

Commission re Call to Darrell Clarke
Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo
July 8, 2013

DATE AND PLACE:

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington appointed the Business Committee at its meeting on June 18th, 2013 to meet if required with power to issue to process any Calls during the summer months.

The Commission met for the purpose of receiving the Call from Doon Presbyterian Church Kitchener to Darrell Clarke, met on Monday, July 8, 2013 at Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo at 2:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Representative Elder: Wilma Welsh

Alternate Representative Elder: Helen Cleghorn

Interim Moderator: Rev. Keys Vandermey

Due to several regrets, the Moderator and Clerk invited Helen Cleghorn to attend the Commission meeting.

REGRETS:

Rev. John Borthwick, Rev. Alex MacLeod, Rev. Glen Soderholm, Rev. Calvin Brown, Rev. John Paeng

Visitors – Joan Lawson, Lew Ford, Jill Hobick, Catherine MacDonald, Tom Vandersteldt, Agnes Vandersteldt, and Henney Visser.

OPENING AND CONTITUTION OF THE COURT

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

The Moderator welcomed visitors from Doon Presbyterian Church Kitchener and the Interim Moderator the Rev. Keys Vandermey

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

Agreed that the Call to Darrell Clarke be received and considered. CARRIED

NARRATION OF CALL - presented by Keys Vandermey, Interim Moderator

January 2012 -- Agreed to be Interim Moderator at Doon upon Rev. Angus Sutherland's retirement, September 1/12

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February 12 -- Invited to attend Session as John-Peter Smit reflected on the Session retreat.
 August -- met with Angus and was informed of the Renewal Project taking place and that I could trust it and support it.
 September 9 -- Preached the pulpit vacant.
 September 18 -- Held first session meeting
 September 18 -- Session agreed seek permission from Presbytery to postpone search process until February 2013 as the congregation is going through a Renewal Program that will influence congregational profile.
 November 13 -- The Presbytery of W/W approved the request of September 18.
 January 20 -- Work on congregational profile began with hope of completion mid February
 February/March -- work on congregational profile and organize a search committee representing all groups/committees in the congregation
 March 15 -- Contacted PCC and placed ad for vacancy in Presbyterian Record and the vacancy was also placed on the PCC website.
 March 26 -- first meeting of the Search Committee. Purpose was to review task of the search committee, the congregational profile, elect a secretary and convenor. As a good deal of interest has already been shown, the committee will send out 16 copies of the profile immediately and will meet to review profiles of those interested at its next meeting.
 March 28 -- sent profile to those who had requested it. Received 20 more profiles from church office.
 April 15 -- Search Committee met to discuss process and get first glance at abbreviated profiles
 April 22 -- Search Committee to meet to look at profiles but no decisions to be made as Interim Moderator could not be there.
 April 29 -- Search Committee to meet to discuss and make decisions on profiles. One profile stood out and it was agreed to ask the candidate to come for an interview on Monday, May 6. Committee to meet at 7:00 p.m. and the interview to begin at 8:00 p.m. These arrangements were confirmed by Kees the following morning. Permission was given by the candidate that all members of the Search Committee receive a copy of the profile.
 May 6 -- Interview Candidate
 May 20 -- 7 p.m Meeting to decide which other two Candidates we wish to interview.
 May 27 -- 7 p.m. Interview
 8 p.m. interview
 June 2 - Delegation to Harriston to hear Candidate speak
 Delegation to St. Andrews, Whitby to hear Candidate speak
 June 9 - Power to Issue for Search Committee from Session
 June 9 - Second interview with Darrell
 June 11 - Second interview with Candidate
 June 12 - Called Darrell Clarke and invited him to speak for the Call on Sunday, June 30

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Congregational meeting to consider the call was announced June 28 - Darrell and his family were welcomed at a come and go reception 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the church.

Session and Board met with Darrell and Olive to discuss the terms of the call -- accepted
 June 29 - Reception for Darrell and his family at the Ford house along with all church leaders and their family.

June 30 - Darrell Preached for the call

- Congregational meeting -- attended by 101 members and adherents -- passed 100 percent - Kees informed Darrell

July 1 - Kees requested that Presbytery meet to consider the call on Monday, July 8

Date set for Monday July 8, 2013, 10:30 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo

July 2 - 6 Elders acquired signatures and the Call was prepared.

Agreed that the action of the Interim Moderator be approved.

Summary of Support of the Call to Darrell Clarke

Total members 192 less 25 who were sent letters of status or were deceased

Total members 167

146 signed in favour of the call -- 87%

21 could not be reached

No one expressed opposition to the call to Darrell Clarke

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 167 professing members 101 have themselves subscribed and 45 have requested an elder to subscribe to same.

Kitchener, July 6, 2013

Rev. Kees Vandermeij

Total Adherents 161

less 20 sent letters of status

141

less 5 children

Total Adherents 137

89 signed in favour of the call -- 64%

48 could not be reached

No one expressed opposition to the call to Darrell Clarke

I hereby certify that 89 adherents of the congregation Doon Presbyterian

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Church, have this day signed in favour of Darrell Clarke

Kitchener, July 6, 2013
 Rev. Kees Vandermeij

Call to a minister of Word and Sacrament and guarantee to presbytery of stipend

We, the professing members of Doon Presbyterian Church, Kitchener, 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, DARRELL CLARKE, 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, DARRELL CLARKE, may be free to devote yourself to ministry of Word and Sacraments among us, we the congregation of Doon Presbyterian Church, hereby guarantee to the Presbytery of Waterloo/Wellington, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that out of our estimated annual revenue of One Hundred and Forty-Eight Thousand Dollar, we promise and obligate ourselves to provide you, as a first charge thereon, the following annually:

Annual stipend inclusive of travel allowance of ----	\$42,000
Annual housing allowance inclusive of utilities ----	\$20,000
Total	\$62,000

NOTE: The above has been agreed upon by both parties. It has also been agreed that if the Reverend Court so desires that the housing allowance and utilities may be presented as \$16,000 and \$4,000.

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 needs of our minister.

We agree further:

1. To provide two week for continuing education annually and at least the minimum allowance as set by the General Assembly.
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.

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- 5. In case of disability or extended illness, to continue to provide stipend, accommodation and allowances for a period of not less than that set by the General Assembly, and 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 a book allowance of \$300.
- 9. To enroll the minister in the Presbytery's Group Insurance Plan for long term disability and accidental death.

Place and Date – June 30, 2013

Presiding Minister: _____

Meeting Secretary: _____

Agreed that representatives from Doon Presbyterian Church, Kitchener, the congregation to which Darrell Clarke is being called, be heard. They all spoke very positively and believed this to be a true Gospel Call

Considerable time was spent with the Commission asking questions.

Agreed that the Call be sustained as a gospel call and forwarded to the Presbytery of Pickering.
CARRIED

It was agreed that the Interim Moderator, Keys Vandermeij, represent the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington when the Call is being considered by the Presbytery of Pickering.

ORDINATION

It was agreed that permission be granted to the Presbytery of Pickering to ordain Darrell Clarke to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

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. Linda Ashfield, Moderator.

Moderator

Clerk