

Minutes of the Presbytery of London
Online Meeting, Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 7:00 PM

The Presbytery of London met online in regular session on Tuesday, the fifteenth day of June, 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 Rev. Jon Van Den Berg.

Welcome, Courtesies and Announcements The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting, extended a special welcome to the general assembly commissioners and welcomed Rev. Jane Swatridge back to the Presbytery of London.

Attendance John Bannerman, Michael Burns, Michelle Butterfield-Kocis, Mavis Currie, Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Andrew Fullerton, Amanda MacMillan, Keith McKee, James Patterson, Jane Swatridge, Andrew Thompson, Jon Van Den Berg, Ministers; Wendy Lampman, Andrew Reid, Appendix; Norm Belyea, Em Cameron, Richard Cote, Janet Donkervoort, Lynda Drummelsmith, Lynda Ford, Richard Foster, Theresa Glithero, Janice Lockhart, Elizabeth MacLeod, Margaret McGugan, Sheila McMurray, Inge Stahl, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Gordon Brown, St. James Presbyterian Church, Lela Burt, Westmount Presbyterian Church.

Regrets David Clark, Lynn Nichol, Ministers; Tom Jeffery, Elder.

Absent Linda Charlton, Doug Hill, Brian Lunn, Trudy van der Hoek, Elders.

On Leave Julia Morden, Minister.

Docket **MOTION:** (Van Den Berg/Bannerman) THAT the Docket as circulated be adopted for the meeting. CARRIED.

Minutes **MOTION:** (McGugan/Belyea) THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2021 and the Special Meeting of June 2, 2021 be adopted. CARRIED.

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

MOTION: (Burns/Van Den Berg) that recommendations 1 through 4 be adopted by consent. CARRIED.

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

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Number	From	Regarding
21-44	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	GA commissioner
21-45	J. Astop, LMA	McBain-Barker grant approval – St James North Yarmouth

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

Number	From	Regarding	Refer To
21-46	M. Leung, Presbyterians Sharing	Jan-April 2021 Presbyterians Sharing	circ. elect.
21-47	Synod SWO	applications Creative Ministry Fund	circ. elect.
22-48	D. Kim, Knox College	B. Kappes	co-mods

RECOMMENDATION #3: THAT Janet Donkervoort be appointed a commissioner to the 2021 General Assembly and that the action of the clerk in forwarding her name to Assembly Office be homologated.

RECOMMENDATION #4: THAT Rev. Michelle Butterfield-Kocis be appointed interim moderator at Westmount Presbyterian effective June 1, 2021.

Treasurer’s Report This report was circulated in advance and includes updated fund balances. The T3010 (charity information return) was filed with the Charities Directorate on June 10, 2021.

Clerk’s Report The Clerk asked that the few outstanding 2020 statistical reports be sent immediately.

Planning Circle M. Currie explained the work of the planning circle regarding the survey results and how the recommendations were made.

RECOMMENDATION #1: (Van Den Berg/McMurray) THAT six people serve on each standing team (minimum 2 clergy/2 ruling elders per team). Those not serving on a standing team are used for the ad hoc teams (visitation teams, review of calls, etc). **CARRIED**

Consent Agenda MOTION: (McKee/Burns) THAT recommendations #2 through #12 be moved by consent. **CARRIED.**

RECOMMENDATION #2: THAT there be a standing nominating team made up of the past moderator plus 2 members at large who ask individuals to serve on standing teams and/or serve as convenors.

RECOMMENDATION #3: THAT the members of Presbytery, including those on the appendix, be surveyed on an annual basis regarding their interests and availability to serve within the Presbytery.

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Consent Agenda (cont.) **RECOMMENDATION #4:** THAT teams will have a term of service (i.e. 3 years, 4 years, 5 years) to ensure that not all members leave at the same time and that the terms would be tracked by the convenor of each team.

RECOMMENDATION #5: THAT the members of the Presbytery serve in a team for a maximum of 5 years, following which a one-year sabbatical will be observed. This will apply to all members of the Court. The committee membership will be reviewed annually by each team.

RECOMMENDATION #6: THAT the term of service for the Moderator of Presbytery be one year.

RECOMMENDATION #7: THAT the Presbytery appoint a Moderator-elect each year. This would allow the incoming Moderator to shadow the current Moderator for one year prior to serving as Moderator.

RECOMMENDATION #8: THAT the Moderator-elect be a member of the Business/Administrative Team.

RECOMMENDATION #9: THAT Moderators be elected in the following manner: The names of all presbyters (teaching and ruling elders) are placed on a moderator list. Those who have served as moderator previously are placed on the bottom of the list. Now clergy to the Presbytery are given a two-year pass if they do not wish to have their name brought forward during the beginning months of their ministry. This list will serve as the “nominating committee”. There can always be exceptions to this general practice for pastoral reasons. Nominations from the floor are always welcome.

RECOMMENDATION #10: THAT the September 2021 regular meeting of the Presbytery be online only and that the Moderator will appoint a team to investigate a hybrid model combining online and in-person attendance at meetings.

RECOMMENDATION #11: THAT the Presbytery will meet in regular session every month. Teams will be encouraged to meet two weeks prior to the regular meetings. The Business/Administrative team will be advised that meeting that they anticipate being less than 30 minutes in length be online.

RECOMMENDATION #12: THAT Presbytery will consider having some meetings online post COVID-19, especially emergent meetings and meetings during the winter months.

All recommendations CARRIED.

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Changes to Standing Orders **MOTION:** (McKee/Patterson) THAT the necessary changes to the standing orders be brought to the September meeting and that the moderator appoint a committee to review the standing orders in light of these motions. CARRIED.

Reports from General Assembly Commissioners The following commissioners reported in writing and verbally about the deliberations of this year's General Assembly: John Bannerman, Lela Burt, Janet Donkervoort, Amanda MacMillan, Margaret McGugan, Andrew Thompson.

The Moderator thanked all those who attended General Assembly as commissioners from the Presbytery of London and granted the guests permission to leave if they wished but invited them to stay for the balance of the meeting.

Reports of Interim Moderators The Moderator thanked all the interim moderators who submitted reports in advance. There were no questions from the Court.

Oakridge, London: **MOTION:** (Burns/Currie) THAT Presbytery grant permission for Oakridge to circulate the congregational profile and begin the search process.

The Moderator advised the A. Fullerton reviewed the profile and there are no concerns.

Motion CARRIED.

Other Business No other business.

Adjournment On a motion by K. McKee, the Court stood adjourned at one minute before eight o'clock, to meet online in regular session on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of September, two thousand and twenty-one, at seven o'clock in the evening.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk