

## Minutes of the Presbytery of London

St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church, London, Tuesday, July 12, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

In London, and within St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Special Session on Tuesday, the twelfth day of July, two thousand and sixteen, at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening for the purpose considering a Call to Mr James Clark from St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church, a Call to Rev. Jane Swatridge from Duffs Presbyterian Church, Puslinch and a Call to Rev. Lynn Nichol from Knox Presbyterian Church, Bayfield.

**Constitution**        The Moderator, Mr. Robert Baron, constituted the Court with prayer.

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

**Attendance**        John Bannerman, Ed Hoekstra, John Park, Heather Paton, Ministers; Lynn Nichol, Jim Redpath, Jane Swatridge, Appendix; Bob Baron, Richard Cote, Ruth Ann Drozd, Ian Fleck, Inge Stahl, Joan Taylor, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Trudy Van der Hoek, Elders; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Dr. Wilma Welch, Clerk, Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington; Rev. John Henderson, Clerk, Presbytery of Huron-Perth; James Clark, Guest; members of St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church; members of Duffs Presbyterian Church; members of Knox Presbyterian Church.

**Regrets**            Michelle Butterfield-Kocis, Charlotte Brown, Mavis Currie, Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Andrew Fullerton, Amanda MacMillan, Keith McKee, Andrew Reid, Heather Vanderstelt, Ministers; Lynda Drummelsmith, Sheila McMurray, Elders.

**Absent**             William Khalil, Andrew Thompson, Mark Turner, Ministers; Janis Boyle, Ray Burgess, Linda Charlton, William Cron, Janet Donkervoort, Mildred Greig, Tom Jeffery, Patrick Laurin, Nancy Newell, Gerald Stocking, Sandra Van Der Veen, Elders.

**Stated Hour  
Call to**                **MOTION:** (Park/Hoekstra) THAT the Call from St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church to Mr James Clark be received and considered. CARRIED.

**Mr James  
Clark**

Rev. J. Redpath, co-interim moderator of St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church came forward and narrated the steps leading to the Call.

**MOTION:** (Paton/Fleck) THAT the conduct of the interim moderators, The Rev. John Park and The Rev. Jim Redpath, be approved. CARRIED.

**Guarantee of  
Stipend**             Rev. J. Redpath read the Call and Guarantee of Stipend.

**Call and Guarantee to Presbytery of Stipend**

*We, the professing members of St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church, London*

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*being well satisfied with your faithfulness to the Gospel and your qualifications for the ministry of Word and Sacraments and confident that the Holy Spirit has led us to you, earnestly and solemnly call you James William Clark to become the minister of this congregation. In calling you we promise you all due respect, encouragement, and allegiance in the Lord as, together, we seek to use our gifts in the church and in the world to the glory of God.*

*In order that you, James William Clark, may be free to devote yourself to ministry of Word and Sacraments among us, we the congregation of St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church hereby guarantee to the Presbytery of London, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that out of our estimated annual revenue of ninety four thousand and six hundred twenty seven dollars, we promise and obligate ourselves to provide you, as a first charge thereon, the following annually:*

*Annual Stipend: \$36,358 (inclusive of travel allowance)*

*Housing/Rental allowance: \$18,000*

*Total: \$54,358*

*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 the needs of our minister.*

*We agree further:*

- 1. To provide two weeks for continuing education annually and at least the minimum allowance as set by the General Assembly.*
- 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 Pension 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.*

E. Hoekstra confirmed that the Ministry Team had reviewed the Call documents and all were found to be in order.

**MOTION:** (Bannerman/Stahl) that George Goor, Alison Williams and Eula Beckford be given permission to address the Court. **CARRIED.**

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G. Goor, A. Williams and E. Beckford all spoke very strongly in favour of this Call and expressed the eagerness of the congregation to begin their ministry with James Clark.

**Call Sustained**    **MOTION:** (Park/Hoekstra) THAT the Call to Mr James Clark be sustained as a true gospel Call and transmitted to the Presbytery of Hamilton. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** (Park/Hoekstra) THAT, subject to the decision of the Presbytery of Hamilton, permission be granted to the Presbytery of Hamilton to ordain Mr James Clark. CARRIED.

The Court recessed so the Clerk could contact the Clerk of the Presbytery of Hamilton. The Clerk advised the Presbytery of Hamilton that the Presbytery of London has sustained the Call to Mr James Clark as a true gospel Call.

**MOTION:** (Park/Hoekstra) THAT, subject to the decision of the Presbytery of Hamilton, the ministry of Mr James Hamilton at St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church will begin on September 1, 2016. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** (Park/Hoekstra) THAT, subject to the decision of the Presbytery of Hamilton, arrangements for the induction service be left in the hands of the Moderator, Clerk and interim moderators. CARRIED.

The Moderator invited the members of St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church to stay for the remainder of the service but gave them permission to leave if they wished.

**Stated Hour**    **MOTION:** (Bannerman/Fleck) THAT Dr. Wilma Welch, Clerk of the  
**Call to**        Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington, be invited to sit and correspond.  
**Rev. Jane**        CARRIED.  
**Swatridge**

**Guarantee of**    Dr. W. Welch came forward and read the Guarantee of Stipend.  
**Stipend**

### *Call and Guarantee to Presbytery of Stipend*

*We, the professing members of Duff's Presbyterian Church, Puslinch, being well satisfied with your faithfulness to the Gospel and your qualifications for the ministry of Word and Sacraments and confident that the Holy Spirit has led us to you, earnestly and solemnly call you, The Rev. Jane Swatridge, to become the minister of this congregation. In calling you we promise you all due respect, encouragement, and allegiance in the Lord as, together, we seek to use our gifts in the church and in the world to the glory of God.*

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*In order that you, The Rev. Jane Swatridge, may be free to devote yourself to ministry of Word and Sacraments among us, we the congregation of Duffs Presbyterian Church hereby guarantee to the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that out of our estimated annual revenue of two hundred forty-two thousand eight hundred fourteen dollars (\$242,814.00), we promise and obligate ourselves to provide you, as a first charge thereon, the following annually:*

*Annual Stipend: \$43,695.00 (inclusive of travel)*

*Housing Allowance: \$30,000.00(inclusive of utilities)*

*Total: \$73,695.00*

*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 the needs of our minister.*

*We agree further:*

- 1. To provide two weeks for continuing education annually and at least the minimum allowance as set by the General Assembly.*
- 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 Pension 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.*

E. Hoekstra confirmed that the Ministry Team had reviewed the Call documents and all were found to be in order.

**MOTION:** (Bannerman/Fleck) THAT the Call from Duff Presbyterian Church, Puslinch be received and considered. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** (Bannerman/Fleck) that Marian Hunter of Duffs Presbyterian Church be given permission to address the Court. CARRIED.

M. Hunter spoke strongly in favour of the Call and said the congregation is ready to be challenged by Rev. Swatridge.

**Call Sustained** **MOTION:** (Bannerman/Fleck) THAT the Call to The Rev. Jane Swatridge be

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sustained as a true gospel Call. CARRIED.

The Moderator placed the Call in the hands of Rev. Swatridge and indicated she has ten days to consider whether she will accept the Call.

J. Swatridge told the Court that she will accept the Call. She thanked the Presbytery of London and Oakridge Presbyterian Church for their support.

The Moderator invited the representatives of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington and Duffs Presbyterian Church to stay for the remainder of the service but gave them permission to leave if they wished.

**Stated Hour  
Call to  
Rev. Lynn  
Nichol**

**MOTION:** (Bannerman/Park) THAT The Rev. John Henderson, Clerk of the Presbytery of Huron-Perth, be invited to sit and correspond.  
CARRIED.

**Guarantee of  
Stipend**

Rev. J. Henderson came forward and read the Guarantee of Stipend.

**Call and Guarantee to Presbytery of Stipend**

*We, the professing members of Knox Presbyterian Church, Bayfield, being well satisfied with your faithfulness to the Gospel and your qualifications for the ministry of Word and Sacraments and confident that the Holy Spirit has led us to you, earnestly and solemnly call you, The Rev. Lynn Nichol, to become the minister of this congregation, on a half-time basis. In calling you we promise you all due respect, encouragement, and allegiance in the Lord as, together, we seek to use our gifts in the church and in the world to the glory of God.*

*In order that you, The Rev. Lynn Nichol, may be free to devote yourself to ministry of Word and Sacraments among us, we the congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church, Bayfield hereby guarantee to the Presbytery of Huron-Perth, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that out of our estimated annual revenue of fifty nine thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$59,850), we promise and obligate ourselves to provide you, as a first charge thereon, the following annually:*

*Annual Stipend: \$21,847.00 (inclusive of travel)  
Housing Allowance: \$8,762.00(inclusive of utilities)  
Total: \$30,609.00*

*We agree to make payments of the above amounts on the first day of each*

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*month and agree to review the stipend and allowances annually, in view of any changes in the cost of living or the needs of our minister.*

*We agree further:*

- 1. To provide two weeks for continuing education annually and \$500.*
- 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 100% Medical and Dental Insurance as provided through the Pension 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.*

E. Hoekstra confirmed that the Ministry Team had reviewed the Call documents and all were found to be in order.

**MOTION:** (Bannerman/Park) THAT the Call from Knox Presbyterian Church, Bayfield be received and considered. CARRIED.

The Court AGREED that Brenda McLean of Knox Presbyterian Church be given permission to address the Court.

B. McLean spoke strongly in favour of the Call and said the congregation is anxiously waiting for the ministry of Rev. Nichol to begin.

**Call Sustained** **MOTION:** (Bannerman/Park) THAT the Call to The Rev. Lynn Nichol be sustained as a true gospel Call. CARRIED.

The Moderator placed the Call in the hands of Rev. Nichol and indicated she has ten days to consider whether she will accept the Call.

L. Nichol told the Court that she will accept the Call. She thanked the Presbytery of London and the congregations Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church and St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church for their support.

The Moderator invited the representatives of the Presbytery of Huron-Perth and Knox Presbyterian Church to stay for the remainder of the service but gave them permission to leave if they wished.

**Other Business** None.

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**Adjournment**      On a motion by I. Fleck, the Court stood adjourned at six minutes after eight o'clock in the evening , to meet again in Regular Session on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of September , two thousand and sixteen, at seven o'clock in the evening, in St. Thomas, and within Knox Presbyterian Church.

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Moderator

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Clerk