

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

Emergent Meeting, July 18th, 2017

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

- Constitution Called to Order** At Calgary, Alberta and within Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church there, the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod met in special session on Tuesday, July 18th, 2017, at 7:02 p.m.
- Constitution** The meeting was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Mary Rozsa de Coquet
- Roll** Present with the Moderator, were ministers of Word and Sacrament: Peter Coutts, Dewald Delport, Kobus Genis, Janice Hazlett, Clay Kuhn, and Jared Miller; and ruling elders: Sandra Cameron Evans, Sandi Churchill (*alternate Varsity Acres*), John Chik, Audrey Cole, Richard Crowe, Randy Jaggard, and Tom Paasuke.
- Regrets were received from minister of Word and Sacrament: Bertalan Bocsokrás, Nancy Cocks, Grant Gunnink, Jean Morris, Dianne Ollerenshaw, and Mark Tremblay; and ruling elders: Bill Cocks, and Cathy Gale.
- Appendix** Ministers of the appendix that were present: Murdo Marple
- Regrets were received from ministers on the appendix: Tom Brownlee and Ena van Zoeren
- Courtesies** The moderator welcomed the people from Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church, Calgary: Crawford Caswell, Sharon Caswell, Sonia Shephard, Ian Churchill, Marilyn Brown, Elizabeth Milner, Churyl Elgart, Glenn Stewart, Ivan Freeborn, Elizabreth Freeborn, Margaret Wardle, Leonard Wardle, George Law, Bill Loosmore, Agnes Loosmore, Lisbeth Duncan, Gail MacCrimmon, Charles Swaney, Heather Swaney, Rod Tomlinson, Dilys Adu-Darko, Ferdinand Adu-Darko, Joan Stellmach, and Richard Bothner.
- Homologation** Moved by D. Delport, seconded by S. Cameron Evans, that the actions of the Moderator in calling this emergent meeting of Presbytery be homologated.
CARRIED

BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST

- Call from Varsity Acres Church, Calgary to the Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts** Rev. Kobus Genis, Interim-Moderator, outlined the steps taken during the search process at Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church, Calgary.
- Actions of the Interim Moderator** Moved by D. Delport, seconded by S. Cameron Evans, that the actions of the Interim Moderator be sustained.
CARRIED

**Call from
Congregation**

Moved by K. Genis, seconded by S. Churchill, that the call from Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church, Calgary, to Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts be received and considered.
CARRIED

**The Call,
Guarantee of
Stipend and
Attestation**

The Clerk of Presbytery reported on the form of the Call.

The call to the Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts

We, the professing members of Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church, Calgary, being well satisfied with your faithfulness to the Gospel and your qualifications for the ministry of Word and Sacraments and confident that the Holy Spirit has led us to you, earnestly and solemnly call you **the Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts**, to become the Minister, Vision and Direction, of this congregation. In calling you we promise you all due respect, encouragement, and allegiance in the Lord as, together, we seek to use our gifts in the church and in the world to the glory of God.

In order that you, **the Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts**, may be free to devote yourself to ministry of Word and Sacraments among us, we the congregation of Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church, Calgary, hereby guarantee to the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that out of our estimated annual revenue of \$390,000 we promise and obligate ourselves to provide you, as a first charge thereon, the following annually:

Annual Stipend (inclusive of travel):	\$60,000
Housing and Utility Allowance:	<u>\$25,000</u>
Total :	<u>\$85,000</u>

We agree to make payments of the above amounts on the first day of each month and agree to review the stipend and allowances annually in view of any changes in the cost of living or the needs of our minister.

We agree further:

1. To provide two weeks for continuing education annually and \$1,000 allowance.
2. That the benefits of number 1 above shall be cumulative up to five years.
3. To provide five weeks holiday annually.
4. To pay supply during the periods of continuing education and holidays.
5. In case of disability or extended illness, to continue to provide stipend, accommodation and allowances for a period not less than that set by the General Assembly, and to pay the cost of pulpit supply.
6. To pay for Medical and Dental Insurance as provided through the Pensions and Benefits Board of the General Assembly and to make contributions to the Pension Plan in compliance with the terms of the plan.
7. Optional (Cell phone - \$720/year).

Out of 294 members, 100 have themselves subscribe to the call and an additional 76 have requested that an elder subscribe on their behalf.

In addition, 35 adherents also supported the Call to **the Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts**.
*(*It was noted by the Clerk of Session from Varsity Acres that out of the 294 members 38 are "parked" and 28 were out of town.)*

**Reasons for
Translation**

Rev. Kobus Genis read the Reasons for Translation.

Commissioners

Moved by S. Cameron Evans, seconded by C. Kuhn, that the commissioners from

Varsity Acres may address the court.

CARRIED

Members of the Presbytery were invited to speak to the Call. Glen Stewart, Sandi Churchill, and Sonia Shephard spoke on behalf of Varsity Acres in favour of the call.

Call Sustained Moved by J. Chik, seconded by K. Genis, that the Call from Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church, Calgary, to Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts be sustained as a regular Gospel Call.
CARRIED

The Clerk presented the Call to Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts. Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts accepted the Call.

Service of Induction Moved by K. Genis, seconded by S. Cameron Evans, that the induction service be held at Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church, Calgary, on August 1 at 7 pm.
CARRIED

Moved by J. Miller, seconded by C. Kuhn, that the matters relating to the induction service be left in the hands of the moderator, Interim-Moderator, and the clerk.
CARRIED

End Contract with the GP Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts currently serves as General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod, now that the call from Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church, Calgary, to the Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts has been sustained the contract the Presbytery has with the Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts needs to conclude.

Moved by D. Delport, seconded by S. Cameron Evans, that the contract between the General Presbyter and the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod be terminated on July 31, 2017, and that all monies owed to Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts be paid at that time.
CARRIED

WE GO OUT IN GOD’S NAME

Time and Place of next meeting The meeting of the Presbytery before the Induction service will be at 6:30 p.m. at Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church, Calgary, the Induction service will be at 7 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Presbytery will take place on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, with in St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Calgary, at 2 p.m.

Adjourn to serve Moved by J. Hazlett, seconded by A. Cole, that the Court be adjourned.
CARRIED

Benediction The Moderator dismissed the Court with prayer.

Moderator

Presbytery Clerk