

Emergent Meeting,
Westminster-St. Paul's Presbyterian Church,
Guelph, Ontario
July 17, 2012

DATE AND PLACE:

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in a special session at Westminster-St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Guelph, on Tuesday, July 17, 2012. The meeting was called for the purpose of receiving and transmitting a call from Knox's Galt Presbyterian Church, Cambridge for the Rev. John Paeng and to receive a Call from the Presbytery of Huron Perth for the Rev. Mark Gedcke to Knox Presbyterian Church, Stratford, Ontario. The Presbytery met at 7:00 p.m.

MODERATOR

In the absence of the Moderator, presently on vacation, the Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst was invited to moderate the meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

Ministers: Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst (Moderator), Rev. Mark Gaskin, Rev. Mark Gedcke, Rev. Mark Lewis, Rev. Johan Olivier, Rev. Robert Sinasac, Rev. Jeff L. Smith, Rev. Nan St. Louis, Rev. Angus Sutherland

Representative Elders: Gil Cha, Helen Cleghorn, Andrew Foster, Pauline Hall, Marion Hunter, Frank Kivell, Gib McIlwrath, Dale McKee, Ross Rowat, Grant Scott, Neil Stewart, Earl Suggitt, Wilma Welsh, Jim Zaryski

Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll: Rev. Dr. Wayne Dawes, Rev. Robert Duncanson

Alternate Representative Elders: Junghe Ahn, Aileen Isaac, Rick Thomas

Certified for Ordination: Rafael Vallejo

WMS: Phyllis Stewart

Treasurer: Mary Ann Koeslag

Visitors:

Knox's, Galt – Jim Gerrard, Sharlene Ball

Calvin, Kitchener – Ross, Witmer, Evelyn Witmer

Waterloo North – Clare McKee

Presbytery of Huron-Perth – Dale Bast, Lois Wella, Ann Parsons, Shirley Weitzell, David Strahan, Suzanne Strahan, Mayor Margaret Lupton, Charles Lupton, Jim Dougall, Mary Dougall,

REGRETS:

Ministers: Rev. Brooke Ashfield, Rev. Linda Ashfield, Rev. Dr. Linda Bell, Rev. John Borthwick, Rev. Dr. Aubrey Botha, Rev. Calvin Brown, Rev. William Bynum, Rev. Edward

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Charlton, Rev. Dr. Her Gale, Rev. Alex MacLeod, Rev. Mark Richardson, Rev. Linda Paquette,
Rev. Andrew Song, Rev. David Whitecross

Representative Elders: Lenore Arbuckle, Deb Coutts, Jean Godin, Johan DeSchiffart, Peter Goudy, Lydia Maitland, Gwen MacRobbie, Liz Samis

Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll: Rev. Angus McGillivray, Rev. Dr. Walter McLean,
Rev. Jeffrey E. Smith, Rev. Glen Soderholm

OPENING AND CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT

The acting Moderator, Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst, opened the presbytery meeting with prayer and constituted the court.

The Moderator welcomed visitors in the court from Knox's Galt, Cambridge, Calvin, Kitchener, and the Presbytery of Huron Perth inviting them to sign the attendance sheets so that there would be a record of their attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The Moderator advised that the meeting was called for the purpose of receiving two Calls

- 1) From Knox's Galt Church, Cambridge, to the Rev. John Paeng from the Presbytery of Westminster.
- 2) From the Presbytery of Huron-Perth, a Call to the Rev. Mark Gedcke from Knox Presbyterian Church, Stratford.

CALL TO THE REV. JOHN PAENG TO KNOX'S GALT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE.

The Clerk examined the call and ensured that it is in proper form.

The Moderator invited the Interim Moderator, the Rev. Angus Sutherland, to report diligence and narrate the steps that bring the Call to the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington at this time. The Rev. Angus Sutherland spoke and noted that 83% of the members attested to the Call.

Attestation of call by officiating minister

On June 24th, 2012, at a properly called meeting at Knox's Galt Presbyterian Church with the purpose to consider the call to the Rev. John Paeng, the call and guarantee of stipend were agreed to unanimously. Ninety-four voting members were in attendance.

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I hereby certify that in pursuance of appointment of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington, this call has been moderated in, and that out of a total number of 198 professing members, 99 have themselves subscribed and 65 have requested an elder to subscribe to same.

Knox's Galt Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, Ontario

The 10th day of July 2012

The Rev. Angus Sutherland
Minister Officiating

Attestation of concurrence by officiating minister

I hereby certify that 40 adherents of the congregation of Knox's Galt Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, have this day signed this concurrence to the call in favour of The Rev. John Paeng

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Summary of attestation of call signatures and concurrence to call

Members

Attestation by elder re members who signed the call

I hereby certify that 99 professing members belonging to the congregation of Knox's Galt Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, Ontario, have in my presence subscribed to the call in favour of The Rev. John Paeng.

Attestation by elder re members who requested him/her to sign call on their behalf

I hereby certify that 65 professing members belonging to the congregation of Knox's Galt Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, Ontario, have requested me to subscribe their names to the call in favour of The Rev. John Paeng.

Adherents

Attestation by elder re signatures of adherents concurring to the call

I hereby certify that 12 adherents of the congregation of Knox's Galt Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, Ontario, have in my presence subscribed to the concurrence in the call in favour of The Rev. John Paeng.

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Attestation by elder re adherents who requested him/her to sign indicating their concurrence to the call

I hereby certify that 28 adherents of the congregation of Knox's Galt Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, have requested me to subscribe their names to the concurrence in the call in favour of The Rev. John Paeng.

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Ronald S. Watson Elder

Moved by Mark Gaskin/Nan St. Louis that the actions of the interim moderator be approved.
CARRIED

The Moderator then requested the Presbytery Clerk to present the call including the guarantee of stipend.

CALL TO THE REV. JOHN PAENG

We, the professing members of Knox's Galt Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, Ontario, 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, The Rev. John Paeng, to become the minister of this congregation. 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, The Rev. John Paeng, may be free to devote yourself to ministry of Word and Sacraments among us, we the congregation of Knox's Galt Presbyterian Church hereby guarantee to the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that out of our estimated annual revenue of Two Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars we promise and obligate ourselves to provide you, as a first charge thereon, the following annually:

Annual Stipend	
Option B (exclusive of travel allowance)	<u>\$49,500.00</u>
with travel reimbursed at \$0.41/km up to annual maximum of	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
Housing allowance including utilities	<u>\$18,000.00</u>

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We agree to make payments of the above amounts on the third Thursday 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 two weeks for continuing education annually at \$800.00
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 Pensions 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 enrol the minister in the Presbytery's Group Insurance Plan for long term disability and accidental death.
8. To pay necessary moving expenses.
9. To provide a book allowance of up to \$250.00 per year and a phone allowance of up to \$400.00 per year.

At Knox's Galt Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, Ontario

The 24th day of June, 2012

The Rev. Angus Sutherland,
Presiding Minister

Ronald S. Watson
Meeting Secretary

Moved by Wilma Welsh/Andrew Foster that the call to the Rev. John Paeng of the Presbytery of Westminster be received and considered, and that representatives of Knox's Galt Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, the congregation to which the Rev. Paeng is being call, be heard.

CARRIED

Representatives Jim Gerrard and Sharlene Ball spoke to the Call on behalf of Knox's Presbyterian Church Galt, Cambridge. The Moderator thanked them for their presentations.

Moved by Mark Gaskin/Jeff L. Smith that the guarantee of stipend be deemed acceptable. CARRIED

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Moved by Mark Gaskin/Jeff L. Smith that the call be sustained as a Gospel call and transmitted to the Presbytery of Westminster. CARRIED

Moved by Angus Sutherland/Nan St. Louis that the interim moderator request the Rev. Hans Kouwenberg to represent the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington when the call is being considered by the Presbytery of Westminster. If the Rev. Kouwenberg is unable to do so, that we request the Clerk of the Presbytery of Westminster do name someone. CARRIED

Moved by Angus Sutherland/Andrew Foster that if the call is sustained by the Presbytery of Westminster and accepted by the Rev. John Paeng that the arrangements for the induction service be left in the hands of the moderator, clerk, and interim moderator. CARRIED
The date suggested by Knox's Galt for the Service of Induction is September 9th, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. with the Presbytery to meet at 2:30.

According to the Standing Orders, the last inducted minister will preach, being the Rev. Kathy Morden of Harriston.

The Edict of Induction will be prepared by the Clerk and will be read at Knox's Galt Presbyterian Church the two Sundays prior to the induction.

As per the Standing Orders of the Presbytery for Induction Services, the offering will be used for the ongoing work of the presbytery.

**CALL TO THE REV. MARK GEDCKE TO KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
STRATFORD, ONTARIO, WITHIN THE PRESBYTERY OF HURON PERTH.**

Moved Jeff L. Smith/Angus Sutherland that the representatives in attendance from the Presbytery of Huron Perth be invited to sit and correspond. CARRIED

The Clerk examined the call and ensured that it is in proper form. In the absence of the Clerk of Huron Perth, the Clerk of Waterloo-Wellington presented the terms of the Call and the guarantee of stipend.

Moved Wilma Welsh/Gib McIlwrath that the Call to the Rev. Mark Gedcke be received and considered. CARRIED

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TERMS OF THE CALL

We, the professing members of Knox Presbyterian Church, Stratford, 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. The Rev. Mark Warren Gedcke, to become the minister of this congregation. 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, The Rev, Mark Warren Gedcke, may be free to devote yourself to ministry of Word and Sacraments among us. we the congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church. Stratford, Ontario hereby guarantee to the Presbytery of Huron-Perth, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that out of our estimated annual revenue of \$241,000.00 we promise and obligate ourselves to provide you, as a first charge thereon, the following annually:

Annual Stipend	
Option A (inclusive of travel allowance)	\$45,000
Housing/Rental allowance	\$ 18,300
Total Cost of utilities	\$4,200

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 two weeks for continuing education annually and \$1000
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 Pensions 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. Book Allowance of \$600

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Wilma Welsh, Clerk - watwell@rogers.com

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Signed by – Rev. Gwen Ament, Presiding Minister
Mayor Margaret Lupton, Meeting Secretary

Moved Jeff L.Smith/Nan St. Louis that the call to be sustained as a gospel call and placed in the hands of the Rev. Mark Gedcke. CARRIED

The Clerk placed the Call in the hands of the Rev. Mark Gedcke and he was advised that he had seven days to declare whether he would accept the Call. He indicated that he will accept the Call.

Representatives invited to address the court

- 1) Representatives from Knox Church, Stratford were invited to address the court
The court was addressed by the Chair of the Search Committee, Dale Bast, and the Clerk of Session of Knox Stratford, Mayor Margaret Lupton.
- 2) Calvin Church representatives were invited to address the court
The court was addressed by Grant Scott, representative elder, and Aileen Isaac, alternate representative elder.
- 3) Members of Presbytery were invited to address the court.
Angus, Sutherland, Mark Gaskin, Mark Lewis, Jeff L.Smith, Karla Wübbenhorst
Angus Sutherland assumed the Chair during Karla's presentation.

Interim Moderator

Moved Angus Sutherland/Johan Olivier that Mark Lewis be named Interim Moderator of Calvin Church, Kitchener during its vacancy. CARRIED

Exit Interview

Moved Grant Scott/Angus Sutherland that an exit interview be conducted by the Interim Moderator and the Congregational Affairs Committee as per the Standing Orders. CARRIED

It was noted that the congregation will be cited prior to Mark Gedcke's departure giving the congregation the opportunity to speak with the Presbytery if they have any reason to believe that this translation should not happen.

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ADJOURNMENT

This being a Special meeting of the Presbytery no further business will be considered. The court adjourned on motion of Nan St. Louis. The Acting Moderator the Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst closed the meeting with Prayer.

Acting Moderator

Clerk