

The Link – January 2025

A Presbytery of London Newsletter for Sessions & Congregations

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The Presbytery of London met online over Zoom on Tuesday January 14th 2025 at 7pm. Opening worship was led by Rev. Katherine McCloskey and Harris Athanasiadis from Arise Ministry. They presented thought provoking insight into their work with human trafficking and sex workers in Canada. More information about their ministry can be found at <https://www.ariseministry.ca/about>. The video that was included within their presentation can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/FNuHd6o8N5c?feature=shared>. Below are a few highlights of our meeting!

Upcoming Event:

The Moderator of the 2024 General Assembly is coming to London! On **Saturday February 8th** from 9:15 am to 12:00 pm Rev. Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls will be offering a workshop entitled “Biblical Foundations for Narratives of Hope” at Oakridge Presbyterian Church. Pre-registration by Wednesday February 5th is greatly appreciated and can be done online at <https://rsvp.church/r/qoJQaCq5>.

The Business Team Report:

- The resignation of Rev. Katherine Michie as Interim Moderator at Caradoc Presbyterian Church effective February 28, 2025 was accepted. The court is needing someone to step in and fill this needed role.
- The vacant position of Moderator-Elect still needs to be filled in short order with the one-year term as moderator beginning **September 2025**
- A grant was approved to support the African Children’s Choir upcoming visit in **May 2025**
- This year, all Presbyteries within the PCC are being given the opportunity to send a Young Adult Representative to General Assembly this **June 2025**.

State of Housing in the PCC:

The Presbytery of London approved an overture on the subject of establishing a National Cost-sharing Housing Program for Clergy be submitted to the Clerks of General Assembly. Many thanks to Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton and all other parties who contributed to the discussions over the past six months for their careful considerations of this matter.

Team Reports:

The Refugee Committee is in dire need of additional committee members. The current chair is intending to step down in the near future. The court is appreciative of all of the effort of Rev. Jim Patterson in his leadership of this team over the past several years.

Presbyterian College Board of Governors:

The Presbytery has nominated Rev. Dr. Sybil Mosley for a position on the Board of Governors at the Presbyterian College.

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 Mosa Church, Knox, St. Thomas Church, St. George's Church.

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Did you know? YARs are young adults between the ages of 16 and 25 who have been chosen by their presbytery to attend General Assembly. They are lay young people who are active in their congregation and are interested in the life and mission of the church, and who are willing and able to share their experience with others when they return home. Much more details can be found in the following document https://presbyterian.ca/wp-content/uploads/gao_guide_to_becoming_a_young_adult_representative_var.pdf.

Please pray for...

- The ongoing work of Arise Ministry
- Healing for Tom Jeffrey
- Congregations who are in the midst of a vacancy and their Interim Moderators
- The yet to be identified Moderator-Elect
- Inspiration for ways in which you may best serve the courts of the Church

