

Induction Service,  
Rev. Jane Swatridge to Duff's Puslinch  
September 11, 2016

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met within Duff's Presbyterian Church, Puslinch on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. solely for the purpose of inducting the Rev. Jane Swatridge into the pastoral charge of Duff's Presbyterian Church, Puslinch

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Ministers:** Rev. Brooke Ashfield (Moderator), Rev. John Borthwick, Rev. William Bynum, Rev. Ed Charlton, Rev. Darrell Clarke, Rev. Susan Clarke, Rev. Scott McAndless, Rev. John Paeng, Rev. Dr. Mark Richardson, Rev. Scott Sinclair.

**Representative Elders:** Andrew Foster, Marion Hunter, Gib McIlwrath, David Ogram, Ross Rowat,

**Alternate Representative Elders:** Helen Cleghorn

**Appendix to the Roll:** Rev. Dr. Herb Gale, Rev. Angus Sutherland

**Clerk:** Dr. Wilma Welsh

**Minister to be Inducted:** Rev. Jane Swatridge

**Visitor:** Rev. Ed Hoekstra (Oakridge London)

**REGRETS:**

**Ministers:** Rev. Linda Ashfield, Rev. Michael Burns, Rev. Mark Gaskin, Rev. Alex MacLeod, Rev. Johan Olivier, Rev. Greg Smith, Rev. Glen Soderholm.

**Representative Elders:** Lenore Arbuckle, Carolyn Boyne, Bob Cooper, Alan Israel, Joan Knox, Janet MacDowell, Jim Zaryski.

**Treasurer:** Allan Stewart

**CONSTITUTION:**

The Moderator, the Rev. Brooke Ashfield, constituted the Court with prayer noting that adjournment would be following the pronouncing of the Benediction after the Service of Induction.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

The Moderator warmly welcomed all and called for introductions. Agreed that anyone in attendance from another Presbytery be invited to sit and correspond.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:**

The Moderator Brooke Ashfield, walked the Court through the Order of Worship. It was agreed that the Order of Worship be adopted as printed. The presbyters will recess during the singing of the last hymn and stand at the back of the church for the Benediction.

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**PENSION AND BENEFITS:**

The Moderator asked The Rev. Jane Swatridge if she is a member of the Pension and Dental Plan. She answered it is in process by the Pension staff.

**STIPEND:**

The Moderator asked The Rev. Jane Swatridge if her first month's stipend has been paid. The reply was 'yes'.

**ADDITION TO CONSTITUENT ROLL:**

It was agreed that the Rev. Jane Swatridge be added to the Constituent Roll of The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington at the conclusion of the service.

**DISCHARGE OF INTERIM MODERATOR:**

It was agreed that the Interim Moderator, the Rev. William Bynum be discharged as interim moderator with the thanks of the Court but remain on as mentor to the Rev. Jane Swatridge for one year. CARRIED

**BENEDICTION:**

It was agreed that the Presbytery would 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 the required two Sundays at Duff's Presbyterian Church Puslinch. A signed copy of the Edict signed by the Clerk of Session was returned to the Clerk.

The Court entered the sanctuary and the service was led by The Rev. William Bynum.

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

The Rev. Marty Molengraaf received a Call to Unionville Presbyterian Church that was sustained by the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington at the May 12, 2015 meeting. His last Sunday at Duff's was June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

The Presbytery appointed the Rev. Bill Bynum as Interim Moderator for Duffs Presbyterian Church, Puslinch and the pulpit was preached vacant on June 14, 2015.

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Following that service a meeting of the Session was held to explain the procedure of calling a new minister, to answer questions, and to assure that pastoral care and the ministries of the congregation would continue throughout the summer.

When the congregation of Duffs Presbyterian Church entered its vacancy there was concern that the progressive and celebratory ministry of the congregation would continue. The congregation affirmed its desire to find a Minister who would support and strengthen its present ministries; work with the congregation to find new ministries that would meet the needs of the congregation and community; help the congregation explore new and inclusive forms of worship; help the congregation connect with the other religions in the community; work ecumenically; provide leadership within the congregation with a mature wisdom; and love the congregation.

After receiving permission from Presbytery, the Session formed a Search Committee which represented a wide range of congregational experience. A congregational profile was developed and approved by the Session. The congregational profile was placed on the church's website, the national website, and was available in print, and an advertisement was placed in the Presbyterian Record.

Profiles of perspective candidates were received from Canada, Europe and Africa. All profiles were thoughtfully and prayerfully considered. The Search Committee travelled to listen to four candidates preach

Having investigated The Reverend Jane Swatridge's church and secular experience; heard her preach; met and questioned her; learned of her hopes, dreams and discerned future for ministry; Duffs Presbyterian Church was convinced that The Reverend Jane Swatridge is the Minister that God has prepared for them. . On May 29<sup>th</sup>, the Rev. Jane Swatridge preached for the Call at Duff's Church.

A Meet & Greet Open House was held to meet Jane on May 28'16. The congregation remained for lunch following the Sunday service, and then for a congregational meeting. There was a vote taken and the support was 100% of those present.

The Elders were then tasked with obtaining the signatures of the Members and Adherents not present at the vote.

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With all signatures received from Members and Adherents who were able to be contacted there was 100% support for The Call. With the addition of 3 Members and 5 Adherents who could not be contacted the resulting support for The Call is 96%.

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington sustained the Call on June 21<sup>st</sup> and the Clerk and Marion Hunter, Clerk of Session, travelled to London to support the Call on July 12th. The Presbytery of London sustained the Call and place it in the hands of the Rev. Jane Swatridge who immediately indicated her intention to accept it.

Moderator, this brings us to this service of Induction this afternoon.

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

The worship was led by the Interim Moderator, the Rev. William Bynum. The Rev. Susan V. Clarke delivered the sermon. "That Vacant Look". The Scripture readings were Psalm 15 and Isaiah 55: 8-13. The hymns were: God of grace, and God of Glory, Will you come and follow me, and One more step along the world I go.

At the appropriate time, the Clerk, Wilma Welsh presented the Rev. Jane Swatridge to the Moderator requesting that she be inducted. With the appointed preamble and questions, the Rev. Brooke Ashfield inducted the Rev. Jane Swatridge into the pastoral charge of Duff's Presbyterian Church, Puslinch.

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

**BENEDICTION:**

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

**REFRESHMENTS:**

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

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Rev. Brooke Ashfield, Moderator

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