

ST. ANDREW'S SESSION
Session Summary from January 8, 2024
WE ARE WORKING TO SERVE YOU

Search Committee

This committee is already hard at work. They have profiles to build, job descriptions, and many questions to ask. It will be a few months before the Presbyterian Church in Canada posts the vacancy. Please keep this group in your prayers.

Minister's Report

Rev. Wayne will be on vacation from January 15th to January 21st. The pulpit supply for the 21st will be Robert English. Rev. Wayne will have his eye surgery on February 20th; please pray for a successful outcome. He will take two weeks of vacation from February 19th to March 3rd and April 8th to 14th. These vacations are according to the Covenant we have with Rev. Baswick.

GoFundMe Campaign

St. Andrew's is a historical building, and repairs are costly. The Session permitted John Collins to start a GoFundMe to raise money for these repairs. When the Fund is ready, we ask that you help promote it on your digital platforms.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stewardship Committee

Financial Report: The contributions for 2023 were \$393,737.00, and expenses were \$576,872.00. Income received from the Presbyterian Church in Canada was \$10,000.00, and grants from the Brampton-Caledon and the City of Brampton Historical were \$10,000.00 each. The Easter, Anniversary and Christmas offerings were \$36,456.00.

Mission Committee

Project Cozy means that mitts, gloves, hats and scarves go to our community's unhoused and those in need; collection for these items has started and will run until February 11.

Worship and Fellowship

We still need a coordinator for the Refreshment Fellowship; please get in touch with Michelle Tedder to say you will serve.

Property Committee

Stan Loree reported that work on the eavestroughs is complete. The committee is looking into the cost of replacing the lights in the Great Hall.

Food Bank

The Food Bank in 2023 served 70% more clients than in 2022, the most significant increase at the Food Bank in 33 years. Thirty-two volunteers from various churches and groups come in to help every week. Also, there are over 46 donors who donate food to help keep the cupboards open.

In-Person Worship Reminder

The Session wants to assure you that your safety and health remain its primary concern. Again, you are reminded not to attend in-person worship, meetings, or events if you are not feeling well. Also, please observe and follow any posted signage regarding COVID-19 safety protocols to help protect all building users and staff. Thank you.

The Session decided to lock the courtyard (Church St.) door on Sundays at 10:40 a.m. A notice on this door will advise any latecomers to use the main Church St. doors.

Pastoral Care

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick is in the office every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for anyone who wishes to drop by to meet or say "Hello." If you need to see a minister urgently, Wayne is available 24 hours daily at 905-456-1727.

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

Prayer Circle: If you request prayers for a family member or friend, please obtain their permission before submitting their name to Sandra Jackson at 905-459-4563.