

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

Emergent Meeting March 15, 2017

**Gathering in God's Name**

**Called to Order &  
Constitution**

At Calgary, Alberta and within St. Giles Presbyterian Church there, the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod met in emergent session on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of the matter regarding the Administration Committee's Recommendation re: the letter from *Knox Session regarding the Corrective Case Complaint against action of the Valleyview Session*. The Moderator, Ms. Mary Rozsa de Coquet, constituted the meeting with prayer.

**Roll**

Present with the Moderator were the ministers of Word and Sacrament: Bertalan Bocskorás, Peter Coutts, Dewald Delport, Stephen Farris, Kobus Genis, Grant Gunnink, Clay Kuhn, Jean Morris, and Mark Tremblay; and ruling elders: John Chik, Richard Crowe, Okechukwu Chukwa (*alternate Valleyview*), and Tom Paasuke.

**Regrets**

Regrets were received from Ministers of Word and Sacrament: Nancy Cocks, Janice Hazlett, and Dianne Ollerenshaw; and ruling elders: Sandra Cameron Evans, Bob Epp, Cathy Gale, and Linda Sonley.

**Appendix**

Present were Ministers of Word and Sacrament on the Appendix: None.  
Received regrets from Ena van Zoeren.

**Courtesies**

The Moderator welcomed guests from Knox to the Court: Rose-Anne Brown, Pat Kearns, Andrea and Shaun Mitchell. The Moderator also welcomed Stephen Farris (*Stated Supply, Grace*) to the court.

Those who entered the court after the constitution as noted in the minutes are: Audrey Cole, Jared Miller, and Lauren Cole (*guest*)

**Being the Body of Christ**

**Homologate call for  
Emergent Meeting**

**MOVED** by D. Delport, seconded by J. Morris, that the action of the moderator to call this emergent meeting be homologated.  
**CARRIED**

Administration  
Committee Report

**MOVED** by T. Paasuke, seconded by R. Crowe, that the Administration report be received and considered.  
CARRIED

At the Presbytery meeting on February 7 the court voted to refer the letter from Knox session to the Administration Committee.

On February 21 the Administration Committee met at St. Giles to review the letter from the session from Knox regarding the Corrective Case Complaint against action of the Valleyview Session so that proper process may be followed. The Committee members have seen copies of the correspondence between the Sessions of Knox and Valleyview.

The Administration Committee has also thought it wise to consult with the Clerks of General Assembly regarding Corrective Cases. The Book of Forms (2016) deals with Corrective Cases from 381-392.

The Clerks of Assembly are *"of the opinion that Knox is not in a position to initiate a corrective case against Valleyview.*

*Section 383 says ... A corrective case may be initiated by:*

- a. A member of a court who has voted on a question and who believes a court has by its actions, inactions, or decision, committed an error or delinquency;*
- b. An individual who was not a member of or who did not act as a member of the court making the decision but who has been directly affected in a non-disciplinary case by the action of a court;*
- c. The session of a congregation affected by an action of a court or commission; or*
- d. A lower court affected by the action of a higher court or commission other than the General Assembly or its commission.*

*... [The] Knox session sees themselves as a session affected by an action of another court (session of Valleyview) in part (c). The intention of part (c) is to provide opportunity for a session that has been affected by a higher court or commission that has authority to make decisions affecting that session. For example, if the presbytery dissolved the Knox session, the session could initiate a corrective case. Since the Valleyview session has no authority over Knox session, a corrective case does not apply.*

*The Knox session could petition the presbytery to take a certain action regarding the Valleyview session. For example, Knox could ask the presbytery to direct the Valleyview session to send an apology to congregations. Then it would be up the presbytery to decide if it thought this was an appropriate action."*

The Administration Committee agrees with the advice of the Clerks of Assembly.

An option the Session of Knox has is to write a Petition to Presbytery to direct Valleyview to send an apology to congregations.

The Administration Committee feels that the address of Valleyview appearing on the PSALT letter was not appropriate; Administration also feels that the apology Valleyview sent to Knox was sufficient.

It is our prayer the Sessions of Knox and Valleyview would be able to resolve their difference gracefully in the light of Christ on their own time.

**Recommendation:** Moved by T. Paasuke, seconded by R. Crowe, that the Knox Session cannot initiate a corrective case against actions of the Valleyview session.

Roll

Audrey Cole, Jared Miller, and Lauren Cole entered the court.

**Amendment:** Moved by M. Tremblay, seconded by J. Chick, that the correspondence from Knox Church be received as a petition and that an investigating committee be formed to deal with the matter and report back to a future meeting of presbytery.

DEFEATED

**Original Recommendation:** CARRIED

**Motion:** Moved by G. Gunnink, seconded by K. Genis, that a commission of presbytery facilitate a meeting between the Session of Valleyview and the Session of Knox at the earliest time convenient for both Sessions to help reconcile the issue that has arisen of Valleyview's address appearing on correspondence from PSALT.

**Amendment:** Moved by J. Morris, seconded by J. Miller, that "meeting" be replaced by "process."

CARRIED

**Motion as Amended:** CARRIED

**Commission:** The Moderator named the Clergy and Congregational Care Committee, excluding P. Coutts who has conflict of interest, as the commission to facilitate reconciliation.

**Recommendation:** Moved by T. Paasuke, seconded by R. Crowe, that the report as a whole be adopted as Amended.

CARRIED

**Going Out in God's Name**

**Motion for  
Adjournment**

**MOVED** by A. Cole, seconded by G. Gunnink, that the Presbytery adjourn.  
CARRIED.

**Time and Place**

The next regular meeting of the Presbytery will be held on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, location and time to be confirmed.

**Benediction**

The Moderator adjourned the meeting with a benediction.

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Moderator

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Clerk