

The Link – June 2023
A Presbytery of London Newsletter for Sessions & Congregations

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The presbytery of London met on Tuesday June 20th 2023 at 7pm at Appin Presbyterian Church, Appin. Worship was conducted by the minister of the church, Rev. Amanda MacMillan.

A Call to Rev. Andrew Thomson: Representatives from Knox-St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Dutton were given the opportunity to speak to the call to their minister, Rev. Andrew Thompson. At the May meeting of the Presbytery, Rev. Thompson was presented with a call from Chalmers Presbyterian Church. The representatives from Knox-St. Andrew's spoke of Rev. Thompson's gifts at worship leadership, visitation, work with children, and music. The congregation wishes him well in his next ministry within the presbytery. The call was put in the hands of the minister and he accepted it. An exit review team was appointed to conduct an exit interview at Knox-St. Andrew's. Rev. Gordon Brown was appointed as interim moderator at Knox-St. Andrew's.



Chalmers Presbyterian Church's manse: After some discussion, it was decided that Chalmers Church be granted permission to sell their manse and that the Trustees of the church create a plan for the proceeds.

Church Property: It was voted that presbytery would strike a working group to discuss the sale of manses and clergy housing as we move into the future.

Refugee Fund: The treasurer expressed appreciation for all churches who have raised funds or made donations to the refugee fund. The fund is currently in good standing. The presbytery will notify the congregations if there is any immediate need.

Reviews of the Clerk and the Treasurer: It is the practice of the presbytery to conduct a yearly review of the positions of clerk and treasurer. These reviews were presented and accepted.

Reports from General Assembly: The elders and clergy who attended General Assembly in Halifax earlier this month presented their reflections on the assembly to the presbytery. General Assembly is the highest court of our church. The moderator of General Assembly this year was Rev. Mary Fontaine, founding director of Hummingbird Ministries. Information about the Rev. Mary Fontaine's life and work in the church is available to read on the PCC website. Reflections on Assembly included thoughts on the ongoing work of truth and reconciliation with the indigenous people in Canada, and on how our congregations can be places of welcome for all.



Elders Visiting Workshop: The General Presbytery is organizing a Sunday evening workshop for elders who would like some help with resuming pastoral and elder visiting. The date for the event is September 10th.

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