

Minutes of the Presbytery of London

Chalmers Presbyterian Church, London, Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

In London, and within Chalmers Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Special Session on Wednesday, the sixteenth day of November, two thousand and eleven, at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of considering the resignation of The Reverend Lynn Nichol, Minister at Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church, London.

- Constitution** The Moderator, the Reverend John Bannerman constituted the Court with Prayer.
- Welcome and Courtesies** The Moderator extended a welcome to all present, noting the large number of visitors from Knollwood Park.
- Attendance** John Bannerman, Mavis Currie, Kathy Fraser, Tom Godfrey, Ed Hoekstra, Keith McKee, Lynn Nichol, Heather Paton, Andrew Reid, Kevin Steeper, Ministers; Bob Baron, William Cron, Ruth Ann Drozd, Linda Drummelsmith, Debbie Kemp, Patrick Laurin, Sheila McMurray, Barbara Nyitray, Don Speir, Nancy Springer, Joan Taylor, Peter VanderKooy, Elders; John Van Eyk , Lay Missionary; Carrie Thornton, Clerk; Dave Laphorne, Mary Jane Laphorne, Joe Ruitenbeck, Mary Ruitenbeck, Gary Jones, Beth Ferguson, Ross Mackay, Doreen Carp, Doris Rogers, Carlton Dindial, Knollwood Park.
- Regrets** Charlotte Brown, Deb Dolbear-VanBilsen, Stuart MacDonald, Robert Shaw, Ministers; Mildred Greig, Tom Jeffery, Marg McCullough, Bob Shirley, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Trudy Van der Hoek, Sandra VanDerVeen, Elders.
- Absent** Ryan Kim, Amanda MacMillan, John Park, Michael Stol, Mark Turner, Ministers; Terry Axford, Elaine Brown, John Comrie, Nancy Newell, Gerald Stocking, Elders; Cynthia Breadner, St. James, North Yarmouth; William Khalil, Almanarah.
- Homologation** **MOTION:** (McKee/ Laurin) THAT the actions of the Clerk in citing the congregation of Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church be homologated. CARRIED.
- Members of Knollwood Park** **MOTION:** (Kemp/McMurray) THAT the following members of Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church be given permission to address the Court: Mary Jane Laphorne, Ross Mackay, Dave Laphorne. CARRIED.
- Medical Leave** **MOTION:** (Reid/Baron) THAT The Reverend Lynn Nichol be placed on medical leave, effective immediately, for a period of up to three months, the situation to be reviewed no later than the February 2012 meeting of Presbytery. Keith McKee, Kathy Fraser, Patrick Laurin, Sheila McMurray spoke in favour of the motion. Lynn Nichol offered her thoughts on the motion.

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Dave Laphorne, Mary Jane Laphorne, Ross Mackay spoke about the ministry of The Reverend Lynn Nichol at Knollwood Park. John Bannerman read the sick leave policy of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Andrew Reid stated his belief that this is the appropriate pastoral action. MOTION CARRIED.

**Moderator
Pro Tem**

MOTION: (McKee/Baron) THAT the Moderator of Presbytery be given power to issue the appointment of a Moderator pro Tem for Knollwood Park during the term of the leave. CARRIED.

Adjournment

On a motion by Andrew Reid, the Court stood adjourned at thirty minutes after seven o'clock in the evening, to meet again in Regular Session on Tuesday, the tenth day of January, two thousand and twelve, at seven o'clock in the evening, in Appin, and within Appin Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk