

The Link – October 2022

A Presbytery of London Newsletter for Sessions & Congregations

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The presbytery of London met on Tuesday October 11th, 2022 at 7pm at Westmount Presbyterian Church in London. The presbytery is one of the courts of our church. It is comprised of one elder and one minister representing each congregation within our geographic bounds. Guests are welcome to attend presbytery meetings, but only the ministers and elders on the roll of the court are able to vote. Over 50 members and adherents of Westmount Presbyterian Church attended the meeting. The presbytery granted several members of Westmount permission to speak concerning the call to a new minister.

What Happened at the October 2022 meeting of the Presbytery?

The meeting opened with worship led by Rev. Lynn Nichol and Rev. Shelly Butterfield-Kocis. Rev. Nichol and Rev. Butterfield-Kocis have been serving as co-interim moderators of Westmount Presbyterian Church during their time without a minister.

Announcements!

Rev. Herb Hilder and Rev. Katharine Michie, retired ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada are offering a relaxed lunch and conversation for members of the presbytery. This will be an ongoing luncheon offered throughout the year. Clergy must sign up to attend.

October 23rd 2pm: Allen Family Reunion Concert at Burns Presbyterian Church, Mosa. Tickets are \$20/person for those who are interested. Please contact Rev. Mike Burns, the minister at Burns, for more information.

Trinity Church is looking for a member outside of their congregation to sit on the subsidized housing board where the church meets in north west London. This is a three year term position. If you are able to help, contact Trinity church.

The Call for a New Minister to Westmount Presbyterian: The court discussed the report of the ministry team and the report of the interim moderators from Westmount regarding the call to a new minister for Westmount. There was much discussion from the court and from representatives from the congregation. The moderator led the court in prayer. The vote was collected by secret ballot. The call to Rev. Tim Raeburn-Gibson was sustained and Rev. Raeburn-Gibson accepted the call to serve as the new minister of Westmount.

Refugee Committee: The refugee committee is securing housing for a 4 member Syrian family. The committee is hopeful that a house has been found for them in London. Funds that have already been collected for the purposes of refugee support should cover the cost for one year of housing. Additional funds will be applied to other expenses and as seed money for a new family. The presbytery is also co-sponsoring two people from Eritrea.

Please pray for....

- Rev. Tim Raeburn-Gibson, the new minister at Westmount Presbyterian.
- Congregations who are in the midst of looking for a minister.
- All of those who are new to Canada or who are fleeing unsafe conditions in other countries.