

**Minutes of the Presbytery of London**  
**Online Meeting, Tuesday, June 30, 2020, 7:00 PM**

The Presbytery of London met online in regular session on Tuesday, the thirtieth day of June, two thousand and twenty, 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. Instructions regarding voting and online etiquette were discussed.
- Attendance**            John Bannerman, Michael Burns, Michelle Butterfield-Kocis, James Clark, Jeffrey Crawford, Mavis Currie, Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Andrew Fullerton, Ed Hoekstra, Amanda MacMillan, James Patterson, Andrew Thompson, Ministers; Andrew Reid, Jon Van Den Berg, Appendix; Linda Charlton, Richard Cote, Lynda Drummelsmith, Charmaine Fletcher, Richard Foster, Sandra Hamilton, Tom Jeffery, Brian Lunn, Margaret McGugan, Sheila McMurray, Inge Stahl, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Trudy van der Hoek, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer; Carrie Thornton, Clerk.
- Regrets**                Keith McKee, Ministers; Lynn Nichol, Appendix; Cal Bigg, Jean MacPherson, Elders.
- Absent**                 Cal Bigg, Janet Donkervoort, Mildred Greig, Doug Hill, Jean Macpherson, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Trudy van der Hoek, Elders.
- Docket**                **MOTION:** (Thompson/Butterfield-Kocis) THAT the Docket as circulated be adopted for the meeting. CARRIED.
- Minutes**                **MOTION:** (Thompson/Clark) THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 2, 2020 adopted. CARRIED.
- Report of the Administrative Team**        The Moderator invited the Clerk, C. Thornton, to present the report of the Administrative Team.
- MOTION:** (Hamilton/McGugan) THAT the decision of the administrative team to reappoint Lu Brule as Presbytery Treasurer and Carrie Thornton as Clerk of Presbytery, each for a three year term effective June 20, 2020, be homologated. CARRIED.
- MOTION:** (Brule/McGugan) THAT the decision of the administrative

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team to appoint The Reverend Lynn Nichol as interim moderator of South Nissouri Presbyterian Church effective April 1, 2020, be homologated. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** (Jeffery/Brule) THAT the following elders be named as Representative and Alternate Representative Elders to the Presbytery of London for the 2020-2021 year:

St. George's, London ; Norm Belyea (R) Bob Bedggood (A);  
St. James, North Yarmouth : Brian Lunn (R) Kent Buchanan. CARRIED.

**Motion to Reconsider** **MOTION:** (Patterson/Clark) THAT the Presbytery of London reconsider the terms of reference of the DaySpring Fund. CARRIED.

The Moderator named Charmaine Fletcher, Lu Brule, Rev. James Patterson and Rev. James Clark as the committee to review the terms of reference of the DaySpring Fund and to report to the Presbytery of London at a future meeting.

**Ministry Team** **MOTION:** (Hoekstra/Fullerton) THAT the Stated Supply Ministry Agreement between the Rev. James Patterson and St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yarmouth be approved from the period November 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020. CARRIED.

**Mission Team** **MOTION:** (Clerk/Drummelsmith) THAT \$20,000 from the Knollwood Presbyterian Youth Programs Fund and \$10,000 from the Bethel Youth Programs Fund, for a total of \$30,000, be donated to Camp Kintail to offset immediate needs. CARRIED.

**Congregational Life Team** No report.

**Reports of** St. James, North Yarmouth – J. Clark reported that the search committee is beginning its work, the congregation is exploring ministry with nearby churches..

**Interim Moderators** St. John's, Port Stanley – T. Jeffery reported that things are going well, the finances are okay.

Argyle, Crinan/Duff, Largie – M. Burns reported that online worship is well received, joint session meeting has been scheduled to discuss reopening.

New St. James, London – A. Fullerton reports diligence.

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Knox, Fingal – A. MacMillan reports diligence.

Dorchester – D. Dolbear-Van Bilsen reported the pulpit is supplied until the end of September.

South Nissouri – Report circulated in advance.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION:** (Clark/Patterson) THAT the Presbytery of London advise the Reverend Lynn Nichol that John Van Eyk is not permitted to preach at South Nissouri. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** (Patterson/Butterfield-Kocis) THAT until John Van Eyk fulfils the educational requirements set out for him by the ministry team of the Presbytery of London and is approved by the ministry team, he is not permitted to preach or do pastoral care within the boundaries of the Presbytery of London. This information will be circulated to the neighbouring presbyteries. CARRIED.

Trinity Community, London – J. Clark reported that session has met, finances are okay.

**Other Business** J. Bannerman advised that the mission team would like to receive comments and suggestions regarding the updated Presbytery website.

**MOTION:** (Currie/Patterson) THAT the Presbytery of London pay for COVID-19 signage for the churches. This will be paid by the discretionary fund. CARRIED.

**MOTION:** (Butterfield-Kocis/Patterson) THAT Presbytery recommends sessions carefully consider opening and/or having outdoor worship before September 2020, and that if they are preparing to open or have outdoor worship that sessions seek guidance from their insurance company and all guidelines proposed by local public health units the Ontario government.

**AMENDMENT:** (Currie/Fullerton) THAT Presbytery advise sessions that 1) all health protocols must be followed prior to reopening or hosting public worship inside or outside; 2) that sessions be encouraged to move slowly before considering reopening in the midst of this world-wide pandemic; 3) that insurance companies must be consulted prior to decisions regarding opening.

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The MOTION is CARRIED.

**Adjournment** On a motion by T. Jeffery, the Court stood adjourned at twenty-seven minutes before ten o'clock, to meet again in regular session on Tuesday, the eighth day of September two thousand and twenty, at seven o'clock in the evening. It will be determined if this meeting will be online or in person and the members of the Court will be so advised.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

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Moderator

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Clerk