

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

**Duff Presbyterian Church, Largie, Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 7:00 p.m.**

In Largie, and within Duff Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Regular Session on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of October, two thousand and fourteen, 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 Robert Shaw.

**Welcome, Courtesies and Announcements** The Moderator extended a welcome to all present. Margaret McCullough represented the WMS. The Moderator provided a brief report about the congregations he visited over the last few weeks.

**Attendance** Charlotte Brown, Mavis Currie, Deb Dolbear-VanBilsen, Jacob Lee, Amanda MacMillan, Heather Paton, Andrew Reid, Kevin Steeper, Michael Stol, Mark Turner, Robert Shaw, Ministers; Bob Baron, John Cameron, Cathy Cornhill, William Cron, Janet Donkervoort, Ruth Ann Drozd, Ian Fleck, Tom Jeffery, Debbie Kemp, Michael Kernahan, David Laphorne, Patrick Laurin, Margaret McCullough, Bill McMurchy, Nancy Newell, Linda Riddell, Gerald Stocking, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Peter Vanderkooy, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer, Carrie Thornton, Clerk; John Van Eyk, Fingal.

**Regrets** John Bannerman, Ed Hoekstra, William Khalil, Keith McKee, John Park, Jon Van Den Berg, Ministers; Doug Hill, Sheila McMurray, Barbara Nyitray, Angela Osborne, Trudy Van Der Hoek, Sandra VanDerVeen, Elders.

**Absent** Jain Mahabir, Elder.

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

**Minutes** **MOTION:** (Drozd/Stol) THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Presbytery of London, held on September 9, 2014, 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** (Jeffery/Reid) THAT the following correspondence be received for information: CARRIED.

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<b>Number</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Regarding</b>
15-1	J. Vissers, Knox College	acknowledging receipt of recertification letters
15-11	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	receipt of memorial minute for Rev. M. Pollock

**RECOMMENDATION #2** (Fleck/Lee) THAT the following correspondence be referred as named: **CARRIED.**

<b>Number</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Regarding</b>	<b>Refer To</b>
15-2	M.J. Bissett	short term appointments	circ. elect.
15-3	S. Sutton, Planned Giving Coordinator	planned giving retreat	circ. elect.
15-4	J.A. Green, Synod Clerk	synod special committee reports	circ. elect.
15-5	W. Paterson, Convener Search Committee	executive staff position	circ. elect.
15-6	J. Bell, Canadian Ministries	Stan Ott event	circ. elect.
15-7	A. Blane, Synod Mission Committee	Synod mission workshop	circ. elect.
15-8	H. Chappell, Presbyterians Sharing	Presbyterians Sharing to Aug 31/14	circ. elect.
15-9	D. Muir, Assembly Office	corrected Remit C	denom. work team
15-10	A. Khalema, United Church of Canada	re. Rev. Ryan Kim	admin team

**RECOMMENDATION #3** (Reid/Brown) THAT the request of the Rev. Don McInnis to retire from ministry within the Presbyterian Church in Canada effective October 31, 2014 be granted. **CARRIED.**

**RECOMMENDATION #4** (Currie/Steeper) THAT a “Continuing the Conversation” gathering be held at Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church on Saturday November 8, 2014 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. **CARRIED.**

The Clerk informed the Court that the funds received from Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church designated as a gift to the Presbytery of London will be Placed in the discretionary fund.

The list of Commissioners for the 2015 General Assembly was circulated.

<u>Congregations</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
1. Knox-St. Andrews, Dutton	1. Michael Stol
2. Almanarah, London	2. Mark Turner
3. Chalmers, London	3. Amanda MacMillan
4. North Caradoc/Knox, Komoka	4. Kevin Steeper
5. Elmwood Ave, London	5. Keith McKee
6. Westmount, London	6. Jacob Lee
7. New St. James, London	7. William Khalil
8. St. George’s, London	8. Mavis Currie
9. St. Lawrence, London	9. Charlotte Brown
10. Oakridge, London	10. Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen

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11. Burns, Mosa			11. Andrew Reid	
12. Glencoe/Wardsville			12. Jon Van Den Berg	
13. North Yarmouth			13. Heather Paton	
14. Duff/Argyle			14. John Park	
15. Trinity, London			15. Ed Hoekstra	
16. DaySpring, London			16. John Bannerman	
17. Knox, St. Thomas				
18. St. John's, Port Stanley				
19. Bethel, Ilderton				
20. Knox, Fingal				
21. Dorchester/South Nissouri				
22. Appin/Melbourne				

### Records Examination

**MOTION:** (Van Bilsen/Jeffery) THAT the Session Records of Dorchester Presbyterian Church, Dorchester be attested as being neatly and correctly kept with notes. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** (Van Bilsen/Jeffery) THAT the Session Records of South Nissouri Presbyterian Church, South Nissouri be attested as being neatly and correctly kept with notes. CARRIED.

### Continuing the Conversation

K. Steeper reminded the Court of the meeting on November 8, 2014 at Elmwood Presbyterian Church. Please RSVP to the Clerk.

### Notice of Motion

A. Reid made the following notice of motion: THAT at a future meeting of the Presbytery of London I will move or cause to be moved that recommendations arising from the work of the Conversations process be considered.

### Presbyterians

A. Reid took the Moderator's chair. B Baron provided a Presbyterians Sharing update to September 30, 2014. He reminded the Court that the formula for 2015 is unchanged from 2014 and that information for 2015 will be distributed to congregations in the same format as 2014. B. Baron resumed the Moderator's chair.

### Almanarah

No report.

### Students and Education Team

**MOTION:** (MacMillan/Reid) THAT Rev. C. Brown be granted permission for study leave the week of October 27, 2014 to attend a silent retreat and participate in a conference "Being and Believing in the Age of the Spirit" led by Phyllis Tickle. This will all be held at the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine retreat centre in Toronto. CARRIED.

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**MOTION:** (Reid/Jeffery) THAT Rev. A. MacMillan be granted permission for study leave the week of October 27, 2014 to attend the preaching festival in Toronto ON. CARRIED.

**Denominational Work Team** No report.

**Vacancy and Visitation Team** R.A. Drozd advised the Court that the team is working to complete the St. Lawrence exit review.

**Leading with Care Team** T. Jeffery provided a verbal report. The committee will be meeting shortly to deal with several issues.

**Mission and Evangelism Team** J. Lee provided a verbal report. A spring workshop is being planned and details will be available soon.

**Hospital Visitor Team** C. Brown advised that the team will be meeting shortly.

**Youth and Campus Ministries** H. Paton provided a verbal report. She highlighted the care packages and One Day Wonder.

**Website and Communications Team** No report.

**Small Church Ministries Team** No report.

**Reports of Interim Moderators** Knox, Fingal – No report.

St. James, North Yarmouth – The Clerk read the report provided by J. Bannerman. The Session is meeting, worship continues, the sacraments are being celebrated, the Session will be reviewing the draft Conversation report.

St. John's, Port Stanley – C. Brown provided a verbal report. Worship and ministry continues, the Session plans to review the draft Conversation report.

Knox, Komoka/North Caradoc-St. Andrew's – K. Steeper reported on behalf of the interim moderator. The congregational profile is complete and inquiries are being received, the pulpit is supplied and the sacraments are celebrated.

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Argyle, Crinan/Duff, Largie – R. Shaw reported diligence.

Knox St. Andrew's, Dutton – M. Stol reported the pulpit is supplied and the search committee is active.

St. Lawrence, London – No report.

**Other Business** L. Brule advised he will present the 2015 budget at the November Presbytery meeting and asked that any budget requests be forwarded as soon as possible.

**Adjournment** On a motion by M. Stol, the Court stood adjourned at nine minutes after eight o'clock in the evening, to meet again in Regular Session on Tuesday, the eleventh day of November, two thousand and fourteen, at seven o'clock in the evening, in Dutton, and within Knox St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

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Moderator

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Clerk