

Minutes of the Presbytery of London

Knox Presbyterian Church, Komoka, Sunday, January 31, 2016, 2:00 p.m.

In Komoka, and within Knox Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Special Session on Sunday, the thirty-first day of January, two thousand and sixteen, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of considering a Call to The Reverend Michelle Butterfield-Kocis as Minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, Komoka and North Caradoc-St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church .

Constitution The Moderator, Mr. Robert Baron, constituted the Court with prayer.

**Welcome,
Courtesies and
Announcements** The Moderator welcomed the members of Knox Presbyterian Church and North Caradoc–St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church to the meeting.

Attendance John Bannerman, Mavis Currie, Ed Hoekstra, John Park, Andrew Reid, Andrew Thompson, Jane Swatridge, Ministers; Bob Baron, Janis Boyle, Ray Burgess, Lily Carrothers, Linda Charlton, Richard Cote, Ruth Ann Drozd, Ian Fleck, Mildred Greig, Elders; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; members of Knox Presbyterian Church and North Caradoc-St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Regrets Charlotte Brown, Deb Dolbear-VanBilsen, Keith McKee, Heather Paton, Ministers; Lynda Drummelsmith, Inge Stahl, Gerald Stocking, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer.

Absent William Khalil, Amanda MacMillan, MarkTurner, Ministers; William Cron, Janet Donkervoort, Tom Jeffery, Patrick Laurin, Sheila McMurray, Nancy Newell, Trudy Van Der Hoek, Sandra Vanderveen, Elders.

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

J. Swatridge read the narration of the steps to the Court.

**Conduct
Approved** **MOTION:** (Thompson/Fleck) THAT the conduct of the Interim Moderator, The Reverend Jane Swatridge, 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 Knox Presbyterian Church, Komoka and North Caradoc-St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Strathroy, being well satisfied with your faithfulness to the Gospel and your qualifications for the ministry of Word and Sacraments and confident that

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the Holy Spirit has led us to you, earnestly and solemnly call you The Rev. Michelle Butterfield-Kocis to become the minister of this pastoral charge. 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. Michelle Butterfield-Kocis, may be free to devote yourself to ministry of Word and Sacraments among us, we the professing members of the pastoral charge of Knox Presbyterian Church and North Caradoc-St. Andrew's 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 fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) we promise and obligate ourselves to provide you, as a first charge thereon, the following annually:

Annual Stipend: \$43,695.00

Manse allowance: \$12,000.00

Utilities: \$3,000.00

Travel expenses between the congregations, based on 15 km: \$615.00

Continuing Education: \$600.00

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 at least the minimum allowance as set by the General Assembly;*
- 2. That the benefits of number 1 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 a book allowance of \$250.00 annually.*

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

MOTION: (Thompson/Hoekstra) THAT the Call from Knox Presbyterian

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Church and North Caradoc-St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church be received and Considered and that representatives of the congregations be heard CARRIED.

The Moderator invited Keith Brown, Bonnie Spindler, Peter Evans, Grant Corry and Wayne Gregory to address the Court.

Call Sustained **MOTION:** (Reid/Thompson) that the Call to the Reverend Michelle Butterfield-Kocis from Knox Presbyterian Church and North Caradoc-St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church be sustained as a gospel Call and transmitted to the Presbytery of Grey-Bruce-Maitland. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Bannerman/Hoekstra) THAT the ministry of The Reverend Michelle Butterfield-Kocis at Knox Presbyterian Church and North Caradoc-St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church begin on March 1, 2016 pending receipt of her certificate from the Presbytery of Grey-Bruce-Maitland. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Fleck/Hoekstra) 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 A. Thompson, the Court stood adjourned at thirty-seven minutes after two o'clock in the afternoon, to meet again in Special Session on Sunday, the seventh day of February, two thousand and sixteen, at one-thirty o'clock in the afternoon, in London, and within Parkwood Institute 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.

Moderator

Clerk