

Session Update

- A nomination team has been formed to seek and discern calls for new Elders- watch for the Sunday bulletin insert soon.
- Because the 2012 books had not yet been closed, there were no financial reports for this meeting. For 2014, we will look at scheduling the Board meeting one week later in January to address this difficulty.
- The AGM will take place on Sunday, February 17 after church. The Youth will provide a Chili lunch, and the entire meeting will take place after lunch, in the church hall. There will be a presentation about the V&O fund in an effort to bring it to the attention of the Congregation, to explain what it is and how it works, and to raise interest in it. The agenda will also be constructed to celebrate the activities and accomplishments of St. Andrew's in 2012.
- The nominating committee reported that all of the Board members whose terms end in January 2013 have agreed to serve for an additional 3 year term. John Wynn will join the Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Colleen Clack. The nominating committee has not yet managed to comply with the Board Chair's request that a Vice Chair be identified.
- 4 parking spaces have been rented to Suffolk Place tenants for 2013 at a rate of \$60/space/month.
- Dave Lilley has indicated that he is prepared to continue as our custodian.
- Both basement level washrooms have been repainted and freshened up. Dave Lilley did the work and the cost was extremely reasonable.
- The subject of improved wheel chair access through the door between the office and the sanctuary will be addressed in the spring.
- The Board Room renovation will be carried out over a period of 3 to 5 weeks in February/March. The office is aware of this plan, and relevant space bookings will be rearranged accordingly
- The HR committee is in the process of conducting annual reviews with all staff.
- The HR committee congratulates Rev. John on the occasion of his tenth anniversary as Minister at St. Andrews. We have been blessed with his faithful and dedicated service.
- Opening Worship was a joyful service to mark the amalgamation of St. Giles and St Andrew's Galt as Westside Cambridge, in the former St Andrew's building, and to acknowledge the efforts of members of each church and the presbytery in making the amalgamation happen under God's guidance.

- Completed the dissolution of the Waterloo North congregation with a presbytery service on December 30th 2012.
- Recognized the retirement of Rev. Nan St Louis, Mt Forest / Conn on May 5th 2013, and Rev. Linda Bell, Gale Elmira on April 30th 2013, and approved a call to Reuben St Louis to Nassagaweya. (He will be ordained February 24th.)
- Approved General Assembly referrals permitting non-serving elders to fill roles as assessor elders in other congregations when requested by presbytery. (*assessor elders assist congregations in early stages of formation or late stages of conflict.*)
- Contributed \$ 20,000 to Crieff Hills Community to reduce its mortgage needs for their new facilities.
- Approved plans for a one day workshop with Dr Kennon Callahan, for those unable to attend the Stewards by Design conference, to be held Monday May 6th 2013.
- Acknowledged receipt of Canada Ministries grants: \$3000 for U of G ministry and \$ 48,000 for Two Rivers Guelph Mission.
- Moved to support efforts to help rural congregations develop new approaches to ministry.
- Proceeds from dissolved congregations: When a congregation is dissolved the assets come under the control of the PCIC Trustee Board and Committee on Assets. The presbytery may request up to 70 percent of the asset value if they have a plan to use the funds constructively. The Winterbourne congregation was dissolved December 4th, 2012 and the property has been sold for some \$250,000. Presbytery will outline the terms of reference of its Development Fund and the many projects it has funded and seek to retain a portion of these proceeds
- Photo Directory – Has been received and distributed. Check your family folder.
- Roll Clerk Report for Annual Report for 2012- We may look like an old stone church, but we are a welcoming one! This is affirmed by the new faces that we are seeing in the sanctuary; and a total of 15 households comprising 29 new or returning folks and 2 babies who have been added to the Roll in the past year.
- 12 Keys to an Effective Church by Kennon Callahan -The Twelve Keys Bible Study ~ Chapter entitled: Strong Leadership Team (p. 29-32) was discussed as we continue through this study in preparation of a group of delegates to attend the workshop this upcoming May.
- The congregation is reminded that copies of Session minutes are in the Library and available for your reading. If there are questions or concerns pertaining to a group or committee please contact either the representative Elder or Chair of the committee. This information is available via the church office or with the use of the large poster of Session members just outside of the Kitchen area. Any concerns regarding Session itself can be addressed to the Clerk of Session at any time.