

## St. Andrew's Session Session Summary from December 5, 2022

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### **2022 ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING**

The 2022 Annual Budget Meeting took place on Sunday, November 20 at 12 noon, after the morning worship. It was held in person and online via Zoom. The meeting was chaired by Rev. Geoff Ross, and Jean Bradshaw was nominated to be the Meeting Secretary. Anna-Marie Dewar, our Treasurer, presented a Budget that clearly laid out the current financial situation for St. Andrew's. As we emerge from the past two and a half years – and the effects of the COVID pandemic – we all need to recommit ourselves to support the work and the ministry of our Church.

- **Thank you**, to all the St. Andrew's members who attended this important meeting either In-Person or online.
- **Thank you**, to Anna-Marie Dewar, our Treasurer and to our Committees for preparing and presenting the budget.
- **Thank you** to those who have made their Christmas Donation to St. Andrew's. If you haven't already, please make your donation to St. Andrew's or to the Operating Fund. (Read the "Giving to St. Andrew's" page in the bulletin for more on how to give to St. Andrew's.)

### **SESSION NEWS**

#### **NEW ELDER ELECTION UPDATE**

At the November meeting, the Session set the dates for the Annual Elder Election: the election will run from Sunday November 20 to Sunday, December 11 at 12 noon. Nomination packages were sent out in the mail Friday, November 11. You can return your Elder Election Ballot in the signed ballot envelope either by bringing it to Church on Sunday and leaving it in the collection plate or by using the enclosed addressed, stamped return envelope – your mailed-in Ballot will be counted!

With the resignation of Paul Willoughby – and with a spot not filled from our last election – you are being asked to nominate up to seven (7) people to be elected as Elders of the Session. We encourage everyone to please vote by nominating only members who are listed on the Membership List that was included in the mailing. Lastly, we pray; If you are nominated, please say yes.

If you have not received a Nominations package – and you are a Member of St. Andrew's – or if you have any questions, please contact our Clerk of Session ~ Jean Bradshaw, at 905-872-0272 (email: [clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca)) or Rev. Geoff Ross 647-524-1870 (email: [geoff@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:geoff@standrewsbrampton.ca)).

### **Holiday Services**

The Session discussed and voted to approve the following Christmas and New Year's Worship services:

#### **Christmas Eve:**

- Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022, at 7:30pm: "Traditional" Service
- Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022, at 10:00pm: "Candlelight" Service
- Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022, at 11:00pm: S-EAOM Christmas Service

#### **Christmas Day:**

- Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022, at 10:30am: Christmas Day Service
- Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022, at 3:00pm: S-EAOM Christmas Day Service

#### **New Year's Day:**

- Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023, at 10:30am: New Year's Day Service
- Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023, at 2:00pm: S-EAOM New Year's Day Service

We hope to see you at Church over the holidays!

#### **An In-Person/In-Church Worship Reminder**

The Session wants to assure you that your safety and health remain its primary concern. While there is no mandate for the wearing of masks, the Session recommends that you wear them if you feel the need to – or when you are singing. We continue to ask those attending In-Person/In-Church worship – or our various groups and activities – to do what "*feels right for you*" regarding your safety and health. Please respect and acknowledge that not everyone has the same comfort threshold when it comes to public gatherings. **Again, Session reminds you not to attend in-person worship if you are not feeling well.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Christian Education**

Our Sunday School is up and running! Also, we thank our youth for helping in our Advent services by reading the PWS&D liturgies!

#### **Mission Committee**

The South-East Asian Outreach Ministry(S-EAOM), under the umbrella of the Mission Committee, with approval from the Session, applied to the PCC's New and Renewing Ministries Fund for a grant. This is the third year we have applied – and great news! – it is the third year that we have been approved for the full grant! We thank the members of the New and Renewing Ministries Grant Board for their support and generosity!

#### **Pastoral Care**

Rev. Ross is back to full-time with us. If you need pastoral care, you may contact him at 647-524-1870. You may also contact the Clerk of Session, Jean Bradshaw, by email at [clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca](mailto:clerk@standrewsbrampton.ca) or by phoning 905-455-6573. Members of the Congregational Care Team are also willing to help you by calling Felicity Alexander at 905-791-0490.