

Minutes of the Presbytery of London

New St. James Presbyterian Church, London, Ontario, Sunday, March 18, 2007, 3:00 p.m.

At London, and within New St. James Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Special Session on Sunday, the eighteenth day of March, two thousand and seven, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

- Constitution** The Moderator, Mr. Tom Jeffery constituted the meeting with prayer.
- Welcome and
Courtesies** The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting, making special mention of all the members of the New St. James congregation present.
- Attendance** John Bannerman, Amanda Birchall, Keith McKee, Johan Olivier, Robert Robinson, Deborah Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Clergy; Ruth Ann Drozd, Chris Evans (Clerk), Wayne Hindmarsh, Tom Jeffery (Moderator), Ken Keith, Rachelle Kernahan, Charles Parsons, Elders; John Aziz, C. Humphries, Ann More, Patricia Sharpe, Mary Lou McKay, Sharon Rowley, Kimberly Rowley, Anita Cowie, Jean Williamson, Norma M. Hicks, Ernva Marshall, Anne Foote, Ruth Evans, Esther MacInnes, Angus MacInnes, Bill Cleland, Marg O. Crinese, Susan McNair, Mary Lou McCrimmon, Marie Arnold, Bob McIntosh, Jim Wilson, Ann Milling, Harold E. Milling, Robert Baron, Karen Baron, Ken Robbins, Elizabeth Robbins, Catherine L. Arscott, Hazel F. MacRae, Elizabeth Groom, Angie Benenati, Rob McGugan, Mike Ruggi, Al McDonald, Jack Newbegin, Doug McKay, George Wearing, Marilyn Wearing, John Brink, Carol Brink, Julia Beek, Ian McCrimmon, Susan Vallas, Jeanne MacDonald, (New St. James Presbyterian), Michael Kernahan (Dorchester Presbyterian)
- Regrets** Hugh Appel, Kate Ballagh-Steeper, Sabrina Caldwell, Mavis Currie, Kathy Fraser, Terry Ingram, Gloria Langlois, Douglas Miles, Linda Moffatt, Jim Redpath, Kevin Steeper, Clergy; John Cameron, Susan Cushman, Marilyn Edwards, Mildred Greig, Larry Langford, Sharon Marshall, Ben Ormseth, Gordon Sims, Owen Thornton, Allan Woolner, Elders.
- Absent** Charlotte Brown, Andrew Human, Lynn Nichol, Robert Shaw, Michael Stol, Mark Turner, Ministers; John Goodfellow, Joan Mansell, Margaret McCullough, Bill McMurchy, Sheila McMurray, John McNeil, Joe Ruitenbeek, Don Speir, Doris Tutt, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Peter VanderKooy, Sandra Van der Veen, Elders
- Homologation** **MOTION** (McKee / Evans) THAT the actions of the Moderator in calling this Special Meeting be homologated. CARRIED.
- Receive and
Consider Call** **MOTION** (McKee / Evans) THAT the call from New St. James Presbyterian Church, London, Ontario to the Reverend Andrew David Muir Reid be received and considered. CARRIED.

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Narration of Steps and Guarantee of Stipend

The Moderator called on the Reverend Keith McKee, Interim Moderator for New St. James Presbyterian Church to narrate the steps leading up to this call, and to also read the Guarantee of Stipend, as follows:

“We, the congregation of New St. James Presbyterian Church, London, Ontario, hereby present to the Presbytery of London, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, that the estimated annual revenue of the said congregation for the maintenance of religious ordinance among ourselves is: three hundred, sixty-six thousand and ninety four dollars (\$366,694.00).

“We hereby agree to pay out of the said revenue, as it shall be collected, and as first charge thereon, to the Reverend Andrew David Muir Reid the annual stipend of fifty nine thousand, five hundred dollars (\$59,500.00), which amount is inclusive of annual car or travel allowance, and to provide nineteen thousand, five hundred dollars (\$19,500.00) annually for housing allowances, inclusive of utilities. In addition to this shall be reported as stipend, and added to the foregoing amount, the amount expended under the study leave clauses 1 and 2 below.

“We agree to make payments of the above amounts monthly, and we undertake to review the stipend and allowances annually in consideration of any changes in the cost of living or in the needs of our minister. We further engage to use our utmost diligence to the end that the Reverend Andrew David Muir Reid may regularly receive the stipend and allowance herein named.

“We agree further:

- 1. To give two weeks study leave annually, and to provide one thousand, five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) or at least the minimum allowance as set by the General Assembly.*
- 2. That the benefits of number 1 above shall be cumulative up to five years.*
- 3. To give six weeks holiday annually.*
- 4. To pay supply during the periods of study leave and holidays.*
- 5. To pay a book allowance annually of five hundred dollars (\$500.00).*
- 6. In case of disability or extended illness, to continue to provide stipend, accommodation and allowances for a period not less than that set by the General Assembly, and to pay the cost of pulpit supply.*

“In addition, we will pay the necessary moving expenses to settle the Reverend Andrew David Muir Reid in this congregation.”

Permission to Speak

MOTION (McKee / Evans) THAT the following members of New St. James Presbyterian Church be given permission to speak to the Court: Mrs. Mary Lou McCrimmon and Dr. Susan McNair. CARRIED.

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Mrs. McCrimmon and Dr. McNair both spoke in full favour of this call, indicating their positive impressions of the candidate, and also expressed appreciation to Dr. Robert Robinson for his Interim Ministry, and to the Reverend Keith McKee for his diligent leadership as Interim Moderator.

Members of Court

Mr. Charles Parsons, Representative Elder from New St. James echoed the praise expressed by Mrs. McCrimmon and Dr. McNair related to the Interim Ministry and the Interim Moderator. He also expressed the thanks of New St. James Church to St. George's Presbyterian Church, for sharing the time and gifts of their Minister, the Reverend Keith McKee.

The Reverend Amanda Birchall asked for some details regarding the candidate's past ministries, and for confirmation that references were favourable. The Reverend Keith McKee responded with the information requested.

Conduct of the Interim Moderator

MOTION (Evans / Drozd) THAT the conduct of the Interim Moderator be approved. CARRIED.

Call Sustained

MOTION (McKee / Evans) THAT the Call to the Reverend Andrew David Muir Reid from New St. James Presbyterian Church be sustained as a regular Gospel Call. CARRIED.

Hamilton Presbytery Meeting

MOTION (McKee / Birchall) THAT the Reverend Keith McKee and Mrs. Mary Lou McCrimmon attend the meeting of the Presbytery of Hamilton, on April 10, 2007, to prosecute the Call. CARRIED.

Induction Service

MOTION (McKee / Evans) THAT the planning of the Induction Service be left in the hands of the Moderator, the Clerk and the Interim Moderator. CARRIED.

Date of Induction

MOTION (McKee / Parsons) THAT upon confirmation of the Call being sustained by the Presbytery of Hamilton, the Induction Service be held at New St. James Presbyterian Church, London, Ontario, on Sunday, June 10, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. CARRIED.

Adjournment

On a motion by Keith McKee, the Court stood adjourned at three forty o'clock in the afternoon (3:40 p.m.), to reconvene in Special Session within Glencoe, and within Glencoe Presbyterian Church on Sunday, the first day of April at seven o'clock in the evening, and in Regular Session in Ilderton, and within Bethel Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, the tenth day of April at seven o'clock in the evening. The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator

Clerk