

**Minutes of the Presbytery of London
Knox Presbyterian Church, Fingal, Ontario, January 9, 2007**

At Fingal, and within Knox Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Regular Session on Tuesday, the ninth day of January, two thousand and seven, at seven o'clock in the evening.

Worship Following a delicious roast beef dinner, served by members of the Knox Church congregation, the service of worship was conducted by the Reverend Jim Redpath. Mr. Charles MacDonald, a member of New St. James Presbyterian Church, gave an informative and inspiring presentation related to his work in New Orleans with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance programme.

Constitution The Moderator, Mr. Tom Jeffery, constituted the meeting with prayer.

Welcome and Courtesies The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting, and the Clerk introduced the Alternate Representative Elder from Oakridge Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Olive Bell. She also introduced representatives from the WMS, Mrs. Margaret McCullough and Mrs. Shirley Redpath. The Moderator also shared the news that Mr. Miner Bell, father of the Reverend Linda Bell had died this past week. He had included Linda in his opening prayers.

The Clerk announced that the Ballots for nominating the Moderator of the 2007 General Assembly were in the mail slots as well as other mail and requested that everyone pick up their mail so these items would not need to be mailed out.

Docket The Docket had been circulated with the Advance Reports and the Court AGREED that this Docket would be accepted.

Attendance Hugh Appel, Kate Ballagh-Steeper, John Bannerman, Amanda Birchall, Mavis Currie, Andrew Human, Gloria Langlois, Keith McKee, Douglas Miles, Linda Moffatt, Johan Olivier, Jim Redpath, Robert Robinson, Kevin Steeper, Deborah Dolbear-VanBilsen, Clergy; Bob Bedggood, Olive Bell, John Cameron, Ruth Ann Drozd, Marilyn Edwards, Chris Evans (Clerk), John Goodfellow, Wayne Hindmarsh, Tom Jeffery (Moderator), Rachelle Kernahan, Larry Langford, Joan Mansell, Sharon Marshall, Margaret McCullough, Bill McMurchy, John McNeil, Hugh Orchard, Ben Ormseth, Charles Parsons, Linda Riddell, Owen Thornton, Doris Tutt, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Peter VanderKooy, Sandra Van Der Veen, Allan Woolner, Elders; Rob Evans, Elmwood Avenue Church, Shirley Redpath, WMS Presbyterial.

Regrets Charlotte Brown, Sabrina Caldwell, Kathy Fraser, Robert Shaw, Michael Stol, Mark Turner, Clergy; Ruth Carey, Susan Cushman, Ken Keith, Sheila McMurray, Gordon Sims, Don Speir, Elders; Carol Rayner, Treasurer.

Absent Lynn Nichol, Clergy; Joe Ruitenbeek, Elder.

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**Report Brought Forward
Rodney/Kintyre
New Glasgow
Vacancy** The Reverend Johan Olivier had received permission to present his report on the Vacancy of Rodney / Kintyre / New Glasgow. He reported that the new Interim Moderator Team (Johan Olivier and Les Files) had met with the joint Sessions, and that work is being done to establish the membership roll at New Glasgow. Discussions will then commence regarding the viability of the New Glasgow charge.

**Administrative
Team Report** The Clerk, Chris Evans, presented the Report of the Administrative Team.

Correspondence **REC. #1** (Evans / Drozd) THAT the following correspondence be received for information: CARRIED

Number	From/Date (d-m)	Regarding
06-66	D. Ogilvy, Clerk of Session, Westmount	Confirming O. Thornton as Gen. Assembly Comm.
06-67	Gordon Haynes, Canada Ministries	New Grant Funds
06-68	Ian Fraser, Presbyterian Record	Seeking New Board Members
06-70	Allan Farris	Thank You for Stalker Fund Grant
06-71	S. Philpot	Changes to the Roll for Nov. 2006
06-72	Corey Ball	Thank You for Stalker Fund Grant
06-74	S. Kendall	Acknowledgement of Receipt - List of Commissioners
06-76	S. Kendall	Ballots for Moderator
06-77	G. Langlois	Resignation as Co-Interim Moderator - DaySpring

REC. #2 (Evans / Drozd) that the following correspondence be referred as named: CARRIED.

Number	From/Date (d-m)	Regarding	Refer To
06-69	Duff, Largie & Argyle, Crinan	Extension of Hugh Appel's Appointment to June, 2008	Presbytery
06-73	Terrie Lee Hamilton, Assembly Office	YARs for General Assembly 2007	Clerks of Session
06-75	T. Hamilton	Committee to Nominate	Den. Work Team
06-78	Knox-Belmont	Amalgamation with St. James Request for Presbytery Visitation	Admin. Team Vac. & Vis. Team

**Hugh Appel
Extension of
Appointment** **REC. #3** (Evans / Drozd) Further to Correspondence Item #06-69, THAT the extension of the appointment of the Reverend Hugh Appel as minister to the Duff, Largie and Argyle, Crinan pastoral charge be approved. Following a brief explanation of the reasons for the extension by Hugh Appel, the motion CARRIED.

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- Resignation** **REC. #4** (Evans / Drozd) Further to Correspondence Item #06-77, THAT the resignation of the Reverend Gloria Langlois as Co-Interim Moderator of DaySpring be accepted as of December 31, 2006, with the thanks of the Court. CARRIED.
- Interim Moderator - DaySpring** **REC. #5** (Evans / Drozd) Further to Correspondence Item #06-77, THAT the Reverend Robert Shaw be appointed as Interim Moderator of DaySpring, effective January 1, 2007. CARRIED.
- Young Adult Representative** The Clerk reminded the Court that applications for Young Adult Representative to General Assembly, 2007, must be received by the Clerk by January 26, 2007, so that interviews may be held January 30, 2007.
- Records Examinations** The following Session Records had been examined: Trinity, London and Knox, Fingal.
- REC. #1** (Evans / Currie) THAT the Session Records of Trinity Community Presbyterian Church, London be attested as being neatly and correctly kept, with the following notes: 27.5, 27.7. CARRIED.
- REC. #2** (Currie / Evans) THAT the Session Records of Knox Presbyterian Church, Fingal be attested as being neatly and correctly kept, with the following notes: 27.2, 27.3, 27.4, 27.5, 27.7. CARRIED.
- Students and Education Team** No Report
- Denominational Work Team** No Report
- Vacancy and Visitation Team** Mr. Tom Jeffery reported that following a request from Knox Church, Belmont for a Presbytery Visitation, he had assembled a visitation team. **REC. #1** (Cameron / Appel) THAT Tom Jeffery, Kevin Steeper and John Bannerman be appointed Visitation Team to Knox, Belmont. CARRIED.
- The Reverend Kate Ballagh-Steeper gave a report for information regarding a congregational meeting held on January 7, 2007, at Ailsa Craig Church, which was moderated by the Reverend Gloria Langlois. A motion was made to close this church, and the vote was 12 in favour of closing, and 13 in favour of remaining open. A steering committee consisting of the Session, the Board of Managers, Trustees and members of the congregation has been formed, with the mandate to bring recommendations to the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 18, 2007. Kate requested that members of Presbytery keep Ailsa Craig church in their prayers. She indicated that worship continues, and there is at present no animosity within the congregation, but Presbytery Intervention could be requested in the future.

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MOTION (Appel / Redpath) THAT the Administrative Team take action to look into problems in Rural and other congregations experiencing difficulties. CARRIED

Visitation Report The Reverend Hugh Appel reported on behalf of the Visitation Team who carried
Knox-St. Andrews out the Visitation to Knox-St. Andrews, Dutton.
Dutton **REC. #1** (Appel / Birchall) THAT the Visitation Team to Knox-St. Andrews, Dutton be dismissed with the thanks of the Court. CARRIED.

Hospital Visitor No Report
Team

Youth & Campus Mavis Currie spoke about the report on Youth and Campus Ministries, which had
Ministries been circulated.
Website and No Report
Communications
Team

Small Church No Report
Ministries Fund

Evangelism Owen Thornton referred to the report of the Evangelism Team, and made particular
Team note of an upcoming Seminar, scheduled for May 5, 2007 at Westmount Church, entitled "Becoming and Inviting Church", and facilitated by the Reverend Jim Czeglédi. Owen encouraged all to attend.

Reports on *DaySpring, London* - No Report
Vacancies

St. John's, Port Stanley - No Report

Rodney / Kintyre / New Glasgow - Reported previously

New St. James, London - The Interim Moderator, the Reverend Keith McKee reported that progress is being made, that interviews have been conducted, with one individual having been re-interviewed. This name will be presented to Session at their meeting on January 21, 2007 by the Search Committee, with the recommendation that this person be invited to preach for a Call. Mr. McKee indicated that due to the possibility of a Call being issued within the next two months, it is anticipated that a request will be made to extend the contract with the Reverend Dr. Robert Robinson until the completion of this process.

Glencoe / St. John's, Wardsville - The Interim Moderator, the Reverend Kate Ballagh-Steeper, reported that the Reverend Deborah Dolbear-Van Bilsen has left the Stated Supply Contract. Three applications were received last summer, and the applicants heard by the Search Committee. No further applications have been

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received, but in light of the fact that the congregations are pleased with the ministry of Deborah, it is anticipated that she will be sending in her profile in the near future.

MOTION (Ballagh-Steeper / Birchall) THAT the Rev. Deborah Dolbear-Van Bilsen be released from her Stated Supply contract with Glencoe / St. John's, Wardsville, effective immediately. CARRIED.

St. Lawrence, London - no report

Synod - 2007 Since no one has come forward offering to host the 2007 Synod meeting, due to lack of information,

MOTION (Ballagh-Steeper / Thornton) THAT the Moderator appoint a Local Arrangements Committee of four members, who will obtain details from Synod, and report back. CARRIED.

Adjournment On a MOTION by Hugh Appel, the Court stood adjourned at eight forty-five in the evening (8:45 p.m.) to re-convene in regular session on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of February, two thousand and seven at seven o'clock in the evening in Glencoe, and within Glencoe Presbyterian Church. The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk