

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

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The presbytery of London met on Tuesday May 9th 2023 at 7pm at New St. James Presbyterian Church, London. Worship was conducted by the minister at New St. James, Rev. Dr. David Clark.

Welcome: Marg McGugan was recognized as the WMS representative at the meeting. She highlighted that the spring rally for WMS in the presbytery will be occurring in June. A number of visitors to the court were welcomed – including a number of representatives from Chalmers Presbyterian Church, London.



A Call to Rev. Andrew Thomson: The interim moderator at Chalmers, Rev. Mavis Currie, outlined the steps that the congregation undertook in their search for a new minister. A call was reviewed and extended to Rev. Andrew Thomson, minister at Knox-St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Dutton. Several members at Chalmers spoke in favour of the call. The congregation of Knox-St. Andrew's will have an opportunity to speak to this call at the next meeting of presbytery.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer, Lu Brule, gave us a brief summary of the financial statements. It was noted Refugee Account is getting close to being balanced. Thanks to all of the churches and individuals who have made recent donations to this fund.

Clerk's Report: Two applications were received to the DaySpring Fund for technical items to improve streaming of worship services: one from Oakridge Presbyterian Church and another from Duff Church, Largie. Both of these requests were approved. A grant to Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas was also approved for that congregation's youth service trip.

Examination of Session records will be resuming by the presbytery. This task was not completed during Covid 19. Sessions will be notified in writing ahead of time when their minute book should be brought to a presbytery meeting. The minute books can come with ministers or representative elders.

The Congregation Team of Presbytery is working diligently to get regular visits to congregations back on track. It is one of the responsibilities of the presbytery to conduct these regular visits. A visitation to Caradoc Church was conducted, as they have had an extended time with their minister on medical leave.

Burns' Presbyterian Church, Kilmarten: A team of presbytery led by Rev. Keith McKee visited Burns Church, and presented their report. Permission for Burns Church to begin the process of calling a minister was granted. It was noted that Rev. Mavis Currie will serve as interim moderator for the search process for a new minister at this church.

The Ministry Team reported that they reviewed the guidelines for the Stalker Fund and reported on their work.

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