

**The Presbyterian Church in Canada**  
**The Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod**  
**Alberta, Canada**

**Regular Meeting May 30, 2016**

**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

**Constitution** At Lethbridge, Alberta and within St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church there, the  
**Called to Order** Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod met in regular session on Monday, May 30,  
2016, at 6:15 p.m.

**Prayer of Adoration** The Moderator led the court in prayer.  
**Invocation**

**Constitution** The meeting was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Mr. Tom Paasuke.

**Roll** Present with the Moderator, were ministers of Word and Sacrament, Allen Aicken, Peter Baek, Bertalan Bocskorás, Nancy Cocks, Peter Coutts, Dewald Delpont, Kobus Genis, Janice Hazlett, Hugh Jack, Clay Kuhn, Jared Miller, Dianne Ollerenshaw, Helen Smith, Robert Smith, Mark Tremblay and Leslie Walker; and ruling elders: Jim Broadwell, Rose-Anne Brown, Sandra Cameron Evans, Sandi Churchill, Audrey Cole, Terry Hagen, Sheila Kirkland, Mary Rozsa de Coquet, Linda Sonley, Lois Wallace, Craig Robertson, Karen Roberts, and Leanne Webb.

Regrets were received from ministers of Word and Sacrament: Grant Gunnink, Jean Morris, and ruling elders: Bill Cocks, Richard Crowe, Cathy Gale, Marlene LaMontagne, Bill Lockley, and Teddy Picket.

**Appendix** The following ministers from the Appendix were also present: Frank Breisch and Ché Napoleon.

Also present were: Judie Coleman (secretary) with regrets from Phil Gaiser (treasurer).

**Courtesies** The Moderator welcomed Will Ingrim (St. Andrew's, Toronto), our guest speaker for the retreat.

MOVED by D. Ollerenshaw, seconded by P. Coutts that Will Ingrim be invited to sit and correspond. CARRIED

Guests to the court included Colleen Broadwell.

**Docket** The Clerk presented the docket for the day.

There were no changes to the Docket.

It was agreed that the hours of meeting be 6:15 p.m. to the conclusion of business.

MOVED by D. Delpont, seconded by Sandra Cameron Evans, that the docket be adopted. CARRIED

**Being the Body of Christ****Actions of Moderator**

The Moderator had nothing to report.

- Feb 2, 2016** The minutes of the regular meeting held on, February 2, 2016 were presented. MOVED by D. Delport, seconded by R. Smith that the minutes be adopted. CARRIED
- Mar 31, 2016** The minutes of the emergent meeting held on, March 31, 2016 were presented. MOVED by D. Delport, seconded by R. Smith that the minutes be adopted. CARRIED
- Apr 5, 2016** The minutes of the emergent meeting held on, April 5, 2016 were presented. MOVED by D. Delport, seconded by R. Smith that the minutes be adopted. CARRIED
- Apr 17, 2016** The minutes of the emergent meeting held on, April 17, 2016 were presented. MOVED by D. Delport, seconded by R. Smith that the minutes be adopted. CARRIED
- Apr 26, 2016** The minutes of the emergent meeting held on, April 26, 2016 were presented. MOVED by D. Delport, seconded by R. Smith that the minutes be adopted. CARRIED
- May 15, 2016** The minutes of the emergent meeting held on, May 15, 2016 were presented. MOVED by D. Delport, seconded by R. Smith that the minutes be adopted. CARRIED

**Correspondence** The Clerk presented the correspondence.

**Recommendation 1:** MOVED by D. Delport, seconded by S. Cameron Evans that the correspondence be dealt with as indicated below. CARRIED

Receive for Information

<b>File #</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>
16-009	From J. Bell, received Feb 1 – Introduction to Messy Church – email to presbytery contact list Feb 2.
16-010	From H. Chappell, received Feb 4 – 2015 givings to Presbyterians Sharing – emailed to presbytery list Feb 5.
16-011	From E. Bartlett, received Feb 4 – Changes to the Roll January 2016 – emailed to presbytery list Feb 5.
16-012	From S. Shaffer, received Feb 11 – Education and Reception - Competent Objections by Presbyteries to Application – emailed to presbytery Feb 11.
16-014	From T. Nethercott, received Feb 28 – Campus Ministry Spring Tea – emailed to Clerks of Session as requested.
16-023	From E. Bartlett, received March 11 – Changes to the Roll February 2016 – emailed to presbytery list March 15.

16-031	From E. Bartlett, received April 16 – Changes to the Roll March 2016 – emailed to presbytery list April 26.
16-035	From Vital Statistics, received April 27 – Pre-paid Envelope is being discontinued – emailed to clergy on Constituent and Appendix April 27.
16-037	From S. Shaffer, received May 3 – Competent Objections by Presbyteries to Application – emailed to presbytery May 3.
16-044	From E. Bartlett, received May 10 – Changes to the Roll April 2016 – emailed to presbytery May 12.

Refer to Administrative Committee

16-015	From J. Hazlett, received March 1 – Request for Short Term Health Leave – emailed to R. Smith and Clerk.
16-016	From T. Smit, received March 4 – Update on the letter we send to West Toronto re: Ghanaian Church – emailed to R. Smith March 8.
16-017	From K. Lee, received March 9 – Letter of intend to resign – emailed to R. Smith March 9.
16-028	From K. Glendinning, received April 5 – Work Absence Certificate for J. Hazlett – email to R. Smith April 5.
16-033	From C. Jerrard, received April 25 – K. Lee's resignation – forwarded to R. Smith April 25.
16-034	From J. Miller, received April 26 – K. Lee's resignation – forwarded to R. Smith April 26.
16-036	From Session of Westminster, received April 27 – Electronically conducted meetings – emailed to R. Smith April 27.
16-039	From K. Glendinning, received May 4 – Work Absence Certificate for J. Hazlett – R. Smith was CC'ed.
16-041	From T. Smit, received May 4 – Actions of the Presbytery of West Toronto in response to the relationship between Ghanaian Presbyterian Church Toronto and Calgary – forwarded to R. Smith May 10.
16-042	From L. Walker, received May 9 – Letter of resignation – forwarded to R. Smith.

Refer to Mission and Strategy

16-025	From N. Cocks, received March 28 – Medicine Hat Ecumenical Campus Chaplaincy 2015 Report – forwarded to M. Tremblay March 29.
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Refer to the Clerk

16-008	From T. Hamilton, received January 28 – Received list of commissioners for GA
16-013	From T. Hamilton, received Feb 18 – Acknowledged receipt of Un-referred Overture re develop a Reformed confessional hermeneutic.

16-018	From K. Glendenning, M.D., received March 14 – Work Absence Certificate.
16-019	From T. Hamilton, received March 15 – Academic Degrees of Ministers.
16-020	From T. Hamilton, received March 15 – Memorial Records.
16-021	From T. Hamilton, received March 15 – Lists of Convenors and Standing Committees.
16-022	From T. Hamilton, received March 15 – Changes Affecting Professional Church Workers, due May 31.
16-024	From T. Hamilton, received March 24 – List of Replacement Commissioners.
16-026	From A. Bisset, received March 30 – The Rev. Rafael Vallejo has been suspended from exercising the office of the Christian ministry.
16-029	From D. Tait-Katerberg, received April 5 – Letter of Standing for the Rev. Jonathan Manlove.
16-030	From D. Tait-Katerberg, received April 5 – Presbytery Certificate for the Rev. Dr. Allen Aicken.
16-032	From S. Shaffer, received April 16 – Information requested for Education and Reception G.A. report.
16-038	From R. Brown, received May 3 – Letter from the session of Knox to the session of Valleyview, the clerk was CC'ed.
16-045	From J. Stellmach, received May 20 – Question regarding license to perform weddings.

Refer to Clergy and Congregational Care Committee

16-027	From C. Kuhn, received March 31 – Request for Study Leave – forward to H. Smith April 5.
16-040	From S. Shaffer, received May 4 – S. Diok, Date of Eligibility of Reception, Education requirements, Seeking a Call – forwarded to H. Smith and S. Diok on May 4.

Refer to Treasurer

16-043	From B. Nawratil, received May 10 – Presbytery Insurance – forwarded to P. Gaiser May 10.
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Discerning the Future of our Presbytery

C. Kuhn led us in the Prayer of Invocation.

**Enthusiasms**      **Enthusiasms and Concerns Regarding the Ministries of the Presbytery**

- St. Giles' labyrinth is open for use for prayer and meditation. More information can be found on their website: <http://stgiles.ca/labyrinth/>

**Motion to Receive** MOVED by J. Miller, seconded by M. Rozsa de Coquet, that the reports be received and considered. CARRIED

**Mission & Strategy**      **MISSION AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE – Mark Tremblay (Convenor)**  
An oral report was given by the convenor. The committee will be discussing Theological Reflections, leading up to next year's retreat.

J. Hazlett led us in Prayers for the Future of the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod.

Reports on the Ministries of our Presbytery

**Clergy and  
Congregational  
Care**

**CLERGY AND CONGREGATIONAL CARE- Helen Smith**

**1. Applicants and Students under our care**

Joel Yu – Joel has completed his course in polity and is working with Dianne Ollerenshaw to complete the requirements for history.

Sabino Diok – The Committee on Education and Reception has met and informed us that Sabino is eligible for reception as a minister of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, subject to no competent objections being raised by a presbytery by June 30, 2016 and that he be required to complete successfully examinations in Presbyterian Church in Canada History and Presbyterian Church in Canada Government. C and CC is working on setting up these examinations for Sabino.

**2. Youth Ministry**

The Committee has received the resignation of Grant Gunnink as chair of the Presbytery Youth Ministry Committee. At our last meeting, as part of our oversight of youth ministry within the Presbytery we had asked that two more Presbyters be members of the Youth Ministry Committee. The Administration Committee has recommendations with regard to the chair and the two additional members.

**3. Presbytery workshops**

The Committee is looking into inviting Joel Thiessen, Ambrose College, to lead a workshop in the late fall or late winter/early spring. Joel is a sociologist. His most recent book, "The Meaning of Sunday: the practice of belief in a secular age", looks at religious practices and beliefs of nominal Christians, based on his Calgary study. Check out his website: <http://www.joelthiessen.ca/#!about/c10fk>.

#### 4. Report of the General Presbyter

##### a) Visitations:

##### **Knox Presbyterian Church, Calgary** Visitation Report – 2016

The members of the visitation team were Richard Crowe (Centennial, Calgary) and Peter Coutts. The Presbytery's traditional visitation process was used, beginning with questionnaires completed by the Session, the Finance Committee and the minister. Additionally approximately 10 congregants completed a brief survey. Knox was visited on Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>, and team members had an opportunity to talk with worshippers, the Session Finance Committee and minister. The team debriefed the visit and provided helpful comments on the first draft of this report.

##### Worship

Sunday worship is at the heart of the congregation's life. Worship attendance on this Communion Sunday was 55. The choir had the day off and music was led by 3 vocalists, a guitarist and piano player. The liturgy is fairly typical of Presbyterian worship. Congregants continue to express great appreciation for Rev. Tremblay's sermons which bring modern Biblical scholarship to bear on the sermon text in a way that congregants find relevant and meaningful. The congregation also greatly appreciates the music ministry of the congregation, ably led by Jim Picken (organist) and Paul Grindlay (director).

##### Congregational Life

Knox Church continues to have a vital congregational life. The First Hour Study Committee continues to host event-like programming. Their highlights over the past year included the Presbytery's church administrators' luncheon (with PCC Moderator Dr. Stephen Farris as speaker), a workshop that explored our relationship with First Nations communities featuring the experiential learning "blanket exercise" (led by Rev. Dianne Ollerenshaw) as well as hosting a "HUB Round Table" for the Calgary Interfaith Council. Two adult Christian education highlights from 2015 were a five-week study of the World Council of Churches document "Together towards Life: Mission & Evangelism in Changing Landscapes" and an Advent study of Mary the mother of Jesus presented by Dr. Jo-Ann Badley (Dean of Theology at Ambrose University). Other notable congregational events included the Christmas Bazaar (with over 60 volunteers contributing).

Children and Youth Ministries is coordinated by a part-time staff person. Early in 2015 the incumbent left the position and the subsequent interim period was staffed by Amy Spark, who was already leading the equivalent ministry at Woodcliff United. Since September Knox has enjoyed the ministry of River Wearmouth who brings experience in recreation and youth work to this position. The congregation uses a church school curriculum called "Re:Form". Knox Church continues to have excellent relationships with the two other congregations that share their facility: St. Martin's Anglican and Young Nak Presbyterian (a non-PCC congregation). Use of space agreements are in place and the terms are satisfactory to all three congregations.

##### Pastoral Care

At the time of the 2014 visitation the session revised its district system. Districts were reorganized based on the relationships between elders and members (rather than by geographic proximity). Elders were also paired

together to provide mutual support and accountability. While the new "Circles of Friendship" (as districts are called) is seen as an improvement, still elders share concerns about this pastoral care ministry that are so common to Presbyterian congregations: feelings of inadequacy in conducting this ministry and a recognition that contemporary life creates barriers to pursuing this ministry. That being said, the elders view this ministry as "a work in progress" and it remains a high priority for them.

The Support Committee oversees several specialized ministries in pastoral care: visitation to the sick and shut-in, palliative support, transportation assistance and funeral receptions. Their ministry is deeply appreciated by the congregation.

#### Mission and Congregational Growth

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2006</b>
Members	94	104	130	144
Adherents	121	127	167	162
Attendance	75	78	79	86
Church School	10	18	6	11
Expenditures for Congregational Purposes	\$270,524	\$222,803	\$224,237	\$197,092

Knox Church continues to evolve as an externally-focused church: "to become less a walled community of faith and more a center of community activity."

Two of the congregation's core values are compassion and justice and their expression can be seen in the congregation's developing life. For example, Knox was involved in the "Painting Hope" project to replace graffiti with art in the Lincoln Park neighbourhood. The congregation partnered with several community organizations, specifically taking the role of being the project's "fiscal agent" and facilitating a Neighbour Grant from the Calgary Foundation. Knox is also partnering with three Anglican congregations who are moving towards sponsorship of a Syrian refugee family.

Popular outreach events aimed at the wider community were presentations on financial planning, wills and estates given by professionals. Knox also hosted a Christmas lunch along with St. Martin's Anglican for the community for 50 people, including EMS staff who were on duty Christmas day. A take-away option was provided for first responders if they were unable to stay for the meal. Another initiative is "Cooking with Friends" that is offered in conjunction with Immigrant Services Calgary and St. Martin's Anglican Church.

Participants share in meal preparation that highlights foods from around the world. Dietary and budgeting education is also provided. Congregants also participated in the spring cleanup in the Rutland Park neighbourhood.

#### The Session

The elders continue to be very engaged in their leadership role. When asked to share their personal dreams and vision for the congregation the elders nearly unanimously speak of developing the congregation's outreach to meet needs in the community. Elders also report that their pursuit of new ventures is enabled by their very permission-giving congregation that is open to change. As in other churches the elders are concerned that the volunteer

base of the congregation is challenged by membership decline and an aging demographic. In response the session seeks out partnerships with other community organizations in order to pursue congregational priorities.

The Finance Team

The Finance Team is equivalent to a Board of Managers. Three years ago, in response to learnings from Stewards by Design, the team replaced the typical unified budget with three budgets in order to create three streams for givings: General (for congregational ministry), Building Maintenance & Reserve Fund and Presbyterians Sharing. The hope was that having three streams would highlight the giving goals more clearly and result in an overall increase in the financial support by the congregation. For the 2015 fiscal year the financial goals for all three streams were closely met. The Finance Team provides its budget information to the annual meeting in both a line-item and narrative form.

In 2015 54% of the congregation's expenses were covered by contributions.

<b>General Fund Income</b>	Contributions	\$155,201
	Rental Income	\$36,111
	Transfers from Endowment and Memorial Funds	\$36,344
	Total Income	\$240,394
	<b>% Income not from contributions</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Building Maintenance &amp; Reserve Fund</b>	Contributions	\$10,994
	Rental Income	\$45,715
	Transfers from Endowment and Memorial Funds	\$10,208
	Total Income	\$66,917
	<b>% Income not from contributions</b>	<b>84%</b>

The congregation is fortunate to have two long-term, stable rental groups: St. Martin's Anglican Church (rental income \$29,450) and Young Nak Church (rental income \$33,430). This moderate dependency on rental income conveys a degree of risk for congregational life should a renter leave. Knox Church also relies significantly on funds from two accounts. The Knox 3000 fund is an endowment with two restricted uses: funding the minister's housing allowance and funding congregational ministry. Interest only can be used. In 2015 the congregation was blessed with a \$50,000 gift from life insurance that increased the Knox 3000 fund to \$220,000. The second fund is the Memorial Fund. Principal and interest can both be used.

	2014	2015
Memorial Fund, Year End Balance	\$170,787	\$133,871

The budgeted transfer from Memorial Fund in 2016 is planned to be \$24,100. If this fund experiences an average net decrease annually of \$30,000 then the fund will be expended by 2020.



This degree of congregational dependence on rental income and income from funds is a concern. However, the Finance Team—and Knox Church overall—is not complacent about their financial situation. The Finance Team annually encourages congregants to consider their contributions through informative events in the fall and an annual pledge drive using a modified version of Consecrating Stewards. Half of congregational contributions come through PAR. For 2016 the goal is to have 59% of expenses covered by contributions (up from 54%). As well their promotion of planned giving in the congregation resulted in a significant gift to the Knox 3000 fund in 2015. The leadership works at being a good steward not only of congregational finances but also the congregation's future. In the meantime the congregation is benefiting well from these two income streams and using them not only to maintain congregational life but also to support their several innovations in mission and congregational development.

Two years ago Knox Church obtained a five-year subscription to Foundation Search. This is a large database of foundations in the funding business. To date Knox has submitted 40 letters of intention seeking funding for various projects but has yet to receive an actual grant. The presbytery will be interested in learning from the congregation's experience with this novel approach to funding.

The facility and grounds are well maintained. Recent maintenance highlights include some roofing replacement, new eaves troughs, refurbishment of exterior stucco as well as some interior and exterior painting. St. Martin's and Young Nak congregations participated in the Spring Cleanup as a reflection of their appreciation of the facility they share with Knox Church.

#### The Minister

Rev. Tremblay continues to find his ministry at Knox Church to be positive and fulfilling. "I have not encountered being able to be this creative in ministry ever." Rev. Tremblay credits the congregation's ongoing shift towards being an externally-focused congregation to their consistent focus on expressing the congregation's core values. In his three and a half years with Knox Church Rev. Tremblay has seen anxiety about the congregation's future decline and an increasing willingness and confidence to experiment. The experimental orientation of the congregation has fostered a congregational culture that sees its life as a journey and a belief that the congregation's future will emerge out of its explorations in outreach. This approach to strategic change is not typical of congregations but it can be a very helpful one. More will be said on this in the following section of the report.

Elders appreciate Rev. Tremblay's preaching, patience, energy, openness to new ideas, compassion and leadership. They view him as a collaborative leader who is "willing to go out on a limb". His style is casual, thoughtful and open. Elders' suggestions for Rev. Tremblay's professional development were discussed personally with the minister.

Rev. Tremblay views his financial compensation as fair. The support he receives from the congregation meets his needs.

#### Growing Edges and Recommendations

One congregant commented on the questionnaire: "thought-provoking sermons, marvelous music ministry and a friendly congregation, so why is our congregation so small?" This thinking reflects the attractational model of church that dominated congregations of all stripes since the Second World War. However societal change since the late 1950's has disrupted the effectiveness

of this model, even among congregations proactively pursuing numeric growth. Simply put, the pool of people in our society looking for a congregation to join shrinks each year. The Knox leadership is aware of these societal changes, and has shifted its focus from the attractional model to a more missional model of church. As the congregation's 2015 annual report states, "We must be clear about the purpose of innovation. We do not engage in any ministry hoping to attract more people to worship, to increase our attendance. We seek to build relationships to find ways we may contribute to being God's presence in the community. We seek to fulfill God's commandment to love our neighbours. The love we are called to express is unconditional."

This orientation is seeing two emerging priorities in congregational life. The first sees Knox Church discerning whether to become an affirming congregation for LGBTQ persons. As part of the discernment process, the congregation has had conversations with Pam Rocker (of Hillhurst United Church) who is the national chair of Affirm United. This was followed by a few well-attended "community conversations" for congregants as opportunities for learning and discussion. Several Knox congregants also participated in the Human RITES conference in Calgary in May and the Calgary Pride Parade in September.

The second emerging direction has arisen out of discerning what could be the congregation's mission focus in the wider community. For more than a year Knox Church has been exploring the concept of community hubs. These are coalitions of organizations (such as civic social services, non-profit organizations, community associations and religious groups) who have a common concern for the residents of a neighbourhood and who work collaboratively to address community needs. While the motivation to serve the neighbourhood is high, the congregation has found it challenging to learn about the needs and discover entry points for service. Alongside this discussion Knox Church is beginning to wonder whether their focus might become relevant seniors' ministry in the wider community, responding to needs at Robertson House (seniors housing next to the church), in the Rutland Park neighbourhood and at Sarcee Meadows (one of Canada's largest and oldest non-profit housing co-operatives). This emerging priority has led the congregation to include \$10,000 in its 2016 budget for a new staff position for senior ministry. As a starting place the congregation will be embarking this year in an experiment with yoga for seniors.

The congregation has found "Conversation Cafés" to be helpful for the discernment process. Tables are set up for six people with an elder at each table. A "menu" of discussion questions (generally 3) on the topic is provided to focus the 30-45 minute conversations. Food is also provided. In the past year the topics have been LGTBQ inclusivity, connecting to the community and congregational finances. The hope of the cafés is to create a place for depth of reflection that in turn can provide input for the later discussion of session.

Strategic planning practices in congregations typically utilize a "predict and control" approach: current realities are assessed, the congregation reflects on its mission, goals are set and a plan is implemented to attain the goals. In this approach goals are determined by predicted needs and plans control implementation to assure the desired outcome is attained. In my view this approach to strategic planning was perhaps better suited to the Christendom

age that is now past. Christendom created a “box” that lasted 1,600 years and the church only occasionally thought outside that box in significant ways. Over the past 60 years that box has been dismantled and consequently it is harder to “predict and control” in planning because the context has truly changed for the church in North America. While congregations still typically think the “predict and control” approach to strategic planning is the normative approach it is in fact far from being the only one. McGill business professor Henry Mintzberg, for example, has described 10 different schools of strategic planning utilized by organizations today (see his 1998 book “Strategy Safari: a guided tour through the wilds of strategic management”). The experimental and emergent approach to strategic planning used by Knox reflects the learning school (strategy formation as an emergent process), the cultural school (strategy formation as a collective process) and the environmental school (strategy formation as a reactive process). Knox’s approach is a way of thinking strategically that is quite appropriate for the age we now find ourselves in which requires congregations to reflect on “how should we be church today in a greatly changed society?” For a fuller exploration of strategic planning in congregations see my article “So What is Strategic Planning? Strategic Planning as Applied Ecclesiology.” (<http://www.choosingchange.ca/calgary-macleod.html>).

In conclusion we would like to note the four stated values of the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod:

- **Connectional** – We value partnerships with other congregations, other denominations, other faith groups and organizations.
- **Hospitable** – We value caring for one another, welcoming and including everyone.
- **Missional** – We value participating in the reign of God in all creation.
- **Prophetic** – We value growing in faithfulness, listening to God’s call for discernment, looking outward, and seeking justice for all.

The ministry of Knox, Calgary clearly reflects the values of our presbytery.

**Recommendation #1:** MOVED by H. Smith, seconded by D. Ollerenshaw, that the Session with its minister, the Finance Committee and the members and adherents be commended for the life and witness of Knox Presbyterian Church, Calgary, and for their desire to work for a sustainable and faithful missional congregational life. CARRIED

*Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Coutts, Convenor*

**St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Calgary, Visitation Report – 2016**

The members of the visitation team were Sandi Churchill (Varsity Acres Calgary) and Peter Coutts. The Presbytery’s traditional visitation process was used, beginning with questionnaires completed by the Session, the Finance / Maintenance Teams and the minister. St Giles was visited on Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup>, and team members had an opportunity to talk with worshippers, the Session, Finance / Maintenance Teams and the minister. The team debriefed the visit and provided helpful comments on the first draft of this report.

### Worship

Worship attendance for this communion service was 77, including 7 children and 13 in the choir. The liturgy is fairly typical of Presbyterian worship. Rev. Delpont preached an expository sermon on the transfiguration story. The preaching plan for this year is to work through the entirety of Luke's gospel. St. Giles continues to have an ably-led strong choir. The congregation also continues its monthly mid-week praise service that includes communion. The average attendance at this service is 8 – 14. This service has lots of singing, a brief sermon, with fellowship following.

### Congregational Life

The congregational life of St. Giles continues with its fellowship gathering focus, with good attendance at events. The congregation has an active Bible study group with about 10 participants. Two new activities have been added since the 2014 visitation as a result of the Session's new approach to planning. The first is a Moms & Tots group that has been gathering for about a year. There are about 13 moms in the group of which most are not a part of the congregation. Speakers (who are professionals in their fields) are brought in from the wider community for each gathering to address pertinent needs and interests of young parents today. A volunteer provides a program for the older children and infants stay with the mothers. The group is advertised through posters in the community, Facebook, the local library branch, pre-natal classes and word-of-mouth. The congregation is quite excited about this program and has found that "the need for groups like this is huge". A second innovation is called "Invitation to Prayer". This is coordinated by one of the elders and offered twice a year during Lent and after Thanksgiving. It is designed as a drop-in event with prayer activities (such as prepared prayers and devotional readings) provided for individual engagement. The themes of the liturgical season and wider prayer concerns of the world are combined with the participants own prayer concerns. This has also been well received by the congregation with participants finding it quite meaningful.

### Pastoral Care

Elders report that the district system continues to be a challenge. The recent retirement of four elders (leaving 12 active elders) led to districts being rearranged. For St. Giles districts have an average 13 households. Telephone contact is encouraged as that is seen as the most effective means of maintaining relationships. Elders are provided with an accountability tool that helps elders track when they have been in touch with people in their district. A tool like this is helpful in two ways: it makes elders aware of who they need to be in touch with, and it reminds elders that they are responsible to the Session for the care of those in their district. Since the last visitation Rev. Ollerenshaw has provided training to the elders for pastoral care in districts in February 2015.

In the traditional district system the size of a district is determined by the number of households and elders in the congregation. The 13 to one ratio is not unusual among Presbyterian congregations, but it is high. Large districts can lead to less contact, which is critical to maintain in a family style congregation such as St. Giles. The General Presbyter has provided the Session with a document that outlines alternative models for pastoral care being used by Presbyterian congregations, as well as suggestions for a Session workshop on the topic. The Session is encouraged to review the material as a means of reflecting on their current practice of care.

St. Giles continues to have a strong Pastoral Care Team that is widely appreciated. Its main purpose is ministry to the homebound, although they also visit the sick, bereaved and those in need of comfort. The team organizes twice-yearly communion services for this group at the church with lunch following the service.

#### Mission and Congregational Growth

"Hands on" mission takes two main forms at St. Giles: congregants join their minister monthly in providing worship and music at both the Fanning Centre and the Hillcrest Nursing Home, and the congregation hosts Inn from the Cold monthly (since February 2016 this has been discontinued throughout Calgary). Also, meaningful to St. Giles is finding mission projects to support financially. The Session's new approach to planning led to consideration of Syrian refugee sponsorship. They are actively pursuing the possibility of partnering with another congregation(s) in such an effort.

The Session believes the life of St. Giles is going very well. They are pleased with the gradual growth in the number of children in the congregation, the new additions to congregational life and the fact that they are considering sponsoring a refugee family. A recent highlight has been the baptism of 3 babies in 2015. The increase in financial support for the congregation over the past two years has also heartened the elders.

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2006</b>
Members	164	178	268	288
Adherents	76	72	151	123
Attendance	76	78	111	153
Church School	13	9	30	38
Expenditures for Congregational Purposes	\$204,834	\$210,994	\$234,784	\$283,815

#### The Session

Two years ago the Session adopted a new approach to planning that has been very effective. They began by reviewing the framework statement for St. Giles, which includes an identity statement, mission statement, Vision statement, motto and core values. From the review they agreed to have an intentional two-year focus on developing their application of two of their core values: "spirituality" and "inviting others." This resulted in a few new initiatives, including community dinners, Invitation to Prayer, building a labyrinth in their back yard, and the creation of the Mom & Tots group. The goal is to "create and maintain" new activities. New initiatives have not come solely from the Session. Rather, the strategic focus and discussion has seen some new things emerge in a grassroots way and the Session has been very permission-giving as the ideas have been aligned with the current priorities. Subsequently the Session is very pleased not only with the new developments in the congregation, but with this approach to planning. The focus is now shifting to two other stated values of the congregation: community and humanity. The focus on these values has brought consideration of supporting a refugee family to the fore of the congregation's thinking. The elders attribute

the growing sense of cohesiveness in the congregation in part to this new approach to congregational development.

This straightforward approach to planning has proven very successful for St. Giles and very likely can be found effective in other congregations who do not have a strong future orientation or solid habits in goal-setting. By naming a couple of priorities such as these a Session can create a strategic focus. By placing the focus before the congregation and encouraging discussion and discernment congregants are invited into the process of imagining new ventures. People with the ideas, in turn, often have the passion needed to turn the idea into intentional action.

**Recommendation #2:** MOVED by H. Smith, seconded by D. Ollerenshaw, that the Session of St. Giles Calgary be commended for its intentional approach to congregational development. CARRIED

#### The Finance and Facilities & Maintenance Teams of Session

The 2014 visitation found that “while these committees have stated memberships neither have regularized the management of their responsibilities, either by way of a regular meeting time or agenda. Both groups operate on an emergent, reactive and ad hoc basis. The visitation team saw several examples of how this way of organizing did not serve the congregation.” The meetings of these teams continue to be sporadic, decisions are often made after worship, and official records of decisions are not diligently kept. Consequently overall coordination is lacking and long term concerns are not addressed adequately.

There is no current habit of conducting a “review engagement” (AKA “audit”) of financial records, which the Book of Forms states must take place annually (BoF 170). In response to the direction given to Finance in the 2014 report, this team decided to have the records “audited” every other year, which is still contrary to the Book of Forms. Since the January 2014 visitation report the Finance Team has not “produced their accounts, properly audited, to the annual meeting of the congregation” as per the Book of Forms.

The emergent, reactive and ad hoc nature of these teams also deprive the congregation of necessary longer term management. Dr. Herb Gale (from the Planned Giving office of the Life and Mission Agency) in May 2015 addressed Finance regarding the benefits to St. Giles of investing in the Consolidated Fund of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. While some discussion has taken place in this team no action has been taken in the following 9 months. The St. Giles investments are held in GIC's.

In the 2014 visitation report congregational finances was highlighted as a concern and it is still a concern One member of the Finance Team summarized it this way for us: “over the past five years the expenditures of the congregation exceeded income by a total of \$186,000.” Between 2011 and 2013 congregational givings fell a total of 18% over just two years. Since then givings have improved significantly. 2014 givings were \$11,147 greater than 2013 (6.3% increase). While support for the congregation's budget fell by \$7,564 in 2015 compared to 2014, total givings increased that year as well. Contributions of \$22,255 towards the refurbishment of the stained glass windows brought the combined givings total up to \$203,300—a 6% increase over 2014. In the fall of 2014 a joint meeting of Session with the Finance and Maintenance teams was held so the General Presbyter could address all

three groups regarding congregational finances. The GP shared his assessment that the chronic financial situation was not inevitable, that a more sustainable budget was achievable through a combination of improved givings and reduced expenditures, and that such changes were realistic for the congregation. St. Giles was compared to other congregations of the presbytery of comparable size. For example, it was noted that if per household givings at St. Giles (\$1,502 in 2014) were at the presbytery average (\$2,073) then rather than having annual deficits in the \$30,000 range they would have substantial surpluses.

The congregation is commended for its improved financial support. Already in 2016 income by the end of February was \$3,200 higher compared to the same period in the previous year. It is the belief of the visitation team that intentional effort by the Finance Team can reduce the chronic annual deficit and thus help the congregation have a more sustainable future.

### **Envelope Givings**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Budget for Givings	\$232,312	\$205,181	\$209,932	\$213,937	\$213,766
Actual Givings	\$216,228	\$200,661	\$177,475	\$192,123	\$185,172
Budget shortfall	-\$16,084	-\$4,520	-\$32,457	-\$21,814	-\$28,594
Actual Change in Envelope Givings from previous year		-\$15,567 Givings down 7.2% from 2011	-\$23,186 Givings down 11.6% from 2012	+\$11,147 Givings up 6.3% from 2013	-\$7,564 Givings down 4% from 2014

### **Congregational Expenses**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Expense Budget	\$258,812	\$230,181	\$243,732	\$243,737	\$247,166
Actual Expenses	\$270,604	\$235,786	\$251,161	\$256,937	\$259,696
Over-Expenditure	+\$11,792	+\$5,605	+\$7,429	+\$13,200	+\$12,530

### **Annual Net Loss**

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Net Loss	-\$27,501	+\$76	-\$33,579	-\$31,162	-\$32,570

	2013	2014	2015
Fund Balances Year End	\$565,602	\$525,563	\$497,982

Given the above the visitation team has the following recommendations:

**Recommendation #3:** MOVED by H. Smith, seconded by D. Ollerenshaw, that the congregation of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Calgary, be commended for the increased financial support it has provided to its congregational life over 2014 and 2015. CARRIED

**Recommendation #4:** MOVED by H. Smith, seconded by D. Ollerenshaw, that the Session, whose role it is to “ensure the efficient performance of the duties of those charged with responsibility for the financial affairs of the congregation” (BoF 113.6.3) be directed to regularize and strengthen the work of the Finance and Maintenance Teams of Session in terms of this report, and to report its progress through the General Presbyter for the February 2017 meeting of presbytery. CARRIED

**Recommendation #5:** MOVED by H. Smith, seconded by D. Ollerenshaw, that Finance Team and Maintenance Team engage the Director of Regional Ministries for training. CARRIED

The Finance Team had anticipated the unfolding of a plan that would have resulted in a review engagement of the congregation's finances for 2015. That did not transpire as expected, a review of 2015 financials did not take place and the annual meeting is now past. However, this does not dispense with their responsibility to ensure an annual review engagement of congregational finances. Guidelines for conducting “audits” published in the 2008 Acts and Proceedings have been forwarded to the team.

**Recommendation #6:** MOVED by H. Smith, seconded by D. Ollerenshaw, that the Finance Team present a review engagement (AKA “audit”) of the 2015 financial statements to the congregation. CARRIED

**Recommendation #7:** MOVED by H. Smith, seconded by D. Ollerenshaw, that the Finance Team conduct annual review engagements (AKA “audits”) of its finances annually, in accordance with BoF 170. CARRIED

The Consolidated Fund of The Presbyterian Church in Canada in recent history has generally out-performed the TSX Index while charging management fees well below commercial rates. A lack of decision by the Finance Team over the past 9 months has inadvertently served St. Giles given the recent downturn in the market. Investing with the Consolidated Fund may not be the most appropriate choice of individual congregations. However, a decision should be made regardless. Currently investments are held in interest bearing securities.

**Recommendation #8:** MOVED by H. Smith, seconded by D. Ollerenshaw, that the Session of St. Giles Church report to the presbytery through the General Presbyter by the November 2016 meeting of presbytery its decision (after recommendations by Finance Team) regarding investing through the Consolidated Fund of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, with reasons. The visitation team commends individuals of the congregation for their initial application of learnings from Stewards by Design. We believe that more can



be done in this regard, especially if the Finance Team becomes more engaged. CARRIED

**Recommendation #9:** MOVED by H. Smith, seconded by D. Ollerenshaw, that the Session work with the congregational participants in Stewards by Design to enhance the implementation of learnings from that conference. CARRIED

#### The Minister

Rev. Delport will be marking his 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in November 2016—a significant milestone that we share in celebrating with him. Now, five years into his ministry with St. Giles, Rev. Delport considers this past year the most positive and fruitful. He appreciates the growing capacity of the Session as leaders and the congregational development that has occurred as a consequence. It is his sense that the congregation is continuing to find greater focus on the future and more cohesion as a faith community. It is his view that overall mood in the congregation is becoming more positive. Rev. Delport is widely appreciated for his ministry—for his energy, approachability, leadership & organizational skills and diligence in pastoral care. The congregation at its February 2016 annual meeting provided a significant increase to Rev. Delport's stipend, not only to bring it more in line with other clergy in the presbytery but also as a tangible expression of appreciation of his ministry.

The study leave focus for Rev. Delport in recent years has been a certificate program in conflict resolution at Mount Royal University. A significant benefit to the program, in Rev. Delport's view, is that it teaches a perspective and skills that can be used in any aspect of ministry, not just in a conflict situation.

#### Growing Edges and Recommendations

Overall the visitation team was heartened to see the Session's stronger focus on the future and on congregational development, the growing cohesion and positive mood in the congregation, as well as the strengthening of financial support by congregants. The growing edges and recommendations are noted in the report above.

**Recommendation #10:** MOVED by H. Smith, seconded by D. Ollerenshaw, that the Session with its minister, and the members and adherents be commended for the life and witness of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Calgary, and for their desire to work for a sustainable and faithful future of the congregation. CARRIED

*Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Coutts, Convenor*

#### **Ghanaian Presbyterian Church Calgary**

The visitation to the Ghanaian Presbyterian Church Calgary has been completed and the Clergy and Congregational Care Committee has received the report. The Committee has decided that this report warrants a fuller discussion at a special meeting of Presbytery.

**Recommendation #11:** MOVED by H. Smith, seconded by D. Ollerenshaw, that the report of the visitation to the Ghanaian Presbyterian Church Calgary

be considered at a special meeting of the Presbytery held within the city of Calgary.

**b) Activities with Calvin Hungarian Church, Calgary,  
and Westminster Church, Calgary**

**Calvin Hungarian Church, Calgary**

In my February 2016 report I indicated that since the summer of 2015 a small group of congregants were working behind-the-scenes to influence the congregation's opinion regarding the minister in anticipation of the call process. Rather than get caught up in a debate about the minister, the Interim-Moderator and General Presbyter shifted the conversation in the congregation to focus on the more fundamental underlying issue: "What style of congregation do you want?" The majority of the congregation and all the current serving elders are solidly in favour of an organizational style that cares for responsibilities in a more open, democratic and collaborative way, with the Session more clearly providing leadership. Indications that the shift has been made are found in two events this year at Calvin Church. At the congregation's annual meeting there was a motion from the floor that proposed the congregation reinstate the position of chief elder. The majority voted against the motion. This is a significant occurrence for Calvin Church because the role is a traditional one for Hungarian congregations generally, it has been an important role in the life of Calvin Church, and it was the imposition of Presbytery that brought that role to an end (in other words it was not the congregation's decision). The second event was the call process itself, which was very positive despite the attempts by a few to influence the congregation to vote "no" in the call. On both occasions the congregation sent a strong message to the individuals who did not want the organizational style of the congregation to change. Consequently 2 elders voluntarily resigned from session and one congregant voluntarily resigned from the Finance Committee. The minister has been open to a mediated process to foster reconciliation between the minister and these individuals. However, despite my efforts on several occasions to bring this about the other parties are not open to it at this time. Let us hope that for now the old adage proves true: "time heals all wounds."

**Westminster Church, Calgary**

Over the last eight months I had a significant engagement with Westminster Church to help them think about their future. It began with working with the session in September. We used a survey tool that I have developed that asks elders to assess the congregation's current priorities as well as to indicate what they think the congregation's priorities should be in the future. The results showed that the elders essentially wanted the future of the congregation to look substantially as it looks today. In a half day workshop I presented the survey results and helped the session appreciate that the future health of the congregation will require a more significant shift in their thinking about the nature of church in our rapidly changing social reality in Canada.

In response the session planned a time of dialogue in the congregation about the future. I worked with the design team to create "Listening Through Lent" which provided multiple opportunities for the congregation to engage in discussion about societal current realities, emerging models for congregational life and the future of Westminster Church. These engagements included:

- A weekly blog by an elder that lifted up different topics for reflection, with the opportunity for congregants to post their thoughts.
- A weekly daytime drop-in coffee and conversation gathering. Each gathering had a specific topic to focus discussion.
- A book study. Rev. Genis provided about 24 different books that individual congregants volunteered to read. The readers later gathered for one evening of conversation focusing on two discussion questions. Participants at table groups reflected on the questions from the perspective of the book they read. I have never seen a book discussion like this where participants all read different books, but it proved to be quite thought-provoking and surprisingly helpful.
- I presented a three-evening workshop for the congregation. We had about three dozen participants, which represents about one quarter of the congregation's normal worship attendance. The workshops mixed presentations by me with group discussion. The goal was to help congregants deeply appreciate how significantly Canada's cultural landscape has shifted under congregations, to understand why the attractional model of church is failing, to be introduced to the emerging transformational models of church and hear illustrative stories from a number of congregations that represent the new model.

Overall the feedback is that the multiple points of dialogue provided by "Listening Through Lent" has built motivation to envision Westminster's future. This spring Westminster will begin its participation in "The Acts 16:5 Initiative", which is the congregational redevelopment program of Dr. Stanley Ott (introduced to us at the 2015 meeting of synod). "Listening Through Lent" strengthened the congregation's intention to enter into deliberate reflection on its future and working with Dr. Ott will provide the structure for that reflection, visioning and planning.

I encourage presbyters to talk with Rev. Genis about the experience. I would be very pleased to talk with other congregations in the presbytery about designing similar engagements with them.

### c) **Records Checking**

At the time of report writing Varsity Acres was still outstanding.

**Recommendation #12:** MOVED by H. Smith, seconded by D. Ollerenshaw, that the records of the following congregations be attested as neatly and correctly kept: Centennial, Knox Calgary. CARRIED

**Recommendation #13:** MOVED by H. Smith, seconded by D. Ollerenshaw, that the records of the following congregations be attested, with notes: Calvin Hungarian, Grace. CARRIED

**d) Flourishing Congregations Study**

Three professors at Ambrose University are conducting a multi-year study of flourishing congregations in Canada. The project leader is sociologist Prof. Joel Thiessen, who is quickly becoming Canada's leading authority on the sociology of religion in our country. The object of the study is to learn what gives congregations vitality, both today and (they hope) in the future. I was invited to be a resource person for this study and as such was a panel participant and interviewed individually. As the study progresses the team intends to keep participants informed of emerging learnings. I hope to benefit from the fruits of their study in a way that will enhance my ministry.

**e) Report of Activities 1 January to 12 May 2016**

**1] Coach and Resource Ministers, Sessions and Congregations in Ministry and Mission:**

a) Develop a comprehensive knowledge of our ministers, sessions and congregations as to their strengths, needs and opportunities for ministry and mission.

Tasks:

T1: attend one meeting of Session in each congregation to: 1] provide encouraging feedback for greater effectiveness in their work, and 2] to assess the needs of the Session for support, education and resourcing.

1 January to 12 May 2016	1 June 2015 to 31 December 2015
St. Giles, Valleyview Scheduled: St. John's, St. Andrew's Lethbridge, Centennial, Grace	Calvin Hungarian, Westminster, Ghanaian Outstanding: St. Paul's, Varsity Acres, Knox Calgary, Knox / Gem

T2: meet with each minister on the constituent roll at least two times, in part to assess the needs of the minister, Session and congregation for support, education and resourcing.

1 January to 12 May 2016	1 June 2015 to 12 May 2016 Total
1 meeting: Kobus Genis, Peter Baek, Hugh Jack, Bob Smith, Dianne Ollerenshaw, Leslie Walker, Clay Kuhn, Helen Smith, Bertalan Bocskorás, Allen Aicken  Scheduled: Nancy Cocks, Hugh Jack, Grant Gunnink	3 and more meetings: Bertalan Bocskorás, Kobus Genis, Mark Tremblay, Leslie Walker, Dianne Ollerenshaw  2 meetings: Victor Kim, Bob Smith, Jean Morris, Dewald Delport, Hugh Jack, Clay Kuhn, Grant Gunnink  1 meeting: Peter Baek, Helen Smith, Nancy Cocks, Allen Aiken

T3: by 31 March 2016, receive annual reports from all congregations.  
Completed.

b) Provide leadership for the biennial Presbytery visitations to congregations, maintain records of visitations and ensure that recommendations arising from visitations are achieved in a timely manner.

Tasks:

T1: conduct Presbytery visitations to the following congregations: Calvin Hungarian, Calgary; Grace, Calgary; Ghanaian, Calgary; Knox, Calgary; St. Giles, Calgary; St. John's, Medicine Hat; St. Paul's, Banff.

1 January to 12 May 2016	1 June 2015 to 12 May 2016 Total
Ghanaian, Knox Calgary, St. Giles  Scheduled: St. Paul's (29 May)	All completed except Grace Calgary: the clergy team requested it be postponed as the interim minister will conduct an equivalent assessment of the congregation.

c) In consultation with the Director of Regional Ministries, support and / or arrange for resources for ministers, sessions and congregations as needed so they might develop in ministry and mission.

Tasks:

T1: meet with the Director of Regional Ministries at least twice per year to coordinate ministries. Already exceeded.

T2: present a workshop for the Presbytery on how the wider church is evolving in response to our changing society.

- A three-session workshop took place at Westminster in February and March 2016. Calgary congregations invited to attend.

T3: develop and deliver a leadership training program for elders and other congregational leaders.

- First offering of such a workshop held at Westminster in the fall

d) Complete the annual records check for all congregations, following up to ensure the standards of The Book of Forms are maintained.

Tasks:

T1: by 31 December 2015, complete records check for all congregations.

T2: report on the annual records check to the regular February 2016 meeting of presbytery.

To date records check completed for all congregations except Varsity Acres.

e) Encourage ministers in increased pastoral effectiveness, helping them identify areas for professional growth and supporting them in their development.

Tasks:

T1: by 31 December 2015, focus one face-to-face conversation with each minister on the constituent roll on professional development.

- To date conversations held with: Clay Kuhn, Kobus Genis, Victor Kim, Leslie Walker, Bertalan Bocskorás, Hugh Jack, Dewald Deport, Mark Tremblay

T2: by 30 June 2016, inquire of each minister on the constituent roll about steps taken to meet their identified professional development needs.

- unmet

T3: with each minister on the constituent roll, explain the nature and value of a 360 review, and offer to coordinate such a review if desired.

- Initial introduction given through the GP's September presbytery report.

T4: complete coaching engagements (composed of a series of sessions) with at least four clergy on the constituent roll.

- during this period engaged in coaching with 4 clergy
- engaged in a coaching session with one elder who called me regarding an issue in their congregation

f) Provide pastoral care to ministers on behalf of Presbytery.

**2] Encourage Relationships of Mutual Trust and Respect:**

a) Promote and facilitate dialogue, friendships and stronger relationships between the ministries of the Presbytery: with each other and with the court of Presbytery.

b) Discuss the role of Presbytery and PCC polity with sessions, congregational leaders, members, and leaders in pastoral ministries to provide clarity and increased understanding.

c) Attend events of significance in the life of congregations and pastoral ministries as time allows.

Tasks:

T1: attend one meeting of Session in each congregation to: 1] discuss with them the role of Presbytery and PCC polity, and 2] to determine any need for education or resourcing regarding the role of Presbytery and PCC polity.

1 January to 12 May 2016	1 June 2015 to 12 May 2016
See above	See above

T2: attend at least six events in different congregations.

1 January to 12 May 2016	1 Sept 2015 to 31 Dec 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Centennial: attended the Covenanting Service between the Anyuak speaking ministry and the English speaking ministry</li> <li>• Calvin Hungarian: attended the congregational meeting called to consider the call.</li> <li>• Participated in Westminster's book study, part of "Listening Through Lent" program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Varsity Acres: attended a noon hour concert with lunch</li> <li>• Grace: attended and spoke at the celebration dinner for Victor Kim</li> </ul>

T3: preach once in each charge, for no honourarium.

- St. Giles, Knox Calgary

T4: at one worship service at each charge, following the service, the GP will make himself available in a formal way for discussion with congregants, regarding the role of the GP and work of the Presbytery.

- Not attained

### **3] Facilitate and Develop Effective Communication and Information Flow to and from the Presbytery:**

a) Share the life of the congregations and ministries within the Presbytery, telling the story of their successes, needs, and opportunities in ministry.

b) Foster ongoing information networks and partnerships among the congregations and pastoral ministries. Collect information about their resources and those willing to share it.

- Resourced Kobus Genis re Interim Moderator work
- Resourced Westminster session as they prepared "Listening through Lent"
- Resourced St. Giles re: Syrian refugee sponsorship
- Resourced Knox Calgary re projection during worship

c) Make use of and promote social media activity and other innovative information technologies as communications tools.

#### Tasks:

T1: continue to utilize Facebook and blog to tell the stories of our congregations and share information.

- Made minimal use of Facebook

T2: by 30 April 2016, write three articles and submit them to all congregations for use in their congregational newsletter. The focus of the articles will be: the news and needs of other congregations in the Presbytery and education regarding the role of Presbytery and PCC polity.

- None created

### **4] Respond to Critical Situations:**

a) Act as Presbytery's "first responder" in consultation with the Clerk and the Convenor of the Clergy and Congregational Care Committee to gather an initial assessment of the situation for the Clergy and Congregational Care Committee.

b) Intervene in the critical situation as directed by the Clergy and Congregational Care Committee.

#### Tasks:

- Intervened at Calvin Hungarian Presbyterian Church in the lead up to the congregation's consideration of a call
- Visitation to Ghanaian Presbyterian Church Calgary became an intervention

### **5] Other Activities**

- Resourced LMA re dissolution policy

- Resourced Vancouver Island Presbytery re congregational visitations and GP role
- Met with the General Secretary of the LMA
- Participated in the Flourishing Congregations study being conducted by Ambrose University staff
- Responded to a request from Knox College re: suggestions for a course they offer on congregational leadership
- At 2016 General Assembly, I will be a commissioner and chair of the Business Committee

### **Time Use Summary**

Congregations and Activities	1 Jan 2016 to 9 May 2016	1 June 2015 to 12 May 2016
Banff, St. Paul's	9.0	15.5
Bassano, Knox & Gem	5.0	5.0
Calgary, Calvin Hungarian	12.3	142.7
Calgary, Centennial	5.8	8.2
Calgary, Ghanaian	49.7	65.4
Calgary, Grace	29.6	80.1
Calgary, Knox	37.6	45.2
Calgary, St Andrew's	0	0
Calgary, St. Giles	59.3	88
Calgary, Valleyview Community	6.3	38.2
Calgary, Varsity Acres	6.9	27.6
Calgary, Westminster	64.4	115.7
Lethbridge, St. Andrew's	5.0	57.5
Medicine Hat, St. John's	2.0	28.6
Total hours with congregations	292.9	717.7
Committee Meetings (incl'g Presbytery & Synod)	59.6	159.1
Projects: leadership trg program, changing church research, Flourishing Congregations	16.5	52.0
Personal Administration	22.6	56.8
Study Leave	22.5	22.5
Vacation: all taken	0	112.5
Total	417	1,100.8
Extra Hours Worked Over Contract	+8.0	+62.7

### **5. Study Leave:**

Permission has been granted to Clay Kuhn to attend the May 4-6 Regent College Pastor's Conference and Bertalan Bocskorás to attend classes to improve his English, April 23-28. May 19-26.



**6. Clergy Self Review:**

Peter Baek has completed his self review with Diane Beach and Jan Hazlett has completed hers with Dianne Ollerenshaw. Still outstanding for the spring: Kobus Genis. On deck for the fall: Nancy Cocks, Grant Gunnink, Dewald Delport.

**7. Next Meeting: At the call of the chair**

**Youth**

**PRESBYTERY YOUTH** (under oversight of Clergy and Congregational Care):  
*Grant Gunnink (Convenor)*

Since our last report we have been busy with getting our preparations in place for our group travel arrangements for CY2016.

Special mention needs to be given to Shona Murray who has made all the arrangement with WestJet for the group plane tickets. Also to Carl Murray who has secured the bus transportation from Hamilton airport to Niagara Falls and to Brock University, and making the additional arrangements for an extra night's accommodations at Brock for our PYMC group.

We should also make sure to report that the PYMC officially passed a motion to approve Jared Miller, Heather Bonar, Joanne Kellough, and Carl Murray to be our required Presbytery Adult Advisors and accompany our youth to CY2016.

**Miller Motion:** MOVED by J. Miller, seconded by K. Genis, that Presbytery approve Jared Miller, Heather Bonar, Joanne Kellough, and Carl Murray to be our required Presbytery Adult Advisors and accompany our youth to CY2016.  
CARRIED

The PYMC Budget will be picking up the cost for Heather, Joanne and Carl and Jared has been able to arrange coverage from St. Andrews, which is a big help to our PYMC budget as the cost of sending AA's has increased significantly over a few years ago. We will need to look at increasing that part of the Presbytery Budget in the next year. We'll have a better grasp of what is needed once all is said and done after CY.

Our remaining City-Wide Events for this year have gone well. In March we piggy-backed on Ambrose University's LYC Conference for youth and had a number of leaders and youth enjoy attending their opening worship rally on Friday night and return to Valleyview for pizza afterwards.

April's event was coordinated by Grace, and literally had the kids bouncing off the walls at the Extreme Air Park (a massive trampoline gym) it was well attended and enjoyed by all and it is obvious that good connections continue to be made between youth and their leaders.

May's event was coordinated by Westminster, and the youth and leaders enjoyed bonding over some glow-in-the-dark Mini Golf at Monster MiniPut.

June's event will be hosted at St. Andrews and will be the Get-to-Know-You CY Pre-gathering for all our participants this year. At last count I was told we have over 40 youth and leaders going!

Also, at our last planning meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> we dealt with the terms of reference for the Riverside fund as it had been referred to our committee to do so.

Overall, the committee liked the terms of reference – however the committee felt the terms needed to be modified to better suit the needs of assisting with CY Conventions.

The following paragraph is taken out:

*“For events like Canada Youth in which a large number of applications are expected for the same event, all applicants will be eligible to receive the same amount. An applicant is eligible for no more than one grant in the same calendar year and no more than 3 grants over the applicant's years of eligibility.”*

And the following clause was added to section 4 instead:

*4.1. During a CY year, 80% of the yearly disbursement will be designated towards Presbytery Youth Committee CY Expenses related to sending youth to CY; in the following order - additional Adult Advisor costs, group transportation to and from airport to the convention, any additional group CY expenses or subsidies that the PYMC determines necessary for sending presbytery youth to CY.*

*4.2 If no other applications are made for the remaining 20% by May 1<sup>st</sup> of that CY year, then that 20% is re-designated towards CY costs and subsidies.*

A copy of the Terms of References as amended by the PYMC will be sent to the clerk and it can be put forward to Presbytery by the new PYMC committee for approval at one of the Presbytery meetings in the fall.

In our past couple reports I have noted that we have been in a season of transition as we have said goodbye to many long time youth leaders who have been serving on the PYMC, and today I also found out that we will be saying good-bye to our most recent addition from Knox. River Wearmouth will be leaving us at the end of the month for work elsewhere, and we have appreciated his short but engaging involvement with us these past few months.

With all the turnover that has occurred in our committee, which is really a reflection of the turnover and transitions going on in the youth programs of our active PYMC churches I have sensed that we are entering a phase where the PYMC will need play a different role than what we have currently been functioning over the past few years.

I do not believe that I am the best person to lead into that new phase, and so I have decided to step down from my position as chair at the end of the summer and help transition someone else into that position and be available to offer whatever assistance they will need in rebuilding the PYMC committee in the Fall.

I have very much enjoyed serving in this capacity for the past 7(?) years, and it has been very rewarding to see the youth who used to attend our events now serving on the committee as its leaders.

**Motion to refer:** MOVED by J. Miller, seconded by J. Hazlett, that the Terms of Reference be referred back to the Clergy and Congregational Care Committee for legal clarification. CARRIED

**Ollerenshaw Motion:** MOVED by D. Ollerenshaw, seconded by N. Cocks, that PYMC check with Synod Treasurer re: funds available and that presbytery make up the difference. CARRIED

#### Administration

#### **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – Robert Smith**

##### **Meeting times for presbytery**

Following discussion at the February meeting of presbytery, notice of motion was given by Robert Smith “that the Standing Orders of Presbytery be changed to reflect the decision to meet for lunch at noon with the regular meeting beginning at 1:00 pm.” The proposed changes are to Section B-2: Meetings as follows (strike-through text will be deleted, bold text added):

##### B-2: Meetings

1. The regular September meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) shall be held ~~at 5 PM~~ in the pastoral charge or designated location of the moderator elect **with the following schedule: 2:00 pm meeting, 6:00 pm dinner, and 7:00 pm induction service for new moderator.**
2. Regular meetings shall be held at ~~5~~ 1 pm in November (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday), February (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday), and May (last Tuesday), with the understanding that the ~~November~~ dates may be changed if necessitated by the retreat.
- ~~3. Worship will be held at 5 PM followed by our meeting during which a light supper of sandwiches will be made available by the host church.~~ **Lunch will be provided by the host church at noon, with the meeting to follow at 1:00 pm.**
4. Presbytery meetings will normally be conducted using a model based on “Worshipful Work” (see Appendix A).
5. The goals of Worshipful Work will be:
  - a. to improve the integration of our business with our faith ideals;
  - b. to foster ongoing faith reflection on our sense of purpose;
  - c. to help us grow towards a deeper faith appreciation of the work we are called to do.

**Recommendation 1:** MOVED by R. Smith seconded by M. Rozsa de Coquet, that the proposed changes to the Standing Orders of the Presbytery in Section B-2: Meetings be adopted. CARRIED

**Synod meetings in 2016 and 2017**

It falls to the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod to organize the educational component of the meetings of the Synod of Alberta and the Northwest in 2016 and 2017. The location for 2016 is Camp Kannawin, and for 2017 it has not been decided. Dianne Ollerenshaw has offered to help plan these events, and the Administration Committee submits for the presbytery's approval the following plan. For 2016 an invitation has been extended to Rob Shropshire of the PWS&D staff at church offices to lead us in discussions on the church's involvement in refugee settlement. For 2017 the plan is to focus on the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Dianne, with a team from Knox, Calgary is prepared to plan this, and has several possible speakers that she could ask for help with the leadership. Financial support for this will be sought from the Synod, and we will be asking for \$1,000 in the 2017 to help with the costs.

**Recommendation 2:** MOVED by R. Smith seconded by M. Rozsa de Coquet, that the above plans for the educations component for the 2016 and 2017 meetings of the Synod of Alberta and the Northwest be approved.  
CARRIED

**Health leave for Jan Hazlett**

With the support of a letter from her doctor, Jan Hazlett requested health leave initially from March 15 to April 4 of this year. With help from Frank Breisch, the other clergy and staff at St. Andrew's were able to manage during this time. Mark Tremblay assumed Jan's responsibilities as presbytery representative at Grace Church in their search for an Interim Minister. At the conclusion of that period Jan's doctor directed that she needed an additional month's leave from her work (until May 4), and the committee approved that additional time. On May 4, Jan was permitted to return to work, at half-time for the first three weeks, at the end of which she will be reassessed.

**Presbytery representatives for St. Andrew's Church**

Following the resignation of Kevin Lee as Minister, Vision and Direction, at St. Andrew's Church, the presbytery gave the Administration Committee power to issue to name a presbytery representative to assist St. Andrew's in the process of filling that position. The committee appointed Jean Morris and Dianne Ollerenshaw jointly to that position.

**Westminster letter re electronic meetings**

The Clerk received a letter from the Westminster Session asking that conference calls or web techniques would be a better way to meet, especially in light of the many emergent meetings we have had in the past few months with ministerial transitions. Their motion was, "that the Session of Westminster respectively recommends to Presbytery that they adopt the use of electronically conducted meetings where appropriate, at the discretion of the moderator."

While the committee has some sympathy with the difficulty in people getting to the meetings it felt that this was not a good idea at this time for the following reasons:

- any of these meetings need to leave open the possibility for members of the congregations to attend and be heard;
- the presbytery is an open court and needs to be accessible to others; and
- we are not equipped technically to do this in a way where all could be heard.

**Recommendation 3:** MOVED by R. Smith seconded by M. Rozsa de Coquet, that presbytery meetings not be conducted electronically at this time. CARRIED

#### **Resignation of Leslie Walker**

The clerk has received from Leslie Walker a letter of resignation, but the May 30 meeting of presbytery did not seem appropriate for considering it.

**Recommendation 4:** MOVED by R. Smith seconded by M. Rozsa de Coquet that, a special meeting of the presbytery to consider Leslie Walker's letter of resignation and visitation report in the Clergy and Congregational Care Committee concerning Ghanaian Presbyterian Church, Calgary be called for Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Giles, Calgary. CARRIED

#### **Presbytery officers and committees:**

These appointments are for one year, beginning in September.

**Recommendation 5:** MOVED by R. Smith seconded by M. Rozsa de Coquet, that Dewald Delpont be appointed Clerk of Presbytery. CARRIED

**Recommendation 6:** MOVED by R. Smith seconded by M. Rozsa de Coquet, that Phil Gaiser be appointed Presbytery Treasurer. CARRIED

**Recommendation 7:** MOVED by R. Smith seconded by M. Rozsa de Coquet, that Judie Coleman be appointed Presbytery Secretary. CARRIED

**Recommendation 8:** MOVED by R. Smith seconded by M. Rozsa de Coquet, that the membership of the committees of presbytery be as follows. CARRIED

#### **Administration**

Past Moderator	Tom Paasuke (convenor)
Moderator	Mary Rozsa de Coquet
Treasurer	Phil Gaiser
Clerk	Dewald Delpont
2 others	Richard Crow Peter Baek

#### **Mission and Strategy**

Moderator	Mary Rozsa de Coquet
4 Ministers	Grant Gunnink (convenor) Jan Hazlett Kobus Genis Mark Tremblay

4 Elders Sandra Cameron Evans  
Bill Cocks  
John Chik  
Linda Sonley

**Clergy and Congregational Care**

General Pres. Peter Coutts  
Dir. Regional Min Dianne Ollerenshaw  
5 others Clay Kuhn (convenor)  
Cathy Gale  
Hugh Jack  
Bertelan Bocskorás  
Teddy Picket

**Youth Subcommittee**

3 members Jared Miller (convenor)  
Audrey Cole  
Randy Jaggard

**Presbytery Representatives and Interim Moderators**

St Andrew's Jean Morris, Dianne Ollerenshaw  
Centennial Ena van Zoeren  
Varsity Acres Kobus Genis  
Grace \_\_\_\_\_  
Ghanaian \_\_\_\_\_

It was also noted that with Robert Smith's departure from the presbytery, another person needs to be named as a signing authority for the presbytery's bank account.

**Recommendation 9:** MOVED by R. Smith seconded by M. Rozsa de Coquet, that Grant Gunnink be named a signing authority for the presbytery. CARRIED

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Administration Committee will be on September 6 at 2:00 pm at St. Giles.

**Notice of Motion M. Tremblay Notice of Motion:** I will move or cause to be moved at a future sederunt the following amendment to Appendix E, Section 3a, of the Standing Orders: after the current sentence insert ", or 10% of the former lead minister's stipend, whichever is higher."

**Interim INTERIM MODERATORS' & PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVE, INTERIM-MINISTER REPORTS**

**Ghanaian Interim Moderators' Report for Ghanaian Presbyterian Church Calgary – Robert Smith – No Report Received**

St. Andrew's  
Calgary

**Presbytery Representatives Report for St. Andrew's, Calgary – Dianne Ollerenshaw, Jean Morris**

Since being appointed, the Presbytery Representatives we have met individually with Kevin Lee, Jared Miller, and Jan Hazlett. When meeting with the ministers of St. Andrew's our purpose was to inquire for their well-being, to discern the key matters of transition in the short term, to seek their wisdom and experience on the operation of the three person team, to consult about Session's health and well-being, and to request their insight into understanding the staff configurations and relationships. We also had the opportunity to meet with Helen Smith, previous Presbytery Representative, to gain her insight on the design and expectation of the three person team.

On May 17 we attended a regular meeting of session and gave an overview of our role. We stated we are accountable to the presbytery for the nature of the transitional ministry and are responsible for facilitating the search process. We shared that our duties will include:

- Reporting to presbytery
- Working with the Session to complete the search for Minister, Vision and Direction
- Consulting with the Session on matters related to the search
- Supporting the ministers of St. Andrew's during the transition
- Attending Session meetings as necessary

We also shared our understanding that Jan Hazlett or Jared Miller will moderate the Session and determine who leads worship. After moving into a committee of the whole, we shared emerging issues with the session. We are aware that the Session needs a process to review the commitment to a three person team.

Grace  
Calgary

**Interim Ministry Report for Grace, Calgary – Leslie Walker, Jean Morris**

Allen Aicken was appointed by the Presbytery as Interim Minister and began his work at Grace on April 15. As interim minister, Allen's focus initially is threefold: a) realign session committee structure and Grace staff with the assistance of Peter Coutts, General Presbyter b) work with the Board of Managers regarding finances c) capture our history from a personal perspective using a timeline banner. Allen was away May 9-14 and 17-26.

Ministerial responsibilities have been realigned but will need to be realigned again given the transition. Allen will moderate Session (beginning in June) and resource the Worship Committee and the Board, specifically, finance. Jean will continue with Pastoral Care, Congregational Life, Uncommon Grace, Communications and the Preaching Event. She is also responsible for weddings and funerals. Leslie will work with Evening Grace, Mission and Discipleship. All three ministers share in worship responsibilities.

Leslie Walker announced her resignation to the congregation on May 15 effective Aug 31.

**Ministry  
Partnerships****Reports on Our Ministry Partnerships**The Presbyterian Church in Canada

PWS&D – No Report

WMS – *Marlene LaMontagne* – No Report

Synod of Alberta and the Northwest**Regional  
Ministries****Director of Regional Ministries – Dianne Ollerenshaw**

1. The Reverend Dr. Stan Ott of Vital Churches Institute is working with nine congregations in the Synod for the next two years. Ministers and congregational Vision Teams met in Red Deer on April 30. Ministers are meeting regularly for prayer and encouragement between visits with Stan Ott. Currently we are focusing on ways to enhance the vitality of the fellowship-community of each participating congregation. Westminster, Calgary, is one of the participants.

2. **Healing and Reconciliation Sunday is May 22 and Aboriginal Day Sunday is June 19.** A new worship resource is available from Justice Ministries, ***A Time for Hope***. It contains two full services highlighting the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action and The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The first service involves prayerful readings and responses to several Calls to Action. The second service shares stories about Indigenous people who are living out the spirit of the UN Declaration. It can be downloaded from <http://presbyterian.ca/2016/05/11/new-worship-resource-healing-reconciliation/>

Another worship resource, ***Enfolded in the Creator***, is available through KAIROS and it combines the Blanket Exercise into a worship service.

Visit: <http://www.kairoscanada.org/product/blanket-exercise-worship-service>

3. **Canada Youth International Visitors Program 2016 - Billets are needed!**

International Young Adults will be stopping over in Alberta before attending CY16. The Synod of Alberta has been asked to assist with hosting these youth. It is hoped that the youth will be introduced to the mission and ministry of the PCC and given a warm introduction to Canada. It is also hoped that there will be opportunities for Presbyterians in Alberta and the international youth to have cross-cultural dialogue and worship and learn together. All guests will be adults and are able to speak some English.

We are looking for hosts in Calgary to billet these international youth by providing accommodation (personal sleeping space, adequate toilet facilities), breakfasts and two bag lunches. If a host is able to assist with local transportation, driving/carpooling their guests to a morning location and picking up at the end of the day, that would assist the local arrangements team. We ask that hosts will attend an orientation session to be arranged. It is ideal if a billet is able to host two individuals. We require hosts to provide



hospitality for four nights, June 30 through July 3, with the guests leaving July 4. If you would like more information, please contact Dianne Ollerenshaw.

**4. Faith Presbyterian Church, Fort McMurray.** The people of Faith Church have not yet returned to Fort McMurray. They hope residents may begin to return on June 1 provided the several conditions for safe-entry are met. Two days before the fire, Dianne Ollerenshaw was named Interim Moderator and expected to preach the pulpit vacant on June 19. The extreme circumstances around the forest fires lead to some quick decisions on the part of the Presbytery of Edmonton-Lakeland. The Presbytery released Lisa Aide from her duties to Faith Church and she has returned to her family before beginning a new position with Paulin Memorial Church, in Windsor, Ontario. The present plan is for Lisa to return to Fort McMurray to make arrangements to ship her belongings and the congregation will plan her farewell BBQ at that time. Currently many in the congregation are scattered across Alberta and beyond.

Four families (to date) in the church have lost their homes. The Presbytery of Edmonton-Lakeland is receiving funds for Faith Church. The Session has yet to draw up the terms of reference for this fund, but donations will support people affected by the fire. Donations may be sent to Faith Presbyterian Church % Edmonton-Lakeland Presbytery, 10025 - 105 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 1C8.

The first priority of the Session is to provide pastoral care to the congregation. Please pray for the congregation and the people who live in the vicinity of Fort McMurray. They will need our support as the community returns and rebuilds.

**Camp Kannawin**– *Terry Hagen – Presbytery Rep for Calgary-Macleod – No Report*  
*Camp Kannawin – Cara Penman, Camp Director – No Report*

**KAIROS** **KAIROS – Helen Smith**  
From the Working Group on Homelessness and Affordable Housing: On May 7, 2016 a shredding of the mortgage for Acadia Place was held. Many thanks to all the churches who contributed to the campaign. Opportunities for volunteering in community support are still available. We support four places with volunteer help, Acadia Place, Bankview, Claire and Longbow. Speak to any of our Presbyterian reps if you would like to help: Geoff Zakaib (Varsity), Deirdre Harris (Westminster), Lesley Lee (Grace). Our next mortgage project is Bankview. Stay tuned for more details.

Calgary Council of Churches – *Kobus Genis* -No Report

**Interfaith Council** **Calgary Interfaith Council – Mark Tremblay**  
An oral report was given by M. Tremblay. The Calgary Interfaith Council will participate in fundraising for Habitat for Humanity.

Chair of  
Christian Thought

**Chair of Christian Thought Advisory Committee – Vacant**

An oral report was given by M. Tremblay. Dr. Douglas H. Shantz is retiring from the University of Calgary after 17 years in the Chair of Christian Thought, Department of Classics & Religion. It is hoped a replacement will be found by September.

Metro Alliance for the Common Good (MacG) –*Dianne Ollerenshaw* -No Report

Indigenous Gathering Place–*Dianne Ollerenshaw* -No Report

Campus Ministry

**United/Presbyterian Campus Ministry – Dianne Ollerenshaw, Sandra Cameron Evans**

The ministry engages in spiritual and multi-faith programming with students at the University of Calgary, Mount Royal University, and SAIT Polytechnic in the following ways:

**Drum Dine Discuss**

While it had a slow start due to space issues, it has seen strong growth with approximately 30 people in Drum Circles and 20 attending the Simple Suppers. With more promotion, they expect to see more growth in the next year.

**Drum Circles/Drum Troup/Drum Programme**

Drumming is a strong component of the ministry in all three locations. At the UofC, students are starting to take more initiative in offering drum circles for various groups.

**Peer Partnership Program**

This project, intended to encourage the engagement of young adults from the Christian community while deepening relations between the Campus Ministry and congregations, has finished its first year. It has been relatively well received and will be evaluated for future fine-tuning.

**Worship**

On the first Sunday of each month, Campus Ministry gathers young adults for a simple meal prepared by the Chaplain followed by a contemplative Christian worship service. There has been growth in the number of attendees who include students from the different campuses as well as different faith backgrounds.

**Canada Summer Jobs**

The Campus Ministry was approved for funding from this program. The position, Community Opportunities Planner, will be involved in researching and creating a database to support future planning and networking for the campus ministry.

**Other**

The Chaplain was asked by the universities to help provide Chaplaincy services to the Fort McMurray evacuees located there.

University of Lethbridge Chaplaincy – *Vacant*

**Enthusiasms**      **Enthusiasms and Concerns Regarding our Partnerships**  
 No enthusiasms or concerns were shared.

**Officers**            **PRESBYTERY OFFICERS**

**Clerk's Report**    **Clerk's Report – Dewald Delpport**

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Temporary Marriage Licenses

Ena van Zoeren (on the appendix of Calgary-Macleod) has requested a temporary Marriage license to officiate the Ghanaian Church.

Rev. Dr. Aubrey J. Botha, Central Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, has requested a temporary marriage license to officiate at his son's wedding in November.

Commissions for Elders, 2016-2017

As of the end of August 2016, we will have 16 clergy on the Constituent Roll of Presbytery and 14 charges. This means we require 2 equalizing elders.

**Recommendation 1:** MOVED by D. Delpport seconded by S. Cameron Evans, that the commissions for representative, alternate, and equalizing elders for the following congregations be accepted:

<b>Congregation</b>	<b>Representative Elder</b>	<b>Alternate Elder</b>
Banff, St. Paul's	<b>Tom Paasuke</b> Since: Sep 2009	Any other elder
Bassano, Knox Gem, Gem	<b>Teddy Picket</b> Since:	Any other elder
Calgary, Calvin Hungarian	<b>Any elder</b>	Any other elder
Calgary, Centennial	<b>Richard Crowe</b> Since:	Any other elder
Calgary, Ghanaian	<b>Gabriel Agyemang</b> Since: Aug, 2016	Any other elder
Calgary, Grace	<b>Mary Rozsa De Coquet</b> Since: Aug 2015 Equalizing Aug 2012-	<b>David Caldwell</b>

	2015	
Calgary, Knox	<b>John Chik</b> Since: Aug 2016	Any other elder
Calgary, St. Andrew's	<b>Audrey Cole</b> Eq Since: Aug 2013 Rep Since Aug 2016	<b>Judie Coleman</b> Since: Aug 2016
Calgary, St. Giles	<b>Sandra Cameron Evans</b> Since: Aug 2007	<b>Joanne Watson</b> Since: Aug 2014
Calgary, Valleyview	<b>Cheryl Gill</b> Since: Aug 2016	Any other elder
Calgary, Varsity Acres	<b>Cathy Gale</b> Since: Aug 2015	<b>Sandi Churchill</b> Since: Aug 2016 Eq Elder from 2013-16
Calgary, Westminster	<b>Randy Jaggard</b> Since: Aug 2016 Alter: Aug 2014-16	<b>Bill Lockley</b> Since: Aug 2016
Lethbridge, St. Andrew's	<b>Bob Epp</b> Since: Aug 2014	<b>Karen Robbins</b> Since: Aug 2015
Medicine Hat, St. John's	<b>Bill Cocks</b> Since: Aug 2009	Any other elder

<u>Number</u>	<u>Equalizing Elder</u>	<u>Person's Congregation</u>
Equalizing Elder #1	<b>Linda Sonley</b> Since: Aug 2014 Retire by: Aug 2017	St. John's, Medicine Hat
Equalizing Elder #2	<b>Bob McKinnon</b> Since: Aug 2013 (alternate) Eq since Aug 2015 Retire Aug 2018	Centennial, Calgary

CARRIED

Host Churches for Presbytery in 2016-2017

**Recommendation 2:** MOVED by D. Delpont seconded by S. Cameron Evans, that that the host congregations for stated Presbytery meetings in 2016-2017 be:

- September 20, 2016: Grace, Calgary
- November 1, 2016: St. Giles, Calgary
- February 7, 2017: Calvin, Calgary
- May 30, 2017: TBD – retreat

CARRIED

Rotation List for 2015 General Assembly

Standing orders states that Presbytery must approve the rotation list for General Assembly at the June meeting. The rotation list is brought to the Presbytery for consideration at this meeting since we no longer have a June meeting and there is a need to begin to organize commissioners to the 2016 Assembly during the summer. The actual names of commissioners need to be approved at our November meeting in order to meet deadlines set by the

General Assembly Office. As of Aug 31, 2016, we'll have 16 clergy on the constituent roll of Presbytery, which allows us to send three clergy commissioners and three elder commissioners to the General Assembly.

**Recommendation 3:** MOVED by D. Delport seconded by S. Cameron Evans, that that the following be adopted as the rotation list for commissioners for General Assembly 2017:

Clergy	Congregations
M. Tremblay	Calgary, Ghanaian
J. Morris (2013)	Bassano / Gem (2014)
C. Kuhn (2013)	Calgary, Knox (2014)
S. H. Baek (2014)	Calgary, Valleyview (2014)
B. Bocskorás	Calgary, Grace (2015)
B. Clendening	Medicine Hat, St. John's (2015)
D. Delport (2015)	Calgary, Varsity Acres (2015)
H. Jack (2015)	Calgary, Centennial (2015)
J. Hazlett (2015)	Banff, St. Paul's (2016)
J. Millar	Calgary, Calvin Hungarian (declined 2016)
A. Aicken	Lethbridge, St. Andrew's (declined 2016)
D. Ollerenshaw (2016)	Calgary, Westminster (2016)
K. Genis (2016 -Declined)	Calgary, St. Andrew's (2016)
G. Gunnink (2016)	Calgary, St. Giles (2016)
N. Cocks (2016)	
P. Coutts (2016)	

Note: Peter Coutts will be replacing Kobus Genis as Clergy Commissioner, and that Craig Robertson will be replacing Randy Jaggard from Westminster as an elder representative to GA 2016.

Fire drills:

As per Presbytery Standing Orders, congregations within the presbytery need to complete a fire drill once every three years. The following congregations are due to have one:

Ghanaian Presbyterian Church Calgary – Immediately (no record on file)

Valleyview Community – By June.

Treasurer

**Treasurer's Report – Philip Gaiser****Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod  
Comparative Balance Sheet**

	As at 03/31/2016	As at 03/31/2015
<b>ASSET</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Chequing Bank Account	12,642.79	3,238.59
Total Cash	12,642.79	3,238.59
Investments - RBC Black Acct	10,128.70	10,448.55
Investments-Scotia McLeod	145,501.00	144,928.00
Investments - RBC	324,358.94	318,463.15
Accounts Receivable	24,832.06	12,621.88
Accounts Receivable GST	18.02	-0.01
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>517,481.51</u>	<u>489,700.16</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSET</b>	<u>517,481.51</u>	<u>489,700.16</u>
<b>LIABILITY</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	70.00	0.00
Accounts Payable Promotion	3,032.68	4,771.76
Gen Presbyter Grant	0.00	7,300.00
PWS&D Flood funds	-8.47	-8.47
Pension Payable	-117.39	-47.19
Insurance Payable	54.02	24.26
GST Paid on Purchases	-5.85	-5.73
GST	-5.85	-5.73
Prepaid Sales/Deposits	36.00	40.49
Clerk's Conference	1,125.00	1,125.00
Youth Conferences	723.35	723.35
Youth Ministry	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>6,909.34</u>	<u>15,923.47</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITY</b>	<u>6,909.34</u>	<u>15,923.47</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
<b>Owners Equity</b>		
Retained Earnings - Previous Year	479,994.04	469,878.27
Current Earnings	30,578.13	3,898.42
<b>Total Owners Equity</b>	<u>510,572.17</u>	<u>473,776.69</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<u>510,572.17</u>	<u>473,776.69</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<u>517,481.51</u>	<u>489,700.16</u>

Presbytery Clerk

## Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod Comparative Income Statement

	Actual 01/01/2016 to 03/31/2016	Actual 01/01/2015 to 03/31/2015
<b>REVENUE</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>		
Dues	44,504.49	43,195.98
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>44,504.49</b>	<b>43,195.98</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>		
Investment Interest	244.20	0.00
Investment Income - Scotia McLeod	825.00	0.00
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>1,069.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>45,573.69</b>	<b>43,195.98</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
<b>Missions</b>		
University of Calgary Grants	0.00	2,250.00
University of Lethbridge Grants	0.00	750.00
<b>Missions Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>Youth</b>		
Youth Conferences	0.00	653.00
<b>Youth Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>653.00</b>
<b>Pastoral Effectiveness</b>		
Continuing Ed Allowance	600.00	0.00
<b>Pastoral Effectiveness Total</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>		
General Presbyter	8,750.01	8,750.01
EI Expense	230.28	230.28
CPP Expense	389.82	389.82
PCC Medical & Dental Ins	1,056.00	1,056.00
PCC Pension	903.27	903.27
Payroll Charges	117.24	114.60
<b>Total Payroll Expense</b>	<b>11,446.62</b>	<b>11,443.98</b>
<b>General &amp; Administrative Expenses</b>		
Synod Dues	0.00	21,965.36
Clerk - Honorarium	855.00	750.00
Travel	529.00	979.25
Bank Charges	14.94	5.97
Calvin Hungarian PC	1,000.00	0.00
Clerk's Conference	550.00	0.00

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 Presbytery Clerk

Website	0.00	500.00
<b>Total General &amp; Admin. Expenses</b>	<u>2,948.94</u>	<u>24,200.58</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<u>14,995.56</u>	<u>39,297.56</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u><u>30,578.13</u></u>	<u><u>3,898.42</u></u>

**Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod  
Member Aged Summary As at 03/31/2016**

Name	Total
Calvin Hungarian Presbyterian Church	1,210.50
Centennial Presbyterian Church	-0.04
Gem	122.23
Grace Presbyterian Church	3,060.44
Knox (Bassano/Gem)	6,528.58
Knox Presbyterian Church	1,002.57
St Andrew's Lethbridge	1,091.75
St Andrew's Presbyterian Church	5,160.37
St Giles Presbyterian Church	757.84
St John's Presbyterian Church	882.13
St Paul's Presbyterian Church	1,237.56
Valleyview Presbyterian Church	2,385.85
Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church	1,356.25
Westminster Presbyterian Church	<u>0.03</u>
<b>Total outstanding:</b>	<u><u>24,796.06</u></u>

**Motion:** MOVED by S. Cameron Evans, seconded by K. Genis, that the reports be adopted as amended. CARRIED

**We pray for God's Presence**

**Prayer** R. Smith led us in Prayers for the Work of Presbytery.

**Time and Place** The next emergent meeting of the Presbytery will take place at St. Giles, Calgary, Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Presbytery will take place at Grace, Calgary, Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. with dinner and installation of Moderator to follow.

**Adjourn to serve** MOVED by K. Genis, seconded P. Coutts that the Court be adjourned. CARRIED



**WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME**

**Benediction** The Moderator dismissed the Court with a benediction.

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Moderator

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Presbytery Clerk

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Presbytery Clerk