

Minutes of the Presbytery of London
Online Meeting, Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 7:00 PM

The Presbytery of London met online in regular session on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of October, two thousand and twenty, at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening.

Constitution The Moderator, Reverend Michelle Butterfield-Kocis, constituted the Court with prayer.

Worship The Worship Service was led by Reverend Michelle Butterfield-Kocis.

Welcome, Courtesies and Announcements The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendance John Bannerman, Michael Burns, Michelle Butterfield-Kocis, James Clark, Jeffrey Crawford, Mavis Currie, Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Andrew Fullerton, Amanda MacMillan, Keith McKee, James Patterson, Andrew Thompson, Ministers; Lynn Nichol, Andrew Reid, Appendix; Norm Belyea, Em Cameron, Linda Charlton, Richard Cote, Lynda Drummelsmith, Bill Fletcher, Richard Foster, Theresa Glithero, Tom Jeffery, Janice Lockhart, Brian Lunn, Elizabeth MacLeod, Margaret McGugan, Sheila McMurray, Inge Stahl, Trudy van der Hoek, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Charlene Beynan, Bruce Curtis, New St. James Presbyterian Church.

Regrets Ed Hoekstra, Minister; Janet Donkervoort, Elder.

Absent Doug Hill, Lynda Ford, Elders.

Docket **MOTION:** (Jeffery/Dolbear-Van Bilsen) THAT the Docket as circulated be adopted for the meeting. CARRIED.

Minutes **MOTION:** (Jeffery/Dolbear-Van Bilsen) THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 13, 2020 and the Special Meeting of October 19, 2020 be adopted. CARRIED.

Correspondence And Motions The Moderator invited the Clerk, C. Thornton, to present the correspondence and motions report.

MOTION: (Jeffery/Dolbear-Van Bilsen) that recommendations 1 through 3 be adopted by consent. CARRIED.

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

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Number	From	Regarding
20-67	K. Muir, Assembly Office	changes to the roll September 2020
20-68	K. Muir, Assembly Office	clerks of synods & presbyteries
20-70	K. Muir, Assembly Office	changes to the roll October 2020
20-71	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	calling for nominations for GA committees

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

Number	From	Regarding	Refer To
20-69	J. Barker, Session Clerk, Westmount	request for interim-moderator	co-moderators

RECOMMENDATION #3: THAT the action of the Clerk in forwarding the name of Linda Charlton as a Synod commissioner to the Clerk of Synod be homologated.

RECOMMENDATION #4: (Jeffery/Dolbear-Van Bilsen) THAT the Presbytery approve the request of Rev. Michelle Butterfield-Kocis and Rev. Jon Van Den Berg to attend the APCE virtual conference. **CARRIED.**

2021 Budget The Moderator invited the Treasurer, L. Brule, to present the 2020 budget.

There is a new line item – Presbytery Staff – and the hospital Visitor line has been removed. The 2021 Synod dues have been estimated.

MOTION: (Dolbear-Van Bilsen/Stahl) THAT the 2021 budget be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

The 2021 budget is on page _____ of these minutes.

Clerk’s Report The Clerk presented a verbal report and, among other items, reminded the members of the Court to join virtual meetings before the designated start time and thanked those members of the Court who provided feedback regarding the 2021 General Assembly.

Planning Circle Report **MOTION:** (Jeffery/Clark) THAT the January 2021 meeting of presbytery be held over ZOOM. **CARRIED.**

DISSENT: J. Patterson asked that his dissent be recorded in the minutes.

MOTION: (Crawford/Glithero) THAT we move into committee of the whole

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Planning Circle Report (cont.) to discuss possible options as small groups first and then as a large group with T. Jeffery as chair. CARRIED.

The Presbytery was divided into online breakout groups to discuss the options presented in the planning circle report:

Option #1: every full-time clergy in presbytery takes an interim moderatorship (except possibly the two co-moderators). An elder is paired with each interim moderator. Tasks like arranging pulpit supply, correspondence would be the responsibility of the elder. The clergy would convene session meetings. A fair honorarium for both would need to be set.

Option #2: name an interim moderator for Westmount, Oakridge and St. Lawrence AND hire a without charge clergy, in a contracted position, as one interim moderator for several vacancies seeking part-time positions or have become a chronic vacancy.

Option #3: name an interim moderator for the several vacancies seeking part-time positions or have become a chronic vacancy AND hire a shout charge clergy, in a contracted position, as one interim moderator for Westmount, Oakridge and St. Lawrence.

Committee of the Whole The Presbytery returned from the breakout groups and T. Jeffery chaired the discussion.

MOTION: (Dolbear-Van Bilsen/Bannerman) THAT the Presbytery leave the committee of the whole and return to the meeting. CARRIED.

The Moderator thanked T. Jeffery for chairing the discussion.

MOTION: (Dolbear-Van Bilsen/Jeffery) THAT the next planning circle meeting be responsible for clarifying option #2 and researching contract alternatives and that the co-moderators appoint interim moderators for Westmount, Oakridge, St. Lawrence and Trinity Community.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: M. Currie suggested a sub-committee to research the Book of Forms and structure.

Dolbear-Van Bilsen/Jeffery agreed to the friendly amendment.

MOTION CARRIED.

Leading With Care Team This report was circulated in advance. No questions.

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Reports of the Synod Commissioners L. Charlton and R. Cote prepared written reports with were circulated with the advance reports. There were no questions for the Synod commissioners.

DaySpring Fund **MOTION:** (Fletcher/Brule) THAT a grant from the DaySpring Fund be given to Dorchester Presbyterian Church, in the amount of \$6,454.00 for technological upgrades. CARRIED.

Reports of Interim Moderators St. James, North Yarmouth – report circulated in advance; no questions.

St. John’s, Port Stanley – report circulated in advance; no questions.

Argyle, Crinan/Duff, Largie – no report.

New St. James, London – no report.

Knox, Fingal – report circulated in advance; no questions.

Dorchester – report circulated in advance; no questions.

South Nissouri – report circulated in advance; no questions.

Trinity Community, London – no report.

Other Business No other business.

Adjournment On a motion by E. MacLeod, the Court stood adjourned at sixteen minutes before nine o’clock, to meet again in special session on Sunday, the fifteenth day of November, two thousand and twenty, at seven o’clock in the evening, in London and within New St. James Presbyterian Church, and online in special session on Tuesday, the nineteenth day of November, two thousand and twenty, at seven o’clock in the evening, and online in regular session on Tuesday, the twelfth day of January, two thousand and twenty-one, at seven o’clock in the evening.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk

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London Presbytery BUDGET for 2021 Date Prepared: 10/28/20										
Expenditures	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Forecast		Proposed
								Forecast	Forecast	
								To	Diff from	Budget
	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020	Dec.2020	2020	2021
									Budget	
Clerk's Honorarium	9,860	9,860	9,860	9,860	9,860	10,073	10,500	10,500	-	10,500
Clerk's Course	275	-	275	-	275	-	275	-	275	275
Computer Equipment	-	904	-	-	-	270	-	-	-	1,000
Treasurer's Honorarium	1,971	1,971	1,971	1,971	1,971	2,147	2,500	2,500	-	2,500
Hospital Ministry	17,500	13,125	17,500	-	17,500	-	17,500	-	17,500	-
Presbytery Staff	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,000
Payroll CPP, EI (Presby. Share)	1,700	1,404	1,700	590	1,100	612	1,100	700	400	1,100
Minutes and Admin. Expenses	1,200	807	1,200	458	1,200	932	1,200	973	227	1,200
Travel	4,000	2,619	4,000	2,608	3,000	2,999	3,000	1,000	2,000	1,000
Liability Insurance	2,000	1,658	2,000	1,692	1,700	1,622	1,700	1,632	68	1,700
Workshop sexual harassment	500	-	500	-	500	-	500	-	500	500
Mission Events and Expenses	1,000	120	1,000	-	1,000	2,694	1,300	-	1,300	1,300
Psychological testing	750	-	750	-	750	-	750	875	(125)	750
Leading with Care (Workshops)	500	167	500	-	200	679	200	-	200	200
Visitation Committee	500	-	500	-	350	-	350	-	350	350
Congregational Life/Faith Formers	500	-	500	-	100	3,266	100	-	100	100
Presbytery Communications/Website	-	-	1,000	-	1,200	500	1,200	500	700	1,200
Campus Ministry	800	188	700	3	700	701	700	-	700	700
Youth Initiative Volley Ball/ Other events	700	845	125	1,438	325	1,611	325	-	325	325
One Day Wonder	1,500	884	1,000	1,475	-	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Mission trip/ Jr. & Sr. Retreats	1,000	-	1,500	-	3,000	-	3,000	-	3,000	1,500
Canada Youth	1,000	-	2,500	2,722	2,500	-	2,500	-	2,500	2,500
General Assembly Expense	1,500	807	1,500	1,050	1,200	1,703	1,200	42	1,158	1,200
Covid 19 Financial Assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41,500	-	-
Almanarah Assistance	-	15,000	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
YAR Representative	300	-	300	-	300	175	-	-	-	-
Year End Accounting Review	-	225	-	250	300	250	300	-	300	300
Interest & Bank Charges	150	218	150	146	69	-	69	21	48	25
Total Presbytery	49,206	50,803	56,031	29,263	49,100	30,234	50,269	60,243	(9,974)	48,225
Synod Dues	29,319	29,319	29,921	29,726	26,021	26,021	26,021	29,217	(3,196)	30,000
	78,525	80,122	85,952	58,989	75,121	56,255	76,290	89,460	(13,170)	78,225
								Diff from 2019 Budget		1,935