use our gifts in the church and in the world to the glory of God.

In order that you, The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton, may be free to devote yourself to ministry of Word and Sacrament among us, we the congregation of Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church, hereby guarantee to the Presbytery of London, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that out of our estimated annual revenue of one hundred and seventy-two thousand, six hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$172,675.00) we promise and obligate ourselves to provide you, as a first charge thereon, the following annually: A stipend of fifty thousand, four hundred and ninety-nine dollars (\$50,499.00), inclusive of travel and a housing allowance of eighteen thousand, five hundred and sixty-two dollars (\$18,562.00), inclusive of utilities.

We agree to make payments of the above amounts on the first day of each month and agree to review the stipend and allowances annually in view of any changes in the cost of living or the needs of our minister.

We agree further:

- 1. To provide two weeks for continuing education annually and a continuing education allowance of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) or the minimum as set by the General Assembly;*
- 2. That the benefits of number one above shall be cumulative up to five years;*
- 3. To provide five weeks holiday annually;*
- 4. To pay supply during the periods of continuing education and holidays;*
- 5. In case of disability or extended illness, to continue to provide stipend, accommodation and allowances for a period not less than that set by the General Assembly, and to pay the cost of pulpit supply;*
- 6. To pay for Medical and Dental Insurance as provided through the Pension and Benefits Board of the General Assembly and to make contributions to the Pension Plan in compliance with the terms of the plan;*
- 7. To pay necessary moving expenses;*
- 8. To pay an annual book allowance of five hundred dollars (\$500.00).*

Call Received The Moderator advised the Court that the terms of the Call has been
And Considered reviewed by the Ministry team.

MOTION: (Currie/Laurin) THAT the Call from Elmwood Avenue

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Presbyterian Church be received and considered and that representatives of the congregations be heard. CARRIED

The Moderator invited Cathy Cornhill and Herm Van Ryn to address the Court. Representative Elder Trudy Van Der Hoek also addressed the Court.

Call Sustained **MOTION:** (McKee/Van Der Hoek) that the Call to the Reverend Dr. Andrew Fullerton from Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church be sustained as a gospel Call and transmitted to the Presbytery of Huron Perth. CARRIED.

MOTION: (McKee/Curie) THAT the ministry of The Reverend Dr. Andrew Fullerton at Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church begin on April 16, 2016 pending receipt of his certificate from the Presbytery of Huron Perth. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Laurin/Brown) THAT arrangements for the induction service be left in the hands of the Moderator, Interim Moderator and Clerk. CARRIED.

Other Business No other business.

Adjournment On a motion by L. Brule, the Court stood adjourned at thirty-two minutes after seven o'clock in the evening, to meet again in Regular Session on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, two thousand and sixteen, at seven o'clock in the evening, in London, and within Westmount Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk