

Commission re Call to Richard Warne
Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo
October 17, 2012

DATE AND PLACE:

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington appointed a Commission for the purpose of receiving the Call from Hamilton Presbytery to Richard Warne to a two point charge, Knox Church, Jarvis and Walpole Presbyterian Churches. The Commission met on Wednesday, October 17th, 2012 at Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo at 2:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Ministers: Rev. Linda Ashfield (Moderator), Rev. Mark Lewis, Rev. Janice Hamalainen

Representative Elders: Marion Hunter, Wilma Welsh

Due to several regrets, the Moderator and Clerk invited Mark Lewis and Janice Hamalainen to attend the Commission meeting.

REGRETS:

Ministers: Rev. Johan Olivier, Rev. John Borthwick, Rev. Jeff L. Smith, Bob Renton

Jarvis and Walpole visitors – several attended from the two congregations in addition to the Rev. Cathy Kay, Interim Moderator.

OPENING AND CONTITUTION OF THE COURT

The Moderator, Rev. Linda Ashfield opened the Commission meeting with Prayer.

The Moderator welcomed visitors from Knox Jarvis and Chalmers Walpole in addition to the Interim Moderator, Rev. Cathy Kay.

The Clerk was asked to present the terms of the Call,

TERMS OF THE CALL

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

We, the professing members of Knox Presbyterian Church, Jarvis & Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Walpole, being well satisfied with your faithfulness to the Gospel and your qualifications for the ministry of Word and Sacraments and confident that the Holy Spirit has led us to you, earnestly and solemnly call you Richard Warne to become the minister of these congregations. In calling you we promise you all due respect, encouragement, and allegiance in the Lord as, together, we seek to use our gifts in the church and in the world to the glory of God. In order that you Richard Warne may be free to devote yourself to ministry of Word and Sacraments among us, we the congregations of Knox Presbyterian Church, Jarvis & Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Walpole hereby guarantee to the Presbytery of Hamilton, of The

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Presbyterian Church in Canada, that out of our estimated annual revenue of one hundred and seventeen thousand, eight hundred dollars (117,800.00) we promise and obligate ourselves to provide you, as a first charge thereon, the following annually:

Annual Stipend is forty three thousand, nine hundred and thirty dollars (\$43,930) + travel at .40 cents per kilometre + Manse + Utilities

We agree to make payments of the above amounts on the first day of each month, and agree to review the stipend and allowances annually in view of any changes in the cost of living or the needs of our minister.

We agree further:

1. To provide three weeks + \$600 for continuing education annually.
2. That the benefits of number 1 above shall be cumulative up to five years.
3. To provide five weeks holiday annually.
4. To pay supply during the periods of continuing education and holidays.
5. In case of disability or extended illness, to continue to provide stipend, accommodation and allowances for a period not less than that set by the General Assembly, and to pay the cost of pulpit supply.
6. To pay for Medical and Dental Insurance as provided through the Pension and Benefits Board of the General Assembly and to make contributions to the Pension Plan in compliance with the terms of the plan.
7. To pay necessary moving expenses.
8. To pay for insurance for unfounded allegations of sexual abuse and harassment.

{4 October, 2012}

[Signature], Presiding Minister

[Signature], Pastoral Charge Treasurer

Narrative – presented by Cathy Kay

The Search Committee of the congregations of Knox, Jarvis and Chalmers Walpole met on May 6, 2012 with 5 members from each congregation present, and continually met until after their interview with Rick Warne. Peter Paine and Doug McBride (both elders) agreed to co-chair the Committee.

Throughout the process:

The Congregations filled out the ‘Pastoral Skills & Interest Inventory,’ and those were reviewed and taken into account by the Committee.

The Committee:

- looked at their Past Congregational Profiles.
- brainstormed about what they were looking for in a new minister.
- worked and completed the forms and narrative for their Congregational Profiles

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- placed ad in Presbyterian Record and put it on National Website
- went through 17 profiles
- considered 2
- went and heard those 2 conduct worship
- interviewed Rick Warne on Monday August 6, 2012

The Session:

- went before both Sessions on August 9th - unanimously approved to invite Rick Warne to preach for the Call on Sunday September 23, 2012
- call unanimous within both congregations

ATTESTATION OF THE CALL BY THE INTERIM MODERATOR

I hereby certify that in pursuance of appointment of the Presbytery of Hamilton, this Call has been moderated in, and that out of a total number of 93 professing members, of Knox Presbyterian Church, Jarvis is 82 have themselves subscribed and 11 have requested an elder to subscribe to same; and that out of a total number of 1 professing members of Chalmer's Presbyterian Church, Walpole, 42 have themselves subscribed and 9 have requested an elder to subscribe to same.

Rev. Catherine Kay, Port Dover, Ontario, October 9, 2012 (Minister officiating)

Agreed that the call to Richard Warne be received and considered. CARRIED

It was agreed that representatives of both congregations and the interim moderator be heard. All spoke very positively about Richard Warne being called to their congregations, all believing that this is a true Gospel Call

Moved by Wilma Welsh/Mark Lewis that the Call be sustained as a gospel call and placed in the hands of Richard Warne. CARRIED

Richard Warne advised that he will accept the Call.

ORDINATION

Richard Warne will be ordained on October 28th, 2012 at St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church, Cambridge. The Clerk will seek the permission of the Presbytery of Hamilton for the service of Ordination to be held within the bounds of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington.

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ADJOURNMENT

This being a Special Commission meeting of the Presbytery no further business will be considered. The commission adjourned. The meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. Catherine Kay at the request of the Moderator.

Acting Moderator

Clerk

Wilma Welsh, Clerk - watwell@rogers.com