

## Minutes of the Presbytery of London

St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church, London, Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

In London, and within St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Regular Session on Wednesday, the twentieth day of January, two thousand and sixteen, at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening.

**Constitution** The Moderator, Mr. Robert Baron, welcomed everyone to the meeting and constituted the Court with prayer.

**Worship** The Worship Service was led by Inge Stahl and the Praise Team.

**Welcome, Courtesies and Announcements** The Moderator extended a welcome to all present. Mildred Greig and Margaret McCullough represented the WMS.

**Attendance** John Bannerman, Charlotte Brown, Mavis Currie, Amanda MacMillan, Keith McKee, Heather Paton, Andrew Reid, Andrew Thompson, Lynn Nichol, Jim Redpath, Jane Swatridge, Ministers; Bob Baron, Janis Boyle, Ray Burgess, Lily Carrothers, Richard Cote, William Cron, Ruth Ann Drozd, Lynda Drummel-Smith, Ian Fleck, Mildred Greig, Tom Jeffery, Patrick Laurin, Joan Mansell, Sheila McMurray, Nancy Newell, Inge Stahl, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Trudy Van Der Hoek, Sandra Van Der Veen, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Margaret McCullough, WMS; Mikal Schomburg, Heather Vanderstelt, Candidates for Ordination; Megan Shin, Student; Jill Barker, Westmount; Andras Rameshwar, Guest.

**Regrets** Deb Dolbear-VanBilsen, Ed Hoekstra, William Khalil, John Park, Mark Turner, Ministers; Linda Charlton, Elders.

**Absent** Janet Donkervoort, Elder.

**Docket** **MOTION:** (Fleck/Van Der Hoek) THAT the Docket as circulated be adopted for the meeting.

**Minutes** **MOTION:** (McKee/Jeffery) THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Presbytery of London, held on November 10, 2015, be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.

**Report of the Administrative Team** The Moderator invited the Clerk, C. Thornton, to present the Report of the Administrative Team.

**MOTION:** (McKee/Drozd) THAT recommendations 1 through 7 be adopted by consent. CARRIED.

**RECOMMENDATION #1:** THAT the following correspondence be

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received for information:

<b>Number</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Regarding</b>
16-4	J. Bell, Canadian Ministires	approval of Almanarah grant
16-5	Life & Mission Agency, PCC	appointment of new associate secretary, Cdn Ministires
16-6	L. Brewer, PCC	Starting Well 2.0
16-8	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	delegate nomination 2017 WCRC
16-9	S. Shaffer, Ed & Reception, PCC	competent objections by Presbyteries to applications

**RECOMMENDATION #2:** THAT the following correspondence be referred as named:

<b>Number</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Regarding</b>	<b>Refer To</b>
16-1	W. McKnight, Knox College	M. Schomburg, eligible to graduate	ministry team
16-2	A. Reid	resignation I.M. Westmount	admin team
16-3	H. Chappell, PCC	2016 Presbyterians Sharing allocations	circ. elect
16-7	G. Malcolm, Clerk Peace River	transfer Rev. Marlene Peck	Clerk
16-10	S. Shaffer, Ed & Reception, PCC	permission to ordain H. Vanderstelt	ministry team

**RECOMMENDATION #3:** THAT the Rev. Marlene Peck be added to the Appendix to the Roll of the Presbytery of London effective November 15, 2015.

**RECOMMENDATION #4:** THAT the Rev. Andrew Reid be dismissed as interim moderator at Westmount Presbyterian Church effective November 12, 2015 with the thanks of the Court.

**RECOMMENDATION #5:** THAT the action of the Moderator in appointing the Rev. Jim Redpath as co-interim moderator at St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church be homologated.

**RECOMMENDATION #6:** THAT the action of the Moderator in appointing the Rev. Lynn Nichol and the Rev. Heather Paton as co-interim moderators at Westmount Presbyterian Church effective December 1, 2015 be homologated.

**RECOMMENDATION #7:** THAT the Rev. Michael Stol be transferred to the Appendix to the Roll of the Presbytery of London effective January 1, 2016.

**Records Examination** **MOTION:** (Van Der Hoek/Van Bilsen) THAT the Session Records of Westmount Presbyterian Church, London be attested as being neatly and correctly kept. **CARRIED.**

**Almanarah** R.A. Drozd presented a brief verbal report and circulated a written report.

**Ministry Team** **MOTION:** (MacMillan/Paton) THAT Heather Vanderstelt be ordained to the

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Ministry of Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of London at the Chapel of Parkwood Hospital on Sunday, February 7, 2016 at a time to be announced by the Moderator of Presbytery. And that any edict needed to be read, as at a traditional word and sacrament ordination, be prepared by the Moderator of London Presbytery by no later than January 22<sup>nd</sup>, sent to St. Paul's Ingersoll Presbyterian Church, which is the home church of Heather Vanderstelt, and read for two weeks in Sunday Worship, and read once before the actual ordination service. (There is nothing in the Book of Forms that says the ordination cannot happen in a hospital chapel, and this was verified by the Ministry and Church Vocations team in Toronto). CARRIED.

AGREED that H. Vanderstelt be given permission to speak.

**MOTION:** (MacMillan/ ) THAT the process and planning of Ordinations to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament which the Presbytery of London approves, be dealt with by the Moderator of London Presbytery with support from the Administration Team.

The Moderator ruled that a change to the standing orders requires a Notice of Motion.

A. Macmillan withdrew the motion.

**MOTION:** (MacMillan/Thompson) THAT Rev C. Brown be granted a week of study leave the first week of February to attend two events at Emmanuel College, Toronto; the first "Longer Lenses – Preaching Lent and Easter as One Piece" and the second event "Holy Ground: Pastoral Care of the Dying and Bereaved". CARRIED.

**Mission Team** H. Paton presented the reports circulated in advance.

**MOTION:** (Paton/Bannerman) THAT a separate bank account be set up for the work of the Refugees to Canada Steering Committee. The account would be set up in consultation with the Presbytery treasurer, with signing officers from the Refugees to Canada committee. CARRIED.

The Clerk read a report provided by E. Hoekstra regarding the upcoming Presbytery discussion on sexuality. The Moderator and administrative team will set the date and location of this discussion.

**Congregational Life Team** R.A. Drozd provided a verbal report. The visitation is in the process of completing the exit review at Westmount.

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The clergy are reminded that a current police check must be submitted to the Congregational Life team by September 2016.

**Reports of  
Interim  
Moderators**

Knox, Fingal – No report.

St. James, North Yarmouth – J. Bannerman circulated a written report.

St. John's, Port Stanley – No report.

Knox, Komoka/North Caradoc-St. Andrew's – J. Swatridge presented the report circulated with the advance reports. A candidate preached for the Call on Sunday January 17, 2016. The Call documents are currently being reviewed by the Ministry team.

Argyle, Crinan/Duff, Largie – The Clerk read a report provided by R. Shaw.

St. Lawrence, London – The report was circulated in advance.

Elmwood Avenue, London – K. McKee advised the Court that a candidate has been invited to preach for the Call on January 31, 2016.

Westmount, London – H. Paton reported that the pulpit is being supplied and sacraments are being celebrated.

**Other Business** T. Jeffery requested that the standing orders and team lists be re-circulated.

**Adjournment** On a motion by P. Laurin, the Court stood adjourned at five minutes before nine o'clock in the evening, to meet again in Special Session on Sunday, the thirty-first day of January, two thousand and sixteen, at two o'clock in the afternoon, in Komoka, and within Knox Presbyterian Church and in Regular Session on Tuesday, the ninth day of February, two thousand and sixteen, at seven o'clock in the evening, in London, and within Trinity Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

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Moderator

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Clerk