

St. Andrew's Session
Meeting Notes from February 7, 2022

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SESSION NEWS

The Resumption of the In-Person Worship

The Session on February 5 voted to resume in-person/in-church worship on February 13, 2022. The Protocols and Procedures that were in place will continue to apply. The number of attendees will be limited to fifty – including staff, clergy, and volunteers. **Please register on Eventbrite if you are attending.** The Welcome Teams have made one crucial change. Those not parking in the lot will enter through the Courtyard Door (between the Church and the Manse) into the Great Hall. Also, anyone can now use the parking lot and enter through the Parking Lot door.

Leading with Care is taking place

Leading with Care is a zero-tolerance denominational policy for ensuring a climate of safety for children, youth, and vulnerable adults across the Presbyterian Church in Canada. In 2021, the General Assembly adopted the "Policy and Procedures for Addressing Harassment in the Church." This policy will be added to 2022 Leading with Care workshop.

This workshop is mandatory for all Elders, Committee Convenors and members, Food Bank volunteers, Sunday School teachers, Ushers, the S-EAOM pastoral team, Congregational Care Team, and volunteers. You are included do any other volunteer work at St. Andrew's, included. The workshops are scheduled for February 12 and 26, 2022. It is important to note that you will attend only one workshop.

Please register on EventBrite the day you wish to attend, or contact clerk@standrew'sbrampton.ca or Kim Shepherd at 416-557-5001, or Jean Bradshaw at 905-455-6573.

New Members

At its January meeting, Session received two new members by transfer and five members by profession of faith. At its February meeting, Session received ten new members by profession of faith. Rev. Ross will be busy on February 27 and March 13, receiving these new members.

St. Andrew's Anniversary

Did you know that in October 2022, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will be celebrating its 175th Birthday. We are looking for ideas on how to celebrate – so please share your thoughts with us.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will take place on March 26, 2022. The hope is to hold the meeting simultaneously In-Person/In-Church and on Zoom. Look for more details in the March Session Summary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Christian Education Committee

The Pre-Lent Event

The Pre-Lent Event takes place on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022. This year we invite 40 people to attend this event in person. It will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and includes the Ash Wednesday Service. The theme this year is "Drawn to the Cross." We apologize a meal can not be served. Please register your willingness to attend on Eventbrite.

Lenten Bible Study

The Lenten Bible Study starts on March 1 and runs until April 5. This six-week course is based on "Passion of the Cross." The study will be held via Zoom, and Jean Bradshaw will contact our faithful attendees with more information. If you would like to join us reach out to Jean Bradshaw at clerk@standrew'sbrampton.ca.

Stewardship Committee

St. Andrew's Food Bank: The Stewardship Committee designated the Christmas Offering to be split between the General Fund and the Food Bank. In December, the Food Bank received an unexpected generous donation from an outside source. The Team then decided to give back their share of the Christmas Offering to the General Fund. They thank you for your gift, and wanted you to know that it will go toward helping our congregation in 2022.

Easter Offering: Stewardship has designated the Easter Offering to upgrade the outside lights on the Church. These lights will be an environmentally friendly and economical use of electricity. The Lenten letter will be mailed out this week.

Want Access to the Building? Contact the Entry Team

Session reminds everyone that it is crucial to get permission from the Entry Team before planning on going to the building. You can do this by emailing your request to entryteam@standrewsbrampton.ca. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Congregational Care

The Pastoral Care continues! The Congregational Care Team sent out three sympathy cards to members who lost loved ones in December. 66 members and eleven groups also received prayers from the St. Andrew's Prayer Circle.

Do you need to get in touch?

Here's an updated directory of contact names and information:
For all general information about St. Andrew's: www.standrewsbrampton.ca
Clerk of Session: Jean Bradshaw – 905-455-6573
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