

Induction of the Rev. Michael Burns,  
St. Andrew's, Mount Forest and Knox, Conn Presbyterian Churches,  
February 9, 2014

**DATE AND PLACE:**

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in Special Session within St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Mount Forest on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for the purpose of Inducting the Rev. Michael Burns into this pastoral charge. The induction was scheduled for January 26, 2014 but had to be cancelled due to the weather conditions.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Ministers:** Rev. Mark Lewis (Moderator), Rev. Linda Ashfield, Rev. Brooke Ashfield, Rev. Calvin Burns, Rev. Michael Burns, Rev. Darrell Clarke, Rev. Mark Gaskin, Rev. Dr. Mark Richardson, Rev. Andrew Song

**Representative Elders:** Junghee Ahn, Lenore Arbuckle, Gib McIlwrath, David Ogram, Gaston St. Louis, Neil Stewart, Earl Suggitt, Don Vickers, Jim Zaryski.

**Alternate Representative Elders:** Janet DeGroot

**Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll:** Rev. Dr. Linda Bell, Rev. Linda Paquette

**Others** – Kathy Gaskin

**Clerk:** Dr. Wilma Welsh

**REGRETS:**

**Ministers:** - Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst, Rev. John Borthwick, Rev. Chris Ji Hoon Cho, Rev. Janice Hamalainen, Rev. Johan Olivier, Rev. John Paeng, Rev. Jeff . Smith, Rev. Glen Soderholm

**Representative Elders:** Johan DeSchiffart, Andrew Foster, Maria Liston, Liz Samis

**Alternate Representative Elders:** Helen Cleghorn

**Appendix to the Roll:** Rev. Dr. Walter McLean

**CONSTITUTION:**

The Moderator, the Rev. Mark Lewis, constituted the Court with prayer.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

The Moderator warmly welcomed all and called for introductions. There were no visitors.

Moved by Andrew Song/Neil Stewart that if a member of another presbytery is in the court that they be invited to sit and correspond. CARRIED

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP:**

Moderator Mark Lewis, walked the Court through the Order of Worship. It was agreed on motion of Darrell Clarke/Neil Stewart that the Order of Worship be adopted as printed. It was noted that there will be a song just prior to the scripture readings. CARRIED  
Presbyters will recess during the last hymn and stand at the back of the church as the Rev. Michael Burns pronounces the Benediction.

**PENSION AND BENEFITS:**

The Moderator asked The Rev. Michael Burns if he is a member of the Pension and Dental Plan. He answered 'yes'.

**STIPEND:**

The Moderator asked The Rev. Michael Burns if the first month's stipend has been paid. The reply was 'yes'.

**ADDITION TO CONSTITUENT ROLL:**

Andrew Song/David Ogram moved that The Rev. Michael Burns remain on the Constituent Roll of The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington at the conclusion of the service. He has been on the constituent roll as a returned missionary. CARRIED

**DISCHARGE OF INTERIM MODERATOR:**

Moved by Andrew Song/David Ogram that The Interim Moderator, the Rev. Andrew Song be dismissed with the thanks of the Court but remain on as a mentor to the Rev. Michael Burns for a minimum of one year. CARRIED

**BENEDICTION:**

It was agreed that the Presbytery adjourn when the Benediction is pronounced at the end of the service.

**EDICT:**

The Clerk, Wilma Welsh, entered the Sanctuary and read the Edict. The Edict was also read on January 19 & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at both St. Andrew's Mount Forest and Knox Conn. A signed copy was returned to the Clerk.

The members of presbytery entered the sanctuary and the service was led by the Rev. Andrew Song.

Wilma Welsh, Clerk ([clerkwatwell@gmail.com](mailto:clerkwatwell@gmail.com))

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**NARRATION OF STEPS** – presented by Wilma Welsh, Clerk

**Narrating the Steps / Reasons for Translation** – Knox-Conn and St. Andrew's –Mount Forest  
At the January 8, 2013 the Rev. Nan St. Louis's retirement was approved by the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington. The Rev. Andrew Song was appointed interim moderator of the two point charge by the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington.

The work of the Search Committee began on May 12<sup>th</sup>. To speed up the search a joint session meeting was held on March 4<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of forming a search committee. Membership on the Search Committee totalled 12 – 4 from Knox Conn and 8 from St. Andrew's, Mt. Forest.

On March 25<sup>th</sup> the Search Committee met for the first time for the sole purpose of working on the congregational profile. Forms were completed.

The congregational profile was sent out after completion and 34 applications were received. The Search Committee short listed the 34 to 5.

Some candidates submitted recorded sermons and they were listened to at the meeting of June 25.

None of these applicants seemed to fit the profile of the congregations. An additional 8 applications were received and on September 17<sup>th</sup> the committee met to discuss their profiles as well as listen to their recorded sermons.

On October 15, the committee met and short listed the 8 to 4. The Committee traveled in order to attend full worship services conducted by four applicants. As a result the committee interviewed three of the four applicants.

After the final interview on December 16, the committee decided to recommend to the joint Session that the Rev. Michael Burns be invited to preach for the call. Because it was the week before Christmas each elder was called with the recommendation of the Search Committee that Rev. Michael Burns be invited to preach for the call on Sunday, January 5

Immediately after each of the two services, congregational meetings were called in each congregation and a vote taken by secret ballot. It was agreed that the name of the Rev. Michael

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Burns be inserted in the Call and forwarded to the Clerk of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington. The vote in favour was 100% of those attending.

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington sustained the Call and that brings us to this induction service this afternoon.

**SERVICE, INDUCTION AND SIGNING THE FORMULA:**

The Rev. Darrell Clarke delivered the message. The Scripture readings were John 10: 22-28 and John 21: 15-19. The Sermon title was "Peter, Feed my Sheep."

At the appropriate time, the Clerk, Wilma Welsh presented the Rev. Michael Burns to the Moderator requesting that he be inducted. With the appointed preamble and questions, the Rev. Mark Lewis inducted the Rev. Michael Burns into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Mount Forest and Knox Conn.

The Presbytery was then called forward to give the right hand of fellowship after which the Formula was signed.

**BENEDICTION:**

The Presbytery recessed during the last hymn leaving the newly inducted minister, the Rev. Michael Burns to pronounce the Benediction.

**REFRESHMENTS:**

The congregation provided a time of fellowship and refreshments following the service.

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Moderator

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Clerk