

St. Andrew's Session
Meeting notes from October 4th, 2021

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SESSION NEWS

THE PROPOSED REOPENING DATE HAS BEEN POSTPONED
Session to meet on Oct. 13th to work on the plans
for reopening in-person/in-church worship services

Plans to Reopening the Church: The Session met on October 4th and, after much discussion, the proposed reopening date of Sunday October 17th, 2021, has been postponed. The Session will be holding a special meeting on October 13th, 2021 to review a revised list of protocols and guidelines. The Session regrets this delay but asks for your prayers and patience as it works to ensure that the reopening plans are safe for everyone as we return to worship.

It is planned that the **Session will set a new Reopening Date** at this meeting – and wants to remind everyone that we will be continuing the current online Sunday worship service live on Facebook on Sundays at 10:30am – and that the service is posted to our website that Sunday afternoon. (You can find the service by clicking this link: <https://standrewsbrampton.ca> and clicking the “WORSHIP” tab, then the “Past Services” link.)

Volunteers Needed to Reopen! To reopen we will need up to 10 volunteers to assist with various duties to help with in-person worship. These volunteers will help ensure that the finalized protocols are followed so that we have a smooth and safe opening for everyone. Without your help we will not be able to reopen. Please contact the Clerk of Session, Jean Bradshaw or our Past Clerk of Session, Kim Shepherd, if you have questions or want to volunteer.

WELCOME ABOARD NEW ELDERS!!

It is with great pleasure that Session welcomes three new Elders, to their six year terms. Robyn Kirkpatrick, Samina Babar, and James Stratton, your time, gifts and talents are a welcome addition to Session. All of Session, the Council of Elders and your church family look forward to watching you grow in your new role at St. Andrew's.

CHANGE OF CLERKS

At the end of the meeting, Session welcomed Jean Bradshaw as St. Andrew's new Clerk of Session! Jean has served for the past two years as the Deputy Clerk and will serve for as Clerk for next two years. We ask the congregation to pray for Jean in this new role as Clerk. With this change, Kim Shepherd, who has been the Clerk of Session for the past two years, becomes our “Past Clerk”. On your behalf, we thank Kim for all of her hard work – and for her faithfulness to God and St. Andrew's – over the past two years.

ELDER ELECTION

With the Ordination of the three new Elders on Sunday, September 26th, there are two Elder positions remaining. Rev. Ross continues to approach those nominated; please pray for all involved in this important discernment process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

All Committee Night: The October All Committee Night meeting will be on Tuesday, October 12th at 7:00pm.

Committee Budgets are due! Committee Chairs are reminded to prepare their Budgets for 2022 and submit them to the Treasurer at www.treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca

Property Committee: The Property Committee continues to work diligently to prepare for not only for opening for in-person worship but also keeping St. Andrew's property and building safe.

✓ The insulation under the sanctuary and around the boiler will hopefully be finalized this month.

Building Access: Due to the continuing restrictions, permission to enter the building is still needed. Please email: entryteam@standrewsbrampton.ca. We ask that you give as much notice as possible for your request.

Worship Committee: Our Online Services will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook and later in day posted on our congregational website. You can find the service by clicking this link <https://standrewsbrampton.ca> and clicking the “WORSHIP” tab, then the “Past Services” link. Links for the Online Bulletin and the Live service are also posted on both the St. Andrew's Facebook page and our website.

TECH VOLUNTEERS WANTED! The Worship Committee is looking for a few people to help with the broadcasting of the worship services. Please contact either Rev. Geoff Ross (647-524-1870) or Peter Shepherd

Mission Committee: The Santa Claus parade route has been relocated from downtown Brampton (due to all the construction on Main Street) to Chingacousy Park and the surrounding area. Unfortunately this means that we will not be able to do the Hot Chocolate Stand nor the Live Creche this year. Watch for details on a new initiative that will help Ellen House and homeless individuals by providing hats, scarves, and mitts for the winter.

Pastoral Care: If you know of someone who needs pastoral care, please notify Rev. Geoff Ross 647-524-1870 (geoff@standrewsbrampton.ca), the Congregational Care Team (wecare@standrewsbrampton.ca), or the Clerk of Session, contact our Clerk at clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca.

Stewardship Committee: The Stewardship Committee reported good news: the 2021 year-to-date offerings are 1% below this time last year, and our Operating Line of Credit remains at \$0.00. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS SUPPORT OF ST. ANDREW'S**