

Minutes of the Presbytery of London

Burns Presbyterian Church, Mosa, Sunday, October 1, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

In Mosa, and within Burns Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Special Session on Sunday, the first day of October, two thousand and seventeen, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of considering a Call to The Reverend Michael Burns from Burns Presbyterian Church.

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

Welcome and Courtesies The Moderator welcomed the members of Burns Presbyterian Church to the meeting.

Attendance Michelle Butterfield-Kocis, Amanda MacMillan, Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Keith McKee, Andrew Reid, Ministers; Bob Baron, Richard Cote, Ruth Ann Drozd, Ian Fleck, Tom Jeffery, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Sherry Grant, Jackson Grant, Bice Leitch, Norma Leitch, John MacTavish, Margaret Fuld, Leora Walker, Burns Presbyterian Church; Frank Kocis, North Caradoc-St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Rev. Michael Burns, Debbie Burns, Guests.

Regrets John Bannerman, James Clark, Ed Hoekstra, Andrew Thompson, Ministers; Bob Bedgood, Linda Charlton, Janet Donkervoort, Lynda Drummelsmith, Sheila McMurray, Inge Stahl, Trudy van der Hoek, Elders.

Absent Jeffrey Crawford, Mavis Currie, Andrew Fullerton, William Khalil, John Park, Mark Turner, Jon Van Den Berg, Ministers; Cal Bigg, Ray Burgess, Lily Carrothers, Richard Foster, Sandra Van Der Veen, Elders.

On Leave Heather Paton, Minister.

Narration of Steps The Moderator invited the Interim Moderator, The Reverend Michelle Butterfield-Kocis to narrate the steps leading up to the Call.

M. Butterfield-Kocis read the narration of the steps to the Court.

Conduct Approved **MOTION:** (Reid/Baron) THAT the conduct of the Interim Moderator, The Reverend Michelle Butterfield-Kocis, be approved.
CARRIED.

The Moderator asked the Interim Moderator to present the Call and read the guarantee of Stipend:

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

We, the professing members of Burns Presbyterian Church, Mosa, being well satisfied with your faithfulness to the Gospel and your

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qualifications for the ministry of Word and Sacraments and confident that the Holy Spirit has led you to us, earnestly and solemnly call you, The Rev. Michael Burns 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, The Rev. Michael Burns, may be free to devote yourself to ministry of Word and Sacraments among us, we the congregation of Burns Presbyterian Church, hereby guarantee to the Presbytery of London, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that out of our estimated annual revenue of one hundred and five thousand (\$105,00.00) we promise and obligate ourselves to provide you, as a first charge thereon, the following annually:

An annual stipend of forty-three thousand, four hundred and fifty dollars (\$43,450.00), inclusive of travel and the use of the manse, inclusive of utilities.

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 one above shall be cumulative up to five years;*
- 3. To provide five weeks holiday annually, which shall be used in the year they are given;*
- 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;*
- 8. To provide a \$200 book/resources allowance annually;*
- 9. To pay fully for manse study internet services and cell phone services as budget lines in our annual budget as they may need to be adjusted from time to time.*

Call Received A. MacMillan advised the Court that the terms of the Call has been
And Considered reviewed by the Ministry team.

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MOTION: (Fleck/Brule) THAT the Call from Burns Presbyterian Church be received and considered and that representatives of the congregation be heard. CARRIED.

The Moderator invited John MacTavish to address the Court. Representative elder Donna Jean Van Bilsen also addressed the Court.

Call Sustained **MOTION:** (Baron/McKee) that the Call to the Reverend Michael Burns from Burns Presbyterian Church be sustained as a gospel Call and transmitted to the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Jeffery/Fleck) THAT the ministry of The Reverend Michael Burns at Burns Presbyterian Church begin on November 1, 2017 pending receipt of his certificate from the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Reid/McKee) THAT arrangements for the induction service be left in the hands of the Moderator, Interim Moderator and Clerk. CARRIED.

The Moderator invited Rev. M. Burns and D. Burns to come forward to briefly address the Court.

Other Business No other business.

Adjournment On a motion by I. Fleck, the Court stood adjourned at twenty-six minutes after three o'clock in the afternoon, to meet again for worship and team meetings on Tuesday, the tenth day of October, two thousand and seventeen, at seven o'clock in the evening, in London, and within New St. James Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk