

Induction of the Rev. Dr. Frank Szatmari,
Calvin Presbyterian Church, Kitchener,
September 8, 2013

DATE AND PLACE:

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met in Special Session within Calvin Presbyterian Church, Kitchener on Sunday, September 8, 2013 for the purpose of Inducting the Rev. Dr. Frank Szatmari into this pastoral charge.

ATTENDANCE:

Ministers: Rev. Linda Ashfield (Moderator), Rev. Brooke Ashfield, Rev. Janice Hamalainen, Rev. Mark Lewis, Rev. John Paeng, Rev. Glen Soderholm, Rev. Andrew Song.

Representative Elders: Johan DeSchiffart, Marion Hunter, Gib McIlwraith, David Ogram, Grant Scott, Neil Stewart, Earl Suggitt, Wilma Welsh

Alternate Representative Elders: Helen Cleghorn, Aileen Isaac

Minister to be Inducted: Rev. Dr. Frank Szatmari

Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll: Rev. Robert Duncanson, Rev. Angus Sutherland

Women's Missionary Society: Phyllis Stewart

Clerk: Dr. Wilma Welsh

REGRETS:

Ministers: - Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst, Rev. John Borthwick, Rev. Mark Gaskin, Rev. Kathy Morden, Rev. Johan Olivier, Rev. Mark Richardson, Rev. Andrew Song

Representative Elders: Liz Samis, Jim Zaryski

CONSTITUTION:

The Moderator, the Rev. Linda Ashfield, constituted the Court with prayer.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The Moderator warmly welcomed all and called for introductions.

Moved by Wilma Welsh/Mark Lewis that visitors in attendance from another Presbytery be invited to sit and correspond. CARRIED

ORDER OF WORSHIP:

Mark Lewis, Interim Moderator and the Moderator, walked the Court through the Order of Worship. It was agreed on motion of Neil Stewart/Glen Soderholm that the Order of Worship be adopted as printed. CARRIED

PENSION AND BENEFITS:

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

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STIPEND:

The Moderator asked The Rev. Dr. Frank Szatmari if the first month's stipend has been paid. The reply was 'yes'.

INTERIM MODERATOR:

Neil Stewart/Jeff L. Smith moved that The Interim Moderator, the Rev. Angus Sutherland be dismissed with the thanks of the Court but remain on as mentor to the Rev. John Paeng for a minimum of one year. CARRIED

ADDITION TO CONSTITUENT ROLL:

Marion Hunter/Johan DeSchiffart moved that The Rev. Dr. Frank Szatmari be added to The Constituent Roll of The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington at the conclusion of the service. CARRIED

DISCHARGE OF INTERIM MODERATOR

It was agreed on motion of Johan DeSchiffart/John Paeng that the Rev. Mark Lewis be discharged with the thanks of the court and requested that he remain as a mentor to Frank Szatmari for one year. He agreed.

BENEDICTION:

It was agreed that the Presbytery would conclude 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 September 1 & 8th, 2013 at Calvin Church. A signed copy was returned to the Clerk.

The Court entered the sanctuary and the service was led by The Rev. Mark Lewis.

NARRATION OF STEPS – presented by Wilma Welsh

Narrating the Steps / Reasons for Translation – Calvin Presbyterian Church, Kitchener

- 1) The Rev. Mark Gedke preached his last Sunday at Calvin on September 30, 2012.
- 2) The pulpit was preached vacant by the Rev. Angus Sutherland on Sunday October 7, 2012.
- 3) The Interim-Moderator first moderated the Session on Tuesday October 3, and at that meeting, among other things, the Session agreed to ask permission of the Presbytery to

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begin the necessary steps to fill the pulpit, and the make-up of the Search Committee was determined.

- 4) At its November 13, 2012 meeting the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington gave permission for the Search Committee to begin the process to fill the vacancy.
- 5) The Search Committee advertised the vacancy on the PCC website and in the Presbyterian Record.
- 6) The committee received approximately 24 applications
- 7) On the basis of information from the applications and audio or video samples of preaching and worship the Search Committee on January 16, 2013 came to a short list of six candidates and on January 31, 2013 reduced that a list of three.
- 8) In the month of February the Search Committee began the process of interviewing candidates and going out to hear candidates conduct worship.
- 9) On Sunday April 28, 2013 after a great deal of diligent work and fervent prayer the Search Committee met and voted unanimously to present the name of the Rev. Dr. Frank Szatmari to the Session.
- 10) On Wednesday May 1, 2013 the Session of Calvin, at its regular meeting, adopted a motion to invite the Rev. Dr. Frank Szatmari to preach for the call on Sunday June 9, 2013.
- 11) On Saturday June 8, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. the congregation hosted a Meet and Greet event in order to allow the congregation to meet with the candidate and his family. The event was attended by approximately 100 people.
- 12) On Sunday June 9, 2013 the Rev. Dr. Frank Szatmari preached for the call at Calvin. The congregation met in a duly called congregational meeting immediately following the worship and voted unanimously to extend a call to the candidate.
- 13) The congregation is well convinced that the Rev. Dr. Frank Szatmari has been blessed by God with all the gifts required to bring a faithful, loving, effective and energetic ministry to Calvin Presbyterian Church.

SERVICE, INDUCTION AND SIGNING THE FORMULA:

Mark Lewis also delivered the message. The Scripture readings were Isaiah 40: 25-31 and Mark 1: 16-20. The Sermon title was "I Don't Feel Connected to God Anymore."

At the appropriate time, the Clerk, Wilma Welsh presented the Rev. Frank Szatmari to the Moderator requesting that he be inducted. With the appointed preamble and questions, the Rev. Linda Ashfield inducted the Rev. Frank Szatmari into the pastoral charge of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Kitchener.

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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. Frank Szatmari to pronounce the Benediction.

REFRESHMENTS:

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

Moderator

Clerk