

The Presbytery of Westminster met in Special Session on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 2:45pm at Gordon Presbyterian Church, and via ZOOM.

### CONSTITUTION

The Moderator, Rev. Laurie McKay constituted the Court and opened the meeting with prayer at 2:50 pm.

### DOCKET

It was moved by Martin Baxter, seconded by Bernie Skelding that the consent agenda below be adopted.

**CARRIED**

#### Consent Agenda:

- that the Docket be as indicated,
- that, former moderator, Isabel Evans be invited to moderate the remainder of this meeting in light of the fact that our current moderator is one of the pastors to be recognized in this amalgamation process,
- that the attendance be recorded as noted in the Roll Record Book & those participating by ZOOM
- that regrets be noted as sent to the clerk of presbytery,

If the Court is agreed, these motions will be adopted at the beginning of the meeting. Any member may ask for an issue on the consent agenda to be withdrawn from this list before the agenda is adopted.

### ROLL

Constituent Roll: M Baxter, L Bae, P Dutcher-Walls, T Kim, C MacLeod, L McKay, B Skelding, M Adams, I Evans, L Yen

via ZOOM – R Lockhart, E Sparrow, Judy Dabideen-Sonachansingh, B Feick, G Davis, E Wilson, P Eastwood, R Watson,

Appendix: B Cairnie, A Aiken

Students: N Bock

### REGRETS:

B Garvin, J Cheng, M Zaine, Ta-Li Hsieh, N Pringle, S Stacey, Lip Boon Lee, A Perrett, L Johnson, M Marple, G Snyman,

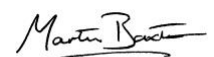
Moved by Martin Baxter, seconded by Bernie Skelding, that

The purpose of this meeting :-

1. Constitute Trinity Presbyterian Church, as an amalgamation of Knox, Gordon and St Aidan's
2. Inducting Rev. Laurie McKay and Rev. Cal MacLeod as co-pastors of Trinity Presbyterian Church

**CARRIED**

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The order of service has been put together by the Pastoral Team (Laurie McKay, Pat Dutcher-Walls & Cal MacLeod) in conjunction with the Presbytery Clerk and former moderator Isabel Evans.

What is included below is the portion of the service that relates to :-

1. the constitution of Trinity Presbyterian Church
2. induction of Rev Laurie McKay & Rev. Cal MacLeod as co-pastors of Trinity

Trinity Presbyterian Church

January 8 2023

3:00pm

Constitution of Trinity Presbyterian & Induction of Revs. Cal & Laurie

Narration of Steps - Pastor Martin

At the regular meeting of the Presbytery of Westminster on December 6, 2022 the presbytery **approved that the congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church, the congregation of Gordon Presbyterian Church and the congregation of St Aidan's Presbyterian Church, be amalgamated, effective date January 1 2023, and be known as Trinity Presbyterian Church.**

**In addition the presbytery affirmed the decision of Trinity Presbyterian Church to be served by both Rev Cal MacLeod and Rev. Laurie McKay, former ministers of Gordon and St Aidan's respectively.**

Since that date I have been in contact with the Clerks of Assembly to ensure we use the appropriate language today.

**Aa such the Presbytery of Westminster have been called to meet at this time and in this place for the purpose of constituting Trinity Presbyterian Church, and to induct Rev Laurie McKay and Rev. Cal MacLeod as co-pastors.**

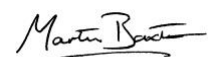
Given the fact that Rev. Laurie is our current moderator our presbytery has invited former moderator, Isabel Evans, to lead this portion of the service.

Brothers and sisters in Christ;

by the grace of God and the authority of The Presbytery of Westminster of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, we are assembled to celebrate with joy and thanksgiving the amalgamation of Knox, Gordon & St Aidan's congregations.

As you form a new congregation of God's people, believing in Jesus Christ, depending on the power of the Holy Spirit, remember your high calling as disciples of Christ.

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You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
God's own people, that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Christ who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

*would the congregation of Trinity please stand ...*

As members of this congregation will you make use of God's means of grace as you  
offer the worship that belongs to God;  
grow in Christ through the Word and Sacraments;  
and share your spiritual and material gifts for the good of all?

**We will.**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and keep you faithful.

Members of the Presbytery of Westminster we have agreed that this congregation will be known as Trinity Presbyterian Church of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Let us now join with these people as we affirm the constitution of this new congregation,

*would the presbytery please stand ...*

Let us pray ...

**PRAYER OF CONSTITUTION ...**

Praise be to you, O God,  
whose faithfulness endures forever.

In ancient days you guided our ancestors,  
entering into covenant with them  
and calling them to be your servant people.

In the fullness of time, you showed  
your love for the world by sending  
your Son Jesus Christ to be our redeemer.

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In your great mercy, you have  
called us into a living faith  
and baptized us into the body of Christ, the church.

And now we give you thanks, O God,  
for these brothers and sisters in Christ  
who have joined together to form a new congregation,  
from this day forth to be known as Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Pour out upon these people the gift of your Holy Spirit,  
that they may be united in one faith,  
one hope and one baptism,  
and that they may fulfil your purpose for them  
at this time and in this place.

May they be filled with a holy zeal  
to praise your name,  
to proclaim good news to the poor,  
to set the captives free,  
to heal the sick,  
and to rejoice in your presence  
at the breaking of bread.


May the members and adherents of Trinity Presbyterian grow up into Christ,  
being held together by love,  
as each person does the work you have assigned.

These prayers we offer in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.  
**Amen.**

*The clerk shall say:*

Moderator, I now present to you, **Rev. Laurie McKay and Rev Cal MacLeod** and ask you to induct them into Trinity  
Presbyterian Church

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Martin Baxter (clerk)

*The Moderator shall say:*

**Laurie & Cal**, as ministers of St Aidan's and Gordon respectively you have already been inducted into those congregations. However with the amalgamation of those congregations along with Knox, and the constitution of Trinity Presbyterian, our presbytery have gathered to recognize and affirm your calling to co-pastor here, and so I ask you these questions to re-affirm your induction vows.

1. Do you believe in God the Father, made known in his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom the Holy Spirit witnesses in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**I do.**

2. Do you accept the subordinate standards of this Church, promising to uphold its doctrine under the continual illumination and correction of the Holy Spirit speaking in Scriptures?

**I do.**

3. Do you accept the government of this Church by sessions, presbyteries, synods and general assemblies, and do you promise to share in and submit yourself to all lawful oversight therein, and to follow no divisive course but to seek the peace and unity of Christ among your people and throughout the Holy, Catholic Church?

**I do.**

4. Do you promise in the strength and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ to conduct yourself in your private and public life as becomes his gospel, and do you give yourself diligently and cheerfully to the service of Christ's word, sacraments and discipline, for the furtherance of his reconciling mission in the world?

**I do.**

May the Lord bless you and give you grace to fulfil these vows. **Amen.**

#### QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

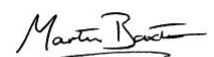
*The congregation will stand and the Moderator shall say the following or similar words:*

Members and adherents of TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN, I now ask you these questions to reaffirm your calling to these ministers

1. Do you receive **Rev Laurie McKay and Rev. Cal MacLeod** to be your ministers as from Christ?

**We do.**

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Martin Baxter (clerk)

2. Do you pledge yourselves to be co-servants with your ministers under Christ, sharing in the worship of the church, offering support through prayers and friendship, announcing the gospel to the world by the power of the Holy Spirit?

**We do.**

May the Lord bless you and give you grace to fulfil these vows. **Amen.**

**THE INDUCTION PRAYER**

**CLERGY PRESENT ARE INVITED TO COME TO THE FRONT**

*The Moderator leads in the prayers of INDUCTION saying:*

Sovereign God;  
you have called your church into being  
and have appointed people  
to positions of responsibility, authority and service.

We give you thanks for your servants **Rev Laurie McKay and Rev. Cal MacLeod**  
who have been called and ordained to serve you and the church as ministers of Word and Sacraments, and who today are being re-affirmed to minister among the people of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

May the words they speak in preaching and teaching be your Word in Christ.

May the sacraments *they* celebrate be lively signs of your presence among these people who have made covenant with you through Christ.

May the qualities of compassion and discernment that mark *their* lives among these people show forth your love in Christ from day to day.

May Laurie & Cal  
and the people of Trinity  
grow together as members of one body in Christ--  
rooted in the gospel,  
abounding in hope,  
steadfast in service,  
in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

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to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
belong glory and honour,  
worship and praise,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

**DECLARATION**

*The Moderator says:*

**Rev Laurie McKay and Rev. Cal MacLeod**

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only king and head of the church,  
and by the authority of the Presbytery of Westminster  
I now DECLARE you to have been INDUCTED  
into your ministry in Trinity Presbyterian Church  
and I admit you to all the rights and privileges belonging to this office.

*Because we do not do minister alone, we extend the passing of the peace as a community of God's people:*

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

*And also with you*

SIGNING THE FORMULA

*When members of the presbytery have returned to their seats, the Clerk will invite Cal and Laurie to sign an updated formula.*

It was moved by Martin Baxter, seconded by Bernie Skelding, that the order of service be accepted

**CARRIED**

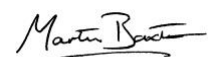
It was moved by Martin Baxter, seconded by Bernie Skelding, that the offering be forwarded to the "Don't Go Hungry" program

**CARRIED**

It was moved by Martin Baxter, seconded by Bernie Skelding, that, following the constitution of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. Pat Dutcher-Walls be discharged as Interim Moderator from Knox, with the thanks of the court.

**CARRIED**

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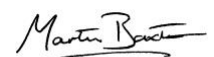
It was moved by Martin Baxter, seconded by Bernie Skelding, that the presbytery will stand adjourned with the pronouncement of the benediction.

**CARRIED**

Following the Service a fellowship time was held.

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**Isabel Evans**  
(Former Moderator of Presbytery)



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Martin Baxter (clerk)