

**St. Andrew's Session**  
**Session Summary from May 1, 2023**

WE ARE WORKING TO SERVE YOU!

**SESSION NEWS**

Over forty members attended the Annual General Meeting. The Committee Chairs gave summaries of their plans for 2023. The Treasurer reviewed the Revenue and Expenses for 2022, highlighting our revenue was not keeping up with our expenses. The various Investment Funds and how they contribute to our revenue were explained. However, there was a decline in the stock market, and we will not receive any funds in 2023 and well into 2024. The Auditor's Report for the Financial Statements was circulated and approved by the Congregation.

The Congregation made the following appointments: Anna-Marie Dewar as Treasurer for 2023 and RLB Professional Chartered Accountants as Auditors for 2023. The Session has appointed Kim Shepherd and Valerie Martin as Envelope Secretaries for 2023.

**Committee Members**

We need volunteers on our committees. God has blessed us with many gifts and talents, so what are yours? The Committees are Worship (Karen Hutchinson), Mission (Robyn Kirkpatrick), Christian Education (Jean Bradshaw), Stewardship (Helen Collins), and Property (Stan Loree).

**BAPTISMS**

The Session approved Jane Bush and Alice Jung and her three teenagers, Noel, Reilly and Kate, to receive the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, May 14, 2023.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mission Committee**

This Committee is working on the details for the Faith in ACT!ON activities this year: gardening, painting, donations of blankets and towels for animal shelters, donations of books, markers, crayons, colouring books for children of all ages at the Family Resource Centre, and more.

The South-East Asian Outreach Ministry (S-EAOM) hopes to hold its Convention in September, but details are not yet available.

**Stewardship Committee**

The Committee is already planning for Anniversary Sunday, October 22, 2023 and is hoping to have a luncheon to celebrate this special occasion.

**Property**

The work to replace the Fire Panel was completed, and the cost was \$20,000. The second stage of the work will take place shortly.

**Worship**

Rally Sunday will be on September 10, 2023. Sunday School Teachers and all other Christian educators will be commissioned during the Service. A barbecue luncheon may also be served.

**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 wearing masks, the Session recommends wearing them if it "feels right for you." Your safety and health is our primary concern. Please respect and acknowledge that not everyone has the same comfort threshold regarding public gatherings. Again, the Session reminds you not to attend in-person worship if you are not feeling well.

**Pastoral Care**

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick is now our Interim Moderator and half-stated Supply Minister – which means that he will do Pulpit Supply every week.

Rev. Wayne will be in the office from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm every Wednesday to meet with anyone who wishes to see him. No appointment is necessary.

Rev. Wayne wants to make it clear that if you need to see a Minister urgently, he is available twenty-four hours per day. You may contact him by calling **905-456-1727**.

Our Congregational Care Team is also available to help you. Contact Felicity Alexander at 905-791-0490.

Our Prayer Circle is a very, very confidential group who pray for those in need of prayer. If you are requesting prayers for a family member or friend, you must ask their permission before submitting your request. Contact Sandra Jackson at 905-459-4563 with your prayer request.