

## Minutes of the Presbytery of London

Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church, London, Sunday, January 11, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

In London, and within Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Special Session on Sunday, the eleventh day of January, 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.

**Welcome,** The Moderator extended a welcome to all present.

### **Courtesies and**

**Announcements** The Moderator briefly explained the rules of Presbytery for a special meeting and the rules about who may address the Court.

**Attendance** John Bannerman, Mavis Currie, Ed Hoekstra, Jacob Lee, Keith McKee, Heather Paton, Andrew Reid, Kevin Steeper, Kate Ballagh-Steeper, Ministers; Bob Baron, Cathy Cornhill, Ruth Ann Drozd, Ian Fleck, Debbie Kemp, Patrick Laurin, Jain Mahabir, Sheila McMurray, Trudy Van Der Hoek, Peter Vanderkooy, Elders; Carrie Thornton, Clerk.; Malcolm McLean, Bert Van Der Hoek, Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church; John Van Eyk.

**Regrets** Charlotte Brown, Jon Van Den Berg, Ministers; William Cron, Linda McKenna, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Elders.

**On Leave** John Park, Minister.

**Absent** Deb Dolbear-VanBilsen, William Khalil, Amanda MacMillan, Michael Stol, Mark Turner, Ministers; John Cameron, Janet Donkervoort, Doug Hill, Tom Jeffery, Dave Laphorne, Margaret McCullough, Bill McMurchy, Nancy Newell, Barbara Nyitray, Angela Osborne, Sandra VanDerVeen, Elders.

**Letter of Resignation** **MOTION:** (Mahabir/Van Der Hoek) THAT the letter of resignation of The Reverend Kevin Steeper from Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church be received and considered. CARRIED.

The Clerk read the letter to the Court.

**Homologation** **MOTION:** (McKee/Bannerman) THAT the action of the Clerk in citing the congregation of Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church be homologated. CARRIED.

The Court AGREED that Malcolm Mclean and Bert Van Der Hoek be given permission to address the Court.

The speakers spoke about Reverend Steeper's time with the congregation,

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thanked him for his ministry, wished him well in his new position and told him that he will be missed.

K. McKee spoke about Rev. Steeper's work within the Presbytery, the Synod and the General Assembly, his diligent service on many committees and that his voice will be missed at Presbytery meetings. K. McKee also thanked Rev. K. Ballagh-Steeper for her service within the Presbytery and the community.

J. Bannerman reflected on Rev. K. Steeper's time in the Presbytery and thanked him for his service.

A. Reid mentioned that he first met Rev. K. Ballagh-Steeper when she was a student in the Presbytery of Hamilton, he appreciates Rev. K. Steeper's ability to think theologically.

K. Steeper addressed the Court and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve the people of Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church and that it is an excellent congregation, he feels it has been a privilege to work within the Presbytery of London.

K.. Ballagh-Steeper addressed the Court and thanked everyone for their kind words, she is grateful for the support the Presbytery and the congregations have given to the Chaplaincy.

The Moderator offered the members of the congregation the opportunity to speak about Rev. K. Ballagh-Steeper's ministry. Several members of the congregation thanked her for expanding their knowledge of the less fortunate in the community.

The Moderator thanked both K. Steeper and K. Ballagh-Steeper for all of their work and mentioned that their new congregation will be delighted and spiritually uplifted and that the Holy Spirit radiates in all they do.

### **Resignation Accepted**

**MOTION:** (Reid/Laurin) THAT the resignation of The Reverend Kevin Steeper from Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church be accepted with the gratitude of the Presbytery for his service to Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church and to the Court during his time within the Presbytery of London. CARRIED.

### **Removal from Roll**

**MOTION:** (Fleck/Lee) THAT The Reverend Kevin Steeper be removed from the Roll of the Presbytery of London effective February 13, 2015. CARRIED

### **Letter of**

**MOTION:** (Mahabir/McKee) THAT a letter of standing dated February 13.

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**Standing** 2015 be issued to The Reverend Kevin Steeper. CARRIED

**Pulpit Vacant** **MOTION:** (Hoekstra/Laurin) THAT the pulpit of Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church be declared vacant effective February 13, 2015. CARRIED

**Interim Moderator** **MOTION:** (Lee/Bannerman) THAT The Rev. Keith McKee be named interim moderator of Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church effective February 13, 2015. CARRIED

**Exit Review Team** **MOTION:** (Hoekstra/Reid) THAT an exit review team be named by the Vacancy and Visitation Team. CARRIED

**Other Business** None.

**Adjournment** On a motion by S. McMurray, the Court stood adjourned at thirty-six minutes after seven o'clock in the evening, to meet again in Regular Session on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of January, two thousand and fifteen, at seven o'clock in the evening, in Fingal, and within Knox Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

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Moderator

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Clerk