

Minutes of the Presbytery of London

DaySpring Presbyterian Church, London, Tuesday, May 12, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

In London, and within DaySpring Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Regular Session on Tuesday, the twelfth day of May, 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 The Reverend Jon Van Den Berg.

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

Attendance John Bannerman, Charlotte Brown, Mavis Currie, Ed Hoekstra, Keith McKee, John Park, Andrew Reid, Michael Stol, Jon Van Den Berg, Jan McIntyre, David Stewart, Ministers; Bob Baron, John Cameron, Janet Donkervoort, Ruth Ann Drozd, Ian Fleck, Mildred Greig, Debbie Kemp, David Laphorne, Patrick Laurin, Jain Mahabir, John McIntyre, Linda McKenna, Sheila McMurray, Nancy Newell, Barbara Nyitray, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Trudy Van Der Hoek, Peter Vanderkooy, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Doug Bruce, Hospital Visitor; Mikal Schomburg, Ian Marnoch, Student Ministers, John Van Eyk, Margaret McMullough.

Regrets Deb Dolbear-VanBilsen, William Khalil, Amanda MacMillan, Heather Paton, Mark Turner, Ministers; Tom Jeffery, Bill McMurchy, Angela Osborne, Sandra Van Der Veen, Elders.

Absent Doug Hill, Elder

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

Stated Hour 7:30 pm Doug Bruce, hospital visitor, came forward to present his annual report. This report was circulated with the advance reports. He spoke about his work in the hospitals and thanked the hospital visitor team and the members of Presbytery for their support.

The Moderator thanked D. Bruce for his work in the hospitals and invited him to stay for the remainder of the meeting but granted him permission to leave.

Memorial John Comrie P. Laurin read a memorial for John Comrie. Mr. Comrie was an elder at Oakridge Presbyterian Church. The funeral was held in April. E. Hoekstra thanked the members of the Court who attended the funeral service.

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Minutes **MOTION:** (McKee/Reid) THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Presbytery of London, held on April 14, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMENDATION #1 (Mahabir/Reid) THAT the following correspondence be received for information: CARRIED.

| Number | From | Regarding |
|---------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 15-58 | E. Bartlett, Assembly Office | changes to the Roll |
| 15-59 | Presbyterian College | Continuing Ed – Christian Apologetics |
| 15-64 | J. Loach, Presbytery of Oak Ridges | Rev. Matthew McKay, letter of standing |
| 15-65 | H. Chappell, PCC | new database |

RECOMMENDATION #2 (Mahabir/Reid) THAT the following correspondence be referred as named: CARRIED.

| Number | From | Regarding | Refer To |
|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 15-60 | T. Hamilton, Assembly Office | Presbytery statistics | Clerk |
| 15-61 | T. Hamilton, Assembly Office | list of clerks/convenors | Clerk |
| 15-62 | T. Hamilton, Assembly Office | memorial records | Clerk |
| 15-63 | D. Ogilvie, Westmount PC | request for search committee | admin team |
| 15-66 | S. Shaffer, Ed & Reception | Competent objections by presbyteries | circ. elect. |
| 15-67 | J. Archer-Green, Hamilton | transfer Heather Vanderstelt | students & ed |
| 15-68 | M. Currie, Knox PC | Presbytery hymn-sing | clerks of session |
| 15-69 | J. Mahabir, DaySpring PC | requesting a Presbytery visitation | V & V team |

RECOMMENDATION #3 (Mahabir/Reid) THAT the care of Heather Vanderstelt, a student certified for ordination by the Presbytery of Hamilton, be received by the Presbytery of London. CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATION #4 (Mahabir/Reid) THAT \$3,000.00 from the Trinity West Elgin Youth in Mission Fund be allocated to the “Pay It Forward Youth Mission Trip 2015”. CARRIED.

Presbytery of London Extension and Building Fund Committee

The Clerk asked the members of the Court to consider serving on this committee and to encourage members of each congregation to consider serving on the committee. Committee members do not have to be ruling elders.

M. Currie asked that the Clerk circulate a letter to all Sessions along with some information about the committee.

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UPCOMING REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE:

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| June 16, 2015 | Elmwood, London |
| September 8, 2015 | New St. James, London (dinner and regular meeting) |
| October 13, 2015 | Oakridge, London (worship and team meetings) |
| November 10, 2015 | St. George's, London (regular meeting) |
| January 12, 2016 | St. Lawrence, London (regular meeting) |
| February 9, 2016 | Trinity, London (worship and team meetings) |
| March 8, 2016 | Westmount, London (regular meeting) |
| April 12, 2016 | Burns, Mosa (worship and team meetings) |
| May 10, 2016 | St. James, North Yarmouth (regular meeting) |
| June 2016 * | St. John's, Port Stanley (regular meeting) |

(*date to be determined)

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

Treasurer Report L. Brule informed the Court that the 2014 T3010 Charity Information Return has been filed with the Charities Directorate as required.

Almanarah R.A. Drozd circulated a written report and commented on the success of the youth program.

J. Bannerman asked about the Canadian Ministries grant. R. A. Drozd replied that Almanarah is discussing long-term financing with Canadian Ministries.

Students and Education Team **MOTION:** (Kemp/Van Bilsen) THAT J. Bannerman be granted study leave from May 18 to 24, 2015 to attend "Ready to Give an Answer for the Hope Within You" at Presbyterian College. CARRIED.

Denominational Work Team No report.

Vacancy and Visitation Team R. Drozd circulated a written report. The report on the Almanarah visitation will be presented at the June meeting. DaySpring has requested an emergency visitation. This will take place on May 14, 2015. The follow-up visitation team for St. Lawrence is now J. Park, J. Redpath and R.A. Drozd. A report from this team will be presented at the June Presbytery meeting.

Leading with Care Team No report.

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Mission and Evangelism Team

J. Van Den Berg presented a verbal report.

A workshop will be held on May 30th from 10:00 am to 3:00 PM concerning Mission with Refugees. The details and registration information has been circulated electronically.

Hospital Visitor Team

No report.

Youth & Campus Min.

A written report was circulated with the advance reports.

M. Currie reminded the Court about the Junior High Retreat, the youth mission trip and the young adult event at Presbyterian college.

Website and Communications Team

J. Mahabir informed the Court that a number of new features will be added to the website.

Small Church Ministries Team

S. McMurray reported that no funding requests have come to the team and encouraged smaller congregations of less than 100 members to apply for funding for specific programs.

Reports of Interim Moderators

Knox, Fingal – Ed Hoekstra reported diligence. The pulpit is being supplied. Several applications have been received by the search committee.

St. James, North Yarmouth – J. Bannerman circulated a written report and drew the attention of the Court to the 177th anniversary celebration service on June 28, 2015 at 2pm.

St. John's, Port Stanley – D. Stewart presented a verbal report. Worship is continuing and the sacraments are being celebrated. The Court was advised of the death of Marilyn Edwards, an active member and elder.

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

Argyle, Crinan/Duff, Largie – No report.

Knox St. Andrew's, Dutton – No report.

St. Lawrence, London – John Park reported diligence. The session has adopted the new vision statement.

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Elmwood Avenue, London – A written report was circulated with the advance reports. Ian Marnoch has begun his summer contract.

Other Business The Moderator thanked the members of DaySpring for their hospitality.

There was no other business

Adjournment On a motion by K. McKee, the Court stood adjourned at forty-one minutes after eight o'clock in the evening, to meet again in Regular Session on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of June, two thousand and fifteen, at seven o'clock in the evening, in London, and within Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church, London.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk