

Ordination of the Rev. David Sturtevant  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kitchener  
February 12, 2017

**DATE AND PLACE:**

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in Special Session within St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kitchener, on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. for the sole purpose of Ordaining David Sturtevant to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments. This ordination service was conducted with the permission of the Presbytery of Newfoundland. The service was held beginning at 4:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Ministers:** Rev. Susan V. Clarke (Moderator), Rev. Mark Lewis, Rev. Darrell Clarke, Rev. Scott Sinclair, Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst

**Representative Elders:** George Forsyth, Hannah Erhardt, Janet MacDowell

**Ordinand:** David Sturtevant

**Alternate Representative Elders:** Helen Cleghorn

**Treasurer** – Allan Stewart

**Clerk** – Dr. Wilma Welsh

**REGRETS:**

**Ministers:** - Rev. Brooke Ashfield, Rev. Linda Ashfield, Rev. John Borthwick, Rev. Michael Burns, Rev. Mark Gaskin, Rev. Alex MacLeod, Rev. Johan Olivier, Rev. Glen Soderholm

**Representative Elders:** Lydia Maitland, Lenore Arbuckle, Carolyn Boyne, Andrew Foster, Alan Israel, Joan Knox, David Ogram, Ross Rowat

**Alternate Representative Elders** – Helen Cleghorn

**Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll** – Rev. Dr. Linda Bell

**CONSTITUTION:**

The Moderator, the Rev. Susan V. Clarke, Constituted the Court with prayer.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

The Moderator warmly welcomed all.

Moved by Mark Lewis/Karla Wübbenhorst that members in attendance from other Presbyteries be invited to sit and correspond and other clergy in attendance be invited to join in the "laying on of hands". CARRIED

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:**

The Moderator the Rev. Susan Clarke walked the Court through the Order of Worship. It was agreed that the Order of Worship be adopted as printed.

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**QUESTIONS TO THE ORDINANT**

The Presbytery was advised that the Presbytery of Newfoundland will be responsible for both of these matters as this is David Sturtevant's first charge. He will receive his first stipend cheque on arrival in Newfoundland.

**BENEDICTION:**

It was agreed that the Presbytery conclude when the Benediction is pronounced by David Sturtevant at the end of the service.

**EDICT AND NARRATION OF STEPS:**

The Rev. Dr. Mark Lewis confirmed that the Edict was read at St. Andrew's Kitchener on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Clerk, Wilma Welsh, entered the Sanctuary and read the Edict before the service began.

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

The Court processed into the sanctuary. The service was led by the Moderator, The Rev. Susan Clarke.

The Clerk, Wilma Welsh read the Narration of Steps.

**Narration of the Steps**

The pulpit of St. David's Presbyterian Church, St. John's, Nfld. was preached vacant April 2, 2017 by the interim moderator, Rev. Derek Krunys. Their minister the Rev Dr. Jonathan Dent accepted the position as National Director of the Canadian Bible Society and moved to Toronto.

A search committee was appointed by the Session, jointly chaired by Steven Bruneau and Lori Kim Den Otter. They began to work on their congregational profile as required by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. After completion it was released through Ministry and Church Vocations, advertised in the Presbyterian Record, and posted onto the congregational website.

Profiles from eligible candidates seeking the call were received until October 31, 2016. From the pool of candidates who submitted their profiles, as well as profiles received from Ministry and Church Vocations, a short list of candidates was formulated to submit a recording of their worship leadership and for a Skype interview.

After conducting their interviews December 3, 2016, the Search Committee provided the name of David Sturtevant as their unanimous recommendation to the Session of St. David's to be invited to preach for the call.

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At a special meeting of the Session, December 7, 2016, the Session adopted the recommendation of the Search Committee, and issued an invitation to David Sturtevant to preach for the call January 22, 2017.

Between January 19-22, 2017, The Search Committee, Session, and other groups from St. David's took the opportunity to meet face to face, leading up to the worship service at St. David's led by David Sturtevant January 22, where despite a severe snow storm halting events Saturday, saw an above average attendance at worship.

Following the service of worship, a congregational meeting was called by the Interim Moderator, Rev. Derek Krunys, with the clerk of Session, Lillian Crawford, acting as Secretary. The terms of the call we laid out, and ballots distributed to members and adherents. Of the 55 members present, 55 voted in favour of extending the call to David Sturtevant under the terms described in the guarantee. Of the 25 Adherents present, 24 voted in favour of extending the call under said terms.

The Session met following the meeting, and deeming this a strong call, transmitted a petition to the Presbytery of Newfoundland to moderate in the call to David Sturtevant.

Between January 22, 2017, and January 31, 2017, a further 31 members not present at the congregational meeting subscribed their names to the call in the presence of an elder, and an additional 24 asked an elder to subscribe on their behalf. While the official roll lists 196 names, in the opinion of the Session and Interim Moderator this constitutes the vast majority of active members within the congregation, which in recent months has averaged between 60-70 on a Sunday.

The congregation of St. David's Presbyterian Church in St. John's Newfoundland has enthusiastically endorsed the call for David Sturtevant to become their next minister. This was conveyed to the Presbytery of Waterloo Wellington who met on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and sustained the Call, also noting that the Presbytery of Newfoundland had granted permission to the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington to ordain David in his home congregation St. Andrew's, Kitchener.

The congregation of St. David's sent a message to the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington that they are ready to support David and Michelle as they begin their new lives in St. John's. They are aware of the challenges of beginning a new career and starting a family - indeed they report that many of them look forward to helping with these fundamental and precious stages of their lives. Their wish is that their pleasure in having David and Michelle in their lives somehow assuages the sadness of those elsewhere who will sadly miss them.

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Moderator, this brings us to this service of ordination and on behalf of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington as its Clerk, I ask you to proceed with the service of Ordination.

**SERVICE OF ORDINATION**

Kitryna Wiens did the prayers of Adoration and Confession. The scripture reading was Jeremiah 1: 4-9 and John 6: 1-14 and read by Kira Wiens, and Palm 63: 1-8 was read by Ian McGee. David's father, Terry Sturtevant did the prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession.

The hymns sung were: Crown Him with many crowns, Take my life and let it be consecrated, Be Thou my vision and Lead on, eternal sovereign  
The Sanctuary Choir sang the traditional spiritual – Order my Steps

The Rev. Dr. Mark Lewis delivered the sermon.

The Clerk, Wilma Welsh presented David Sturtevant to the Moderator. With the appointed preamble and questions, the Moderator, the Rev. Susan Clarke ordained David Sturtevant to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments. Ordained clergy in the congregation were invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.

The Moderator then declared David Sturtevant ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments.

The Presbytery members were then invited to come forward to give the right hand of fellowship after which the Formula was signed. Others were invited if they wished to join the presbyters.

**BENEDICTION:**

The Rev. David Sturtevant pronounced the Benediction.

**REFRESHMENTS:**

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

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Rev. Susan V. Clarke, Moderator

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Dr. Wilma Welsh, Clerk