

## Minutes of the Presbytery of London

St. George's Presbyterian Church, London, Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

In London, and within St. George's Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Regular Session on Tuesday, the tenth day of November, two thousand and fifteen, 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 Rev. Keith McKee.

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

**Attendance** John Bannerman, Mavis Currie, Ed Hoekstra, Keith McKee, John Park, Heather Paton, Andrew Reid, Michael Stol, Andrew Thompson, Mark Turner, Ministers; Bob Baron, Ian Begg, Janis Boyle, Ray Burgess, Linda Charlton, Richard Cote, Janet Donkervoort, Ruth Ann Drozd, Lynda Drummelsmith, Mildred Greig, Patrick Laurin, Sheila McMurray, Nancy Newell, Inge Stahl, Gerald Stocking, Trudy Van Der Hoek, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Margaret McCullough, WMS; Bruce Curtis, New St. James; John Van Eyk, Knox, Fingal.

**Regrets** Charlotte Brown, William Khalil, Jane Swatridge, Ministers; Ian Fleck, Tom Jeffery, Linda McKenna, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Elders.

**Absent** Deb Dolbear-VanBilsen, Amanda MacMillan, Ministers.

**Docket** **MOTION:** (Reid/Drozd) THAT the Docket as circulated be adopted for the meeting.

**AMENDMENT:** (Currie/Begg) THAT the report of the DaySpring Dissolution Team be removed from the docket. CARRIED.

Adoption of Docket as amended. CARRIED.

**DaySpring Dissolution** **MOTION:** (Currie/Begg) THAT the DaySpring Dissolution Team and the Administrative Team meet, with a neutral moderator, prior to the January meeting of Presbytery to formulate a mission plan for Presbytery's approval.

**AMENDMENT:** (McKee/Reid) THAT the Dissolution Team to DaySpring be dismissed with the thanks of the Court and the Moderator of Presbytery appoint a new Dissolution Team to prepare the Presbytery's plan for the dissolution of assets of the former DaySpring Congregation.

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**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT:** (Currie/Begg) THAT the new dissolution team include members from the congregation of the former DaySpring Presbyterian Church.

After discussion by the Court, Currie and Begg agreed to **WITHDRAW** their amendment to the amendment.

The **AMENDMENT** carried.

The **MOTION AS AMENDED** carried.

**MOTION:** (Currie/Begg) THAT every member of dissolution teams be provided with a copy of the National Church document regarding dissolutions and amalgamations that is available on the website. **CARRIED.**

The Court **AGREED** that Bruce Curtis, convenor of the previous DaySpring Dissolution Team, be given permission to address the Court.

B. Curtis advised the Court that every member of the previous dissolution team was directed to the website.

The Moderator invited the members of the former DaySpring congregation to stay for the remainder of the meeting but gave them permission to leave if they wished.

**Minutes**

**MOTION:** (McKee/Van Der Hoek) THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Presbytery of London, held on September 8, 2015, be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED.**

**MOTION:** (McKee/Van Der Hoek) THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Presbytery of London, held on September 13, 2015, be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED.**

**MOTION:** (McKee/Van Der Hoek) THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Presbytery of London, held on October 13, 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/Drozdz) THAT recommendations 1 and 2 be adopted by consent. **CARRIED.**

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**RECOMMENDATION #1:** THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

Number	From	Regarding
15-94	D. Delpont, Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod	letters of standing Rev John Crowdis, Rev David Crawford
15-96	J. Dent, Presbytery of Newfoundland	letter of standing Rev. John van Vliet
15-99	E. Bartlett, Assembly Office	changes to the Roll
15-103	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	call for nominations CFO/treasurer of PCC

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

15-95	J. Khang, Eastern Han-Ca	Rev. Ryan Kim	read to Court
15-97	H. Chappell, PCC	Presbyterians Sharing Sept 2015	circ. elect.
15-98	J. Swatridge, IM North Caradoc-St.Andrew's	recommendation of Doug Gillard	ministry team
15-100	L. Brewer, PCC	continuing education grants	circ. elect.
15-101	L. Brewer, PCC	sample agreements-interim ministry or stated supply appointments	Clerk
15-102	K. Arnold, PCC Archives	Bethel records to Middlesex County Archives	Bethel Clerk
15-104	Commission on Assets	mission plan Bethel	admin team

### Records Examination

**MOTION:** (Van Der Hoek/Bannerman) THAT the Session Records of St. George's Presbyterian Church, London be attested as being neatly and correctly kept with one note. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** (Van Der Hoek/Bannerman) THAT the Session records of New St. James Presbyterian Church, London be attested as being neatly and correctly kept with one note. CARRIED.

### Budget

The Presbytery Treasurer, L. Brule, came forward and presented the 2016 budget.

**MOTION:** (Bannerman/Stol) THAT the 2016 budget of the Presbytery of London be adopted. CARRIED.

The Moderator thanked L. Brule for his work preparing the budget.

A copy of the budget is attached to these minutes.

### Almanarah

No report.

### Ministry Team

E. Hoekstra provided a verbal report. The team is currently reviewing the standing orders and considering asking other teams for additional responsibilities.

### Mission Team

H. Paton presented the reports circulated in advance. She reminded the Court about One Day Wonder and CY16 and spoke briefly about the work of the Refugee Committee.

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**Presbyterians Sharing** J. Bannerman assumed the Moderator's chair.

B. Baron presented the Presbyterians Sharing report. He advised the Court that the 2016 allocations are expected to be available before the end of November.

B. Baron resumed the Moderator's chair.

**Congregational Life Team** M. Currie presented the report circulated in advance.

**MOTION:** (Currie/Drozd) THAT whenever possible, the exit review teams visit congregations prior to a minister's leaving and report their findings to the Court prior to the appointment of an interim moderator. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** (Currie/Drozd) THAT when an interim moderator must be appointed prior to an exit review occurring, the exit review team conduct their meetings without the presence of the interim moderator. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** (Currie/Drozd) THAT manse inspections be included in the regular visit from visitation teams to congregations. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** (Currie/Drozd) THAT all clergy be asked to submit a current Police Records Check to the Congregational Life Team by September 2016. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** (Currie/Drozd) THAT the Clerk send a reminder to sessions that copies of their Leading With Care Policies be submitted to the Congregational Life Team by September 2016. Further, that sessions may access a sample policy by contacting Rev. Mavis Currie at [m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca](mailto:m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca). CARRIED.

**Reports of Interim Moderators**

Knox, Fingal – E. Hoekstra reported that the search continues for a half-time minister, the pulpit is being supplied and sacraments are being celebrated.

St. James, North Yarmouth – J. Bannerman presented the report circulated in advance.

**MOTION:** (Bannerman/Newell) THAT the Presbytery of London approve the renewal of the ministry agreement between St. James Presbyterian Church and Mr. Mikal Schomburg for a period of six months, from January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016, on a part-time basis according to the terms of the agreement as printed. CARRIED.

A copy of the ministry agreement is attached to these minutes.

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St. John's, Port Stanley – No report.

Knox, Komoka/North Caradoc-St. Andrew's – No report.

Argyle, Crinan/Duff, Largie – No report.

St. Lawrence, London – J. Park presented the report previously circulated.

Elmwood Avenue, London – K. McKee presented the report previously circulated.

**Other Business** None.

**Adjournment** On a motion by A. Reid, the Court stood adjourned at forty seven minutes after eight o'clock in the evening, to meet again in Regular Session on Tuesday, the twelfth day of January, two thousand and sixteen, at seven o'clock in the evening, in London, and within St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

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Moderator

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Clerk

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Proposed BUDGET FOR 2016										
Expenditures	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Forecast		Proposed
	2012	2012	2013	2013	2014	2014	2015	2015	Diff	Budget
										2016
Clerk's Honorarium	8,032	8,032	8,032	8,032	8,032	8,188	8,500	8,500	0	8500
Clerk's Course	275	550	275	-	275	550	275	550	(275)	275
Clerk's Computer Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	150	-	-	0
Treasurer's Honorarium	1,606	1,606	1,606	1,606	1,606	1,638	1,700	1,700	(0)	1700
Hospital Ministry	17,265	14,720	17,265	17,265	17,265	17,265	17,265	17,265	-	17265
Payroll CPP, EI (Presby. Share)	1,400	1,418	1,600	1,600	1,650	1,638	1,700	1,700	-	1700
Minutes and Admin. Expenses	1,000	421	700	800	850	852	850	900	50	950
Travel	5,250	4,472	5,250	4,500	4,500	3,312	4,500	3,800	400	4200
Liability Insurance	2,500	2,140	2,300	1,906	2,100	1,880	2,000	1,880	1,320	3200
Ministry Teams	500	1,000	500	-	500	-	500	-	500	500
Mission Team	1,000	111	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000	1000
Psychological testing	750	-	750	1,550	750	-	750	-	750	750
Leading with Care	800	-	800	-	400	-	400	-	400	400
Visitation Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	500
Communications	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	-	600
Campus Ministry	600	600	600	600	600	495	600	495	305	800
Youth Initiative	700	599	700	700	700	-	700	-	700	700
One Day Wonder	1,000	809	1,000	1,383	1,000	1,027	1,000	1,027	473	1500
Youth Mission trip	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	-	-	0
Canada Youth 2016	1,000	4,627	1,000	-	2,000	3,065	1,000	-	2,500	2500
General Assembly Meals	2,000	1,280	2,000	1,485	1,500	1,020	1,500	1,020	480	1500
Almanarah Assistance	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	5000
YAR Representative	-	250	250	250	-	-	300	350	(350)	0
Bank Charges	50	18	150	151	150	146	150	146	4	150
<b>Total Presbytery</b>	<b>46,328</b>	<b>43,254</b>	<b>46,378</b>	<b>42,428</b>	<b>50,478</b>	<b>46,676</b>	<b>52,440</b>	<b>44,933</b>	<b>8,757</b>	<b>53690</b>
<b>Synod Dues</b>	<b>46,176</b>	<b>46,176</b>	<b>45,180</b>	<b>44,698</b>	<b>43,884</b>	<b>44,584</b>	<b>39,536</b>	<b>39,536</b>	<b>(6,405)</b>	<b>33131</b>
	<b>92,504</b>	<b>89,430</b>	<b>91,558</b>	<b>87,126</b>	<b>94,362</b>	<b>91,260</b>	<b>91,976</b>	<b>84,469</b>	<b>2,352</b>	<b>86,821</b>

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**Lay Missionary (part-time) Student Minister Agreement  
between  
Mr. Mikal Schomburg and  
St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yarmouth**

This is a 6 month agreement for the period of **1 January 2016 to 30 June 2016.**

Mr. Schomburg will serve as a part-time lay missionary (Student Minister) with the following responsibilities:

1. Lead worship and preach each Sunday including worship preparation (e.g. arrange order of service, choose scripture readings, hymns, prepare the sermon and the children's story). Mr. Schomburg may also conduct funerals and other worship services as requested.
2. Provide pastoral care and crisis support to those in need within the congregation in conjunction with the Interim Moderator.
3. Provide leadership for other ministry initiatives such as Bible study and community outreach in conjunction with the Session and Interim Moderator, with a view toward holistic church growth.

The goals of this ministry are the provision of uplifting worship, maintenance of healthy congregational life, a continuity of leadership and the nurturing of spiritual and numerical growth.

Mr. Schomburg will be responsible to the Session of St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yarmouth, and its Interim Moderator. He will report on a regular basis to the Session.

The Session meetings will be moderated by the Interim Moderator, who will also be responsible for ensuring that provision is made for the celebration of the Sacraments.

The compensation is based upon an average of 15 hours per week with the expectation of approximately 8 hours being spent in preparation and leadership of worship and preaching. **A yearly stipend of \$18,000.00 will be provided inclusive of housing allowance, utilities, travel and study allowance. (This amount will exceed the minimum stipend and allowances for Lay Missionary/Category II for 2016, page 236 & 237 of the 2015 Acts and Proceedings). Mr. Schomburg will also receive two and a half weeks of vacation during which all cost of pulpit supply will be covered by St. James Church.**

This position will be for a **6 month contract**, which can be renewed and enhanced with the acceptance of both parties, with the approval of The Presbytery of London. However, it may be terminated by the Session or Mr. Schomburg with 30 days written notice without further obligation from either party.