

Minutes of the Presbytery of London
Online Meeting, Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 7:00 PM

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

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

Worship The Reverend Keith McKee led the worship service.

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, David Clark, Mavis Currie, Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Andrew Fullerton, Wendy Lampman, Amanda MacMillan, Keith McKee, James Patterson, Jane Swatridge, Andrew Thompson, Jon Van Den Berg, Ministers; Andrew Reid, Appendix; Kent Buchanan, Em Cameron, Janet Carter, Cathy Cornhill, Richard Cote, William Cron, Nancy Donkers, Lynda Drummelsmith, Lynda Ford, Elizabeth Leitch, Janice Lockhart, Elizabeth MacLeod, Margaret McGugan, Sheila McMurray, Inge Stahl, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Wilma Boyce, Oakridge Presbyterian Church.

Regrets Gerald Stocking, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Elders.

Absent Norm Belyea, Janet Donkervoort, Doug Hill, Elders.

Docket **MOTION:** (Clark/Cameron) THAT the Docket as amended for item 5(v) be adopted for the meeting. CARRIED.

Business Team **MOTION:** (Cameron/Clark) THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 9, 2021 be adopted. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Cameron/Currie) THAT recommendations 1 through 6 be adopted by consent.

D. Clark requested that letter 22-10 be removed from the consent agenda.

J. Patterson requested that Recommendation #4 be removed from the consent agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS #1, 2, 3, 5, 6 CARRIED.

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

Number	From	Regarding
22-02	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	receipt of nomination 2022 GA moderator
22-03	T. Purvis, Ed & Reception	competent objections
22-04	M. Copeland, Ministry/Church Vocations	corrections to competent objection memo
22-05	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	summary Nov 2021 Assembly Council
22-09	J. Astop, LMA	grant awarded to St. James, North Yarmouth

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

Number	From	Regarding	Refer To
22-01	K. Muir, Assembly Office	changes to the roll November 2021	circ. elect.
22-06	M. Leung, Presbyterians Sharing	2022 Presbyterians Sharing allocations	circ. Elect.
22-07	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	deadline GA moderator nominations extended	clerk
22-08	M. Leung, Presbyterians Sharing	Oct 2021 Presbyterians Sharing	circ. elect.
22-10	Session St. Lawrence PC	regarding Rev. James Clark	business team

RECOMMENDATION #3: THAT the representative and alternate representative elders for the 2021-2022 year be as follows:

Appin/Guthrie, Melbourne: Nancy Donkers (R); Carol Freer;
Knox, Fingal: Mary Ellen Gagnier (A).

RECOMMENDATION #5: THAT the April 2022 regular meeting of the Presbytery of London be changed to April 19, 2022 at 7pm.

RECOMMENDATION #6: THAT the action of the Business Team in approving a grant from the Stalker Fund to Sonia Brule in the amount of \$1,052.00 and a grant from the DaySpring Fund to Byron Kappes in the amount of \$1,052.00, be homologated.

RECOMMENDATION #4: (Currie/Patterson) THAT Rev. William Khalil be transferred to the Presbytery of Edmonton effective January 1, 2022 and that a copy of the final Almanarah Presbyterian Church report accompany the transfer. CARRIED.

**Stated Hour
Refugee
Committee**

J. Patterson presented the report.

MOTION: (Patterson/Carter) THAT Presbytery give the Refugee Committee permission to jointly sponsor family members of people now living in Canada, on a case by case basis, each case to be approved by Presbytery upon presentation of the facts of each case, and with the financial arrangements in place. CARRIED.

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Refugee Committee (cont.) **MOTION:** (Patterson/Carter) THAT the Presbytery give the Refugee Committee permission to include up to three settled refugees on the committee with the purpose of helping us to be better acquainted with issues for sponsorship applicants, and with the psychological and sociological needs of new arrivals in Canada. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Patterson/Dolbear-Van Bilsen) THAT the report as a whole Be approved. CARRIED.

Correspondence Item 22-10 **MOTION:** (Clark/Butterfield-Kocis) THAT the Court move in camera. CARRIED.

The Moderator reminded the Court that everyone needs to move to a confidential space at home and that guests must leave the meeting. K. McKee reminded the Court that clergy on the appendix may remain because they are under the discipline of the Court.

The Moderator read the letter from the St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church session to the Court.

J. Swatridge and W. Lampman both spoke about the deep hurt felt by the members of the session and that writing the letter and the visit by the Ministry Team has helped the session.

MOTION: (Currie/MacLeod) THAT the letter be transmitted simpliciter to the Presbytery of Brampton.

AMENDMENT: (Van Den Berg/Ford) THAT the line about a mentor be removed from the letter.

After discussion, the AMENDMENT was WITHDRAWN by Van Den Berg and Ford.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: (Clark/Butterfield-Kocis) THAT the Court move back into open session. CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report This report was circulated in advance and includes updated fund balances.

Clerk's Report The Clerk reminded the Court about a Young Adult Representative (YAR) and commissioners for the 2022 general assembly.

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**General
Assembly
Referrals**

MOTION: (Butterfield-Kocis/Brown) THAT recommendations 1 through 3 be adopted by consent. CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATION #1: THAT study and report referrals 1.2 Recommendation CDC-003, 1.4 Recommendation CLK-001, 1.6 Recommendation CLK-004 and 1.8 Recommendation LMA-048 immediately be put forward to the sessions within the bounds of the Presbytery of London to encourage study and report to the Clerks of Assembly by January 31, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION #2: THAT the Presbytery of London report the following comment to the Clerks of Assembly regarding Recommendation CDC-004:

The Presbytery of London shares the concern of the Committee on Church Doctrine and agrees the change in title may help in minimizing the hesitation of use of this document within the denomination.

RECOMMENDATION #3: That the Presbytery of London report the following comment to the Clerks of Assembly regarding 1.7 Recommendation CLK-015:

The Presbytery of London wholeheartedly supports the proposed Amendment to Book of Forms section 176.1 as it reflects the reality of Ministry in our Presbytery in the twenty-first century.

**Memorial
Minute
Reverend
Robert Shaw**

K. McKee read a memorial minute for Reverend Robert Shaw.

The Reverend Robert Mason Shaw passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at the age of 68. Robert grew up in London, Ontario. Hearing a call to ministry early in life, Robert attended Knox College, graduating in 1980. He was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of London and within Oakridge Presbyterian Church. Robert was appointed to serve at St. Andrew's Church, Atikokan, Ontario. He then served the parish of Knox Church, Teeswater. In 1986 Rob was appointed by the Board of Missions to a new Church development, Kitchener East Presbyterian Church. Following that successful Church build, Rob served at St. Andrew's Church, Tillsonburg and finally Knox-St. Andrew's Church, Dutton. Rob was always a selfless person. He was deeply committed to Church and community. He gave generously of his time to Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts. He was an active Presbyter and a former Moderator of the Synod of Southwestern Ontario. He was a chaplain for the Rodney volunteer fire department.

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Memorial Minute Reverend Robert Shaw (cont.) Rob had a passion for collecting. These collections included stamps, coins, antique cars, and railroad memorabilia. He loved working with his hands and refinished fine pieces of furniture. He gave of his time to the maintenance and operation of the Sleepy Hollow Railroad in Strathroy, Ontario.

After thirty-five years of active ministry, the Reverend Robert Shaw retired. However, he continued to preach regularly and he served as the interim Shaw moderator of the Duff-Largie/Crinan-Argyle Pastoral Charge.

Rob is survived by his wife of 43 years Valerie (nee Wilson), his son Robert Nathan, his daughter-in-law Ammy (nee Lin), and his grandchildren Cassandra and Lincoln Shaw. He is also survived by his mother Etna Shaw (nee Shaufler), his sister Margaret Shaw, his brother Donald (Linda) Shaw and sister-in-law Victoria (David Salembier). Robert was predeceased by his father Robert Reginald Shaw in 2008.

Robert Shaw's funeral was conducted at Denning's funeral home, Strathroy on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. The officiant was the Reverend Bob Wilson of St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy.

MOTION: (McKee/Ford) THAT the memorial minute for Reverend Robert Shaw be included in the minutes of this meeting. CARRIED.

Ministry Team A. Fullerton reported diligence.

Congregation Team J. Bannerman reported that the team has met and discussed their mandate and that another meeting is scheduled for that this month.

St. Lawrence Review Team M. Currie reported that this was a "check-in" visit with the Session and Board of Managers.

MOTION: (Currie/Dolbear-Van Bilsen) THAT the congregation be permitted to begin working on a profile but not begin interviewing. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Currie/Clark) THAT the interim moderator report on progress at the January and February Presbytery meetings. CARRIED.

General Presbyter Due to technology issues this report was not circulated in advance. J. Patterson read the report to the Court.

Reports of Interim Moderators Westmount, London: The report was circulated in advance. Nothing further.

Trinity Community, London: The report was circulated in advance. Nothing further.

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Reports of Interim St. Lawrence, London: The report was circulated in advance. Nothing further.

Moderators (cont.) Oakridge, London: The report was circulated in advance. Nothing further.

Other Business There was no other business.

Adjournment On a motion by S. McMurray, the Court stood adjourned at nine o'clock, to meet online in regular session on Tuesday, the eighth day of February, two thousand and twenty-two, at seven o'clock in the evening.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk