

St. Andrew's Session **Meeting Notes from April 4, 2022**

WE ARE WORKING TO SERVE YOU!

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday, April 3, 2022, with thirty-six members present. This year, we had congregation members in the Sanctuary while others joined us by Zoom. The presentation by Treasurer Stan Loree went well, while we had some minor difficulties with the digital representation. We thank all those who attended for their patience and understanding.

MANY THANKS to Stan Loree, our Interim Treasurer, for all the hard work he did in 2021. We warmly welcome our new Treasurer, Anna-Marie Dewar.

Going, Going, GONE!

The Session voted to remove several of the COVID-19 protocols in place the last few months. Registration on Eventbrite is no longer required. There are no limits on the number of persons attending worship. Assigned seating is gone, as is social distancing. However, the Sanctuary balcony remains closed.

The following protocols are still in place: Masks are mandatory; no food or drinks are allowed in the church building; the kitchen and Education Wing remain closed. The area around the organ and in front of the Communion Table is closed to foot traffic. The Union Street door remains locked. The doors on Church Street will now be opened, and the offering plates will be at all the doors.

Welcome Back S-EAOM and Seventh Day Adventists

We are pleased to announce that Session approved the return of our two other worship services at St. Andrew's. The Seventh Day Adventists will be returning to in-person worship starting Saturday, April 9, and our S-EAOM members will be returning to in-person worship starting Sunday, April 10.

Guess Who is Turning 175!

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will be celebrating its 175th birthday in October. We are looking for ideas to celebrate this post-pandemic occasion, so please share your thoughts and memories with the Clerk of Session, Jean Bradshaw, at clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stewardship Committee

The Committee is hard at work on its annual Spring fundraisers: Macgregors Meat & Seafood for the BBQ Season and Hanging

Baskets for your garden. This year there is also a book by Andrew McKinney. You will find the full details for these sales in the worship bulletin, [in the church newsletter](#) and [on our website](#).

Financial Update

The Financial Report indicates an improvement in offerings in March. The church's expenses will rise as staff returns to full-time work and utility usage increases.

Worship Committee

The Services for Holy Week are:

Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 pm with Communion

Good Friday, April 15 at 11:00 am

Easter Sunday, April 17 at 10:30 am. One service only.

Thanks to those who have volunteered to help with the Easter Flower Cross.

Mission Committee

The Committee is hard at work organizing the faith in ACTION events that will take place in May. Your support is very much needed if we are to exceed the success of 2021.

Permission Still Needed to Enter the Church

Session reminds everyone that it is crucial to get permission from the Entry Team before entering the building. You can do this by emailing your request to entryteam@standrewsbrampton.ca. *Please give us as much advanced notice as possible.* Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Do You Need to Get in Touch?

Here's an updated directory of contact names and information:

All general information about St. Andrew's: www.standrewsbrampton.ca

Clerk of Session: Jean Bradshaw 905-455-6573

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WebAdmin: Kim Shepherd 416-557-5001 depclerk@standrewsbrampton.ca

Have You Changed Your Address, Email or Phone Number?

Please call Kim Shepherd at 416-557-5001 to update your records.

Pastoral Care

NOTE: Rev. Wayne Baswick will be at the church every Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. To book an appointment, please call Wayne at 905-456-1727.

If you need pastoral care from the minister, contact Rev. Wayne Baswick at 905-456-1727 or clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca or Kim Shepherd at 416-557-5001, or Jean Bradshaw at 905-455-6573. Members of the Congregational Care Team are also available to help you; please call Felicity Alexander at 905-791-0490.