

The Link – March 2023
A Presbytery of London Newsletter for Sessions & Congregations
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The presbytery of London met on Tuesday March 14th, 2023 at 7pm over zoom. Worship was conducted by Rev. Kristine O'Brien. Kristine is the director at Crieff Hills



Conference and Retreat Centre. This restful and restorative 250 acres located near Puslinch, was a legacy gift from Colonel John Bain Maclean, to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, following his death in 1950. Colonel John Bain Maclean was the founder of Maclean's magazine, The Financial Post and Maclean-Hunter publishers. Maclean was born and raised in the small village of Crieff, Ontario, where his father was the minister at Knox Presbyterian Church. In the mid 1970's the denomination began to develop the land as

a retreat facility, gradually adding buildings as demand increased. Crieff Hills is open all year long, and welcomes individuals and groups for times of renewal and rest. They offer a variety of programs and opportunities, including "farm dinners." The next On-Farm Dinner is a Maple Syrup Celebration on April 2nd. At 3pm, there is a hands on farm experience, followed by a four-course dinner flavoured with the smoky sweet taste of maple. Check out the Crieff Hills website: <https://crieffhills.com/> . Presbytery worship focused on the theme of rest and a reminder that we are all sheep under the care of the Great Shepherd.

Announcements: Dorchester Presbyterian Church is hosting a car rally in May including a BBQ with music. Proceeds go to the refugee committee of the Presbytery.

Thanks was extended to everyone who contributed to the meal train for the family of Rev. Shelly Butterfield-Kocis, following the serious car accident.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported that we are still in need of donations to the Refugee Fund to help the refugee family that the presbytery has sponsored. Funds can be sent to the Presbytery of London. Please write "Refugee Committee" in the memo section.





Kilmartin Cemetery: This cemetery is located directly across the road from Burns Presbyterian Church, Mosa. Upon reviewing their documents, the cemetery board has discovered that the land is owned by Burns Presbyterian Church. The cemetery board has requested that this land be transferred to the non-profit organization that the cemetery board has formed. This transfer of land was approved by the Session of Burns Church. Following the advice of the clerks of assembly, it was also discussed and approved by the presbytery of London.

The Congregation Team of Presbytery is beginning to organize regular visits to all congregations post Covid. It is noted that congregations in the midst of transition will be prioritized.

The Ministry Team of Presbytery celebrates the work of Rev. Dr David Clark who devoted his latest study leave (March 6-12) to carry out work on the Committee on Ethics, Religion, and the Holocaust at the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

The General Presbyter of Presbytery reported the good news that Crinan Presbyterian Church has purchased a large screen television and equipment to improve their worship service. Thanks to the Dayspring fund for subsidizing this purchase.

The Interim Moderators gave updates on the churches that are seeking ministers within the presbytery.

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