

## **Minutes of the Presbytery of London**

**Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas, Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 7:00 p.m.**

In St. Thomas, and within St. Knox Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Regular Session on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of September, two thousand and sixteen, at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening.

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

**Worship**            The Worship Service and Communion was led by The Reverend Andrew Thompson.

**Installation of  
New Moderator**    Mr. Robert Baron proceeded with the installation of the Reverend Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen as Moderator of the Presbytery of London for the two year term beginning September 13, 2016.

The newly installed Moderator, Rev D. Dolbear-Van Bilsen, assumed the chair and resumed the business of the Court.

**Welcome,  
Courtesies and  
Announcements**    The Moderator thanked Mr. Baron for his service as Moderator. The Moderator then welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the visitors from Glencoe for attending the installation. Margaret McCullough and Mildred Greig represented the WMS.

**Attendance**        John Bannerman, Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Andrew Fullerton, Ed Hoekstra, William Khalil, Keith McKee, John Park, Heather Paton, Andrew Reid, Andrew Thompson, Ministers; James Patterson, Appendix; Bob Baron, Cal Bigg, Jenn Biltcliffe, Lily Carrothers, Linda Charlton, Richard Cote, William Cron, Janet Donkervoort, Ruth Ann Drozd, Lynda Drummel Smith, Ian Fleck, Richard Foster, Mary Ellen Gagnier, Mildred Greig, Patrick Laurin, Matt Marshall, John McIntyre, Sheila McMurray, Nancy Newell, Inge Stahl, Gerald Stocking, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Trudy Van der Hoek, Sandra VanderVeen, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Margaret McCullough, WMS; Sam Yoon, Student; Rev. James Clark, John Van Eyk, members of Glencoe Presbyterian Church, Guests.

**Regrets**            Amanda MacMillan, Mark Turner, Heather Vanderstelt, Ministers; Janis Boyle, Tom Jeffery, Elders.

**On Leave**          Mavis Currie, Minister.

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

**Stated Hour**      AGREED that representatives from the various organizations receiving

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**8:00 pm** funds from the former Bethel Presbyterian Church and the former DaySpring  
**Distribution of** Presbyterian Church be granted permission to address the Court.

**Bethel and**  
**DaySpring** Carl Crossett and George Kennedy from the former Bethel Presbyterian Church  
**Funds** came forward to present cheques to the following:

T. McDonald-Lee from Camp Kintail; W. Player from the Royal Canadian Legion, Ilderton; M. Isaac from the Ailsa Craig Food Bank; L Pentelow from Crieff Hills; R. Baron from the Presbytery of London.

Charmaine Fletcher, Bill Fletcher and Liz Moir from the former DaySpring Presbyterian Church came forward to present cheques to the following:

A. Chapman, Evangel Hall; L. Spence Bannerman and S. Ghougassian from Knox College; W. Khalil and members of Almanarah Presbyterian Church; J. Bannerman from the Presbytery of London.

The Moderator invited the guests 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 June 21, 2016, the Special Meeting of July 10, 2016 and the Special Meeting of July 12, 2016 be adopted. CARRIED.

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

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

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

|       | <b>Number</b>                 | <b>From</b>   | <b>Regarding</b> |
|-------|-------------------------------|---|------------------|
| 16-51 | T. Hamilton, Assembly Office  | replacement commissioner  |                  |
| 16-53 | A. Saunders, Cdn Ministries   | conference call for Presbytery clerks re Ont Child Care Act to Commission on Assets |                  |
| 16-54 | current Presbyterian minister | positive feedback on search process at Westmount                                    |                  |
| 16-60 | S. Kendall, Principal Clerk   | commissioners to 143 <sup>rd</sup> General Assembly                                 |                  |
| 16-61 | T. Hamilton, Assembly Office  | YAR for 2017 General Assembly   |                  |
| 16-62 | S. Kendall, Principal Clerk   | 2016 referrals to sessions  |                  |
| 16-63 | E. Bartlett, Assembly Office  | changes to the roll   |                  |
| 16-64 | T. Hamilton, Assembly Office  | 2016 A&P distribution and ordering  |                  |
| 16-65 | F. Hogg, Assembly Office      | shipping 2016 A&P   |                  |

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

| Number | From                        | Regarding                        | Refer To               |
|--------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 16-49  | M. Bennett, Knox College    | positions at Knox                | circ. elect.           |
| 16-50  | B. Nawratil, Finance Office | DaySpring mission plan approved  | DaySpring mission team |
| 16-52  | H. Chappell, Stewardship    | May Presbyterians Sharing report | circ. elect.           |
| 16-55  | Knox, Kincardine            | CE workshop                      | circ. elect.           |
| 16-56  | S. Kendall, Principal Clerk | 2016 referrals to presbyteries   | admin team.            |
| 16-57  | S. Kendall, Principal Clerk | nominations for moderator        | admin team             |
| 16-58  | S. Kendall, Principal Clerk | 2016 remit                       | admin team             |
| 16-59  | S. Kendall, Principal Clerk | overtures, memorials, petitions  | admin team             |
| 16-66  | J. Henderson, Ewart Centre  | lay education courses            | circ. elect.           |

**RECOMMENDATION #3:** THAT the action of the administrative team granting medical leave to Rev. Mavis Currie effective August 7, 2016, be homologated.

**RECOMMENDATION #4:** THAT Rev. Andrew Thompson be appointed as interim moderator at Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas effective August 7, 2016.

**RECOMMENDATION #5:** THAT Rev. Andrew Reid and Rev. Michelle Butterfield-Kocis be appointed co-interim moderators at Burns Presbyterian Church effective September 1, 2016.

**RECOMMENDATION #6:** THAT the following Elders be named as Representative and Alternate Representative Elders to the Presbytery of London for the 2016-2017 year:

Almanarah, London : (R) Ruth Ann Drozd (A) Matthew Marshall;  
St. George's, London : (R) Patrick Laurin (A) Albert Hardeman;  
Knox, St. Thomas : (R) Sandra Van Der Veen (A) Ian Begg;  
Oakridge, London : (R) Janet Donkervoort (A) Graham Ashbourne;  
St. Lawrence, London : (R) Inge Stahl (A) Alison Williams;  
Westmount, London : (R) Janis Boyle (A) Cal Bigg;  
Knox-St. Andrew's, Dutton : (R) John (Ian) Fleck (A) John McIntyre;  
Appin/Guthrie, Melbourne : (R) Tom Jeffery (A) Lorna Martin;  
Burns, Mosa : (R) Donna Jean Van Bilsen (A) Carol Leitch (A) Jim McKellar  
Trinity, London : (R) Sheila McMurray (A) Jenn Biltcliffe  
St. Johns, Port Stanley : (R) William Cron (A) Richard Foster  
Chalmers, London : (R) Richard Cote (A) Pat MacKay  
Duff, Largie/Argyle/Crinan : (R) Lynda Drummelsmith (A) Alan Carroll

**RECOMMENDATION #7:** THAT Rev. Andrew Reid be appointed mentor to James Clark.

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**MOTION:** (Reid/Bannerman) thanking R. Baron for his work and ministry on behalf of the Presbytery of London during his term Moderator of the Presbytery. CARRIED.

**General  
Assembly  
Rotation**

**Congregations**

1. St. George's, London
2. St. Lawrence, London
3. Oakridge, London
4. Burns, Mosa
5. Glencoe/Wardsville
6. St. James, North Yarmouth
7. Trinity, London
8. Knox, St. Thomas
9. St. John's, Port Stanley
10. Knox, Fingal
11. Dorchester/South Nissouri
12. Appin/Guthrie, Melbourne
13. Knox-St. Andrew's, Dutton
14. Almanarah, London
15. Chalmers, London
16. Duff/Argyle
17. North Caradoc-St. Andrew's/Komoka
18. Elmwood, London
19. Westmount, London
20. New St. James, London

**Ministers**

1. Ed Hoekstra
2. John Bannerman
3. Mark Turner
4. Amanda MacMillan
5. William Khalil
6. Mavis Currie
7. Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen
8. Andrew Thompson
9. Heather Vanderstelt
10. Michelle Butterfield-Kocis
11. Andrew Fullarton
12. Andrew Reid
13. Heather Paton
14. John Park
15. Keith McKee

**Records  
Examination**

**MOTION:** (Van der Hoek/Van Bilsen) THAT the Session Records of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Port Stanley; Knox-St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Dutton; Dorchester Presbyterian Church; South Nissouri Presbyterian Church, be attested as being neatly and correctly kept. CARRIED.

**Almanarah**

W. Khalil circulated a written report and highlighted several items in the report.

K. McKee spoke about the need for Almanarah to elect a session. A. Reid agreed with K. McKee and reminded the court that although the initial appointment was for two years, some assessor elders have served for seven years and the Court should be mindful of the load carried by assessor elders. W. Khalil responded that Almanarah appreciates the wisdom of the assessor elders and that the congregation is working towards electing elders.

**Ministry Team**

E. Hoekstra advised the Court that there is no report at this time.

**Mission Team**

H. Paton presented the mission team report and the youth report circulated previously.

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**Congregational Life Team** R. A. Drozd presented a verbal report and thanked everyone who has sent in Police Record Checks and Leading With Care policies. The Leading With Care workshop will be rescheduled for spring 2017.

R. A. Drozd presented the report of the visitation team to Burns Presbyterian Church. This report was circulated in advance.

Drozd and Fleck moved the following motions from the visitation team report:

**MOTION:** THAT Presbytery commend this congregation for their ongoing efforts in this ministry, reaching out into the community and beyond, to welcome all.

**MOTION:** THAT Presbytery commend them on their participation in groups, events, and services, and their acceptance that they are to be positive and open to change in the times ahead.

**MOTION:** THAT this congregation, under the leadership of an interim moderator, move ahead in the process of preparing for the search for a new minister.

**MOTION:** THAT the visitation team be dismissed with the thanks of the Court.

These motions CARRIED.

### Reports of Interim Moderators

Knox, Fingal – E. Hoekstra presented a verbal report.

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

St. John's, Port Stanley – No report.

Argyle, Crinan/Duff, Largie – No report.

St. Lawrence, London – J. Park reported diligence.

Westmount, London – H. Paton reported a candidate is preaching for the Call this month.

Burns, Mosa – A. Reid provided a written report.

**Other Business** None.

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**Adjournment** On a motion by R. Baron, the Court stood adjourned at twelve minutes before nine o'clock in the evening , to meet again in Special Session on Sunday, the eighteenth day of September, two thousand and sixteen, at six forty-five o'clock in the evening, in London and within St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church; and for Worship and Team Meetings on Tuesday, the eleventh day of October , two thousand and sixteen, at seven o'clock in the evening, in Appin and within Appin Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

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Moderator

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Clerk