

Minutes of the Presbytery of London
Online Meeting, Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 7:00 PM

The Presbytery of London met online in regular session on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, two thousand and twenty-one, 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 Kristine O'Brien, Director of Crieff Hills.
- Welcome, Courtesies and Announcements** The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Reverend Wendy Lampman who has transferred from the Presbytery of Niagara.
- Attendance** Michael Burns, Michelle Butterfield-Kocis, David Clark, Mavis Currie, Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Amanda MacMillan, Keith McKee, Julia Morden, James Patterson, Ministers; Wendy Lampman, Andrew Reid, Jon Van Den Berg, Appendix; Norm Belyea, Kent Buchanan, Em Cameron, Richard Cote, Janet Donkervoort, Lynda Drummelsmith, Bill Fletcher, Lynda Ford, Richard Foster, Theresa Glithero, Tom Jeffery, Janice Lockhart, Brian Lunn, Elizabeth MacLeod, Sheila McMurray, Inge Stahl, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Reverend Kristine O'Brien, Crieff Hills (worship only).
- Regrets** John Bannerman, Andrew Fullerton, Andrew Thompson, Ministers.
- Absent** Lynn Nichol, Minister; Linda Charlton, Doug Hill, Margaret McGugan, Trudy van der Hoek, Elders.
- Docket** **MOTION:** (Burns/Donkervoort) THAT the Docket as circulated be adopted for the meeting. CARRIED.
- Minutes** **MOTION:** (Burns/Donkervoort) THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2021 and the Special Meeting of February 18, 2021 be adopted. CARRIED.
- Correspondence and Motions** The Moderator invited the Clerk, C. Thornton, to present the correspondence and motions report.
- MOTION:** (Burns/Donkervoort) that recommendations 1 through 5 be adopted by consent.
- J. Patterson asked to have recommendation #5 removed from the consent agenda.

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Recommendations 1 through 4 CARRIED.

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

Number	From	Regarding
21-21	K. Muir, Assembly Office	changes to the roll January 2021
21-23	A. Bisset, Clerk Presbytery East Toronto	letter of standing Rev Dr Philip Reinders
21-24	H. Currie, Clerk Presbytery Central Alberta	letter of standing Rev Devadosan Sugurtharaj
21-25	M Copeland, Assembly Office	receipt of Presbytery Statistical Report
21-27	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	receipt of nomination C. Beynon
21-28	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	receipt of nomination M. Currie
21-29	D. Whitcross, Presbytery Niagara	certificate of transfer, Rev Wendy Lampman
21-30	K. Muir, Assembly Office	changes to the roll February 2021

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

Number	From	Regarding	Refer To
21-22	M. Leung, Stewardship	Presbyterians Sharing Dec 31, 2020	circ. elect.
21-26	R. De Vries, Presbyterian College	search for Professor of Pastoral Leadership	circ. elect.
21-31	J. Astop, LMA	spring grant deadline	circ. elect.
21-32	Marriage Office	marriage licence validity period/alterations to Part 2 on marriage licence	circ. elect.

RECOMMENDATION #3: THAT Margaret McGugan (New St. James Presbyterian Church) be appointed as a commissioner to the 2021 General Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION #4: THAT Rev. Wendy Lampman be added to the appendix to the Roll of the Presbytery of London effective February 17, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION #5: (Burns/Donkervoort) THAT the Presbytery of London endorse the application of Sonia Brule, as a M.Div. student from a non-PCC theological college, for eligibility for certification for ordination. CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report This report was circulated in advance. L. Brule advised the Court that the 2020 financial records are being reviewed.

Grant Applications **MOTION:** (MacMillan/Dolbear-Van Bilsen) THAT upon review it was agreed that the Presbytery of London endorse the application and supporting documents from St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yarmouth, ON, to the McBain-Barker Small Community Capital Fund in the amount of \$10,000 for accessibility upgrades in 2021. CARRIED.

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Grant Applications (cont.) **MOTION:** (Currie/Patterson) THAT the Presbytery of London endorse the application of St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yarmouth, ON, to the Supporting Ministries Grant – Sustaining Ministries in the amount of \$10,000 in the first year. CARRIED.

Task Committee General Presbyter K. McKee summarized the report that was circulated in advance. There were no questions from the Court.

Report on Small Groups M. Currie advised that the report circulated in advance was for information only.

Breakout Session The Court broke into four small groups for discussion regarding the Presbytery in relation to other Courts and about the general presbyter report.

The Court returned from the breakout groups.

Reports of Interim Moderators The Moderator thanked all the interim moderators who submitted reports in advance.

St. Lawrence The interim moderator has requested a Presbytery visit due to a leadership conflict.

MOTION: (Morden/Stahl) THAT the co-moderators be directed to appoint a team to visit St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church and meet with the interim moderator, session and board. CARRIED.

Other Business No other business.

Adjournment On a motion by E. MacLeod, the Court stood adjourned at fifty-seven minutes after eight o'clock, to meet in special session on Sunday, the fourteenth day of March, two thousand and twenty-one, at fifteen minutes before three o'clock in the afternoon, in Dorchester and within Dorchester Presbyterian Church for the purpose of inducting the Reverend Jon Van Den Berg as minister of the congregation, and online in regular session on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of April, two thousand and twenty-one, at seven o'clock in the evening.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk