

Minutes – The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough October 19, 2021 – Regular Meeting 9:30 am – ZOOM meeting, due to Covid-19

The Presbytery of Lindsay Peterborough met in Regular session on ZOOM on Tuesday October 19 in the year of our Lord, 2021.

Attendance:

Ministers on the constituent roll: Atkins, Angelica; Blane, Ann; Brown, Doug; Ellis, Neil; Firth, Kathy; Ingram, Sabrina; Ingram, Terry; Kim, Caleb; Park, Linda; Quick, Bob; Rolls, Debora; Sipos, Anita;

Elders voting: Abernethy, Harold; Breckenridge, Carolyn; Hoyle, Bill; MacEachern, Robert; MacMaster, Jim; McQuillin, Barry; Marnoch, Garry; Mitchell, Roberta; Robertson, Ross; Smith, Sheryl; Wallace, Susan;

Ministers on the appendix to the roll: Grace, Barney; Wallace, Ron;

Others present for all or part on the day included: Ibrahim, Rani; Jamieson, Kay; Simpson, Annette; Smith, Jim;

Women’s Missionary: Breckenridge, Carolyn; Hoyle, Liz;

Regrets: Cunningham, Tom; Inglis, Esther; Williams, Tom;

9:30 am – Worship – St Andrew’s Bolsover - Rev Caleb Kim delivered the message

10:05 am - Constitute the Court with prayer - Moderator Susan Wallace

Introductions and courtesies:

- Rev Ann Blane introduced Kay Jamieson, Clerk of Session from Knox, Bobcaygeon

Executive Committee Report – Terry Ingram

- 1. Recommendation:** that the Docket, which includes all reports and added items listed in the final Working Papers, for October 19, 2021, be received. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried. Friendly amendment to receive a verbal Interim Moderator report for St Andrew’s Lakefield from Rev Sabrina Ingram. Carried.
- 2. Recommendation:** that the minutes of September 21, 2021 Regular meeting be accepted. Moved by Neil. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried
- 3. Recommendation:** that the LPP Representatives for Synod ZOOM meeting November 3 7:00 pm be Rev Linda Park and Rev Caleb Kim, and a representative from each of their Sessions moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

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4. **Recommendation:** that the following >recommendations be part of a consent agenda - recommendations > 5, 6, 7 - Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

As Information: re: Writing of an Overture to explore and report on the health of the PCC in Canada. The Executive Committee determined, that as no volunteers had stepped forward, this request for writing of an overture will not go forward.

5. **>Correspondence As Information:**

that the following correspondence be received as information:

1.5 Recommendation CLK-003 (A&P 2021, p. 308, 54, presbyterian.ca/gao/ga2021/2021referrals) That the above guidelines to facilitate calls and election of LGBTQI candidates be commended to sessions, congregations and presbyteries. The report can be found at A&P 2021, p. 306–08, Appendix 310–11 and at presbyterian.ca/gao/ga2021/2021referrals. This document should be used as information for ministers and Interim Moderators. Notec and filed.

6. **Correspondence Referred:**

>That the following correspondence be referred:

1.2 Recommendation CDC-003 (A&P 2021, p. 296, 50) That the updated edicts and preambles for ordination, induction and admission of the minister of Word and Sacrament and of the ruling elders be circulated to sessions and presbyteries for study and report comments to the Committee on Church Doctrine through the Clerks of Assembly by January 31, 2022. The report can be found at A&P 2021, p.292–96 and at presbyterian.ca/gao/ga2021/2021referrals. Referred to M&P for reporting to LPP in November, 2021.

1.3 Recommendation CDC-004 (A&P 2017, p. 241–73, A&P 2021, p. 298, 49, presbyterian.ca/gao/ga2021/2021referrals) That congregations, presbyteries and agencies be encouraged to discuss possible change to the title, from “Physician Assisted Suicide” to “Physician Assisted Suicide: Medical Assistance in Dying” and report comments to the Committee on Church Doctrine through the Clerks of Assembly by January 31, 2022. The report can be found at A&P 2017, p. 241–73. An update to the report can be found at A&P 2021, p. 298 and presbyterian.ca/gao/ga2021/2021referrals. Referred to CLC for reporting to LPP by November, 2021.

1.4 Recommendation CLK-001 (A&P 2021, p. 304, 54, presbyterian.ca/gao/ga2021/2021referrals) That the proposed amendment to Book of Forms 8.1 (A&P 2021, p. 302–04) be referred to sessions and presbyteries for study and report to the Clerks of Assembly by January 31, 2022. 8.1 A session has standing leave to meet during the sittings of the General Assembly. provided always that in the

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event of such a meeting, any member who was a commissioner to the Assembly shall have liberty, on his/her return or when the minutes are confirmed, to dissent or dissent and complain (see sections 381, 382) from any decision taken during his/her absence while attending the Assembly. Referred to M&P for reporting to LPP by November, 2021.

1.6 Recommendation CLK-004 (A&P 2021, p. 309, 54) That sessions, congregations and presbyteries be invited to share feedback with the Clerks of Assembly by January 31, 2022, with a view to improving these guidelines and that the Clerks of Assembly report to a future General Assembly regarding possible revisions. Referred to M&P for reporting November, 2021.

1.7 Recommendation CLK-015 (A&P 2021, p. 318, 54, presbyterian.ca/gao/ga2021/2021referrals) That the proposed amendment to Book of Forms section 176.1, be referred to sessions and presbyteries for study and report to the Clerks of Assembly by January 31, 2022. (A&P 2021, p. 317–18 and at presbyterian.ca/gao/ga2021/2021referrals) 176.1 Ordained ministers within the bounds, whose ministry is carried out on a minimum of a half-time basis and not as a complement to some other vocational pursuit. Referred to M&P for reporting November, 2021.

1.8 Recommendation LMA-048 (A&P 2021, p. 532, 38, presbyterian.ca/gao/ga2021/2021referrals) That the above proposed revisions to the Guidelines for Dealing with Mental Health Issues (2011) (A&P 2021, p. 519–32), be sent to the courts and committees of the church for study and report to the Life and Mission Agency by January 31, 2022, with the goal of presenting a final report to the General Assembly in 2022. Referred to M&P for reporting November, 2021.

- 7. >Recommendation:** that the next regular meeting of the Presbytery be held Tuesday November 16, 2021 at 9:30 am on ZOOM, with host St John's, Port Perry. Moved by Neil Ellis. Seconded by Ann Blane. Carried.

Congregational Life Committee –Rev. Ann Blane

Verbal by Sheryl – update on ZOOM workshop plans for Oct 23

Ministry and Personnel – Rev. Neil Ellis.

No report

Mission and Outreach - Tom Williams

No reportt

Interim Moderator Reports:

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Interim Moderator’s Report for Woodville and Bolsover Charge

Written report received from Rev. Caleb Kim

Verbal Interim Moderator Report for St Andrew’s Lakefield

From Rev Sabrina Ingram.

Workshop – “How to Make your Facebook More Interesting” – presented by Rev Neil Ellis.

11:02 - Motion to adjourn. Moved by Ann Blane. Seconded Robert MacEachern. Carried.

11:03 - Moderator, Susan Wallace, closed the meeting with prayer.

Moderator, Susan Wallace

Clerk Pro Tem, Sheryl Smith