

**NINTH SEDERUNT****ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTED**

At St. Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., the Assembly met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator constituted the Assembly with prayer.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE LISTENING, CONFESSION AND ASSOCIATION (cont'd from p. XXX)****Discussion Resumed on the Amendment as Amended**

That at all future General Assemblies, simultaneous translation to all languages used in the lower courts of the church be made available as needed, subject to funding being made available by the Assembly Council.

**Amendment**

S. Law moved, duly seconded, that "lower courts" be replaced with "presbyteries". Adopted.

**Amendment as Amended** read as follows:

That at all future General Assemblies, simultaneous translation to all languages used in the presbyteries of the church be made available as needed, subject to funding being made available by the Assembly Council.

The Assembly agreed to remove the word "simultaneous" from the Additional Motion as Amended.

**Additional Motion as Amended** read as follows:

That at all future General Assemblies, translation to all languages used in the presbyteries of the church be made available as needed, subject to funding being made available by the Assembly Council.

**Immediate vote**

J.K. Livingston moved, duly seconded, that the Assembly take an immediate vote. Adopted.

**Additional Motion** was adopted as amended as follows:

That at all future General Assemblies, translation to all languages used in the presbyteries of the church be made available as needed, subject to funding being made available by the Assembly Council. Adopted.

**Report as a Whole**

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

**COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

The Committee to Nominate thanks God for the commitment and diligence of all who agree to serve on committees. In this spirit of gratitude and hope, we present this year's slate of nominees.

**COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES****ASSEMBLY COUNCIL****9 Church-at-Large Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)**

Years	Name
2018–2024 (II)	Bethany McCaffrey, Toronto, ON **
2021–2024 (I)	Jeffrey M. Murray, Sackville, NB **
2023–2024 (I)	Peter Rombeek, Montreal, PQ (for 1 year) **
2019–2025 (II)	Cherie A. Inksetter, St. Catharines, ON (convener) **
2019–2025 (II)	Peter A. Kinch, Toronto, ON *
2022–2025 (I)	Daniel W. Cho, Toronto, ON **
2023–2026 (I)	John Keshwah, Brampton, ON *
2023–2026 (I)	Shalini Rajack-Sankarlal, Windsor, ON **

2023–2026 (I) Cindy Perks, Vernon, BC \*

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

Years	Name and Presbytery
2018–2024 (II)	Jinsook Khang, Vaughan, ON (Eastern Han-Ca) **
2018–2024 (II)	Linda Shaw, Simcoe, ON (Paris) *
2021–2024 (I)	Diane Reader Jones, Burlington, ON (Hamilton) *
2021–2024 (I)	Jennifer L. Cameron, Belleville, ON (Kingston) *
2022–2025 (I)	Bartholomew Alexander, Howick, PQ (Montreal) **
2022–2025 (I)	Martha Ferguson, Saskatoon, SK (Northern Saskatchewan) *
2022–2025 (I)	Paul D. Johnston, Arnprior, ON (Lanark & Renfrew) **
2022–2025 (I)	Patrick O'Brien, Puslinch, ON (Waterloo-Wellington) *
2021–2026 (II)	Brenda Butler, New Glasgow, NS (Pictou) *
2021–2026 (II)	John Borthwick, Guelph, ON (Waterloo-Wellington) **
2023–2026 (I)	Martin Baxter, North Vancouver, BC (Westminster) **
2023–2026 (I)	William Ball, Edmonton, AB (Edmonton-Lakeland) **

### 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

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

Years	Name
2018–2024 (II)	Heather Vais, Thornhill, ON (for 1 year) **
2023–2024 (I)	Sarah Travis, Oakville, ON, BC (for 1 year) **
2021–2024 (I)	David Holland, Kingston, ON *
2021–2024 (I)	Huda Kandalraft, Ottawa, ON *
2019–2025 (II)	Jeremy Bellsmith, Nanaimo, BC **
2019–2025 (II)	Bradford E. Blaikie, Summerside, PE **
2022–2025 (I)	Mark A. Tremblay, Calgary, AB **
2022–2025 (I)	J. Andrew Fullerton, London, ON **
2020–2026 (II)	Lela Burt, London, ON *
2023–2026 (I)	Dillon Hausauer, Lethbridge, ON *
2023–2026 (I)	Nicole Lingren, Saskatoon, SK *
2023–2026 (I)	Jonathan Kwon, Vancouver, BC **

### 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
2018–2024 (II)	Andrew J.R. Johnston, Ottawa, ON **
2021–2024 (I)	Laura-Lee Campbell, Guelph, ON (convener) *
2019–2025 (II)	H. Kenneth Stright, West Petpeswick, NS **
2022–2025 (I)	Heather Bryant, Calgary, AB *

2020–2026 (II) Marianne Emig-Carr, Brockville, ON \*\*  
 2023–2026 (I) Rueben St. Louis, Elmira, 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
2018–2024 (II)	Jennifer L. Geddes, Comox, BC **
2018–2024 (II)	Geoffrey M. Ross, Brampton, ON (convener) **
2019–2025 (II)	David Mawhinney, Sackville, NB *
2019–2025 (II)	Janet Taylor, Edmonton, AB **
2020–2026 (II)	Alexander Herd, Richmond Hill, ON *
2020–2026 (II)	Don Burnard, Sarnia, ON *

**By Correspondence**

8 synod conveners

**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 and Convener of Presbyterian Heritage Centre

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

Years	Name
2021–2024 (I)	Donna Capper, Simcoe, ON *
2021–2024 (I)	Charmila Ireland, Shannon, QC **
2022–2025 (I)	Jin Woo Kim, Calgary, AB **
2022–2025 (I)	Monika Berezcki-Farkas, Cambridge, ON **
2023–2026 (I)	Dr. Beth McCutcheon, Toronto, ON**
2023–2026 (I)	Matthew Vyse, Calgary, AB *

**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; one of whom is Indigenous)**

Years	Name
2021–2024 (I)	John Barrett, Charlottetown, PE *

2021–2024 (I)	Yvonne Bearbull, Kenora, ON (National Indigenous Ministries Council) *
2021–2024 (I)	Sue Senior, Waterloo, ON *
2022–2024 (I)	Nicole Reid, Dunnville, ON **
2019–2025 (II)	Donna McIlveen, Johnstown, ON (convener) **
2022–2025 (I)	Karen Abboud, Ottawa, ON *
2022–2025 (I)	Kirk Dunn, Toronto, ON *
2022–2025 (I)	Brian Neilson, Sackville, NB *
2020–2026 (II)	Amanda Currie, Regina, SK **
2023–2026 (I)	Markus Arseneault, Thunder Bay, ON **
2023–2026 (I)	Dongwhi (David) Son, London, ON **
2023–2026 (I)	Christian Persuad, Calgary, AB **

**Assembly Council Appointments – 2 members**

Two members of the Assembly Council

**Ex-officio – 3 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
2018–2024 (II)	Neil Ellis, Cobourg, ON **
2021–2024 (I)	Joanne Campbell, Toronto, ON *
2021–2024 (I)	Dawn Charlton, Waterloo, ON *
2021–2024 (I)	Leslie L. Walker, Leamington, ON **
2019–2025 (II)	Jessica Foy, Hamilton, ON *
2019–2025 (II)	Michael Lemiski, Mississauga, ON *
2019–2025 (II)	Mark R. McLennan, Woodstock, ON (convener) **
2022–2025 (I)	Steven Marsh, Cambridge, ON *
2000–2026 (II)	Ian Buchanan, London, ON *
2022–2026 (I)	Kim Oliver, Toronto, ON *
2023–2026 (I)	Dave Nanderan, Waterdown, ON *
2023–2026 (I)	Edward Charlton, Arthur, ON **

**NATIONAL INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES COUNCIL****2 Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)**

Years	Name
2022–2025 (I)	John Carr, Vancouver, BC *
2022–2025 (I)	Cathy Lindsay, Kenora, ON *

**Ex-Officio – 1 representative and director/minister from each Indigenous Ministries**

Cedar Tree Ministries  
 Edmonton Urban Native Ministry  
 Hummingbird Ministries  
 Mistawasis Memorial Church  
 Kenora Fellowship Centre  
 Nazko & Area Dakelh Outreach – Cariboo Region  
 Place of Hope Indigenous Church  
 Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry  
 Winnipeg Inner City Missions

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

Years	Name and Synod
2021–2024	Dr. Marion R. Barclay, North Sydney, NS (convener) (The Atlantic Provinces) **
2021–2024	Gordon Walford, Ottawa, ON (Quebec and Eastern Ontario) *
2021–2024	Leila Paugh, Niagara, ON (Southwestern Ontario) *
2022–2025	Donna Hagen, Saskatoon, SK (Saskatchewan) **
2022–2025	John Chik, Calgary, AB (Alberta and the Northwest) *
2022–2025	Alfred H.S. Lee, Pitt Meadows, BC (British Columbia) **
2023–2026	Colleen Walker, Englehart, ON (Central Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda) *
2023–2026	Mark Burns, Glencoe, ON (Southwestern Ontario) **
2023–2026	Gordon McCutcheon, Thunder Bay, ON (Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario) *

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

Years	Name
2021–2024 (I)	Karen Dimock, Ottawa, ON *
2021–2024 (I)	vacant
2021–2024 (I)	Donald Walcot, Montreal, QC (convener) *
2019–2025 (II)	Dan Philips, Calgary, AB *
2019–2025 (II)	J.C. Mackenzie (Mac) Smith, Toronto, ON *
2022–2025 (I)	Gregory Dickson, New Glasgow, NS **
2018–2024 (II)	Harry Currie, Edmonton, AB **
2020–2026 (II)	Joanne Stewart, Toronto, ON *
2023–2026 (I)	Alissa Ramcharran, Brampton, ON *

**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
2018–2024	Lori Ransom, Toronto, ON *
2019–2025	Peter G. Bush, Fergus, ON (convener) **
2019–2025	Donald Chu, Toronto, ON *
2019–2025	Douglas A. Wall, Mississauga, ON *
2021–2027	R. Ian Shaw, Simcoe, ON **
2021–2027	Elizabeth A. Speers, Toronto, ON *
2022–2028	E. Brooke Ashfield, Waterloo, ON **
2022–2028	William B. Collier, Ajax, ON *
2022–2028	Murray MacDonald, Stillwater Lake, NS *
2023–2024	Donald Walcot, Montreal, QC (convener of Pension and Benefits Board) *
2023–2029	Corrie Stewart, Sydney Mines, NS ** vacant

**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
2018–2024 (II)	Dr. Richard W. Fee, Toronto, ON **
2018–2024 (II)	Linda Patton-Cowie, Orillia, ON **
2018–2024 (II)	Randal Phillips, Toronto, ON (convener) *
2018–2024 (II)	Jonathan W. Tait, Baxter, ON **
2021–2024 (I)	Michael Nettleton, Toronto, ON *
2019–2025 (II)	Gifty Amofa, Brampton, ON *
2019–2025 (II)	Garth Low, Toronto, ON *
2022–2025 (I)	Candace T. Grant, Toronto, ON *
2022–2025 (I)	Kenneth W. Campbell, Toronto, ON *
2022–2025 (I)	Simon Park, Toronto, ON **
2023–2026 (I)	Robert Hayashi, Aurora, ON **
2020–2026 (II)	Dr. Peter Coutts, Calgary, AB **
2020–2026 (II)	Kate McLellan, Rothesay, NB *
2023–2026 (I)	Robert Beattie, Toronto, ON *
2023–2026 (I)	Ian McLean, Waterloo, ON *

**Ex-officio – 3 members**

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

**THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, BOARD OF GOVERNORS****12 Members (3 year term, option for 2nd term)**

Years	Name
2021–2024 (I)	Samar Kandalaft, Kemptville, ON **
2023–2024 (I)	Gina Farnell (for 1 year) *
2021–2024 (I)	Douglas H. Rollwage, Charlottetown, PE (convener) **
2023–2024 (I)	Glenn Fox (for 1 year) ##*
2019–2025 (II)	Katherine Burgess, Quebec City, QC **
2019–2025 (II)	Marilyn Scott, Vaudreuil-Dorion, QC *
2022–2025 (I)	David Clark, London, ON **
2022–2025 (I)	Rose Mbenoun, Montreal, QC *
2020–2026 (II)	Denise Allen- Macartney, Ottawa, ON **
2023–2026 (I)	Paul Mkandawire, Ottawa, QC *
2023–2026 (I)	Yaw Nyampong, Laval, QC *
2023–2026 (I)	Paul Wu, Ottawa, ON *

**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 (3 year term, option for 2nd term)**

Years	Name
2018–2024 (II)	Matthew Walton-Knight, North Vancouver, BC *
2021–2024 (I)	Mary Rozsa de Coquet, Calgary, AB *

2021–2024 (I)	Neil Singh, Surrey, BC *
2021–2024 (I)	Larry Yen, Vancouver, BC *
2019–2025 (II)	Gwen D.T. Brown, Vernon, BC (convener) **
2019–2025 (II)	Victor Ling, Vancouver, BC *
2019–2025 (II)	Ron Zapp, New Westminster, BC *
2022–2025 (I)	Tim Herron, Thornhill, ON *
2000–2026 (II)	Joseph Bae, Thornhill, ON **
2023–2026 (I)	Mary Jesse, Regina, SK *
2023–2026 (I)	Elaine Wilson, Prince George, BC **
2023–2026 (I)	Barbara Pilozow, Winnipeg, MB **

**Ex-officio – 3 members**

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

**Recommendation NOM-001** (p. XXX) was moved by C.E. Wilson, duly seconded. Adopted.

**Recommendation NOM-002** (p. XXX) was moved by C.E. Wilson, duly seconded. Adopted.

**Additional Motion** was moved by C.E. Wilson, duly seconded. Adopted.

C.E. Wilson moved, duly seconded, that the Committee to Nominate be given power to issue to fill the vacancies of the Pension and Benefits Board for a member to serve from 2023–2024 and for a member of the Trustee Board to serve from 2023–2029. Adopted.

**Report as a Whole**

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

**CLERKS OF ASSEMBLY** (cont'd from p. XXX)

**Recommendation CLK-007**

The Clerks of Assembly announced that further comments on the subject of Recommendation CLK-007 will be made to the 2024 General Assembly.

**Report as a Whole**

L. Hargrove moved, duly seconded, that the report as a whole, apart from the portion of the report dealing with Recommendation CLK-007, be adopted. Adopted.

**YOUNG ADULT REPRESENTATIVES**

The Moderator invited the Young Adult Representatives to address the Assembly. They placed four recommendations before the court.

**Recommendation No. 1**

S. Law moved, duly seconded, that The Presbyterian Church in Canada acknowledge the importance of engaging youth in church activities and addressing their concerns to foster their active participation and strengthen the church community. Adopted.

**Recommendation No. 2**

S. Law moved, duly seconded, that the Life and Mission Agency appoint a Youth Advisory Committee, composed of eight members from the ages of 16–25, representing different groups and backgrounds, to be consulted by the Life and Mission Agency and other committees of the church on various issues in The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

**Amendment**

S. Howard moved, duly seconded, that “at least” be inserted in the recommendation before “eight members”. Adopted.

**Recommendation No. 2** was adopted as amended as follows:

S. Law moved, duly seconded, that the Life and Mission Agency appoint a Youth Advisory Committee, composed of at least eight members from the ages of 16–25, representing different groups and backgrounds, to be consulted by the Life and Mission Agency and other committees of the church on various issues in The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

**Recommendation No. 3**

S. Law moved, duly seconded, that the Terms of Reference of the Youth Advisory Committee be developed with the Life and Mission Agency and the first members of the committee. Adopted.

**Recommendation No. 4**

S. Law moved, duly seconded, that The Presbyterian Church in Canada, through the Youth Advisory Committee and the Life and Mission Agency, investigate the feasibility of introducing full voting privileges for the Young Adult Representatives. Adopted.

**Additional Motion**

P. Kinch moved, duly seconded, that the General Assembly express appreciation to the Young Adult Representatives for their service, motions and their advisory votes. Adopted.

**Report as a Whole**

S. Law 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. The report was presented by R.N. Faris, convener.

Members of the Committee to Confer with the Moderator, which was revised after a commissioner who was originally appointed to the committee sent regrets to the Assembly, was made up of the following: Lori-Kim den Otter, the Rev. Dr. Robert Faris (convener), the Rev. Germaine Lovelace, the Rev. Laurie McKay and the Rev. Tim Purvis.

**Committee to Advise with the Moderator 2023–2024**

The Committee to Advise with the Moderator provides advice and support for the Moderator of the General Assembly during their moderatorial year. The committee meets with the Moderator to assist in establishing the itinerary, listen to reports about travels and activities and to offer support and encouragement. The following lists the recommended membership of the committee as chosen by the Moderator.

**Recommendation CON-001**

R.N. Faris moved, duly seconded, that the Committee to Advise with the Moderator be named as follows: Yvonne Bearbull, the Rev. Daniel Cho, the Rev. Amanda Currie, the Rev. Dr. Pat Dutcher-Walls (convener), the Rev. Stephen Kendall, the Rev. Laurie McKay, the Rev. Victor Kim (Principal Clerk) and Terrie-Lee Hamilton (secretary). Adopted.

**Recommendation CON-002**

R.N. Faris moved, duly seconded, that the Special Commission re Reference No. 1, 2023 – Presbytery of Western Ha-Ca, Corrective Case be named as follows: David Christiani, the Rev. Jinsook Khang, the Rev. In Kee Kim, the Rev. Dr. Beth McCutcheon (convener), the Rev. Dr. Jean Morris, the Rev. Victor Kim (Principal Clerk) and Terrie-Lee Hamilton (secretary). Adopted.

**Recommendation CON-003**

R.N. Faris moved, duly seconded, that the Special Commission re Reference No. 2, 2023 – Presbytery of Edmonton-Lakeland, Disciplinary Case be named as follows: the Rev. Chris Clarke, Lori-Kim den Otter, the Rev. Laura Kavanagh (convener), the Rev. Paul Kang, Ken Templeton, the Rev. Victor Kim (Principal Clerk) and Terrie-Lee Hamilton (secretary). Adopted.

**Report as a Whole**

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



## COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES AND LOYAL ADDRESS

The Assembly called for the report of the Committee on Courtesies and Loyal Addresses which was present by K.E. O'Brien, convener.

It was moved by K.E. O'Brien, duly seconded, that following courtesies and loyal addresses be adopted. Adopted.

### COURTESIES

We, the commissioners of the 148th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada express our gratitude to God for being present to us and with us during this time of deliberation and decision.

We acknowledge that St. Mary's University is located on the traditional lands of Mi'kmaq Nation.

We thank the Presbytery of Halifax for graciously hosting another General Assembly and the Presbyterian Church of St. David for hosting worship on Sunday evening. We express our appreciation to all who took part in the opening worship in both word and song. We thank Amanda Henderson-Bolton, Joon Ki Kim and Jeff Murray who led worship and preached during the week.

We are grateful for the wisdom and guidance of our Moderator, the Rev. Mary Fontaine, the officers of the court and the staff of the Assembly Office.

We thank the young adult representatives and representatives of our colleges for their presence and participation.

We thank those who joined us from other traditions: Rabbi David Ellis, Rabbi-at-large to the Jewish communities of Atlantic Canada; the Rev. Dr. Carlos Emilio Ham, Rector, Evangelical Seminary of Theology in Matanzas, Cuba; the Rev. Susan C. Johnson, National Bishop – Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; the Rev. Yoichi Nakae, Moderator of the 56th General Assembly of the Korean Christian Church in Japan; the Rev. Byungho Kim, the Korean Christian Church in Japan, David McIntosh, the Korean Christian Church in Japan. Their presence and their words enriched our experience at this General Assembly.

We are grateful for Robi Damelin and Laila AlShekh of the Parents Circle, Families Forum, the Cutting Edge of Mission Award recipients.

We thank all those who fulfilled their commissions to the Assembly from their respective presbyteries. We are grateful for their time and talent.

### LOYAL ADDRESSES

To His Majesty, King Charles,

We, the commissioners of the Venerable, the 148th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, meeting at St. Mary's University in Halifax Nova Scotia June 4–7, 2023, convey to you, loyal greetings and sincere congratulations on your coronation. Your continued and unwavering personal faith in God serves as an inspiration to your subjects. The Venerable General Assembly prays God's sustained blessings upon you.

To Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada,

We, the commissioners of the 148th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, meeting at St. Mary's University in Halifax Nova Scotia June 4–7, 2023, convey greetings to you. As the King's representative in Canada, we are grateful for your leadership. We ask God's richest blessings on you as you discharge the high duties of your office.

To the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada,

We, the commissioners of the Venerable, the 148th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, meeting at meeting at St. Mary's University in Halifax Nova Scotia June 4–7, 2023, send greetings to you and your family, your Ministers and to the Parliament of Canada. Please be assured of our prayers that God will guide and direct you and the other Members of Parliament in making decisions in keeping with the common good and commensurate with the ideals of truth and justice.

To the Honourable Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia,

We, the commissioners of the Venerable, the 148th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, meeting at St. Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia June 4–7, 2023, send greetings to you and the other Members of the Legislature. We thank you for your service and we pray that God will bless your leadership as you seek to fulfill the responsibilities of your office.

To the Chiefs of Mi'kmaq Peoples,

We, the commissioners of the Venerable, the 148th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, meeting at St. Mary's University in Halifax Nova Scotia June 4–7, 2023, send our greetings. We acknowledge your ancient and rich history and traditions and give thanks for every opportunity to foster continued dialogue and reconciliation.

To His Worship, Michael Savage, Mayor of Halifax Regional Municipality,

We, the commissioners of the Venerable, the 148th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, meeting at St. Mary's University in Halifax Nova Scotia June 4–7, 2023, convey our greetings and good wishes to you and the members of Halifax Regional Municipality. It is our prayer that God will bless you with wisdom and integrity as you serve the people of this city with both justice and compassion.

**Report as a Whole**

Moved, duly seconded, that the report as a whole be adopted. Adopted.

**COMMISSION RE MATTERS LEFT UNCARED FOR OR OMITTED**

T. Hamilton moved, duly seconded, that the Commission of Matters Left Uncared For or Omitted, consisting of the Moderator of the 2023 General Assembly and the Clerks of Assembly, be established until the 2024 General Assembly. Adopted.

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

T. Hamilton moved, duly seconded, that the that the minutes of the first four sederunts be adopted as presented, subject to correction, and that the minutes of the remaining sederunts be taken as read and adopted. Adopted.

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

**Report as a Whole**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The business having been finished and announcements having been made, the Moderator entertained a motion to adjourn. It was moved by D. Christiani, duly seconded and adopted, that the 148th General Assembly adjourn.

The Moderator 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 within the bounds of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington at the University of Wilfrid Laurier, on June 2, 2024.