

Minutes of the Presbytery of London

Westmount Presbyterian Church, London, Monday, July 14, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

In London, and within Westmount Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Special Session on Monday, the fourteenth day of July, 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.

Welcome The Moderator welcomed the members of Presbytery, the Reverend Tim Purvis from the Presbytery of East Toronto as well as members of Trinity York Mills Presbyterian Church Toronto.

Attendance Jacob Lee, Andrew Reid, Kevin Steeper, Michael Stol, Jon Van Den Berg, Jim Redpath, Kirk Summers, Ministers; Bob Baron, Patrick Laurin, Jain Mahabir, Sheila McMurray, Barbara Nyitray, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Trudy Van Der Hoek, Elders; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Shirley Redpath, Oakridge, Reverend Tim Purvis, Westview Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Sue Robertson, Marlene Arfin, Trinity York Mills Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

Regrets John Bannerman, Charlotte Brown, Mavis Currie, Deb Dolbear-VanBilsen, Tom Godfrey, Keith McKee, Heather Paton, Ministers; Ruth Ann Drozd, Mildred Greig, Debbie Kemp, Angela Osborne, Doris Tutt, Elders.

Absent Ed Hoekstra, William Khalil, Amanda MacMillan, John Park, Mark Turner, Minister; John Cameron, William Cron, Janet Donkervoort, Ian Fleck, Tom Jeffery, Michael Kernahan, Matt Marshall, Margaret McCullough, Bill McMurchy, Nancy Springer, Peter Vanderkooy, Sandra VanDerVeen, Elders.

Docket **MOTION:** (Stol/Mahabir) THAT the Reverend Tim Purvis from the Presbytery of East Toronto be invited to sit and correspond. CARRIED.

Call Received And Considered **MOTION:** (Mahabir/Steeper) THAT the Call from Trinity York Mills Presbyterian Church, Toronto to the Rev. Kirk Summers be received and considered. CARRIED.

Narration of Steps The moderator invited the Interim Moderator, the Reverend Tim Purvis, to narrate the steps leading up to the Call, and read the Guarantee of Stipend:

Guarantee to Presbytery for Minister's Stipend

In order that you, The Rev. Kirk Summers, may be free to devote yourself to ministry of Word and Sacraments among us, we the congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church hereby guarantee to the Presbytery of East Toronto, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, that out of our estimated annual revenue

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of three hundred ninety-nine thousand dollars (\$399,000.00) we promise and obligate ourselves to provide you, as a first charge thereon, the annual stipend of \$68,800 (inclusive of travel allowance) and an annual housing allowance of \$31,200 (inclusive of utilities).

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 in the needs of our minister.

We agree further:

- 1. To give **two weeks** for continuing education annually, and to provide an allowance of \$1,500 per year.*
- 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 Pensions 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 reimburse you for any church-related cell phone and data use.*

Permission to Address the Court

MOTION: (Stol/McMurray) THAT the following representatives of Trinity York Mills Presbyterian Church be given permission address the Court: Sue Robertson, Marlene Arfin, written submission from Michael Bart. CARRIED.

Call Sustained

MOTION: (Stol/Mahabir) THAT the Call to the Reverend Kirk Summers from Trinity York Mills Presbyterian Church be sustained as a regular Gospel Call. CARRIED.

The Moderator placed the Call in the hands of the Reverend Kirk Summers and indicated that he has ten days to consider whether he will accept the Call.

Rev. Summers addressed the Court and accepted the Call. He thanked the members of Trinity York Mills and the members of the Presbytery of London for coming to the special meeting and sharing in his good news.

The Moderator invited members of the Court to speak. K. Steeper and M. Stol wished Rev. Summers the best in his ministry and in his new congregation.

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Adjournment On a motion by P. Laurin, the Court stood adjourned at twenty seven minutes after seven o'clock in the evening, to meet again in Regular Session on Tuesday, the ninth day of September, two thousand and fourteen, at seven o'clock in the evening, in Dorchester, and within Dorchester Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk