

## **Highlights of Paulin Session Meeting – February 28 & March 14, 2022**

**Pandemic Safety:** Session reviewed the provincial guidelines at both the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting and at an emergency meeting on March 14, 2022. The Safety Plan was updated as of March 1, 2022. From March 1 to 21, passive screening is required for all people entering Paulin Church except for employees who have to actively complete a paper COVID screening. As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, proof of vaccination status is no longer required to participate in activities at Paulin Church except for the minister, employees, pastoral care team, Sunday School Teachers/monitors & worship team members and this policy will be reviewed at the March 28<sup>th</sup> Session meeting. As of March 21, 2022, people who enter Paulin have the option of not wearing a mask. As many children are not yet able to be fully vaccinated and many adults will choose to wear a mask given their own risk assessment, every 2<sup>nd</sup> pew continues to be closed in the sanctuary to facilitate physical distancing and this policy will be reviewed at the March 28<sup>th</sup> session meeting. Coffee hour has resumed with no physical distance limits as of March 1<sup>st</sup> and masks will be optional as of March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Elders on Session:** John Stearns submitted a letter of resignation as an elder and a formal note of thanks for his years of service will be sent by the clerk. Audrey Landon indicated that she is returning as an active ruling elder from her Leave of Absence in March 2022. Anne McLachlan will be finished her term as Clerk of Session at the end of June 2022. The session will discuss whether or not to move to Term Eldership as well as recruitment of new Elders during future meetings.

**Minister's Report:** Rev. Aide will call people who are not yet attending church to determine their comfort level for attending in-person services. For February, she has been leading in-person worship services, recording Service for YouTube on Thursdays, leading a live Zoom service, writing 4 devotionals a week for the Facebook page, and leading 2 Bible Studies on Wednesdays. Rev. Aide made 10 pastoral calls in February. She has met via telephone or virtually with 4 people who wish to join Paulin as members. On Sunday, March 27, we hope to welcome Darryl Hicks, Melissa Hicks, Justin Golab, Janis Dominato, and Mary Ellen Sands-King as new members through profession of faith. Rev. Aide led the worship service for the Essex Kent Presbytery meeting at Paulin in February. We received the grant from the Presbytery to purchase equipment to live-stream our Sunday service. She will be attending the virtual PCC General Assembly from June 5-9, 2022.

**Worship Committee:** The worship committee has struck a search committee for the part-time Music Director position. A job description for the 8-hour (on average) per week position has been developed and has been shared. The committee is planning worship activities for Holy Week. Palm Sunday is April 10<sup>th</sup> and Easter Sunday is April 17<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the decorating committee who have updated the church bulletin boards. They look awesome.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jan 2022 - Operating income - \$8,769.11; Expenses -\$17,694.28 - Inc vs Expenses: (deficit of **\$8,925.17**). Members and adherents are encouraged to regularly donate whether or not they are attending in-person worship services.

**Newsletter:** A single page newsletter with information about upcoming Holy Week services will be distributed by Rev. Aide by April 1, 2022.

**AGM:** Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in-person after service to review reports of the various committees and to pass the 2022 Budget. We have 210 households affiliated with Paulin and 150 households who donate to Paulin. If the 210 households donate \$80 per month on average, then we will cover our operating expenses in our 2022 budget. Alternatively, from the 107 households who regularly contribute to Paulin, we would require \$160 per month on average to cover our 2022 budget. The Presbyterian Church in Canada has asked for an allocation of \$19,575 for Presbyterians Sharing. The last 2 years, Paulin has given \$4,000 & this amount was accepted for 2022. Members will be encouraged to donate extra money each month in their "envelopes" to go towards and hopefully surpass this \$4,000 amount. The congregation was given an opportunity to express their views about which version of marriage (between a man & woman or between 2 adult persons) to accept for our congregation at the AGM. Session will vote on this issue by September 2022.

*Respectfully submitted by Anne McLachlan, Clerk of Session*