

Minutes of the Presbytery of London
Online Meeting, Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 6:30 PM

The Presbytery of London met online in special session on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of November, two thousand and twenty, at the hour of six thirty o'clock in the evening to consider a Call to Reverend James Clark from North Bramalea Presbyterian Church, Bramalea.

- Constitution** The Moderator, Reverend Michelle Butterfield-Kocis, constituted the Court with prayer.
- Welcome and Courtesies** The Moderator welcomed Reverend Gale Macdonald, representing the Presbytery of Brampton as well as guests from North Bramalea Presbyterian Church. Margaret McCullough represented the WMS.
- Attendance** John Bannerman, Michael Burns, Michelle Butterfield-Kocis, David Clark, James Clark, Jeffrey Crawford, Mavis Currie, Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Andrew Fullerton, Ed Hoekstra, Keith McKee, Ministers; Andrew Reid, Appendix; Norm Belyea, Em Cameron, Janet Carter, Richard Cote, Lynda Drummel-Smith, Bill Fletcher, Richard Foster, Theresa Glithero, Brian Lunn, Elizabeth MacLeod, Margaret McGugan, Sheila McMurray, Inge Stahl, Trudy van der Hoek, Alison Williams, Elders; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Margaret McCullough, WMS; Abby Clark, St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church; Reverend Gale Macdonald, Presbytery of Brampton; Roma Mohammed, Jared Lentri, Radha Sankarsingh, North Bramalea Presbyterian Church.
- Regrets** Linda Charlton, Tom Jeffery, Janice Lockhart, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer.
- Absent** Amanda MacMillan, James Patterson, Andrew Thompson, Ministers; Janet Donkervoort, Lynda Ford, Doug Hill, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Elders.
- Call to Rev. James Clark** **MOTION:** (Crawford/Cameron) THAT the action of the Clerk in citing the congregation of St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church be homologated. CARRIED.
- MOTION:** (Crawford/Cameron) THAT Rev. Gale Macdonald be invited to sit and correspond. CARRIED.
- Guarantee of Stipend** The Moderator invited Rev. G. Macdonald to read the terms of the Call and the guarantee of stipend.

Call and Guarantee to Presbytery of Stipend

We, the professing members of North Bramalea Presbyterian Church, Bramalea, being well satisfied with your faithfulness to the Gospel and your qualifications for the ministry of Word and Sacraments and confident that the Holy Spirit has led us to you, earnestly and solemnly call you, The

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Guarantee of Stipend (cont.) *Reverend James Clark, 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 Reverend James Clark, may be free to devote yourself to ministry of Word and Sacraments among us, we the congregation of North Bramalea Presbyterian Church, Bramalea, hereby guarantee to the Presbytery of Brampton, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that out of our estimated annual revenue of one hundred and sixty-six thousand dollars (\$166,000), we promise and obligate ourselves to provide you, as a first charge thereon, the following annually:

<i>Annual Stipend (inclusive of travel)</i>	<i>\$44,074</i>
<i>Manse Allowance</i>	<i><u>\$25,200</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$69,274</i>
<i>Cost of utilities (paid on voucher)</i>	
<i>Continuing Education</i>	<i>\$600/per year</i>

We agree to make payments of the above amounts on the first day of each month and agree to adjust 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 1 above shall be cumulative up to five years.*
- 3. To provide five weeks vacation 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.*

Receive and Consider

MOTION: (Hoekstra/Crawford) THAT the Call from North Bramalea Presbyterian Church, Bramalea, to the Rev. James Clark, be received and considered. CARRIED.

The review team confirmed that the guarantee of stipend is acceptable.

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Congregational Representatives **MOTION:** (Hoekstra/Crawford) THAT representatives of North Bramalea Presbyterian Church and St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church be heard.
CARRIED.

R. Mohammed and J. Lentri from North Bramalea spoke of the connection J. Clark had with the congregation and the excitement of the congregation to begin ministry together.

A. Williams and I. Stahl spoke about the growth of both the congregation and Rev. Clark during his time at St. Lawrence and the addition of new music programs.

K. McKee, M. Burns, S. McMurray, A. Reid, D. Dolbear-Van Bilsen and J. Bannerman spoke about J. Clark's passion for the Gospel, enthusiasm and quirkiness and thanked him for his work contributions to the work of the Presbytery of London.

Call Sustained **MOTION:** (Hoekstra/Cameron) THAT the Call to Rev. James Clark be sustained as a gospel call and placed in the hands of Rev. James Clark.
CARRIED.

The Moderator advised Rev. Clark that he has seven days to declare whether he will accept the Call.

J. Clark accepted the Call and thanked the congregation St. Lawrence and the members of the Presbytery of London for their help and support.

Date Pulpit Vacant **MOTION:** (Hoekstra/Cameron) THAT the pulpit of St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church be declared vacant on December 6, 2020. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Cameron/Hoekstra) THAT an exit review team be named by the co-moderators. CARRIED.

Other Business No other business.

Adjournment On a motion by S. McMurray, the Court stood adjourned at eighteen minutes after seven o'clock, to meet again in regular session on Tuesday, the twelfth day of January, two thousand and twenty-one, at seven o'clock in the evening. The meeting will be held online.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk