

Minutes of the Presbytery of London

Knox St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Dutton, Tuesday, February 14, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

In Dutton, and within Knox St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Regular Session on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of February, two thousand and seventeen, at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening.

Constitution The Moderator, The Reverend Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, constituted the Court with prayer.

Worship The Worship Service was led by The Reverend Andrew Thompson.

Welcome, Courtesies and Announcements The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting. Margaret McCullough represented the WMS. The Moderator extended sympathy to The Rev. Dr. Jan McIntyre on the death of her husband and announced the funeral arrangements for The Rev. Gloria Langlois. Janis Boyle introduced The Rev. Dr. Jeffery Crawford, minister at Westmount Presbyterian Church.

Attendance Michelle Butterfield-Kocis, James Clark, Jeffery Crawford, Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Andrew Fullerton, Ed Hoekstra, William Khalil, John Park, Heather Paton, Andrew Reid, Andrew Thompson, Ministers; James Patterson, Appendix; Bob Baron, Janis Boyle, Linda Charlton, Richard Cote, Janet Donkervoort, Lynda Drummelsmith, Ian Fleck, Tom Jeffery, Patrick Laurin, John McIntyre, Sheila McMurray, Inge Stahl, Gerald Stocking, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Trudy Van der Hoek, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Margaret McCullough, WMS; Debra Webster, Clerk of Session, Knox Presbyterian Church, Fingal.

Regrets John Bannerman, Mavis Currie, Amanda MacMillan, Keith McKee, Mark Turner, Heather Vanderstelt, Jon Van Den Berg, Ministers; Lily Carrothers, William Cron, Ruth Ann Drozd, Richard Foster, Mildred Greig, Nancy Newell, Elders.

Absent Ray Burgess, Elder.

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

Report of the Administrative Team The Moderator invited the Clerk, C. Thornton, to present the Report of the Administrative Team.

MOTION: (Fleck/Vanderhoek) THAT recommendations 1 through 9 be adopted by consent. CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATION #1: THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

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Number	From	Regarding
17-01	D. Woods, Presbyterian College	thank you for gift
17-02	M. Leung, Assembly Office	changes to the roll
17-04	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	registrar general codes
17-05	L. Pentelow, Crieff Hills	thank you for gift
17-07	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	receipt of nominations for moderator
17-08	M. Bennett, Knox College	receipt of nomination for principal
17-10	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	receipt of Remit A

RECOMMENDATION #2: THAT the following correspondence be referred as named:

Number	From	Regarding	Refer To
17-03	J. Matheson	Cooke's Church Trust Fund	circ. elect.
17-06	A. Thompson, Knox-St. Andrew's	Reserve Chaplain	admin team
17-09	C. Cornhill, Clerk Elmwood PC	overture	admin team
17-11	J. Sitler, Clerk Presbytery of Barrie	certificate Rev C. Crawford	clerk
17-12	J. Sitler, Clerk Presbytery of Barrie	certificate Rev J Crawford	clerk
17-13	J. Henderson, Clerk Synod SWO	Synod minutes	circ. elect.
17-14	B. Curtis, Clerk New St. James PC	Rev. Joyce Elder	admin team
17-15	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	date change GA 2017	commissioners
17-16	A. Reid	resignation as IM, Burns	admin team
17-17	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	presbytery statistical info	clerk
17-18	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	committee to nominate	circ. elect.
17-19	H. Paton	notice of maternity leave	admin team
17-20	H. Vanderstelt	chaplaincy endorsement	admin team
17-21	A. Reid	notice of retirement	clerk/moderator

RECOMMENDATION #3: THAT the following be named as Presbytery of London commissioners to the 2017 General Assembly:

Rev. John Bannerman, Rev. Ed Hoekstra, Rev. William Khalil, Albert Hardeman (St. George's), Janet Donkervoort (Oakridge), Virginia McLean (Burns)

RECOMMENDATION #4: THAT Rev. Courtney Morris Crawford be added to the Appendix to the Roll of the Presbytery of London effective November 6, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION #5: THAT at the request of both the session of New St. James and the Rev. Joyce Elder, the Rev. Joyce Elder be removed as Minister in Association with New St. James.

RECOMMENDATION #6: THAT Lu Brule, Treasurer of the Presbytery of London, be given permission to transfer the Presbytery banking to CIBC.

RECOMMENDATION #7: THAT the Rev. Andrew Reid be dismissed as co-interim moderator at Burns Presbyterian Church effective January 1, 2017 with the thanks of the Court.

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RECOMMENDATION #8: THAT the Rev. Andrew Thompson be dismissed as interim moderator at Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas effective January 1, 2017 with the thanks of the Court.

RECOMMENDATION #9: THAT the request by the Rev. Heather Paton for a one year maternity leave commencing March 13, 2017, be approved.

RECOMMENDATION #10: (Hoekstra/Baron) THAT the request from The Reverend Andrew Reid to retire from ministry in the Presbyterian Church in Canada on November 1, 2017 be granted. CARRIED.

**Sexual Abuse
and Harassment
Committee**

A. Reid presented the report on behalf of the committee.

MOTION: (Reid/Clark) THAT the Presbytery of London hold a workshop concerning the Church's policy on Sexual Abuse and Harassment at Westmount Presbyterian Church, London on Saturday, April 22, 2017. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Reid/Clark) THAT the Clerk of Presbytery write each teaching elder on the constituent roll or who is serving the Presbytery as stated supply or interim moderator, asking when and where they last had a workshop concerning sexual abuse and harassment. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Reid/Clark) THAT any teaching elder who has not taken a workshop on the Church's policy concerning sexual abuse and harassment be required to attend the above workshop. CARRIED.

**Overture from
Elmwood Ave.
Presbyterian
Church**

MOTION: (Fullerton/Vanderhoek) THAT Presbytery receive and consider the overture from the Session of Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church. CARRIED.

A. Fullerton came forward to speak to the overture and to answer questions.

MOTION: (Fullerton/Vanderhoek) THAT the overture be sent to the General Assembly with the approval of the Presbytery. CARRIED.

J. Park and W. Khalil recorded their dissent.

Ministry Team

MOTION: (Paton/Charlton) THAT \$5,000 from youth ministry funds in the Presbytery be approved for supporting the Young Adult Mission Trip 2017. CARRIED.

Congregational

A. Fullerton presented the report of the visitation team to South Nissouri and

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Life Team Dorchester Presbyterian Churches.

MOTION: (Fullerton/Laurin) THAT the ministry of word and sacrament carried out by Rev. Heather Paton be affirmed. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Fullerton/Laurin) THAT the life and work of the Congregations in South Nissouri and Dorchester be affirmed. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Fullerton/Laurin) THAT the Congregations in South Nissouri and Dorchester be advised that the Presbytery's Congregational Life Committee can, if called upon, appoint a small support group, led by clergy, to assist them further in discerning and clarifying the issues related to the recent guide on Human Sexuality. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Fullerton/Laurin) THAT this visitation team be dismissed with the thanks of the court. CARRIED.

Other Business None.

Adjournment On a motion by A. Reid, the Court stood adjourned at two minutes before eight o'clock in the evening, to meet again in Regular Session on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, two thousand and seventeen, at seven o'clock in the evening, in Fingal and within Knox Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk