

# **St. Andrew's Session** **Meeting Notes from June 2021**

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## **GENERAL SESSION NEWS** **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!!!**

June was the last Session meeting for our Elders whose terms has come to an end. Pam Loree, Colin Young, Ray Scanlan, Doreen Scott-Dunne, Michelle Tedder and Gord Warren, thank you for your time, dedication, leadership, gifts and talents you shared not only with Session but our congregants. Your mark on Session will forever be there. May God continue to bless and guide you all!

## **ELDER ELECTIONS**

Thank you to all who mailed in or dropped off their Elder Election ballots. A total of 90 ballots were received, with 467 names for 94 individuals. The Session hopes that the induction of these Elders will take place on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 so they will be able to join their first Session meeting on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

## **SUMMER SESSION TEAM IS RETURNING.**

Session has agreed to form the Summer Session Team once again to keep up-to-date on the re-opening protocols put in place by all levels of Government. The team consists of 6 Serving Elders and Geoff Ross as Moderator.

## **MISSION STATEMENT – UPDATED**

A slight change to our Mission Statement has been approved. The change is the addition of the word 'prayer'. Our Mission Statement now reads:

*At St. Andrew's we: learn together to know God's love through worship, study and prayer; put our faith into action by loving and caring for each other; use God's gifts to go forth to bring others to Christ.*

The Statement has been amended on our weekly bulletin, website, newsletter and Facebook.

## **CLERGY SUMMER VACATION**

Rev. Ross' yearly summer vacation is scheduled from July, 19<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and August 30<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. For pastoral emergencies please contact Rev. Wayne J. Baswick 905-456-1727 (email: [wayne@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:wayne@standrewsbrampton.ca)). For Church matters please contact Clerk of Session ~ Kim Shepherd 416-557-5001 (email: [clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca)) or our Deputy Clerk ~ Jean Bradshaw 647-524-1870 (email: [depclerk@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:depclerk@standrewsbrampton.ca)).

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mission and Outreach Committee:** The Committee members worked tirelessly to make Faith in ACT!ON 2021 a great success. The Mission Committee would like to say 'Thank You' to: all Committee members who volunteered; congregation members who brought donations; WMS and Salsa for collection of items to make Activity bags for the Family Centre; and Session/Council of Elders for their continued support. The community of Brampton will be blessed by your generosity.

**Stewardship Committee:** Thank you for your continued support of the ministry of St. Andrew's. Our finances are healthy and our Operating Line of Credit remains at \$0.00.

**Property Committee:** Property has been working nonstop over the past 15 months to keep the building safe.

- Permission to enter the building is still a must. Please send an email to: [entryteam@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:entryteam@standrewsbrampton.ca). This is important as the whole team needs to be aware of the request.
- The work for the asbestos removal from the basement and some areas of the Education Wing started in May. The work is approximately 75% to 80% complete and should be fully completed by the end of June.

**Worship Committee:** Worship continues to work tirelessly to bring Sunday Worship to the congregation and community. A new computer has been purchased to assist with Worship services.

We are pleased to welcome two young people, Justin Kelly-Boxe and Thomas Dewar, to assist with Worship through the summer months.

We ask that you have patience as Peter Shepherd, Justin Kelly-Boxe and Thomas Dewar continue to iron out the issues. Should you not have sound, during the live stream, please go over the following:

- (1) double check the sound on your computer/iPad/tablet/phone;
- (2) refresh your Facebook browser; and
- (3) comment on the service that you have no sound. The sound team will see your comment and look at it.

## **MISSED A SERVICE – WE HAVE YOU COVERED!!!**

Do not have Facebook, that is okay!! All worship services can be found at the following social media platforms:

- (1) Our church website: [standrewsbrampton.ca](http://standrewsbrampton.ca). All present and past services can be found under the Worship menu on the website. If you have any questions and/or comments for our website, please send email to: [webadmin@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:webadmin@standrewsbrampton.ca);
- (2) Our YouTube Channel: [St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church: Brampton](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...). The services, hymns and Bible readings are posted here to watch anytime. Please look click the link above and subscribe.