

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

**Emergent Meeting, October 5, 2017**

**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

**Constitution Called to Order** At Medicine Hat, Alberta and within St. John's Presbyterian Church there, the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod met in special session on Thursday, October 5, 2017, at 4:04 p.m.

**Constitution** The meeting was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Audrey Cole.

**Roll** Present with the Moderator, were ministers of Word and Sacrament: Peter Coutts and ruling elders: Sandra Cameron Evans and Bill Cocks.

Regrets were received from minister of Word and Sacrament: Janice Hazlett, Clay Kuhn and Dianne Ollerenshaw, and ruling elders: Karen Robbins.

Ministers attending on "GoToMeeting" on an electronic device: Bertalan Bocsokrás, Grant Gunnink, Hugh Jack, Jared Miller, Mark Tremblay and ruling elders: Richard Crowe, Cathy Gale, and Mary Rozsa de Coquet.

Entering the court after the constitution, as noted in the minutes, were: Tom Paasuke.

**Appendix** Ministers of the appendix that were present: Diane Beach and Robert Cruickshank. Attending via "GoToMeeting": Murdo Marple

Also present: Judie Coleman (*secretary*).

**Courtesies** The moderator welcomed the people from St. John's Presbyterian Church, Calgary.

**BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST**

**Call from congregation** MOVED by P. Coutts, seconded by B. Cocks that the call from St. John's Presbyterian Church, Medicine Hat, to Rev. Jeffrey Lackie be received and considered.  
CARRIED

**Conduct of Interim-Moderator** The Interim-Moderator, Rev. Peter Coutts, outlined the steps taken in the search process which brought the call to this point.  
MOVED by P. Coutts, seconded by B. Cocks that the actions of the Interim Moderator be sustained.  
CARRIED

**The Call and** The Clerk of Presbytery reported on the form of the Call. The Call was read by

**Attestation** the Clerk.

We, the professing members of St. John’s Presbyterian Church, Medicine Hat, 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. Jeffrey R. Lackie, to become the minister 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. Jeffrey Lackie, may be free to devote yourself to ministry of Word and Sacraments among us, we the congregation of St. John’s Presbyterian Church hereby guarantee to the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that out of our estimated annual revenue of \$350,000 we promise and obligate ourselves to provide you, as a first charge thereon, the following annually:

Annual Stipend, inclusive of travel allowance	\$51,000
Housing/Rental allowance, inclusive of utilities	<u>\$21,500</u>
Total	\$72,500

We agree to make payments of the above amounts on the first day of each month and agree to adjust 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 at least the minimum allowance as set by the General Assembly.
2. That the benefits of number 1 above shall be cumulative up to five years.
3. To provide five weeks holiday annually, which shall be used in the year they are given.
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. To pay necessary moving expenses.

Out of 148 members, 68 have themselves subscribed to the call and an additional 53 have requested that an elder to subscribe on their behalf. In addition, 26 adherents also supported the Call to Rev. Jeffrey Lackie. (82%)

**Roll** T. Paasuke entered the court via “GoToMeeting.”

**Reasons for Translation** The Interim-Moderator presented the Reasons for Translation.

**Commissioners** Commissioners from St. John’s Church were heard in support of the Call: Rebecca McIntyre, Leanne Webb (*clerk of session*), Helen Snortland and Cindy Henders (*director of C.E.*)

Members of the Court were invited to speak to the Call.

**Call Sustained** MOVED by P. Coutts, seconded by H. Jack that the Call from St. John's Presbyterian Church to Rev. Jeffrey Lackie be sustained as a Regular Gospel Call.  
CARRIED

MOVED by P. Coutts, seconded by J. Miller that matters relating to the Induction Service be left in the hands of the Moderator, Clerk and Interim-Moderator.  
CARRIED

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

**Time and Place  
of next meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Presbytery will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at Knox, Bassano.

**Adjourn to serve**

Moved by B. Cocks, seconded by C. Gale, that the Court be adjourned at 4:30,  
CARRIED

**Benediction**

The Moderator dismissed the Court with prayer.

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Moderator

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Presbytery Clerk pro tem