

NINTH SEDERUNT**ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTED**

At the Athletic Complex of Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., the Assembly met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator constituted the Assembly with prayer.

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS (cont'd from p. XXX)**Roll and Leave to Withdraw**

D.R. Kendall presented a report on the Roll and Leave to Withdraw.

Recommendation No. 4 was moved by J.W. Tait, duly seconded, that the following commissioners be granted leave to withdraw. Adopted.

Nagi Said (Presbytery of Oak Ridges) – from Sederunts 9 and 10

David Sturtevant (Presbytery of Newfoundland) – from Sederunts 9 and 10

James Yang (Presbytery of Niagara) – from Sederunts 8, 9 and 10

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NARRATIVES THAT SHAPE US

The Rev. Jean Morris, the convener of the Assembly Council working group created to consider Narratives of Hope and Possibility for The Presbyterian Church in Canada, explained that the working group is eager to engage this Assembly in a conversation about narratives. Commissioners were encouraged to have conversations, in table groups, that focused on positive stories that would point toward greater potential for the future of the denomination. They were invited to be guided by the following questions and to attach biblical or theological themes and insights to their narratives.

1. Theologically, what are the narratives that shape your identity – and your faith community's identity?
2. In what ways do those narratives give you hope?
3. Considering the conversations that you've had, is there a topic, theme or idea that has emerged? Is there something you would like to highlight? Or is there something that didn't come up but you feel it has to be named for the sake of hope and possibility for The Presbyterian Church in Canada?

Please forward summaries of the conversations to Principal Clerk, The Rev. Victor S.J. Kim, in the General Assembly Office: vkim@presbyterian.ca.

ASSEMBLY COUNCIL (cont'd from p. XXX)**Presbyterians Sharing Video**

A video illustrating how Presbyterians Sharing donations enable much of the ministry of the church to be fulfilled was shown to the Assembly.

Recommendation ASC-007 Re the 2025 budget for The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Discussion resumed on this recommendation.

Immediate Vote

After a period of discussion, R.A. St. Louis moved, duly seconded, that the Assembly take an immediate vote. Adopted.

Recommendation ASC-007 Re the 2025 budget for The Presbyterian Church in Canada was adopted.

Additional Motion Re biennial Assemblies

W.S. McAndless moved, duly seconded, that the Assembly Council begin the experiment with biennial Assemblies in 2025, to begin with three cycles starting 2025.

Immediate Vote

After a period of discussion, R.A. St. Louis moved, duly seconded, that the Assembly take an immediate vote. Adopted.

Additional Motion Re biennial Assemblies was defeated.

Report as a Whole

C.A. Inksetter 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 seventh sederunt have been posted on The Presbyterian Church in Canada website.

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ADJOURNMENT

Announcements having been made, the Moderator adjourned the Assembly with prayer, to meet in the Athletic Complex of Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., of which public intimation was given.