

Minutes of the Presbytery of London
Online Meeting, Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 7:00 PM

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

Constitution The Moderator, Reverend Andrew Thompson, constituted the Court with prayer.

Worship and Recognition of General Presbyter The worship and recognition service was led by the Moderator. The Reverend James Patterson was formally recognized as the General Presbyter for the Presbytery of London.

Welcome, Courtesies and Announcements The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting. Margaret McGugan represented the WMS.

Attendance John Bannerman, Gordon Brown, Michael Burns, Michelle Butterfield-Kocis, Mavis Currie, Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Andrew Fullerton, Wendy Lampman, Keith McKee, James Patterson, Andrew Thompson, Ministers; Em Cameron, Janet Carter, John Conway, Cathy Cornhill, Richard Cote, William Cron, Janet Donkervoort, Lynda Drummelsmith, Lynda Ford, Brian Lunn, Elizabeth MacLeod, Margaret McGugan, Sheila McMurray, Inge Stahl, Gerald Stocking, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer; Carrie Thornton, Clerk.

Regrets David Clark, Jon Van Den Berg, Lynn Nichol, Ministers; Doug Hill, Tom Jeffery, Janice Lockhart, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Elders.

Absent Amanda MacMillan, Jane Swatridge, Ministers; Jamie Hayter, Elder.

On Leave Julia Morden, Minister.

Docket The clerk advised that the Refugee Team Report is removed from the docket for this meeting and will be considered at a future meeting.

MOTION: (Currie/Cameron) THAT the Docket as circulated and amended be adopted for the meeting. CARRIED.

Business Team **MOTION:** (Cote/Currie) THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2021 and the Special Meeting of October 3, 2021 be adopted. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Currie/Cameron) THAT recommendations 1 through 7 be adopted by consent. CARRIED.

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Business Team (cont.) RECOMMENDATION # 1: THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

Number	From	Regarding
21-72	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	2021 A&P and Book of Forms available online

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

Number	From	Regarding	Refer To
21-70	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	YAR for 2022 general assembly	session clerks
21-71	M. Leung, Presbyterians Sharing	August 2021 Presbyterians Sharing	circ. elect.
21-73	Rev. M. Burns	nomination for academic dean, Knox College	biz team
21-74	M. Repchuck, PCHC	request for donation	treasurer, biz team, circ elect

RECOMMENDATION #3: THAT the following elders be named as Representative and Alternative Representative Elders to the Presbytery of London for the 2021-2022 year:

Caradoc : Jamie Hayter (R) Elizabeth Leitch (A);
New St. James, London : Margaret McGugan (R) Mike Ruggi (A);
St. George, London : Albert Hardeman (A) John Conway (A)

RECOMMENDATION #4: THAT Rev. John Bannerman, Rev. Amanda MacMillan, Em Cameron (Westmount) and Inge Stahl (St. Lawrence) be appointed as commissioners to the 2021 meeting of the Synod of Southwestern Ontario and to homologate the action of the clerk in forwarding these names to the clerk of Synod.

RECOMMENDATION #5: THAT The Rev. Dr. Sarah Travis be nominated for the position of Academic Dean at Knox College.

RECOMMENDATION #6: THAT the Presbytery of London thank Rev. Julia Morden and Rev. Lynn Nichol for their service as equalizing ministers and that they be moved to the appendix to the roll of the Presbytery of London effective October 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION #7: THAT Rev. Wendy Lampman be appointed as an equalizing minister for one year beginning October 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION #8: (Currie/Cameron) THAT the proposed financial aid package be approved. CARRIED.

The financial aid to be paid to the congregations is found on page 6108 of these minutes.

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- Treasurer's Report** This report was circulated in advance and includes updated fund balances.
- The Treasurer reported that two grants have been made from the DaySpring Fund. St. John's Presbyterian Church, Port Stanley has received \$250.00 for the purchase of a Zoom account and Trinity Community Presbyterian Church has received \$2,550.00 for technology upgrades. Both of these grants have been approved by the Business Team as the amount of each grant is below the \$5,000.00 threshold requiring the approval of the Court.
- Clerk's Report** The Presbytery of London is able to send a Young Adult Representative (YAR) to the 2022 General Assembly. A letter will be sent to the Clerks of Session. The Lending Fund report is for information only.
- Ministry Team** No report.
- Congregation Team** No report.
- General Presbyter** J. Patterson reported progress. The goal is to have lay supply in each of the charges.
- Reports of Interim Moderators** The Moderator thanked all the interim moderators who submitted reports in advance. There were no questions from the Court.
- Westmount, London: M. Butterfield-Kocis reported that a synopsis of the consultants report will be provided to the Presbytery.
- Other Business** **MOTION:** (Patterson/Burns) THAT the November meeting of Presbytery be held via Zoom. CARRIED.
- Adjournment** On a motion by J. Bannerman, the Court stood adjourned at one minute after eight o'clock, to meet online in regular session on Tuesday, the ninth day of November, 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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Financial Aid Package

Appin Presbyterian Church	\$ 1,500.00
Guthrie Presbyterian, Melbourne	1,500.00
Knox Presbyterian Church, Fingal	1,500.00
Glencoe Presbyterian Church	1,500.00
St. John's Presbyterian Church, Wardsville	1,500.00
St. John's Presbyterian Church, Port Stanley	1,500.00
Duff Presbyterian Church, Largie	1,500.00
Argyle Presbyterian Church, Crinan	1,500.00
South Nissouri Presbyterian Church	1,500.00
Knox-St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Dutton	2,000.00
Caradoc Presbyterian Church	2,000.00
Chalmers Presbyterian Church, London	2,000.00
Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church, London	2,000.00
St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church, London	2,000.00
Oakridge Presbyterian Church, London	2,000.00
St. George's Presbyterian Church, London	2,000.00
Westmount Presbyterian Church, London	2,000.00
Burns Presbyterian Church, Mosa	2,000.00
Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas	2,000.00
St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yarmouth	2,000.00
New St. James Presbyterian Church, London	2,000.00
Dorchester Presbyterian Church	2,000.00
Trinity Community Presbyterian Church, London	2,000.00
	<u>\$ 41,500.00</u>