

Minutes of the Presbytery of London

St. George's Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 7:00 PM

In London, and within St. George's Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in regular session on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of September, 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 Reverend Keith McKee and Reverend Andrew Thompson led the worship service and celebrated communion.

Installation of New Moderator Reverend Andrew Thompson proceeded with the installation of Mr. Richard Cote as Moderator of the Presbytery of London.

The newly installed Moderator, R. Cote, assumed the chair and resumed the business of the Court. The new Moderator addressed the Court and offered a few introductory remarks.

Introduction to Presbytery M. Currie entertained the Court with a power point presentation explaining the function of the Court and the operation of the Presbytery of London. There was mention of ice cream.

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

Attendance Gordon Brown, Michael Burns, Michelle Butterfield-Kocis, Mavis Currie, Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen. Andrew Fullerton, Keith McKee, James Patterson, Andrew Thompson, Ministers; Herbert Hilder, Lynn Nichol, Tim Raeburn-Gibson, Appendix; Norm Belyea, Em Cameron, Janet Carter, Cathy Cornhill, Richard Cote, Nancy Donkers, Lynda Drummelsmith, Lynda Ford, Carol Freer, Mary Ellen Gagnier, Janice Lockhart, Margaret McGugan, Sheila McMurray, Inge Stahl, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Alison Williams, Elders; Lu Brule, Treasurer; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Anita Evans, Certified for Ordination; Wilma Boyce, Oakridge Presbyterian Church; Rev. Barbara Cunningham, St George's Presbyterian Church; Kimberly Raeburn-Gibson, Westmount Presbyterian Church.

Regrets Tim Archibald, David Clark, Amanda MacMillan, Jon Van Den Berg, Ministers; Katharine Michie, Appendix; Janet Donkervoort, Elizabeth MacLeod, Gerald Stocking, Elders.

Absent Richard Foster, Doug Hill, Elizabeth Leitch, Elders.

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Docket **MOTION:** (Butterfield-Kocis/Cameron) THAT the Docket as circulated be adopted for the meeting. CARRIED.

Business Team **MOTION:** (Thompson/Butterfield-Kocis) THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2022 and the Special Meeting of June 30, 2022 be adopted. CARRIED.

Business Team **MOTION:** (Cameron/McKee) THAT recommendations 1 through 10 be adopted by consent. CARRIED.

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

Number	From	Regarding
22-49	L. Brewer, MCV	instructions for handling psychological report
22-50	Presbytery of Algoma & North Bay	Rev. Dr Sean S. Kim ceases to be minister of PCC
22-52	M. Leung, Presbyterians Sharing	May 2022 Presbyterians Sharing
22-54	M. Leung, Presbyterians Sharing	June 2022 Presbyterians Sharing
22-58	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	Rev. Dr D. Clark appointed to Board of Governors, Presbyterian College
22-60	V. Kim, Principal Clerk	commissioners 2023 General Assembly
22-61	V. Kim, Principal Clerk	nominations moderator 2023 General Assembly
22-62	T. Hamilton, Assembly Office	YAR representatives 2023 General Assembly
22-64	V. Kim, Principal Clerk	deadline for overtures & petitions

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

Number	From	Regarding	Refer To
22-48	Ministry & Church Vocations	invoice psychological testing	treasurer
22-51	I. Ross-McDonald, LMA	baptismal/marriage register	circ. elect.
22-53	J. Patterson, General Presbyter	proposal elder training workshop	Business team
22-55	PCC Finance Office	2022-23 insurance premium	treasurer
22-56	K. Muir, Assembly Office	changes to the roll June 2022	circ. elect.
22-57	Presbytery of Barrie	certificate of transfer T. Raeburn-Gibson	Business team
22-59	M. D'Souza, Local Immigration Partnership	offer to explain services	Refugee team
22-63	P. Bush, Special Committee	Listening, Confession & Associations	circ. elect.
22-65	Session - St. Lawrence	appeal and complaint	Business team
22-66	M. Leung, Presbyterians Sharing	July 2022 Presbyterians Sharing	circ. elect.
22-67	J. Astop, Grants Coordinator	fall application deadlines	circ. elect.
22-68	S. McMurray, Clerk Trinity	request for board member	circ. elect.
22-69	S. Buchanan, clerk St James	sustaining ministries grant request	Business team

RECOMMENDATION #3: THAT the action of the Business Team in approving a \$500 grant from the DaySpring Fund to Margaret McGugan and a \$500 grant from the DaySpring Fund to Elizabeth MacLeod for the Lester Randall Preaching event, be homologated.

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Business Team (cont.) **RECOMMENDATION #4:** THAT the Rev. Jon Van Den Berg be appointed as the Presbytery representative to the Synod Creative Ministry Fund effective immediately.

RECOMMENDATION #5: THAT Rev. Tim Raeburn-Gibson be added to the appendix to the roll of the Presbytery of London effective July 25, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION #6: THAT the Presbytery of London endorse the application of St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yarmouth, to the Supporting Ministries Grant – Sustaining Ministries for a \$9,000 grant.

RECOMMENDATION #7: THAT the resignation of Rev. Jon Van Den Berg as interim moderator of St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church effective July 15, 2022 be accepted with the thanks of the Court.

RECOMMENDATION #8: THAT the appointment of Rev. Jim Patterson as interim moderator of St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church effective September 13, 2022 be approved.

RECOMMENDATION #9: THAT the following elder be named as Representative and Alternate Representative Elders to the Presbytery of London for the 2022-2023 year:

St. George's, London ; Norm Belyea (R) John Conway (A) Albert Hardeman (A)

RECOMMENDATION #10: THAT the action of the Clerk transferring Reverend Jane Swatridge to the Presbytery of Barrie effective August 1, 2022, be homologated.

M. Butterfield-Kocis asked to have correspondence #22-65 removed from the consent agenda.

Recommendation #1 - #10 were CARRIED.

Item #22-65 **MOTION:** (Butterfield-Kocis/Thompson) TO homologate the letter sent by the Moderator and Moderator-elect to the session and board of St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Butterfield-Kocis/Brule) THAT the interim moderator be directed to report any irregularities in remuneration to the Court. CARRIED.

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Treasurer's Report The monthly report was circulated in advance. There were no questions. L. Brule advised the Court that financial information will only be presented quarterly from now on.

Clerk's Report The Clerk reminded the Court to sign the attendance sheets at each meeting.

MOTION: (Butterfield-Kocis/Dolbear-Van Bilsen) THAT Cathy Cornhill and Rev. Gordon Brown be appointed to the Congregational Life Team. CARRIED.

MOTION: (Currie/Dolbear-Van Bilsen) THAT the descriptions of all Presbytery funds be posted on the Presbytery website. CARRIED.

Ministry Team This report was circulated in advance.

Chalmers Exit Review Team The Moderator left the chair for the presentation of the Chalmers exit review report. A. Thompson, past-moderator, assumed the chair.

K. McKee presented the report.

MOTION: (McKee/Cornhill) THAT the Reverend John Bannerman be commended for his faithful ministry to Christ at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, in the Presbytery of London, and within the greater Presbyterian Church in Canada. CARRIED.

MOTION: (McKee/Cornhill) THAT the congregation of Chalmers Presbyterian Church be commended for its vibrant, creative, and faithful ministry in Christ's name to its members, the local community, the wider Church community in Canada, and internationally through its mission activities. CARRIED.

MOTION: (McKee/Cornhill) THAT the Reverend John Bannerman and the congregation of Chalmers Presbyterian Church be commended for its creative ministry in-person and online in response to the challenges of Covid-19. CARRIED.

MOTION: (McKee/Cornhill) THAT the congregation of Chalmers Presbyterian Church be commended for its stewardship of its building and its manse. CARRIED.

MOTION: (McKee/Cornhill) THAT the Reverend Mavis Currie be thanked for her willingness to serve Chalmers Presbyterian Church as interim moderator. CARRIED.

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Chalmers Exit Review Team (cont.) **MOTION:** (McKee/Cornhill) THAT Chalmers Presbyterian Church be given permission to begin the search for a new Minister of Word and Sacrament. CARRIED.

MOTION: (McKee/Cornhill) THAT the Exit Review Team to Chalmers Presbyterian Church be dismissed. CARRIED.

The Moderator resumed the chair.

General Presbyter The report was circulated in advance. Nothing further.

Refugee Team J. Patterson provided a verbal report. The sponsored family is due to arrive and arrangements are in place for quarantine.

Reports of Interim Moderators Westmount, London: L. Nichol provided an update on the call process.
Trinity Community, London: No report.

St. Lawrence, London: No report.

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

Other Business None.

Adjournment On a motion by S. McMurray, the Court stood adjourned at seven minutes after nine o'clock, to meet again in special session on Thursday, the twenty-second day of September two thousand and twenty-two at seven o'clock in the evening and by Zoom and conference call and in regular session on Tuesday, the eleventh day of October two thousand and twenty-two, at seven o'clock in the evening and within Westmount Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk