

Minutes of the Presbytery of London
Online Meeting, Monday, October 19, 2020, 7:00 PM

The Presbytery of London met online in special session on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of October, two thousand and twenty, at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening to consider a Call to Reverend Ed Hoekstra from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Owen Sound and to receive the resignation of Reverend Dr Jeffrey Crawford as minister of Westmount Presbyterian Church.

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

Welcome and Courtesies The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendance Michael Burns, Michelle Butterfield-Kocis, James Clark, Jeffrey Crawford, Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Ed Hoekstra, Amanda MacMillan, Keith McKee, James Patterson, Andrew Thompson, Ministers; Norm Belyea, Em Cameron, Richard Cote, Janet Donkervoort, Lynda Drummelsmith, Bill Fletcher, Richard Foster, Theresa Glithero, Tracy Grant, Janice Lockhart, Brian Lunn, Elizabeth MacLeod, Margaret McGugan, Sheila McMurray, Inge Stahl, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Janis Boyle, Westmount; Robert Shirley, Wilma Boyce, Sonia Brule, Oakridge; Gladys Pennacchiotti, Bryan Barbour, Barbara Fawcett, Rev. Chuck Moon, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Owen Sound.

Regrets John Bannerman, Mavis Currie, Andrew Fullerton, Ministers; Tom Jeffery, Elder.

Absent Linda Charlton, Doug Hill, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Trudy van der Hoek, Elders.

Resignation **MOTION:** (Stahl/Clark) THAT the letter of resignation from The Rev Dr
Rev. Dr Jeffrey Jeffrey Crawford as minister of Westmount Presbyterian Church be received
Crawford and considered. CARRIED.

The Clerk read the letter to the Court.

MOTION: (Stahl/Clark) THAT the action of the Clerk in citing the congregation of Westmount Presbyterian Church be homologated. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Stahl/Clark) THAT Janis Boyle, a member of Westmount Presbyterian Church be given permission to address the Court. CARRIED.

J. Boyle and E. Cameron spoke about the ministry of Rev. Crawford at Westmount Presbyterian Church and wished both him and his family well in their new home and ministry.

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The Moderator thanked the speakers.

MOTION: (Stahl/Clark) THAT the resignation of The Rev. Dr Jeffrey Crawford from Westmount Presbyterian Church be accepted with the gratitude of the Presbytery for his service to Westmount Presbyterian Church and to the Court during his time within the Presbytery of London. CARRIED.

J. Clark, A. Thompson, D. Dolbear-Van Bilsen and E. Hoekstra all spoke about the J. Crawford's time within the Presbytery and thanked him for the many conversations over coffee.

J. Crawford thanked the Court and mentioned the warm welcome when he first arrived, he will pray for the ministries and congregations of this Presbytery.

Transfer

MOTION: (Stahl/Clark) THAT the Reverend Dr Jeffrey Crawford be transferred to the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington effective January 31, 2021. CARRIED.

Date Pulpit Vacant

MOTION: (Stahl/Clark) THAT the pulpit of Westmount Presbyterian Church be declared vacant effective January 31, 2021. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Stahl/Clark) THAT an exit review team be named by the Co-Moderators. CARRIED.

The Moderator invited the guest from Westmount to stay for the remainder of the meeting but gave her permission to leave if she wished.

Call to Rev. Ed Hoekstra

MOTION: (MacMillan/McGugan) THAT the action of the Clerk in citing the congregation of Oakridge Presbyterian Church be homologated. CARRIED.

MOTION: (MacMillan/McGugan) THAT Rev. Chuck Moon be invited to sit and correspond. CARRIED.

Guarantee of Stipend

The Moderator invited Rev. C. Moon to read the terms of the Call and the guarantee of stipend.

Call and Guarantee to Presbytery of Stipend

We, the professing members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Owen Sound, 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 Rev. Edward P. Hoekstra, to become the minister of this congregation. In calling you we promise you all due respect, encouragement, and allegiance

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Guarantee of Stipend (cont.) *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. Edward P. Hoekstra, may be free to devote yourself to ministry of Word and Sacraments among us, we the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church hereby guarantee to the Presbytery of Grey Bruce Maitland, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that out of our estimated annual revenue of two hundred and thirty-six thousand two hundred dollars, we promise and obligate ourselves to provide you, as a first charge thereon, the following annually:

<i>Annual Stipend (includes technology allowance, book Allowance and travel allowance)</i>	<i>\$70,000</i>
<i>Housing Allowance (includes utilities. The minister shall be responsible for the cost of such utilities and phone plan, shall contract the same in his own name and shall pay in a timely manner).</i>	<i><u>\$23,000</u></i>
<i>Total</i>	<i><u>\$93,000</u></i>

We agree to make payments of the above amounts on the first and fifteenth day of each month and agree to adjust the compensation 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 to provide an annual allowance of \$1,000.*
- 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: (MacMillan/McGugan) THAT the Call from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Owen Sound, to the Rev. E. Hoekstra, be received and considered. CARRIED.

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

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Congregational Representatives **MOTION:** (MacMillan/McGugan) THAT representatives of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Oakridge Presbyterian Church be heard. CARRIED.

B. Barbour, G. Pennacchiotti and B. Fawcett from St. Andrew's spoke of the overwhelming support for this call and the excitement of the congregation to begin ministry together.

R. Shirley and J. Donkervoort spoke about E. Hoekstra's time at Oakridge and that they will miss him but wish him and his family all the best.

J. Crawford, D. Dolbear-Van Bilsen, A. Thompson and M. Burns all thanked E. Hoekstra for both his work within the Presbytery of London and his friendship.

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

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

E. Hoekstra accepted the Call and thanked the congregation of Oakridge and described them as a strong community of faith that is a blessing to a minister.

Date Pulpit Vacant **MOTION:** (MacMillan/McGugan) THAT the pulpit of Oakridge Presbyterian Church be declared vacant on December 31, 2020. CARRIED.

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

Other Business No other business.

Adjournment On a motion by A. Thompsom, the Court stood adjourned at seventeen minutes after eight o'clock, to meet again in regular session on Tuesday, the tenth day of November, two thousand and twenty, at seven o'clock in the evening. These meetings will be held online.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk