

**The Link – May 2024**  
**A Presbytery of London Newsletter for Sessions & Congregations**  
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The Presbytery of London met at South Nissouri Presbyterian Church on Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7pm. Opening worship was led by Rev. Jim Patterson. Below are a few highlights of our meeting!

**The Business Team Report:**

- Rev. Keith McKee was installed as Clerk Pro Tem for the meeting as our Clerk was away on a well-deserved vacation
- Rev. Herb Hilder has graciously accepted the vacant position of Moderator-Elect with his term as Moderator running from September 2024 to September 2025
- Our treasurer Lu Brule presented the 2023 financial statements which were accepted

**Retirements:**

The Rev. Mavis Currie will be retiring effective August 30, 2024 and The Rev. Keith McKee will be retiring effective December 1, 2024. We offer both a hearty appreciation for all that they have done within the bounds of the Presbytery over their many collective years. Interim Moderators for both congregations were named as well as an exit review team for Knox St. Thomas.

**Housing and Church Properties:**

Approval was given to Trinity to sell their old church building. Approval was also given to Glencoe to sell their manse. Concerns were raised about the recent trend for the selling of church properties and if these are in the best interest of stewardship of our Church resources. No specific conclusions were reached, but Rev. Andrew Fullerton has offered to host a more in-depth discussion of the issues on **May 30 at 2pm** at Elmwood Avenue Church.

**Ministry Team Report:**

The Ministry Team presented a written report without recommendations. There was a discussion regarding the requirements for lay preachers. All regular lay preachers are interviewed by the presbytery and recommended.

**Congregation Team Report:**

We give thanks to Rev. Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen for offering to take on the position of convener. They will be naming an exit interview team for St. George's in short order.

**Report of the General Presbyter:** For the last few years, the presbytery has employed a part-time clergyperson, Rev. Jim Patterson. Rev Jim has provided leadership and guidance to the congregations who are not able to call a clergyperson. Rev. Jim has indicated that he is not seeking to renew with contract which ends in August. Rev. Andrew Thompson has graciously agreed to lead a search committee for the upcoming vacancy.

**Vacancies in the presbytery:** Reports on the following churches which are without a permanent minister (and not under the care of the General Presbyter) were received: Trinity Church, Caradoc Church, Burns Church, Knox-St. Andrew's Church.

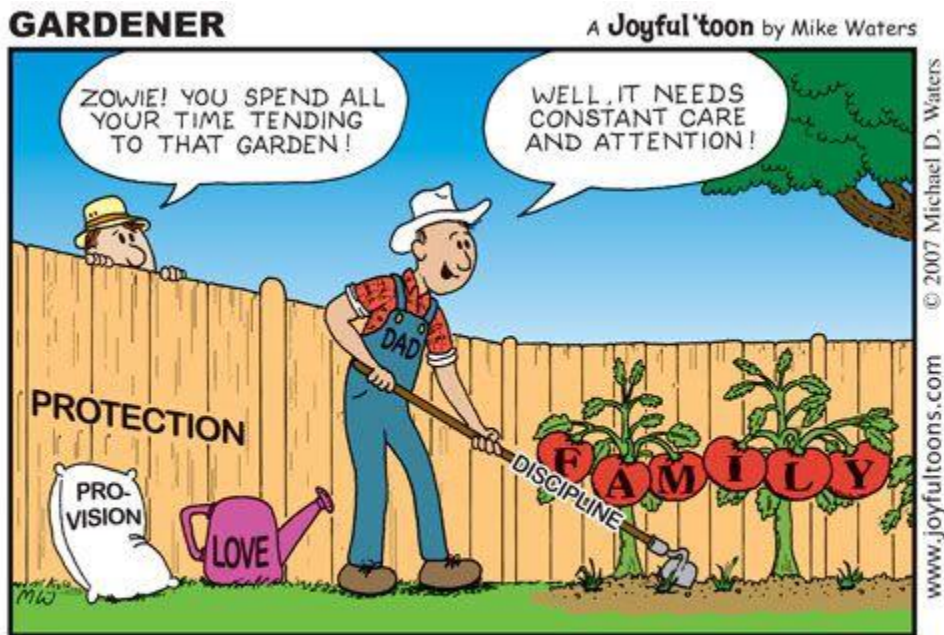
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**Did you know?** Canada Youth is back this summer. Well, sort of. The 2020 edition of CY was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. This year, the PCC is teaming up with the United Church of Canada to offer Uplift 2024. The event for youth, young adults, and youth leaders will take place between **July 3 and 7** at Brock University in St. Catherine's with a theme entitled Audacious Hope. Registration closes **May 31**, so interested individuals will need to act quickly. Full event details can be found on the PCC website at <https://presbyterian.ca/canadian-ministries/lift-2024/>.

**Please pray for...**

- All commissioners to the 2024 General Assembly at Laurier University
- Rev. Shelly Butterfield Kocis
- Congregations who are in the midst of a vacancy
- Inspiration for ways in which you may best serve the courts of the Church



And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.  
- GENESIS 2:15 KJV