

Minutes of the Presbytery of London

Glencoe Presbyterian Church, Glencoe, Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

In Glencoe, and within Glencoe Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met for worship and team meetings on Tuesday, the eleventh day of April, two thousand and seventeen, at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening.

Worship The Worship Service was led by The Reverend Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen.

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

Welcome, Courtesies and Announcements The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting. Margaret McCullough represented the WMS.

Attendance John Bannerman, Michelle Butterfield-Kocis, Jeffery Crawford, Mavis Currie, Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Andrew Fullerton, Ed Hoekstra, William Khalil, Keith McKee, John Park, Andrew Reid, Andrew Thompson, Jon Van Den Berg, Ministers; Bob Baron, Cal Bigg, Ray Burgess, Linda Charlton, Richard Cote, Ruth Ann Drozd, Lynda Drummelsmith, Ian Fleck, Mildred Greig, Tom Jeffery, Patrick Laurin, Inge Stahl, Gerald Stocking, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Trudy Van der Hoek, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Margaret McCullough, WMS.

Regrets Janis Boyle, Sheila McMurray, Elders.

Absent James Clark, Amanda MacMillan, Mark Turner, Heather Vanderstelt, Ministers; Janet Donkervoort, Richard Foster, Nancy Newell, Sandra Van Der Veen, Elders.

On Leave Heather Paton, Minister.

Memorial Minute The Moderator asked J. Bannerman to come forward and read the memorial minute for The Reverend Gloria Langlois.

The Rev. Gloria Lorraine Langlois (nee Goruk), wife of Robert, resident of Port Stanley, former dietitian and Presbyterian Minister, died on February 12, 2017 at the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital in the company of her husband and children. A worship service to celebrate the life and ministry of The Rev. Gloria Langlois was held at St. James Presbyterian Church on February 18, 2017, at 2:00 pm.

Known for her compassionate and caring nature, Gloria had a strength and determination that was belied by her marvelous smile. Born in Edmonton, Alberta, on October 30, 1945, she grew up with a family-oriented, yet

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independent mother who instilled in her a strong work ethic, and a younger brother Ken, whom she loved and cherished. Graduating from H.A. Gray School in 1960 with Honours in Home Economics, she moved to the University of Alberta where she graduated with a B.Sc. in Household Economics.

On May 4, 1968, Gloria married Robert Langlois with whom she would explore museums, new cities, cultures and cuisines. He shared Gloria's love of life and brought her such happiness. Over the next few years Gloria and Robert welcomed their daughters, Catherine and Elizabeth. Gloria worked as a dietician at the Royal Edward Chest Hospital and Ste. Anne's Veterans Hospital, ultimately becoming Assistant Director of Dietetics at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal.

The 1990's brought Gloria great personal joy as she left her work in the hospital setting and accepted God's call to serve as a Minister of Word and Sacraments. In 1992, with heartfelt support from her family and Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Beaconsfield, she graduated from The Presbyterian College, Montreal, with a Bachelor of Theology and a Master of Divinity. Gloria and Robert moved to Southwestern Ontario and Gloria began a new life as the Minister for Knox Presbyterian Church, Belmont and St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yarmouth. New lifelong friends, new beaches to explore, new restaurant menus to peruse and new gardens to grow in Port Stanley brought Gloria peace and contentment while she nurtured and served her congregations.

In her ministry Gloria shared the good news of the steadfast love of God with her leadership of worship, preaching, teaching, and pastoral care. We thank God for the life, faith and ministry of Gloria Langlois, a gifted and devoted servant of God and a faithful member of presbytery. Gloria will be greatly missed as a colleague, sister in Christ, friend and family member. In the words of her daughters, "Gloria showed us how to thrive, and grow, and learn to be good people. She was an amazing role model who taught us we could be anything, but most of all, that we should love."

MOTION: (Bannerman/Currie) THAT the memorial minute for The Rev. Gloria Langlois be included in the minutes of the Presbytery of London and forwarded to the Assembly Office of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.
CARRIED.

Ministry Team E. Hoekstra provided a verbal report.

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MOTION: (Hoekstra/Butterfield-Kocis) THAT Inge Stahl be certified by the Presbytery of London to be added to the list of Presbytery endorsed worship leaders and preachers. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Hoekstra/Butterfield-Kocis) THAT it be approved that the study leave for Rev. A. Thompson be used for chaplaincy training in the Canadian Forces. CARRIED.

Other Business None.

Adjournment

On a motion by K. McKee, the Court stood adjourned at eighteen minutes before eight o'clock in the evening, to meet again in Regular Session on Tuesday, the ninth day of May, two thousand and seventeen, at seven o'clock in the evening, in London and within Almanarah Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk