

**Minutes of the Presbytery of London
St. John's Presbyterian Church, Rodney, Ontario November 19, 2006**

At Rodney, and within St. John's Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Special Session on Sunday, the nineteenth day of November, two thousand and six, at the hour of three thirty in the afternoon.

- Constitution** Following a period of hymn singing, the Moderator, Mr. Tom Jeffery constituted the meeting with prayer, remembering the Steeper family in their time of grieving the death of Kate Ballagh-Steeper's father this past week.
- Welcome and Courtesies** The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting, and made particular note of members of the congregations of Knox, Kintrye, Knox, New Glasgow and St. John's, Rodney, as well as representatives from the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington.
- Attendance** Kathy Fraser, Robert Shaw, Robert Sinasac, Leslie Files, Ministers; Chris Evans (Clerk), Tom Jeffery, Larry Langford, Janet Quinton, Allan Woolner, Elders; Jane Gorman, Jerry Koeslag, Don Emerick, Waterloo North, Calvin Brown, Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington; Helen Stinson, Pam Bradshaw, Stan Nagy, Anna Nagy, Robert King, St. John's, Rodney, Janet Quinton, Bill Downie, Brian Downie, John Kalmbach, Tom Ford, Knox, Kintyre, Pam Demers, Knox, New Glasgow, and others not signed in.
- Regrets** Kate Ballagh-Steeper, Sabrina Caldwell, Andrew Human, Terry Ingram, Gloria Langlois, Keith McKee, Douglas Miles, Linda Moffatt, Johan Olivier, Jim Redpath, Kevin Steeper, Ministers; Ruth Ann Drozd, Ian Fleck, Wayne Hindmarsh, Ken Keith, Ben Ormseth, Gordon Sims, Owen Thornton, Elders.
- Absent** Hugh Appel, John Bannerman, Amanda Birchall, Charlotte Brown, Mavis Currie, Lynn Nichol, Robert Robinson, Michael Stol, Mark Turner, Ministers; John Cameron, Susan Cushman, Marilyn Edwards, John Goodfellow, Rachelle Kernahan, Joan Mansell, Margaret McCullough, Bill McMurchy, Sheila McMurray, John McNeil, Charles Parsons, Joe Ruitenbeek, Don Speir, Doris Tutt, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Peter VanderKooy, Sandra Van Der Veen, Elders.
- Homologation** Motion (Evans / Fraser) THAT the actions of the Moderator in calling this meeting be homologated. CARRIED.
- Call to be Received and Considered** Motion (Evans / Fraser) THAT the call from Waterloo North Presbyterian Church to the Reverend Robert Sinasac be received and considered. CARRIED.
- Permission to Address the Court** Motion (Evans / Fraser) THAT the Reverend Calvin Brown, Interim Moderator of Waterloo North Presbyterian Church, and Don Emerick, Co-Chair of the Search Committee, and Jane Gorman, Clerk of Session of Waterloo North Presbyterian Church be given permission to address the court. CARRIED.

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The Moderator called on the Reverend Calvin Brown, Interim Moderator of Waterloo North Presbyterian Church to speak to the Call. Jane Gorman, Clerk of Session, and Don Emerick, Co-Chair of the Search Committee also spoke to the Call.

Motion (Evans / Sinasac) THAT the following members of Knox-Kintyre, Knox-New Glasgow and St. John's-Rodney be given permission to address the court.
CARRIED.

Pamela Bradshaw and Robert King spoke, representing the St. John's, Rodney congregation; Tom Ford and Allan Woolner, representing the Knox, Kintyre congregation; Pam DeMers and Bob Buchan, representing the Knox, New Glasgow congregation all spoke and thanked the Reverend Robert Sinasac for his two years of ministry within their pastoral charge, and wished him and his wife Huguette God's blessings as they start their new ministry at Waterloo North Presbyterian Church.

Members of the Presbytery of London, Kathy Fraser, Robert Shaw, Chris Evans and Tom Jeffery took the opportunity to thank Robert for his ministry in this Pastoral Charge and to wish him the best in his new ministry.

**Guarantee of
Stipend**

The Clerk read the Guarantee of Stipend, as follows:

"We, the congregation of Waterloo North Presbyterian Church, hereby present to The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, that the estimated annual revenue of the said congregation for the maintenance of religious ordinance among ourselves is \$165,617.00.

"We hereby agree to pay out of the said revenue, as it shall be collected, as a first charge thereon, to The Reverend Robert Sinasac, the annual stipend of \$37,617.00.

"We agree to make payments of the above 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 to our utmost diligence to the end that The Reverend Robert Sinasac may regularly receive the stipend and allowance herein named.

"We agree further:

- 1. To provide a housing allowance of \$12,000.00 annually PLUS utilities which will include lighting, heat, basic telephone, TV, and computer hook ups and water and sewer.*
- 2. To give two weeks study leave annually, and to provide at least the minimum allowance as set out by the General Assembly (currently \$600.00). The foregoing benefit shall be cumulative up to five years.*
- 3. To give five weeks holiday annually.*
- 4. To pay a mileage allowance of \$.35 cents/kilometer for church related work.*

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5. *To pay supply during the periods of study leave and holidays.*
6. *In the case of disability or extended illness, to continue to provide stipend, accommodation and allowances for a period not less than set out by the General Assembly, and to pay the cost of pulpit supply during such period.*
7. *To enroll the Minister in the Presbytery's Group Insurance Plan.*

"In addition, we will pay the necessary moving expenses to settle Rev. Robert Sinasac as Minister in this pastoral charge."

Sustain the Call Motion (Evans / Fraser) THAT the Call to the Reverend Robert Sinasac to Waterloo North Presbyterian Church be sustained as a regular gospel call. CARRIED.

Last Sunday Motion (Evans / Fraser) THAT the Reverend Robert Sinasac's last Sunday with the congregations of Knox-Kintyre, Knox-New Glasgow and St. John's-Rodney be Sunday, November 19, 2006. CARRIED.

The Moderator, Mr. Tom Jeffery placed the Call in the hands of the Reverend Robert Sinasac, who indicated that he accepted this Call.

Transfer Motion (Evans / Fraser) THAT the Reverend Robert Sinasac be transferred from the Roll of the Presbytery of London to the Roll of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington, effective December 3, 2006, the date of his induction. CARRIED.

Adjournment On a motion by Robert Shaw, the Court stood adjourned, to meet again in regular session on Tuesday, the ninth day of January, two thousand and seven, at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening, in Fingal, and within Knox Presbyterian Church, this meeting preceded by a supper at six o'clock in the evening.
The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer. Refreshments were served in the Church Hall.

Moderator

Clerk