

St. Andrew's Session **Meeting notes from February 1st, 2021**

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GENERAL SESSION NEWS **2020 Annual General Meeting**

The 2020 Annual General Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 7th at 11:45 am. Due to COVID19 restrictions, like our November Budget Meeting, the AGM will be held via Zoom. The Annual Reports will be posted on our website and circulated by Eblast – they will be mailed (or delivered, depending on lockdown restrictions) on request.

2021 Offering Envelopes

Due to the current Stay-at-Home Order for the Province of Ontario, **the envelopes will not be delivered to you at this time**. In the meantime, we encourage you to utilize the Interac e-Transfer option or any unused 2020 envelopes (change the date) and mail your offering in a cover envelope to the Church – 44 Church St. E., Brampton, ON L6V 1G3.

Easter Letter

The Easter letter will be coming in the next couple of weeks. This year's Easter offering will be dedicated to the General Fund to assist with COVID-19 related expenses connected with re-opening the Church.

New Email for Building Access

Permission must still be received to enter the building, however, to make it a lot easier a new email has been set up. All requests are to be emailed to: entryteam@standrewsbrampton.ca.

New Congregational Call Team

A team of volunteers has been put together to reach out to the congregation to 'check-in'. The primary focus of the team will be reaching out to members/adherents who do not have internet access to see how they are doing.

Session Workshop

Session has been reading a book entitled "the Post-Quarantine Church" written by Thom S. Rainer. Session will be gathering together (via Zoom) on Saturday February 20th, to discuss how to be the Church going forward. We look forward to this time of conversation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mission & Outreach Committee: Faith in ACT!ON is coming soon. Missions is looking for more involvement from individuals and committees to work on projects both on our property, but also within the community. If you have ideas and/or suggestions, please contact Robyn Kirkpatrick, Faith in ACT!ON Chair.

Pastoral Care: If you know of someone who needs pastoral care due to illness or personal strife, please notify Rev. Geoff Ross 647-524-1870 (email: geoff@standrewsbrampton.ca), Rev. Wayne Baswick 905-456-1727 (email: wayne@standrewsbrampton.ca) or members of the Congregational Care Team so that we can provide appropriate care. Requests can be sent by email: wecare@standrewsbrampton.ca. We encourage everyone to reach out to neighbours, friends, other members/adherents of St. Andrew's, especially during the Advent/Christmas Season when many find themselves alone.

Keep in Touch: We want to keep in touch with you so we can keep you as up to date as quick as possible. Email blasts are both the fastest and most economical way of reaching you. If you have email and would like to receive these updates, please send an email to socialmedia@standrewsbrampton.ca.

Property Committee: The Property Committee has been working hard to get ready for our eventual return to the Church building. Here are some updates.

- Church Security: Security upgrade, along with additional security cameras and motion sensors were installed in January.
- Winter Upkeep: The snow removal company has been shoveling and salting the sidewalks – and will plow and salt the parking lot once the snow reaches a certain amount.
- Entrance to Church Building: Check in tables have been set up at both entrances (Union Street door and Parking lot door), for contact tracing purposes. Upon entering there is a questionnaire, if all answers are NO, you may sign the log-in binder and proceed to enter the church. Should you answer YES to any of the questions, please exit the building and contact the building access team at entryteam@standrewsbrampton.ca immediately.

Stewardship: Human Resources – Session is moving forward with the decision to enter into a contract for an outside HR Team to assist with the church's human resources. With the many changes that COVID-19 has brought to the table, it was decided that this was the best resource going forward to properly engage with Church staff. The expense for this was included in the 2021 budget.

Worship Committee: Rev. Wayne J. Baswick will be preaching on Sunday February 14th 2021 and Sunday April 11th, 2021. We also welcome Ruth Kelly-Boxe as our organist for the month of February as Shelagh will be on holidays. We continue to ask that you please have patience and grace as we work to improve our online services. Worship and Property are continuing to work on improving our technology. Session thanks Peter Shepherd, Simpson Ross, and Regan Ross for their work 'behind the scenes' to make the services happen.