

## **FOURTH SEDERUNT**

### **ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTED**

At the Athletic and Recreation Centre of Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., the Assembly met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator constituted the Assembly with prayer.

### **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

The Principal Clerk announced that the minutes of the first and second sederunts have been posted on The Presbyterian Church in Canada website.

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### **COMMITTEE ON CHURCH DOCTRINE (cont'd from p. XXX)**

**Recommendation CDC-003** – Discussion resumed.  
Discussion resumed on this recommendation.

**Recommendation CDC-003** was defeated.

**Recommendation CDC-004** (p. XXX) was withdrawn.  
At the request of the committee, the Assembly agreed that Recommendation CDC-004 be withdrawn.

**Recommendation CDC-006** (p. XXX) was moved by H.J. Vais, duly seconded. Adopted

#### **Report as a Whole**

H.J. Vais moved, duly seconded, that the report as a whole be adopted. Adopted.

### **INTERNATIONAL ECUMENICAL GUEST**

The Moderator called upon Ian Ross McDonald to introduce the Rev. Dr. Eui Sig Kim, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Korea (PCK). He is also the current Moderator of the United Christian Church of Korea.

< summary of comments to be inserted >

### **THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES**

The Assembly called for the reports of the Theological Colleges.

#### **THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE**

The report of the Board of Governors of The Presbyterian College, which, as printed on p. XXX, was presented by M. Scott, convener and the Rev. Dr. R.J. De Vries, Principal.

Dr. De Vries updated the Assembly on growing the student body and developments at the college locally and internationally.

#### **Reappointment: The Rev. Dr. Karen Petersen – Professor of Pastoral Leadership**

M. Scott spoke with gratitude about Dr. Petersen's work at The Presbyterian College since her initial three-year appointment in 2021 and of the Board's happy decision to reappoint her for an additional five-year term. He noted that Dr. Petersen is also the Director of the Learning Effectiveness Assessment Program of the Montreal School of Theology.

**Recommendation PCO-001** (p. XXX) was moved by R. Mbenoun, duly seconded. Adopted.

#### **Report as a Whole**

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

#### **THE GOVERNING BOARD OF KNOX COLLEGE**

The report of the Governing Board of Knox College, which, as printed on p. XXX, was presented by C. Grant, incoming convener of the board, J. Borthwick, Director of Lifelong Learning and Dr. E. van Eck, Principal.

Dr. van Eck introduced the report and spoke of the new Counselling Centre. C. Grant commented on recent events, developments, appointments and challenges at Knox. J. Borthwick spoke of the foci and activities of the Lifelong Learning program.

**Recommendation KNX-001** (p. XXX) was moved by R.A. St. Louis, duly seconded. Adopted.

**Minute of Appreciation: The Rev. Dr. Charles Fensham**

Principal van Eck noted Dr. Fensham's retirement as a professor at Knox College by expressing gratitude for the quality of his teaching, along with his kindness, uprightness, thoughtfulness and authenticity, all of which earned the utmost respect from his students and colleagues.

**Report as a Whole**

R.A. St. Louis moved, duly seconded, that the report as a whole be adopted. Adopted.

**THE BOARD OF ST. ANDREW'S HALL**

The report of the Board of St. Andrew's Hall, which, as printed on p. XXX, was presented by the G.D.T. Brown, convener of the Board of St. Andrew's Hall and the Rev Dr. Ross A. Lockhart, Dean of St. Andrew's Hall.

This report contains no recommendations.

G.D.T. Brown spoke about the place of youth in the church today and the privilege to serve them through the ministry of St. Andrew's Hall. She also commented on the Centre of Missional Leadership and how staff reach out to congregations offering resources to enrich their ministry.

Dr. Lockhart walked the Assembly through a series of slides illustrating the seminary and its ministries.

**VANCOUVER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**

The report of Board of Governors of Vancouver School of Theology, which, as printed on p. XXX, was presented by the Rev. Dr. R.R. Topping, President and Vice-Chancellor.

This report contains no recommendations.

Dr. Topping shared a video illustrating Vancouver School of Theology and highlighted the school's wide-ranging training for Christian service and of the respectful collaboration enjoyed with Indigenous Church and spiritualities.

Dr. Topping announced that the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls, has been named Professor Emeritus of Vancouver School of Theology in honour of, and gratitude for, her exemplary academic and leadership contributions to this ecumenical community.

**Report as a Whole**

R.A. Lockhart moved, duly seconded, that the report as a whole be adopted. Adopted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Announcements having been made, the Moderator adjourned the Assembly with prayer, to meet in the Athletic and Recreation Centre of Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, on Tuesday June 4, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., of which public intimation was given.