

EIGHTH SEDERUNT

ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTED

At Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 8:30 a.m., the Assembly met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator constituted the Assembly with prayer.

WORSHIP

The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Germaine Lovelace, minister at First Presbyterian Church, Kenora, Ontario. The liturgists included Ms. Cheryl Gaver and Ms. Jill Turnbull.

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS (cont'd from p. XXX)

The Assembly called for the report of the Committee on Business which was presented by M.R. McLennan, convener. A.J. Botha moved, duly seconded, that the agenda for Wednesday be approved as presented. Adopted.

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COMMITTEE ON THE ROLL AND LEAVE TO WITHDRAW (cont'd from p. XXX)

The Assembly called for the report of the Committee on the Roll and Leave to Withdraw which was presented by J.R. Wilson, convener.

M. Scrivens moved, duly seconded, that the report as a whole be adopted. Adopted.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES (cont'd from p. XXX)

The Principal Clerk announced that the minutes of the sixth sederunt had been posted on The Presbyterian Church in Canada website and a number of printed copies would be available in the Assembly Hall.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE LISTENING (LGBTQI PEOPLE) (cont'd from p. XXX)

Recommendation No. 3, discussion continued

Amendment

S. Ingram moved, duly seconded that after the word “indefinitely” the words “with respect to identity as opposed to action” be added. Defeated.

Amendment

R. McTavish moved, duly seconded, that the word “indefinitely” be removed from the recommendation. Defeated.

Amendment

C. Gaver moved duly seconded that, given the need of The Presbyterian Church in Canada to get first-hand information from LGBTQI people in order to get a better understanding of its relationship with them, those who accepted the invitation to serve on the Special Commission re Listening (LGBTQI persons) or who accept the invitation to tell their stories of harm done or grace experienced because of homophobia, hypocrisy, heterosexism (however this may be defined) or transphobia in the church and who may be subject to the discipline of the church may be guaranteed that having served on the committee or shared their stories will not lead to censure at any time by The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Moderator ruled the amendment out of order because it was deemed, by the Moderator, to be virtually identical to Recommendation No. 3.

Recommendation No. 3 was adopted.

Recommendation No. 4 (p. XXX) was moved by R.N. Faris, duly seconded. Adopted.

Report as a Whole

R.N. Faris moved, duly seconded, that the report as a whole be adopted. Adopted.

YOUNG ADULT REPRESENTATIVES

The Assembly called for the report of the Young Adult Representatives.

The young adult representatives, under the care of advisors, Ms. Donna Wilkinson and Mr. Mike Wayluk, reflected on their General Assembly experience. They noted the time spent in prayer, some confusion with the process and uncertainty regarding decisions made and the degree of safety in expressing the opinions of the minority. A few felt the Young Adult Representative advisory vote was respected and taken seriously. Theology and practice was important to all of them and some said they were not always proud of the behaviour of the court. Some noted views held previous to the General Assembly were changed by the Assembly experience. Most said they would leave the Assembly with hope. The court was led in prayer in two languages.

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES (cont'd from p. XXX)

The Assembly called for the report of the Committee to Nominate Standing Committees which, as printed on p. XXX, was presented by S. Churchill, convener.

Receive and Consider

C.H.R. Gale moved, duly seconded, that the report be received and considered. Adopted.

Motion to Reconsider

Pursuant to notice of motion (p. XXX), G. McIntyre moved, duly seconded, that the terms of reference of the Committee to Nominate Standing Committees be reconsidered. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 1 (p. XXX) (reworded as follows)

C.H.R. Gale moved, duly seconded, that the above membership of the Standing Committees of the 2018 General Assembly with the following amendment: That the name of Stephen E. Bruneau replace the name of Timothy Archibald on the Committee on History.

Amendment

K. Dimock moved, duly seconded, that the name of Dr. Mark A. Bowald be replaced with that of the Rev. Mark Chiang for a three-year term on the Committee on Church Doctrine, and the name of the Rev. Mark Chiang be replaced with that of Dr. Mark A. Bowald as a corresponding member of the Committee on Church Doctrine. Adopted.

Dissent with Reasons

Paul Johnston asked that his dissent, regarding the report of the Committee to Nominate Standing Committees, be recorded with reasons given as follows:

The Assembly acted with a lack of pastoral care in taking Dr. Mark A. Bowald, who was not present at the Assembly, off the roster of the Committee on Church Doctrine, when I, who was present at the Assembly, was willing to relinquish my seat.

Recommendation No. 1, as amended, was adopted as follows:

That the above membership of the Standing Committees of the 2018 General Assembly with the following amendment: That the name of Mr. Stephen E. Bruneau replace the name of the Rev. Timothy Archibald on the Committee on History and that the name of Dr. Mark A. Bowald be replaced with that of the Rev. Mark Chiang for a three-year term on the Committee on Church Doctrine, and the name of the Rev. Mark Chiang be replaced with that of Dr. Mark A. Bowald as a corresponding member of the Committee on Church Doctrine.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES – 2018-2019**ASSEMBLY COUNCIL****9 Church-at-Large Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)**

Years	Name
2013–2019 (II)	Rev. Mark R. McLennan, Woodstock, ON
2013–2019 (II)	Mr. John Barrett, Charlottetown, PE
2013–2019 (II)	Rev. A.R. Neal Mathers, Collingwood, ON
2017–2020 (I)	Ms. Barb Sargent, Chatham, ON
2017–2020 (I)	Rev. John Wilson, Sault Ste. Marie, ON
2017–2020 (I)	Rev. Germaine Lovelace, Kenora, ON
2015–2021 (II)	Rev. Dr. David W. Sutherland, Bible Hill, NS
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Bethany McCaffrey, Toronto, ON
2018–2021 (I)	Ms. Ann Patterson, Edmonton, AB

12 Presbytery Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)

Years	Name and Presbytery
2016–2019 (I)	Rev. Dr. Gordon A. Kouwenberg, Sooke, BC (Vancouver Island)
2016–2019 (I)	Dr. M. Wilma Welsh, Guelph, ON (Waterloo-Wellington)
2016–2019 (I)	Rev. Dr. John-Peter C. Smit, Toronto, ON, (West Toronto)
2016–2019 (I)	Mr. David Jennings, North Vancouver, BC (Westminster)
2014–2020 (II)	Rev. Hugh Donnelly, Toronto, ON (Pickering)
2014–2020 (II)	Rev. Daniel H. Forget, Trois-Rivieres, QC (Quebec)
2014–2020 (II)	Ms. Carol Stymiest, Miramichi, NB (New Brunswick)
2014–2020 (II)	Ms. Cheryl Weeks, Montague, NS (Halifax & Lunenburg)
2016–2021 (II)	Rev. Jay Song, Weyburn, SK (Assiniboia)
2017–2021 (II)	Mr. Brent B. Ellis, Hamilton, ON (Hamilton)
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Jinsook Khang, Vaughan, ON (Eastern Han-Ca)
2018–2021 (I)	Ms. Linda Shaw, Simcoe, ON (Paris)

3 Members (serving initial 3 year term)

Years	Name and Presbytery/Synod
2016–2019 (I)	Rev. Robert J. Murray, Pinawa, MB (Winnipeg)
2016–2019 (I)	Ms. Sandra Cameron Evans, Calgary, AB (Alberta and the Northwest) (convener)
2016–2019 (I)	Rev. Christopher Clarke, Duncan, BC (British Columbia)

Ex-officio – voting – 4 members

President of Atlantic Mission Society or designate
 President of Women's Missionary Society or designate
 Convener of Life and Mission Agency Committee
 Moderator of the General Assembly

Ex-officio – non-voting – 4 members

Principal Clerk, General Assembly
 General Secretary, Life and Mission Agency
 Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer
 One of the Heads of the Colleges

CHURCH DOCTRINE COMMITTEE**15 Members and 6 Corresponding Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)**

Years	Name
2013–2019 (II)	Rev. Dr. Cynthia J. Chenard, Dartmouth, NS
2013–2019 (II)	Rev. Dr. Roland De Vries, Montreal, QC
2013–2019 (II)	Rev. Paul D. Johnston, Markham, ON

2016–2019 (I)	Rev. Jeffrey Murray, Sackville, NB
2016–2019 (I)	Rev. M. Helen Smith, Toronto, ON (convener, temporary)
2018–2020 (I)	Rev. Dr. Heather J. Vais, Thornhill, ON (filling a term for 2 years)
2017–2020 (I)	Rev. Dr. Blair Bertrand, Blantyre, Malawi
2017–2020 (I)	Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Tysdal, Briercrest, SK
2017–2020 (I)	Ms. Lisa Baker, Kenora, ON
2017–2020 (I)	Rev. Dwight E. Nelson, Bayfield, ON
2015–2021 (II)	Dr. Alexandra Johnston, Toronto, ON
2015–2021 (II)	Rev. Dr. Robert N. Faris, Toronto, ON
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Munhyun Ryu, Vancouver, BC
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Mark Chiang, Edmonton, AB
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Wally (Won-Hong) Hong, Niagara Falls, ON
2017–2019 (I) cm	Mr. Ross Bassingthwaighe, Kelowna, BC
2016–2019 (I) cm	Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst, Guelph, ON
2017–2020 (I) cm	Rev. Dr. Nicholas Athanasiadis, Toronto, ON
2017–2020 (I) cm	Rev. Dr. Kevin Livingston, Toronto, ON
2015–2021 (II) cm	Dr. Mark A. Bowald, Brantford, ON
2018–2021 (I) cm	Rev. Dr. Jonathan Dent, St. John's, NL

“cm” = corresponding member

Ex-officio – 3 members

Representative, Presbyterian College
 Representative, Knox College
 Representative, St. Andrew's Hall/VST

ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

6 Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)

Years	Name
2016–2019 (I)	Dr. Richard Allen, Toronto, ON
2014–2019 (II)	Rev. Mark A. Tremblay, Calgary, AB (filling a term for 1 year)
2017–2020 (I)	Rev. Susan Mattinson, Thunder Bay, ON
2017–2020 (I)	Rev. Matthew Sams, Thornhill, ON (convener)
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Andrew J.R. Johnston, Kingston, ON
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Shalini Rajack-Sankarial, Ajax, ON

Ex-officio – 2 members

Principal Clerk, General Assembly, or designate
 General Secretary of Life and Mission Agency, or designate

By Correspondence – 6 members

Representative to Canadian Council of Churches
 Delegate representative to last Council of Caribbean and North America Area Council of World Communion of Reformed Churches
 Delegate representative to last General Council of World Communion of Reformed Churches
 Delegate representative to last Assembly of World Council of Churches
 Representative from Women's Missionary Society

HISTORY COMMITTEE

6 Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)

Years	Name
2013–2019 (II)	Rev. Dr. A. Donald MacLeod, Brighton, ON
2016–2019 (I)	Mr. Stephen E. Bruneau, Toronto, ON
2016–2020 (II)	Mr. Scott MacDonald, Stratford, PE

2015–2020 (II)	Rev. John P. Vaudry, Pembroke, ON (filling a term for 2 years)
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Geoffrey M. Ross, Brampton, ON (convener)
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Jennifer L. Geddes, Comox, BC

By Correspondence

2016–2019 (I)	Mr. Al Clarkson, Toronto, ON 8 synod conveners
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Ex-officio – 6 members

Professor of History, Knox College
 Professor of History, The Presbyterian College
 Professor of History, Vancouver School of Theology
 Archivist/Records Administrator
 Assistant Archivist
 Curator of National Presbyterian Museum

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**6 Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)**

Years	Name
2013–2019 (II)	Rev. Dale Henry, Mississauga, ON (convener)
2018–2019 (I)	Rev. Peter G. Bush, Winnipeg, MB (filling a term for 1 year)
2017–2020 (I)	Mr. Boghos Barbouri, Toronto, ON
2017–2020 (I)	Mr. W. Wayne Barchard, Elmsdale, NS
2017–2021 (II)	Rev. Erin Chong-Sun Ko, Toronto, ON
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Jacob Lee, St. Catharines, ON

Ex-officio – 7 members

Five persons appointed by Life and Mission Agency
 Representative of Atlantic Mission Society
 Representative of Women's Missionary Society

LIFE AND MISSION AGENCY COMMITTEE**12 Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)**

Years	Name
2013–2019 (II)	Rev. Dr. Thomas Billard, Brampton, ON (convener)
2013–2019 (II)	Ms. Judy Dodds, Ottawa, ON
2016–2019 (I)	Rev. Jeffrey R. Lackie, Fort McLeod, AB
2016–2019 (I)	Ms. Cindy Stephenson, Calgary, AB
2015–2020 (II)	Mr. R. Aubrey Hawton, Oro-Medonte, ON
2017–2020 (I)	Rev. Sampson Afoakwah, Montreal West, QC
2017–2020 (I)	Ms. Marion Lade, Comox, BC
2017–2020 (I)	Rev. Allyson MacLeod, Sutton West, ON
2015–2021 (II)	Ms. Vivian Ketchum, Winnipeg, MB
2015–2021 (II)	Rev. Douglas Schomberg, Niagara Falls, ON
2015–2021 (II)	Dr. Jo Szostak, Regina, SK
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Cheryl G. MacFadyen, St. Stephen, NB

Assembly Council Appointments – 3 members

Three members of the Assembly Council

Ex-officio – 4 members

Appointee of the Women's Missionary Society
 Appointee of the Atlantic Mission Society
 Appointee of the Presbyterian World Service and Development

MACLEAN ESTATE COMMITTEE**12 Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)**

Years	Name
2013–2019 (II)	Mr. James D. Allan, Burlington, ON
2013–2019 (II)	Mr. James Jackson, Simcoe, ON
2013–2019 (II)	Rev. Heather Paton, Dorchester, ON
2013–2019 (I)	Rev. Katherine A. (Kathy) Fraser, Goderich, ON (filling a term for 1 year)
2014–2020 (II)	Ms. Anne F. Church, Dundas, ON
2013–2019 (II)	Rev. Gordon E. Timbers, Orillia, ON
2015–2020 (II)	Ms. Ann Wilson, Guelph, ON
2017–2020 (I)	Rev. Dr. Herb Gale, Guelph, ON
2015–2021 (II)	Ms. Moira Forbes, Burlington, ON
2015–2021 (II)	Mr. David Phillips, Uxbridge, ON (convener)
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Neil Ellis, Cobourg, ON
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Scott Sinclair, Elmira, ON

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES**9 Members (named by synods and based upon a 3 year rotation)**

Years	Name and Synod
2016–2019	Mr. Bill McGowan, Toronto, ON (Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda)
2016–2019	Rev. R. Ian Shaw, Simcoe, ON (Southwestern Ontario)
2016–2019	Ms. Carole Bilyk, Winnipeg, MB (Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario)
2017–2020	Mr. Stephen MacKay, Fredericton, NB (The Atlantic Provinces)
2017–2020	Rev. Dr. Barry Mack, St. Lambert, QC (Quebec and Eastern Ontario)
2017–2020	Rev. Jonathan Dennis, Tottenham, ON (convener) (Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda)
2018–2021	Mr. Spencer Hanson, Saskatoon, SK (Saskatchewan)
2018–2021	Rev. Dr. Nancy Cocks, Medicine Hat, AB (Alberta and the Northwest)
2018–2021	Ms. Margaret Peacock, Armstrong, BC (British Columbia)

PENSION AND BENEFITS BOARD**9 Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)**

Years	Name
2017–2019 (I)	The Rev. In Kee Kim, Toronto, ON
2013–2019 (II)	Rev. Dr. Lawrence Mawhinney, Lunenburg, NS
2016–2019 (I)	Mr. John Bonnell, Halifax, NS
2014–2020 (II)	Rev. J. Cameron Bigelow, Orillia, ON (convener)

2014–2020 (II)	Ms. Ann R. Hysert, Merrickville, ON
2017–2020 (I)	Rev. Corrie Stewart, North River Bridge, NS
2015–2021 (II)	Ms. Ingrid Chingcuanco, Toronto, ON
2018–2021 (I)	Mr. David Barber, Toronto, ON
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Harry Currie, Edmonton, AB

Ex-officio – 2 members

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer
 Convener of Trustee Board, or alternate

TRUSTEE BOARD**15 Members (no less than 7 and no more than 15, of whom 3 are ex officio; 6 year term)**

Years	Name
2013–2019	Mr. Timothy Herron, Thornhill, ON (convener)
2014–2020	Mr. Richard Anderson, Eckville, AB
2015–2020	Rev. J. Cameron Bigelow, Orillia, ON (convener of Pension and Benefits Board)
2015–2021	Rev. Dr. Victor Gavino, Montreal, QC
2015–2021	Mr. Bruce Templeton, Outer Cove, NL
2016–2022	Mr. Peter McDougall, St. Lambert, QC
2016–2022	Mr. Abel Pandy, Thornhill, ON
2016–2022	Ms. Kathleen Boose, Georgetown, ON
2016–2022	Mr. Rick Johnston, Toronto, ON
2017–2023	Dr. Margaret Ogilvie, Ottawa, ON
2018–2024	Ms. Lori Ransom, Toronto, ON
2018–2024	Ms. Ann Cree, Toronto, ON

Ex-officio – 3 members

Principal Clerk, General Assembly
 Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer
 Convener of Assembly Council

KNOX COLLEGE, GOVERNING BOARD**15 Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)**

Years	Name
2013–2019 (II)	Mr. Peter McKinnon, Toronto, ON (convener)
2013–2019 (II)	Mr. Glen R. Thompson, Mississauga, ON
2016–2019 (I)	Rev. Angie Song, Toronto, ON
2016–2019 (I)	Ms. Megan McLean, Mississauga, ON
2017–2019 (I)	Rev. Janet A. DeWolfe, Toronto, ON (filling a term for 1 year)
2013–2019 (II)	Rev. Daniel Cho, Toronto, ON
2014–2020 (II)	Mr. Michael A. Nettleton, Toronto, ON (filling a term for 2 years)
2014–2020 (II)	Ms. Joan Stellmach, Calgary, AB
2017–2020 (I)	Ms. Carol Jackson, Toronto, ON
2017–2020 (I)	Rev. Gail Johnson Murdock, Merigomish, NS
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Dr. Richard W. Fee, Toronto, ON
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Linda Patton-Cowie, Orillia, ON
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Dr. J.P. (Ian) Morrison, Toronto, ON
2018–2021 (I)	Mr. Randall Phillips, Toronto, ON
2018–2021 (I)	Rev. Jonathan W. Tait, Whitby, ON

Ex-officio – 3 members

Principal
 One Faculty member
 One member of Knox-Ewart Graduate Association

THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, BOARD OF GOVERNORS**12 Members (three year term, option for 2nd term)**

Years	Name
2018–2019 (I)	Rev. Feras Chamas, Morrisburg, ON (filling a term for 1 year)
2017–2019 (I)	Rev. Charles E. McPherson, Stellarton, NS
2016–2019 (I)	Mr. Tom Park, Longueuil, QC
2016–2019 (I)	Ms. Sharon Dworzak, Laval, QC
2014–2020 (II)	Rev. Joel Coppieters, Montreal, QC
2014–2020 (II)	Rev. Paul Wu, Montreal, QC
2017–2020 (I)	Ms. Joan Vogelesan, Montreal, QC
2017–2020 (I)	Mr. Clayton Bartlett, Albert Bridge, NS
2015–2021 (II)	Mr. Jay Hewlin, Montreal, QC (convener)
2015–2021 (II)	Rev. Lydia E. MacKinnon, Marion Bridge, NS
2015–2021 (II)	Rev. Jill M. Turnbull, Smiths Falls, ON
2018–2021 (I)	Ms. Renee Guirguis Lancing, Pierrefonds, QC

Ex-officio – 5 members

Principal
 Director of Pastoral Studies
 One other Faculty Member
 Student Representative
 Representative, Graduates Association

ST. ANDREW'S HALL, BOARD**12 Members (three year term, option for 2nd term)**

Years	Name
2013–2019 (II)	Mr. Rod Thompson, Abbotsford, BC (convener)
2013–2019 (II)	Ms. Joyce C. Huang, Vancouver, BC
2013–2019 (II)	Rev. Glen C. Soderholm, Guelph, ON
2018–2019 (I)	Rev. Ena van Zoeren, Salmon Arm, BC
2015–2020 (II)	Mr. Ian Rokeby, New Westminster, BC
2014–2020 (I)	Ms. Paula (Polly) Long, North Vancouver, BC
2017–2020 (I)	Rev. Dr. Jean Morris, Calgary, AB
2017–2020 (I)	Mr. Stephen Roche, Thornhill, ON
2015–2021 (II)	Rev. Dr. Gerard Booy, Delta, BC
2015–2021 (II)	Ms. J. Karen Dylla, Richmond, BC
2015–2021 (II)	Mr. Steve Norris, Vancouver, BC
2018–2021 (I)	Mr. Matthew Walton-Knight, North Vancouver, BC

Ex-officio – 3 members

Representative from Vancouver School of Theology
 Principal, Vancouver School of Theology
 Dean, St. Andrew's Hall

Recommendation No. 2 (p. XXX) was moved by C.H.R. Gale, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 3 (p. XXX) was moved by C.H.R. Gale, duly seconded. Adopted.

Report as a Whole

C.H.R. Gale moved, duly seconded, that the report as a whole be adopted. Adopted.

CLERKS OF ASSEMBLY

The Assembly called for the report of the Clerks of Assembly which, as printed on p. XXX, was presented by D.G.A. Muir.

Receive and Consider

C.A. Inksetter moved, duly seconded, that the report be received and considered. Adopted.

Proposed consent recommendations were placed before the Assembly. A commissioner requested that **Recommendation No. 1** (p. XXX), **No. 2** (p. XXX) and **No. 5** (p. XXX) be withdrawn from the consent recommendations.

Consent Recommendation

W.A. Bisset moved, duly seconded, that **Recommendation No. 3** (p. XXX), **No. 4** (p. XXX), and **Nos. 6–13** (p. XXX), be adopted by consent. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 1 (p. XXX) was moved by W.A. Bisset, duly seconded.

Amendment

P.D. Johnston moved, duly seconded, that **Recommendation No. 1** and **No. 2** be referred to the Special Committee of Former Moderators. Defeated.

Amendment

I.B. McWhinnie, duly seconded, that **Recommendation Nos. 1** and **2** be referred to the Assembly Council. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 5 (p. XXX) was moved by W.A. Bisset, duly seconded. Defeated.

Report as a Whole

C.A. Inksetter moved, duly seconded, that the report as a whole be adopted. Adopted.

ASSEMBLY COUNCIL (cont'd from p. XXX)

Proposed consent recommendations were placed before the Assembly. A commissioner requested that **Recommendation No. 5** (p. XXX) be withdrawn from the consent recommendations.

Consent Recommendation

C.E. Weeks moved, duly seconded, that **Recommendation Nos. 1–4** (p. XXX), **Nos. 6–10** (p. XXX) and **No. 12** (p. XXX) be adopted by consent. Adopted.

Note: Recommendation No. 11 (p. XXX) was previously referred to the Special Committee of Former Moderators.

Recommendation No. 5 (p. XXX) was moved by C.E. Weeks, duly seconded. Adopted.

Report as a Whole

C.E. Weeks moved, duly seconded, that the report as a whole be adopted. Adopted.

CHURCH DOCTRINE (cont'd from p. xxx)

Motion to Reconsider

Pursuant to notice of motion (p. XXX), M. Currie moved, duly seconded, that Committee on Church Doctrine **Recommendation No. 1** be reconsidered. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 1 as amended, was adopted as follows:

M. Currie moved, duly seconded, that the document “On the Question of Unity and Diversity” be commended to the agencies, colleges, congregations, session, presbytery, synods, committee and groups of The Presbyterian Church in Canada for study and response to the Special Committee of Former Moderators through the General Assembly office by January 31, 2019. Adopted.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

The Assembly called for the report of the Student Representatives. The Moderator invited each student to address the Assembly.

The Presbyterian College – Edythe Arnott

Ms. Arnott observed that during the General Assembly she has seen how polity keeps things running relatively smoothly and gives direction during complicated turns of events. She said, “I have also seen and heard individuals speaking from their heart about what they are doing to try to show God’s love and grace to others around them. Listening to the Rev. Willard Metzger made me think about my own Christian walk. Listening to Dr. George Sabra say the most effective way to fight religious extremism is from inside, and hearing Rev. Peter Bush’s passion for prayer, reminded me that many individuals were serving and leading passionately – working hard at doing good in the world in the name of Jesus and being supported and encouraged by The Presbyterian Church in Canada. I was impressed by the enthusiasm, dedication, honesty and belief in the future of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. That gives me hope and joy. What really impressed me, too, was the passion of the commissioners, the Moderator and support staff who worked hard to try to move forward on the question of how The Presbyterian Church in Canada would view human sexuality.

Vancouver School of Theology/St. Andrew’s Hall – Roberto DeSandoli

Mr. DeSandoli said, “Yesterday in our table groups, I felt a genuine Holy Spirit moment where it became clear that no matter what happens we want to stay united. It was a beautiful moment of unity. This church has meant so much to me already. I am an adult convert and found Jesus in a small city Presbyterian Church.” Mr. DeSandoli spoke of a Presbyterian minister who introduced him to Jesus, to the church and to his spiritual home. “He is one of our accidental priests. He has taken de facto vows of celibacy because of the sexuality he was born with and the faith he has inherited and has lived the tension we all talk about. He has lived as a would-be gay man – a de facto celibate Presbyterian minister and has done amazing work in ministry.” He also said, “I’m encouraged by what I’ve seen over the last three days, by the Holy Spirit that has moved to unite this church and by the difficult work and listening that this General Assembly has done. Thank you for letting me love Jesus with you.”

Knox College – Rebecca Jess

Ms. Jess said, “My time here has caused me to reflect a lot on how it is I got to be here today.” I stand before you on the brink of beginning the work and service to the church that I have been called to in Toronto and I am excited, but I am also sad. I am sad because four years after my decision to follow my call at Knox, my sisters and brothers in LGBTQI community who are called by God to serve the church as lay people and as ministers of Word and Sacraments continue to experience exclusionary limitations to those calls. They are still seen, by some, as an issue to be dealt with rather than, first and foremost, as beloved children of God. Mingled with my sadness, I did witness hope. There is hope, love, grace. It exists in this church that I still love. I stand before you today because other brave women and men fought for the ordination of women in the church. I still hold onto the hope that we can do better as Presbyterians and pave the path that will make clear the truth of God’s love for everyone. It is my fervent hope that someday commissioners will not have to consider how their sexuality fits into the church that they love. Side by side, we can walk in love.”

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE RECORDS (cont'd from p. XXX)**Receive and Consider**

V. Gilkes moved, duly seconded, that the report be received and considered. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 1

V. Gilkes moved, duly seconded, that the minutes of the Synods of the Atlantic Provinces; Quebec and Eastern Ontario; Central, Southwestern Ontario; Saskatchewan; Alberta and The Northwest; and British Columbia, the Assembly Council and of the 143rd General Assembly, be attested as neatly and correctly kept. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 2

V. Gilkes moved, duly seconded, that the minutes of the Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda be attested with notes. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 3

V. Gilkes moved, duly seconded, that power to issue be granted to the Commission of Matters Left Uncared For or Omitted to attest the minutes of the Synod of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. Adopted.

Report as a Whole

V. Gilkes moved, duly seconded, that the report as a whole be adopted. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON TERMS OF REFERENCE

Terms of Reference for Special Commission Re Appeal No. 1, 2018

C.E. Weeks moved, duly seconded, that the following be the terms of reference for the Special Commission Re Appeal No. 1, 2018. Adopted.

1. The special commission is established under the authority of the Book of Forms section 290 having all the powers of the General Assembly within its terms of reference.
2. The commission shall be made up of five members excluding ruling or teaching elders from within the Presbytery of West Toronto.
3. The appellant session shall be made aware that the judgment of the commission is final and must be obeyed (Book of Forms section 290.4).
4. The procedures and actions of the commission shall be consistent with the laws of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, in particular, legislation giving the procedures for appeal (Book of Forms sections 393-405) and the principles of procedural fairness. The work of the commission shall be conducted in the spirit of grace, relying on the strength of God in Christ.
5. The commission shall be given authority to call for, confirm and examine the judicial record (Book of Forms 378) and any other records it deems to be relevant.
6. The commission shall be empowered to call before it, by citation, witness on behalf of the appellant session and the respondent presbytery.
7. The commission shall meet expeditiously and, after its review and judgment, bring the matter to a conclusion with due regard for the best interests of all concerned, and for the peace and harmony of the church of Jesus Christ.
8. Expenses shall be reimbursed by the General Assembly on a reasonable basis for the commission and its work.
9. The commission shall report its actions to the 2019 General Assembly, and shall use, insofar as is possible and appropriate, the following framework: Preamble, Terms of Reference, Membership, Procedures, Findings, Analysis, Decision and Pastoral Comment.

Report as a Whole

C.E. Weeks moved, duly seconded, that the report as a whole be adopted. Adopted.

COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH THE MODERATOR

The Assembly called for the report of the Committee to Confer with the Moderator.

Receive and Consider

D.A. Phillips moved, duly seconded, that the report be received and considered. Adopted.

Committee to Advise with the Moderator 2018

P.G. Bush moved, duly seconded, that the Committee to Advise with the Moderator be named as follows: the Rev. Dr. Richard W. Fee (convener), Mr. Charles Greaves, the Rev. Jenn Geddes, Ms. Victoria Graff, the Rev. Thomas Kim, Ms. Joanne Lee, Ms. Anne Phillips, Mr. David Phillips, the Rev. S. Kendall (Principal Clerk) and Ms. T. Hamilton (secretary). Adopted.

Special Commission of the 2018 General Assembly Re Appeal No. 1, 2018 (p. XXX)

D.A. Phillips moved, duly seconded, that the Commission Re Appeal No. 1, 2018 be named as follows: the Rev. Dr. J. Gregory Davidson (convener), Mr. George Habib, Mr. Peter Kinch, the Rev. Karen H.D. Pozios and Ms. Connie Wardle. Adopted.

Special Committee of Former Moderators Re Sexuality Overtures

D.A. Phillips moved, duly seconded, that the Special Committee of Former Moderators Re Sexuality Overtures be named as follows: the Rev. Peter Bush (convener), the Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Farris, the Rev. Dr. Herbert F. Gale,

the Rev. Dr. Karen R. Horst, the Rev. Dr. Rick Horst, the Rev. Dr. M. Jean Morris, the Rev. Dr. Cheol Soon Park, the Rev. Dr. Douglas H. Rollwage, the Rev. Dr. W.K. Sutherland, the Rev. Dr. John A. Vissers, Dr. M. Wilma Welsh and one other former moderator yet to be confirmed. Adopted.

Report as a Whole

D.A. Phillips moved, duly seconded, that the report as a whole be adopted. Adopted.

COURTESIES AND LOYAL ADDRESSES

The Assembly called for the report of the Committee on Courtesies and Loyal Addresses which was presented by L. Deacon, convener.

Receive and Consider

L. Deacon moved, duly seconded, that the report be received and considered. Adopted.

The report, which was delivered with words of gratitude in many languages, is as follows.

COURTESIES AND LOYAL ADDRESSES

We, the commissioners of the 144th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, gathered with glad and generous hearts, giving thanks for God's enlivening, compassionate presence and leading us over these four days as together we prayed, sang, listened, debated and enjoyed friendship.

We acknowledge Wilfrid Laurier University is situated on the traditional lands of the Neutral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee lands and to recognize a long and rich history, one predating the establishment of European colonies.

On behalf of the Assembly, the Committee of Courtesies and Loyal Addresses thanks the Design Team for designing a General Assembly steeped in worship within our business and exposing the Assembly to a consensus model of decision making. We thank you.

We thank the volunteers and chaplains. We thank you.

We thank Mr. Rich Richards and the worship team for providing uplifting or soothing worship, as it fed our spirit with harmony. We thank you.

We give grateful thanks to God for our Moderator, the Rev. Daniel Cho for his grace, and for his compassion and sincerity in conducting and overseeing the business of the Assembly. We thank him for his gentleness in hearing all the voices, and his careful listening and responding to guests and commissioners. We thank you.

We are thankful for the presence of the young adult and student representatives and for advising the General Assembly. We thank you.

We thank all of the ecumenical, international and interfaith visitors for sharing with us their insights and perspectives. We thank you.

We are thankful for the words of Dr. Sabra, on receiving the E.H. Johnson Award, for his informative presentation on the future of theological education in Lebanon. In addressing religious extremism in the world, he asserted the importance of education of women, critical thinking and pluralism. We thank you.

We express our thanks and appreciation to the General Assembly Office for their months of planning, ongoing support, endless patience and effective leadership which contributes to the smooth-running of our meetings. We thank you.

We thank all of our technical people whose skill allowed commissioners to enjoy excellent audiovisuals and share our deliberations with interested Canadians from coast to coast. We thank you.

We are grateful for every commissioner, and the unique contribution of each one who responded to God's call by offering their time, their prayers and their gifts in God's service. May our Triune God continue to use the decisions of the 144th General Assembly both for the glory of God and the good of the world. We thank you.

LOYAL ADDRESSES

To Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada

We, the commissioners of the Venerable, the 144th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, meeting at Sir Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, June 3-6, 2018, send to you loyal greetings and sincere congratulations on the expansion of your family through marriage and birth.

We give thanks to God for your devoted and compassionate leadership as our constitutional Head of State. We are grateful for your personal faith and service to God, which finds expression both in your life and in your duties. The Venerable General Assembly prays God's continued blessings upon you, your husband, His Royal Highness Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh and the whole Royal Family.

To Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada

We, the commissioners of the Venerable, the 144th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, meeting at Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, June 3-6, 2018, send greetings to you.

We are grateful for your leadership and pray for God's continuing guidance and protection as you fulfill all the responsibilities of your office. May God's richest blessing be yours, gracing you with wisdom, mercy and peace upon both you and your family.

To the Right Honourable, Justin Trudeau, ministers and the Parliament of Canada, our most respectful greetings and prayers.

We, the commissioners of the Venerable, the 144th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, meeting at Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, June 3-6, 2018, send greetings to you and to your family, your ministers and the Parliament of Canada, our most respectful greetings and prayers.

We pray that God's grace will sustain and guide you and the other members of Parliament with wisdom and courage to be leaders of courage, justice and peace.

To the Honourable, Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario

We, the commissioners of the Venerable, the 144th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, meeting at Sir Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, June 3-6, 2018, send greetings, to you and the members of the Ontario Legislature. We thank God for your dedication and service to this province. We also pray that God will grant wisdom and integrity as you fulfill the responsibilities of your office.

To the Chiefs of the Neutral, Anishinaabe, and Haudenosaunee peoples

We, the commissioners of the Venerable, the 144th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, meeting at Sir Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, June 3-6, 2018, send greetings, to you and to people from the traditional lands of the Neutral, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee. We acknowledge your long, rich history and the continuing significance of the land that ties closely to your practices and spiritualities. We acknowledge that in our cultural arrogance we have been blind to the ways in which our own understanding of the Gospel has been culturally conditioned, and because of our insensitivity to indigenous cultures, we have demanded more of Indigenous people that the Gospel requires. We humbly reaffirm our commitment to healing and reconciliation with you and other Indigenous peoples – First Nations, Inuit and Metis.

To His Worship, Dave Jaworsky, Mayor of Waterloo

We, the commissioners of the Venerable, the 144th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, meeting at Sir Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, June 3-6, 2018, send greetings, to you and members of Waterloo City Council.

We pray that God will grant you wisdom as you serve the people of this beautiful city with justice and compassion.

Report as a Whole

L. Deacon moved, duly seconded, that the report as a whole be adopted. Adopted.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES (cont'd from p. XXX)

D. Bartlett moved, duly seconded, that the minutes of the first six sederunts be adopted as presented subject to corrections, and that the minutes of the remaining sederunts be taken as read and adopted subject to correction. Adopted.

COMMISSION RE MATTERS LEFT UNCARED FOR OR OMITTED

D. Bartlett moved, duly seconded, that the Commission of Matters Left Uncared For or Omitted, consisting of the Moderator of the 144th General Assembly and the Clerks of Assembly, be established until the 145th General Assembly. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS (cont'd from p. XXX)

Report as a Whole

The business of the Assembly having been completed, G. McIntyre moved, duly seconded, that the report as a whole be adopted. Adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

The business being finished and announcements having been made, the Moderator entertained a motion to adjourn. It was moved by W.A. Bissett, duly seconded and adopted, that the 144th General Assembly adjourn. The Assembly joined in the singing of the One Hundred Twenty-Second Psalm. The Moderator led the Assembly in prayer. He then said: "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, and by the authority of this Assembly, I now dissolve this Assembly and appoint another General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada to meet in Waterloo, Ontario, on the second day of June, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and nineteen, at seven o'clock in the evening local time.