

St. Andrew's Session **Meeting notes from March 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 Zoom information, The Annual and 2020 Audited Financial Reports can all be found on our website by clicking this link:

<https://standrewsbrampton.ca/agm-congregational-meeting-sunday-march-7th/>

Nomination of New Trustees

Related to the Annual Meeting, the Session voted to nominate the following individuals to fill vacancies on the Board of Trustees: Gord Warren, Stan Lorre – to be reappointed; Deborah Warwick and Henry Peyer to be elected as new Trustees to the Board of Trustees.

Good News – HR Report

Session is actively working on bringing Valerie Barrett back to work. Valerie will be working from home and the details are still be finalized.

Thank You!!!

We would like to say 'Thank You' to Ruth Kelly-Boxe and Barbara McMechan-Woods for providing the music for the worship services, while Shelagh Tyreman was on holidays.

Quiet on the Set!!!

St. Andrew's was approached by a film company (associated with Disney Canada) to rent our sanctuary and building for the filming of Hot Zone. The filming is set to take place in mid-March.

2021 Offering Envelopes

It is Session's hope that the Stay-at-Home Order will be lifted in the coming days. Once this is confirmed, a date in April will be arranged for congregants to pick up Offering Envelopes. 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.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study is Back!!!

Join us as we study the Gospel of Mark, Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am – via Zoom. The group is using RightNow Media Bible Study by Frances Chan. For more information contact Jean Bradshaw or go to the St. Andrew's website: <https://standrewsbrampton.ca/adult-bible-study/>

Lent

Daily Devotions from 'Steadfast Love' are being posted daily on our Facebook page. Take a journey through the Lent Garden, which is posted on our website and Facebook page. The Lent Garden is an interactive activity for everyone...sit back and listen to the Bible story; need a quiet moment, walk a labyrinth. Visit the Lent Garden and enjoy an activity or two.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mission & Outreach Committee: Faith in ACTION 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 ACTION 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 those who live 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: The boiler has been inspected and the system needs an overhaul. The boilers work, and heat has been restored in the sanctuary.

Stewardship: Our Interim Treasurer, Stan Loree, has been working hard upgrading procedures and protocols for St. Andrew's going forward. General fund Contributions are down only 6% compared with 2020 (pre COVID) which is quite encouraging.

Worship Committee: We continue to ask that you please continue to have patience and grace as we work to improve our online services. Worship and Property continue 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.

Thank You!

The Session thanks you for your prayers – and for your support of the ministries and mission of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Brampton!