

**Minutes of the Presbytery of London  
North Caradoc-St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Strathroy  
Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 7:00 p.m.**

In Strathroy, and within North Caradoc-St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Regular Session on Tuesday, the eleventh day of February, two thousand and fourteen, at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening.

**Constitution**      The Moderator, the Reverend Andrew Reid, welcomed everyone to the meeting and constituted the Court with prayer.

**Worship**            The Worship Service was led by the Reverend Kate Ballagh-Steeper.

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

**Attendance**        John Bannerman, Mavis Currie, Tom Godfrey, Ed Hoekstra, William Khalil, Jacob Lee, John Park, Heather Paton, Andrew Reid, Robert Shaw, Kevin Steeper, Mark Turner, Jon Van Den Berg, Kate Ballagh-Steeper, Jim Redpath, Ministers; John Cameron, Janet Donkervoort, Ruth Ann Drozd, Lynda Drummelsmith, Ian Fleck, Mildred Greig, Tom Jeffery, Debbie Kemp, Michael Kernahan, David Laphorne, Patrick Laurin, Jain Mahabir, Marg McCullough, Linda McKenna, Bill McMurchy, Sheila McMurray, Nancy Newell, Barbara Nyitray, Ben Ormseth, Angela Osborne, Nancy Springer, John Stewart, Joan Taylor, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Trudy Van Der Hoek, Peter VanderKooy, Elders; John Van Eyk, Lay Missionary; Lu Brule, Treasurer; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Jackie Leitch, Paul McWilliam, Duff Presbyterian Church; Ross MacKay, Knollwood Presbyterian Church; Eula Beckford, George Goor, Jasmine Goor, Donna Jean Godfrey, Jackie Leitch, Duncan McMillan, Paul McMillan, St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church; Harrison Greig, Bonnie Spindler, Walter Spindler, Knox Presbyterian Church; Lily Carrothers, Sharon Gillies, Theresa Glithero, Nancy Tomchick, North Caradoc-St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

**Regrets**            Charlotte Brown, Deb Dolbear-VanBilsen, Amanda MacMillan, Keith McKee, Michael Stol, Ministers; Bob Baron, Matt Marshall, Sandra Van Der Veen, Elders.

**Absent**             Ryan Kim, Minister.

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

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**Stated Hour**        **MOTION:** (Shaw/Mahabir) THAT the letter of resignation from the Reverend  
**7:30 pm**                Ryan Kim be received and considered. CARRIED

The Clerk read the letter to the Court.

**MOTION:** (Shaw/Mahabir) THAT the actions of the Clerk in citing the congregation of Argyle Presbyterian Church and Duff Presbyterian Church be homologated. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** (Shaw/Paton) THAT the resignation of the Reverend Ryan Kim from Argyle Presbyterian Church and Duff Presbyterian Church effective April 30, 2014 be accepted by the Presbytery. CARRIED.

B. McMurchy, representative elder from Argyle Presbyterian Church, addressed the Court.

**MOTION:** (Shaw/Mahabir) THAT the Reverend Ryan Kim be placed on the Appendix to the Roll of the Presbytery of London effective May 1, 2014. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** (Shaw/Jeffery) THAT the pulpits of Argyle Presbyterian Church and Duff Presbyterian Church be declared vacant effective May 1, 2014. CARRIED.

The Moderator advised the Court that he had consulted with the Vacancy & Visitation Team and their opinion is that considering the work already done and the continuing involvement of the Administrative Team, that there not be an exit review team appointed. AGREED.

The Moderator expressed sadness that these events have transpired and hope that all will move forward.

The Moderator invited the visitors from Argyle and Duff to stay for the remainder of the meeting but gave them permission to leave if they wished.

**Minutes**                **MOTION:** (Cameron/Fleck) THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Presbytery of London, held on January 14, 2014, be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** (Cameron/Fleck) THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of

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the Presbytery of London, held on January 14, 2014, be adopted as circulated.  
CARRIED.

**Business Arising From the Minutes** **MOTION:** (Mahabir/Bannerman) THAT the motion on ministry at Argyle Presbyterian Church and related motions be taken from the table. CARRIED.

The Moderator ruled that the motion to append the Crinan report and related Letters to the Presbytery report is out of order and therefore the matter is closed.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**RECOMMENDATION #1** (Mahabir/Bannerman) THAT the following correspondence be referred as named: CARRIED.

Number	From	Regarding	Refer To
14-11	K. Plater, Stewardship	Stewards by Design	circ. elect.
14-12	H. Chappell, Stewardship	Presbyterians Sharing update	circ. elect.
14-13	Rev. R. Kim	letter of resignation	Presbytery
14-14	Crinan Report & letters	letters from Argyle members	vacancy & visit
14-15	Session, Argyle	response to vacancy & visit report	admin

**RECOMMENDATION #2** (Mahabir/Bannerman) THAT the Transition Allowance Agreement between the Presbytery of London, the Congregations of Argyle and Duff Presbyterian Churches and the Reverend Ryan Kim, which was circulated with the advance reports, be approved. CARRIED.

**RECOMMENDATION #3** (Mahabir/Bannerman) THAT John McIntyre be appointed alternate representative elder for Knox St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. CARRIED.

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

**Beginning the Conversation** K. Steeper reported that the synopsis received from Dr. Wood is being reviewed and the committee will report at a future meeting.

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**Presbyterians Sharing** J. Mahabir reported that six congregations gave more than the 2013 accepted allocation and reminded the Court that the 2014 commitments be forwarded as soon as possible.

**Committee to Visit Argyle And Duff** The report circulated with the advance reports will be held until the March 11, 2014 regular meeting.

**Almanarah** W. Khalil circulated the December 31, 2013 financial report. He has been interviewed by a local radio station and will advise the members of Presbytery of the broadcast date.

**Students and Education Team** No report.

**Denominational Work Team** K. Steeper advised Court that the team has met to consider the remits and will bring a report to the next regular Presbytery meeting.

**Vacancy and Visitation Team** No report.

**Leading with Care Team** T. Jeffery reported that he will be calling a meeting of the team.

**Mission and Evangelism Team.** No report.

**Hospital Visitor Team** No report.

**Youth and Campus Ministries** The report of the team was circulated with the advance reports. H. Paton reminded the Court about the One Day Wonder; the pre-CY14 event was well attended; CY14 grant application form is available and will be on the website.

**MOTION:** (Paton/Mahabir) THAT the UWO chaplaincy position description be approved. CARRIED.

**Website and Communications Team** No report.

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**Small Church Ministries Team** S. McMurray reported that there is interest in accessing the fund but additional team members are required.

**Reports of Interim Moderators** Knox, Fingal – E. Hoekstra presented a verbal report. Ministry is continuing and the sacraments are being celebrated, a meeting was held with St. James to explore options.

St. James, North Yarmouth – J. Bannerman circulated a written report. The manse has been sold, the annual meeting has been scheduled, informal conversations about ministry options are continuing.

St. John's, Port Stanley – No report.

**Stated Hour 8:15 pm** **MOTION:** (Godfrey/Shaw) THAT the actions of the Clerk in citing the congregation of Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church and St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church be homologated. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** (Taylor/Springer) THAT the date of amalgamation for the Congregations of Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church and St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church be March 1, 2014. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** (Taylor/Springer) THAT the following members of Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church and St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church be given permission to address the Court: Ross MacKay, Duncan McMillan, George Goor. CARRIED.

D. Laphorne, alternate representative elder from Knollwood Park, spoke about the discernment process leading to the decision to amalgamate.

R. McKay from Knollwood Park spoke about the history of Knollwood Park.

B. Ormseth, alternate representative elder from St. Lawrence, expressed his delight about the amalgamation and praised the leadership at Knollwood Park. The members of St. Lawrence are looking forward to new people, fresh ideas and fresh energy.

D. McMillan from St. Lawrence spoke about Knollwood Park's ministry at the Cherryhill community, St. Lawrence's nursing home ministry and the plans to continue and improve these ministries.

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G. Goor from St. Lawrence spoke about Sunday School and youth ministry.

**MOTION:** (Taylor/Springer) THAT the Presbytery of London be invited to arrange and conduct a worship service of celebration for the history of the congregation of Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church and its Christian presence and work of God within the community at 3:00 pm Sunday, February 23, 2014 with a dinner to follow at 5:30 pm at the school adjoining the church property. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** (Taylor/Springer) THAT motions 5 through 14 be adopted. CARRIED.

**MOTION #5:** THAT the Presbytery of London be invited to arrange and conduct a service of recognition at St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church to recognize, rejoice in and support the newly amalgamated congregation.

**MOTION #6:** THAT the merged Board of Managers remain in place until the next congregational annual meeting.

**MOTION #7:** THAT the merged Board of Trustees remain in place until the congregational annual meeting.

**MOTION #8:** THAT the historic membership rolls of St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church and Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church be closed and a new historic roll begun, as of the date of amalgamation.

**MOTION #9:** THAT the historic registers of the Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church's congregation be closed and transferred to the new amalgamated congregation.

**MOTION #10:** THAT the current registers of the St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church congregation be appropriately notated to indicate that effective March 1, 2014 Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church amalgamated with that congregation.

**MOTION #11:** THAT the session of the amalgamated congregation compile a pastoral care roll that lists the names and contact information of all communicants/professing members; all covenant/baptised members; and all adherents of the two congregations.

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**MOTION #12:** THAT the administrative support be 15 hours to cover the needs of the amalgamated congregation; and that this be reviewed within 12 months, or sooner, following the date of amalgamation.

**MOTION #13:** THAT the newly amalgamated congregation undertake the responsibility of identifying its Mission and Vision.

**MOTION #14:** THAT the session of the amalgamated congregation formulates a policy for the use of the Memorial Fund of the amalgamated congregation, using the policy provided by Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church as a guide, to be approved at a meeting of the amalgamated congregation.

**MOTION:** (Taylor/Springer) THAT the confirmation of the ministry of the Reverend Thomas Godfrey as the minister of the amalgamated congregation be accepted. CARRIED.

The Moderator noted that although Rev. J. Redpath will be finished as interim moderator of Knollwood Park on March 1, 2014, that he be asked to continue with the amalgamation plan and finalize the remaining details. AGREED.

**Reports of  
Interim  
Moderators**

Knox, Komoka/North Caradoc-St. Andrew's – K. Ballagh-Steeper reported diligence, the pulpit is being supplied and the sacraments are being celebrated. A task force has been formed from both congregations to look at ministry options.

Argyle, Crinan/Duff,Largie – R. Shaw reported session meetings have been held and a joint session meeting is scheduled.

**Other Business** None.

**Adjournment** On a motion by P. Laurin, the Court stood adjourned at ten minutes before nine o'clock in the evening, to meet again in Regular Session on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March, two thousand and fourteen, at seven o'clock in the evening, in North Yarmouth, and within St. James Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

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Moderator

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Clerk