

The Presbyterian Church in Canada The Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod

Alberta, Canada

Emergent Meeting August 4, 2026

Gathering in God's Name

Called to Order & Constitution

The Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod met, via Zoom, in emergent session on Tuesday, August 4, at 7:02 p.m. for the purpose of considering a call from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Scarborough to Rev. Daniel Surya.

Land Acknowledgement

We navigate the mountains and rivers, prairie and valleys in the summer so much easier. How blessed are our spirits and hearts as we reconnect to the land, each other, and the Creator who provides all things for us. We acknowledge that others have taken care of this land and taught us the ways to play, work and navigate within it - including the Blackfoot (Siksika, Kainai, and Pikani), the Stoney Nakoda (Chiniki, Bears paw, and Good Stoney), the Tsuu t'ina and the Otipemisiwak of Métis Region 3.

Roll

Present with the Moderator Laurie McKay were the ministers of Word and Sacrament: Peter Baek, Jake Van Pernis, Christian Persaud, Greg Smith, Daniel Surya, and. Christopher Joiner.

Also present were ruling elders: Audrey Mann (*alternate St. Andrew's, Calgary*), Sandra Cameron Evans, Cathy Gale, Deirdre Harris, Marj Havens, Emese Mic (*alternate Calvin*), Omot Ochudo, Karen Robbins, Mary Rozsa de Coquet, Jack Shephard (*alternate Westminster*).

Regrets

Regrets were received from Ministers of Word and Sacrament: Heather Carlson, Grant Gunnink, Gergely Kása, Maren McLean Persaud and Chandra Mannix.

Regrets were received from Elders: Heather Bryant, Tom Paasuke and Eszter Savanya.

Appendix

Ministers on the Appendix also present: Wendy Adams.

Also present: Terry Fach (*General Presbyter*), and Mary Jardine (*Mission Care Co-Convener*).

Guests

Guests in attendance included:

Okelo Aballa, Bethany McCaffrey (Clerk for Presbytery of Pickering).

Guests attending from St. Andrew's, Lethbridge:

Margaret Cook (Elder), Dillon Hausauer (Elder and alternate representative to presbytery), Glenn Harker (Elder), Marilyn Harker, Gord McKay (Convenor of the Personnel Team), Judy McKay (Convenor of the Spiritual Life Team), David Miller (Convenor of the Administrative Team), Isabelle Plomp (Clerk of Session), Gary Van Voorst (Administrative Team member), and Gerda Van Voorst (Church School Coordinator).

**Approval of
Emergent Meeting**

MOTION: MOVED by M. Rozsa de Coquet, seconded by O. Ochudo, that the actions of the Moderator in calling the emergent meeting be approved.
CARRIED

MOTION: MOVED by G. Smith, seconded by K. Robbins, that guests be invited to sit and correspond. **CARRIED**

The Moderator welcomed the Rev. Bethany McCaffrey, Clerk from the Presbytery of Pickering, and the representatives from St. Andrew's, Lethbridge.

**D. Surya Call to
St. Andrew's,
Scarborough**

C. Persaud reported the form of the Call was in order.

MOTION: MOVED by C. Persaud, seconded by S. Cameron Evans, that the call be received.

**Guarantee of
Stipend,
Reasons for
Translation,
Concurrence to
the Call**

B. McCaffrey was invited to give a summary of the Guarantee of Stipend, Reasons for Translation and reported on the concurrence to the Call.

We, the professing members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Scarborough, being well satisfied with your faithfulness to the Gospel and your qualifications for the ministry of Word and Sacraments and confident that the Holy Spirit has led us to you, earnestly and solemnly call you, The Rev. Daniel Surya, to become the minister of this congregation. In calling you we promise you all due respect, encouragement, and allegiance in the Lord as, together, we seek to use our gifts in the church and in the world to the glory of God.

In order that you, The Rev. Daniel Surya, may be free to devote yourself to ministry of Word and Sacraments among us, we the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church hereby guarantee to the Presbytery of Pickering, of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that out of our estimated annual revenue of three hundred and forty thousand we

promise and obligate ourselves to provide you, as a first charge thereon, the following annually:

Annual Stipend

Option A (inclusive of travel allowance)	\$62,300
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Total	\$62,300
Cost of utilities (Internet and Cellphone included)	Paid by church

We agree to make payments of the above amounts on the first day of each month and agree to adjust the stipend and allowances annually in view of any changes in the cost of living or the needs of our minister.

We agree further:

1. To provide two weeks for continuing education annually and at least the minimum allowance as set by the General Assembly.
2. That the benefits of number 1 above shall be cumulative up to five years.
3. To provide five weeks' vacation annually, which shall be used in the year they are given.
4. To pay supply during the periods of continuing education and holidays.
5. In case of disability or extended illness, to continue to provide stipend, accommodation and allowances for a period not less than that set by the General Assembly, and to pay the cost of pulpit supply.
6. To pay for Medical and Dental Insurance as provided through the Pensions and Benefits Board of the General Assembly and to make contributions to the Pension Plan in compliance with the terms of the plan.
7. To pay necessary moving expenses.
8. Optional (such as book allowance, entertainment allowance, internet, cell phone, etc.)

Out of a total number of 240 professing members, 108 have themselves subscribed and 86 have requested an elder to subscribe to same. 51 adherents have signed this concurrence to the call in favour of the Rev. Surya.

The number of signatures represents 81% of professing members.
B. McCaffrey read the narration of steps on behalf of Rev. Joseph Choi, Interim Moderator St. Andrew's, Scarborough.

Commissioners Commissioners from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lethbridge were heard in support of the Call, including K. Robbins, I. Plomp, and D. Hausauer.

Members of the court were invited to speak to the Call.
C. Persaud, G. Smith, C. Joiner, M. Rozsa de Coquet, C. Gale, and L. McKay shared their thanks and appreciation for Daniel's ministry and collegiality.

Call Sustained **MOVED** by C. Persaud, seconded by J. Van Pernis, that the Call from St. Andrew's, Scarborough to Rev. D. Surya be sustained as a Gospel Call. **CARRIED**

MOVED by J. Van Pernis, seconded by G. Smith, that the clerk send an extract to the Presbytery of Pickering that the Call was sustained.
CARRIED

St. Andrew's Vacancy **MOVED** by C. Persaud, seconded by A. Mann, that the pastoral tie between St. Andrew's, Lethbridge and D. Surya be dissolved on September 1, 2026 and that he be transferred to the care of the Presbytery of Pickering on that date. **CARRIED**

MOVED by C. Persaud, seconded by M. Rozsa de Coquet, that the pulpit of St. Andrew's, Lethbridge be declared vacant on September 1, 2026.
CARRIED

Prayer The Moderator, L. McKay, led us in prayer.

Going Out in God's Name

Time & Place The next regular business meeting of the Presbytery will be **Tuesday, September 15, 2026** in person at St. Paul's, Banff. There will be a light lunch at noon, Induction of the Moderator at 1 pm, and the meeting will start at 2 pm. Reports due **September 3, 2026** by noon.

Adjourn to Serve Benediction **MOTION:** MOVED by C. Gale that the Court be adjourned. **CARRIED**
The Court was dismissed with the benediction at 7:37 p.m.

Moderator
Rev. Laurie McKay

Clerk of Presbytery
Rev. C. Persaud

Clerk of Presbytery
Christian Persaud