

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

Emergent Meeting April 18, 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 Tuesday, April 18th, 2017 at 5:05 p.m., for the matter *regarding the 2 Petitions Presbytery has received from the Session of Knox, Calgary*. 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, Grant Gunnink, Clay Kuhn, Jared Millar, Jean Morris, Dianne Ollerenshaw, and Mark Tremblay; and ruling elders: Sandra Cameron Evans, Audrey Cole, Richard Crowe, Okechukwu Chukwa (*alternate Valleyview*), Shaun Mitchell (*alternate Knox Calgary*), and Tom Paasuke.

Regrets

Regrets were received from Ministers of Word and Sacrament: Nancy Cocks, Janice Hazlett, and Hugh Jack; and ruling elders: John Chick, Bill Cocks, Bob Epp, Cathy Gale, Cheryl Gill, and Linda Sonley.

Appendix

Present were Ministers of Word and Sacrament on the Appendix: Murdo Marple.

Courtesies

The Moderator welcomed guests to the Court: Rose-Anne Brown, Pat Kearns, Glenda Stolarchuk, Mary Wescott, and Bill Brown from Knox, Calgary; Jeanne Phene from St. Giles; and Lauren Cole from St. Andrew's

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Those who entered the court after the constitution as noted in the minutes are: Kobus Genis

Being the Body of Christ

**Homologate call for
Emergent Meeting**

MOVED by D. Delport, seconded by S. Cameron Evans, that the action of the moderator to call this emergent meeting be homologated.
CARRIED

Roll

Kobus Genis entered the court.

Petitions

The Moderator reviewed the steps necessary when a Petition is received by a Presbytery: must be read or held as read; must receive motion to receive or not receive; if received, presbytery must decide on action that is necessary.

MOVED by J. Miller, seconded by P. Coutts, that both Petitions from Knox Session, Calgary, be held as read.
CARRIED

MOVED by M. Tremblay, seconded by S. Mitchell, that Petition 1 – the petition from Knox Church session against the action of Valleyview session – be received.
CARRIED

MOVED by D. Delport, seconded by R. Crowe, that the following be the prayer to Petition 1:

That the moderator name a committee to investigate this further and to report back to presbytery by September. The terms of reference for this committee shall be:

- 1) To seek answers for the two questions posed by the petitioners (see 1st page, 6th argument/reason) from the session of Valleyview;
- 2) To review the minutes of the Valleyview session in order to determine if the session knowingly sanctioned correspondence from PSALT;
- 3) To check if other sessions sent a complaint to Valleyview;
- 4) To check with the Clerks of Assembly if they have received any complaints regarding this matter;
- 5) That both sessions be consulted by the committee; and
- 6) To determine an answer to the prayer of the petition; and to present any other recommendation(s) the committee believes to be helpful in a written report at the September meeting of the court.

CARRIED

Moved by M. Tremblay, seconded by S. Mitchell, that Petition 2 – the petition from Knox Church expressing concern about the emergent meeting of March 15 – be received.
DEFEATED

The Moderator gave an opportunity for the Petitioners to be heard. S. Mitchell spoke.

After S. Mitchell spoke, the moderator asked the court once again to vote on previous motion. Motion was again defeated.

Additional Motion **Tremblay Motion:** Moved by M. Tremblay, seconded by S. Mitchell, that the Presbytery reverse its decision that a commission of presbytery facilitate a process 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 by PSALT.
DEFEATED

Going Out in God's Name

Motion for Adjournment **MOVED** by J. Miller, seconded by A. Cole, that the Presbytery adjourn.
CARRIED.

Time and Place The next regular meeting of the Presbytery will be held on Monday, May 29th, 2017, 6:30 pm within St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lethbridge.

Benediction The Moderator adjourned the meeting with a benediction.

Moderator

Clerk