

The Link – October 2023

A Presbytery of London Newsletter for Sessions & Congregations

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The Presbytery of London met on Tuesday October 10th, 2023 at Oakridge Presbyterian Church, London. Opening worship was led by the minister of Oakridge, Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald. He reminded us as congregations that we are called to remember why we exist as churches. The source of our vision comes from God.

The sympathy of the presbytery is extended to the family of Joyce Pollock. Joyce was a diaconal minister for 75 years in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Her life will be celebrated at Elmwood Ave Presbyterian Church on Wednesday October 18th at 11am.

Announcements: Do you have an announcement from your congregation that you would like to share with other congregations in our presbytery through the Link newsletter? Please send your announcements in writing to m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca a few days before presbytery. Please put “For the Link” as the subject line.

Review of Session Minutes: The presbytery is again reviewing Session minutes and Baptismal, Marriage and Death Registries. This is one of presbytery’s roles as outlined in the Book of Forms. A small group of presbyters review the Session minutes and make recommendations regarding how to ensure the minutes are neatly and correctly kept. Clerks of Session will receive an email a few weeks before the meeting. Minutes and record books should be brought to the presbytery meeting approximately 20 minutes ahead of time. The minutes are reviewed that night and returned to the clerk, with any notes regarding how the structure of the minutes can be improved.



Truth and Reconciliation: The Moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. Fontaine will be visiting the Presbytery on the weekend of November 24th-26th. She will be speaking on Saturday November 25th. More information regarding the time and details of this event will be shared soon.

Report of the Refugee Family: An update was given on the Kaba Family who have come to Canada from Syria. The refugee family will be moving the family on October 27th and 28th and would appreciate some help with moving them.

It was decided that the presbytery will work on an overture to General Assembly to request clear directives and support for clergy who are taking leaves.

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Please pray for....

- Dorchester Presbyterian Church, as they discern their future.
- Caradoc Presbyterian Church, as they begin the New Beginnings Process and work toward a stated supply position.
- Rev. Shelly Butterfield Kocis.