

THIRD SEDERUNT

At Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, on Saturday, May thirty-first, two thousand and fourteen at two o'clock in the afternoon, the Assembly met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator constituted the Assembly with prayer.

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

The Assembly called for the report of the Committee on Business which was presented by J.F. Loach, convener. J. Eastwood moved, duly seconded, that the agenda for the third sederunt be approved as presented. Adopted.

J. Eastwood moved, duly seconded, that The Presbyterian College and St. Andrew's Hall be given permission to circulate materials. 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 H.K. Stright convener.

H.K. Stright moved, duly seconded, that the following commissioners be granted leave to withdraw: E.M.W. Charlton (Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington) from the second sederunt and R. Fischer (Presbytery of Vancouver Island) from the eighth sederunt. Adopted.

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THE E.H. JOHNSON AWARD RECIPIENT

The Moderator welcomed Mr. Don Peters, and Mr. Jim Cornelius, Canadian Foodgrains Bank Board Chair and Executive Director respectively and invited them to address the court. The Canadian Foodgrains Bank is the 2014 recipient of the E.H. Johnson Award that recognizes individuals and bodies whose service is "on the cutting edge of mission".

Following an introduction by the Rev. Duncan Jeffrey, convener of the E.H Johnson Memorial Fund Committee, a video describing the vision and work of this organization was shown to the Assembly.

Mr. Peters said, "Our vision is to end world hunger. It is a vision that many would say is unattainable and to reach it would take a miracle. But miracles do happen, such as having 15 member churches and church-based agencies, representing Canada's wide theological spectrum, working together to make this vision a reality." He also described the various ways Canadians support the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and that since 1983, \$700 million has been provided to help feed tens of millions of people. He expressed gratitude for the partnership enjoyed with Presbyterian World Service & Development. He concluded saying, "For this we thank God. For this we thank you."

PRESBYTERIAN RECORD INC.

The Assembly called for the report of the Presbyterian Record Inc. which, as printed on p. XXX-XXX, was presented by the Rev. F.J. Speckeen, convener.

Receive and Consider

T.H. Donnelly, moved, duly seconded, that the report be received and considered. Adopted.

Mr. Speckeen spoke to the report and gave thanks to all who subscribe to the magazine. He mentioned the digital publication of the Record and spoke highly of the Record staff and their work.

Report as a Whole

T.H. Donnelly moved, duly seconded, that the report as a whole be adopted. Adopted.

ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Moderator welcomed convener, C. Wood, forward and invited her to speak to the report which, as printed on pages XXX-XXX, was previously received and adopted by the Assembly (p. XXX).

C. Woods said, “One of the great highlights of the year was the 10th General Assembly of the World Council of Churches that took place in Busan, Korea. Ms. Laura Smith and I were delegates of The Presbyterian Church in Canada to that event. It was a wonderful experience to be part of an event that drew together people from around the globe.” A video of some of the highlights of the meeting was shown to the Assembly. She then drew attention to documents contained in the report that are recommended to congregations for study and noted information regarding worship resources that will be developed to mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

The Moderator thanked C. Wood and the committee for its excellent work.

LIFE AND MISSION AGENCY COMMITTEE (cont'd from p. XXX)

Justice Ministries (p. XXX-XXX)

Recommendation No. 7 (p. XXX) was moved by M.H. Smith, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 8 (p. XXX) was moved by, M.H. Smith duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 9 (p. XXX) was moved by M.H. Smith, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 11 (p. XXX) was moved by M.H. Smith, duly seconded. Adopted.

Ministry and Church Vocations (p. XXX-XXX)

Recommendation Nos. 12, 13 and 14 were adopted with the consent reports. See p. XXX.

Planned Giving (p. XXX-XXX)

Recommendation Nos. 15, 16, 17 and 18 were adopted with the consent reports. See p. XXX.

Service of Remembrance and Celebration

H.F. Gale was called forward to lead in a Service of Remembrance and Celebration. Dr. Gale presented a video that described how the generosity of Planning Giving can be a lasting blessing to the church. He then shared the story of a \$425,000 bequest made to *Presbyterians Sharing* and another bequest for the same amount to Presbyterian World Service & Development. Toronto General Hospital and Evangel Hall also benefited equally from the same faithful Presbyterian donors. With their names projected for all to see, the Assembly gave thanks for the generosity of all those who have gone before us and in whose name The Presbyterian Church in Canada has received notification of bequests during 2013. The Moderator led in prayer and the Assembly sang the doxology.

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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

S. Kendall, moved, duly seconded, that the report be received and considered. Adopted.

Proposed consent recommendations were placed before the Assembly. Commissioners requested that Recommendation Nos. 4 and 6 be withdrawn from the consent recommendations.

Consent Recommendation

S. Kendall moved, duly seconded, that Recommendation No. 3 (p. XXX) be adopted by consent. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 1 (p. XXX) was moved by S. Kendall, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 2 (p. XXX) was moved by S. Kendall, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 4 (p. XXX) was moved by S. Kendall, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 5 (p. XXX) was moved by S. Kendall, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 6 (p. XXX) was moved by S. Kendall, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 7 (p. XXX) was moved by S. Kendall, duly seconded.

Amendment

D. Rollwage moved, duly seconded, that the Declaratory Act be replaced by the following:

In order to receive a pension from the Pension Plan of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, ministers must either retire from active service or attain the age established by the government for mandatory receipt of pension. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 7 as amended, was adopted as follows.

That the following Declaratory Act regarding retiring ministers and the Pension Plan, be added to Book of Forms section 245:

In order to receive a pension from the Pension Plan of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, ministers must either retire from active service or attain the age established by the government for mandatory receipt of pension.

Report as a Whole

S. Kendall moved, duly seconded, that the report as a whole be adopted. Adopted.

GUEST – THE REV. MWAWI CHILONGOZI

The Moderator called G.R. Williams forward to welcome and introduce the Rev. Mwawi Chilongozi. Ms. Chilongozi is an ordained minister of The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) of the Synod of Livingstonia in Malawi. She has been a pastor in five different congregations and held many positions within the synod. Currently, she is the Director of the Women's Guild of the Synod of Livingstonia.

Ms. Chilongozi said, "The partnership between the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian and The Presbyterian Church in Canada has been there for many years. We have received mission staff to our synods like the Rev. Glenn and Linda Inglis, the Rev. Heather Jones, Mr. David Barrie and many more. Presbyterian World Service & Development, International Ministries and the Women's Missionary Society have supported the work of the Synod AIDS Program, the Women's Guild, and the training of our ministers. There have been exchange visits and we have learnt so much from each other. The Women's Guild is an active part of every prayer house and congregation in our synod. The women meet almost every week for Bible study, fellowship, and planning for how to help people in their own communities. The women's guild is involved in preaching the Word of God, visiting the sick, consoling the bereaved, assisting the elderly, widows and orphans, hospitality ministry, income generating activities, mitigating in issues of HIV and AIDS and also providing leadership in prayer houses, congregations, presbyteries and synod. At the synod level, we are coordinating programs to provide education and training for women, such as through our tailoring shop. We also coordinate our widow's program, where we help widows to get the things they need to make handicrafts that they can then sell for income. With this income, they are able to buy food for their family. We are working on a strategic plan that will help us to work with women in the congregations to tackle issues of gender based violence and family life. We look forward to continuing to work together so all our churches can learn from each other and grow in our service to God through our lord Jesus Christ.

The Moderator thanked the Rev. Mwawi Chilongozi for the work being done in the synod and for her address to the Assembly.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Assembly called for the report of the International Affairs Committee which, as printed on p. XXX, was presented by D. Griffiths, convener.

Receive and Consider

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

Consent Recommendation

R.H. Smith moved, duly seconded, that Recommendation No. 6 (p. XXX) be adopted by consent. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 1 (p. XXX) was moved by R.H. Smith, duly seconded. Adopted.

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

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

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

Recommendation No. 5 (p. XXX) was moved by R.H. Smith, duly seconded. Adopted.

Report as a Whole

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

PENSION AND BENEFITS BOARD

The Assembly called for the report of the Pension and Benefits Board which, as printed on p. XXX, was presented by T.M. Fischer, convener.

Receive and Consider

J.R.A. Sokolowsky moved, duly seconded, that the report be received and considered. Adopted.

Consent Recommendation

J.R.A. Sokolowsky moved, duly seconded, that Recommendation Nos. 1 (p. XXX) and 3 (p. XXX) be adopted by consent. Adopted.

P.G. Bush, a member of the Pension and Benefits Board, provided information about the pension sustainability study (see p. XXX).

Recommendation No. 2 (p. XXX) was moved by J.R.A. Sokolowsky, duly seconded.

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THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES

The Moderator invited the heads of the colleges and the conveners of the college boards to come forward.

The Presbyterian College

The report was presented by Mr. Ralph Loader, convener of the Board of Governors.

Receive and Consider

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

Dr. Woods, Acting Principal, drew attention to some of the initiatives that make up the Strategic Plan and Future Direction portion of the report (see p. XXX).

Recommendation No. 1 (p. XXX) was moved by L.E. MacKinnon, duly seconded. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 2 (p. XXX) was moved by L.E. MacKinnon, duly seconded. Adopted.

The Moderator congratulated Dr. Woods on his appointment as principal of The Presbyterian College.

Report as a Whole

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

Knox College

The report was presented by The Rev. Dr. J.D. Gordon, Principal.

Receive and Consider

P.A. McDonald moved, duly seconded, that the report be received and considered. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 2 (p. XXX) was moved by P.A. McDonald, duly seconded. Adopted.

Dr. McCarroll expressed thanks to the court for its support.

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PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The Principal Clerk announced that the minutes of the first sederunt were available for distribution.

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ADJOURNMENT

Announcements having been made, the Moderator adjourned the Assembly with prayer, to meet at Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, on Saturday, May thirty-first, two thousand and fourteen at seven o'clock in the evening, of which public intimation was given.