

The Presbyterian Church in Canada The Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod

Banff, Alberta, Canada

Regular Meeting September 15, 2026

Gathering in God's Name

Called to Order & Constitution

In Banff, Alberta, the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod met in regular session on Tuesday, September 15, at 1:12 p.m.

Worship was led by B. Alexander from St. Paul's, Banff. The Moderator constituted the meeting with prayer at 2:12 pm.

Roll

Present with the Moderator B. Alexander were the ministers of Word and Sacrament: Peter Baek, Grant Gunnink, Jake Van Pernis, Christian Persaud, Greg Smith, Laurie McKay, Chandra Mannix, Chris Joiner, Heather Carlson, and Gergely Kása.

Also present were ruling elders: Moira Brownlee, Heather Bryant, Sandra Cameron Evans, Cathy Gale, Joyce Engel, Deirdre Harris, Lauren Nolette, Omot Ochudo, Tom Paasuke, and Mary Rozsa de Coquet.

Regrets

Regrets were received from Ministers of Word and Sacrament: Maren McLean Persaud.

Regrets were received from Ruling Elders: Karen Robbins and Eszter Savanya, along with their alternates.

Regrets were received from Caroline Hultgren (*Recording Secretary*) and Phil Gaiser (*Treasurer*).

Also present: Okelo Aballa (*Mission Care Co-Convener*) and Terry Fach (*General Presbyter*).

Appendix

Ministers on the Appendix also present: Tom Brownlee

Guests

Guests: Layne Kilbreath

Consent Agenda

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MOVED by J. Van Pernis, seconded by G. Smith, that the following reports with recommendations be approved by Consent Agenda. **CARRIED**

Adoption of the Minutes

Regular meeting: June 16, 2026

Emergent meeting: August 4, 2026

Correspondence

Reports on Partnerships

Chair of Christian Thought Advisory Council

Calgary Interfaith Council

Indigenous Gathering Place

Ecumenical Campus Ministry, Lethbridge

Ecumenical Campus Ministry, Medicine Hat

Being the Body of Christ

Correspondence

Correspondence – Clerk**Receive for Information**

26-077	M. Ho, Elders Sacrament Course - 19th September 2026, distributed
26-078	Donations PCC, PCC Gifts by Presbytery, distributed
20-079	Spring Update from Camp Kannawin, distributed
26-081	J. Manglicmot, Forming Churches that are Spiritually Alive in the Neighbourhood – Fall 2026, distributed
26-082	Camp Kannawin, Spring Update from Camp Kannawin, distributed
26-083	Camp Kannawin, Join Us at Camp Kannawin Wednesday, July 22, distributed
26-084	Donations PCC, PCC Gifts by Presbytery, distributed
26-085	B. Weaver, Invitation - 2026 City Wide Pride Interfaith Service, distributed

26-086	Presbyterian College, Summer News From PC, distributed
26-087	J. Alasgarli, Upcoming: Peace Team Training, distributed
26-092	J. Astop, Important Fall Grant Deadlines and Updates for Presbyteries, distributed
26-093	S. Cameron Evans, Transportation to Banff for September Meeting, distributed
26-095	K. Muir, Safe Church Policies, distributed
26-097	Donations PCC, PCC Gifts by Presbytery, distributed
26-100	M. Ho, Join our upcoming Congregational Cohort program through the Centre for Missional Leadership this fall, distributed
26-101	I. Ross-McDonald, Fund For Ministerial Assistance, distributed
26-102	I. Ross-McDonald, Fwd: Fund to assist people healing from experiences of homophobia and transphobia, distributed
26-103	L. Kilbreath, Please share with the Presbytery for promotion, distributed
26-107	I. Ross-McDonald, Fwd: Safe Church: Advice, Guidance and Sample Text for Ministry Websites Re General Assembly LMA-002, distributed
26-109	K. Muir, National office phone list, distributed
26-110	K. Muir, Summer changes to the roll, distributed
26-112	D. Harris, Trinity Fund Application Deadline: October 15, 2026, distributed
26-113	C. Stephenson, IT Support through the Change Leadership Team's pilot, distributed

Refer to the Clerk

26-080	L. Kilbreath, 2026 Reconciliation Journey Walk (Save the
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	date)
26-090	K. Muir, Memorial, Petitions and Overture Deadlines for 2027
26-091	K. Muir, Commissioners to the 2027 General Assembly
26-094	K. Muir, Response from the 2026 General Assembly for the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod
26-096	K. Muir, Remits arising from the 2026 General Assembly
26-098	I. Ross-McDonald, Equipping people on behalf of Synods, Presbyteries and Colleges in the Safe Church policies
26-099	K. Muir, Referrals Arising from the 2026 General Assembly for Presbytery Clerks
26-108	K. Muir, Call for Young Adult Representatives to the 2027 General Assembly
26-111	K. Muir, Study and Report - Repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery and Seeking Reconciliation

Refer to Presbytery Care

26-088	D. Bonar, Interim Ministry Request
26-089	K. Muir, Nominations for Moderator of the 2027 General Assembly
26-104	C. Stephenson, Invitation to Meet with the Change Leadership Team, November 17

Refer to Clergy Care

26-088	D. Bonar, Interim Ministry Request
26-105	Gladys Black Memorial Fund - Application Request
26-106	Endorsement by Presbytery

Refer to Congregational Care

26-088

D. Bonar, Interim Ministry Request

Docket

The Clerk presented the docket for the day:

Moved by J. Van Pernis, seconded by L. McKay that the docket be approved. **CARRIED**

It was agreed that the hours of meeting be 2:12 p.m. to the conclusion of business.

Discerning the Future of our Presbytery

Prayer

B. Alexander led us in Prayers for the work of the congregations within the Presbytery at the time the meeting constituted.

**Motion to
Receive**

MOTION: MOVED by G. Smith, seconded by M. Rozsa de Coquet that the reports be received and their recommendations considered. **CARRIED**

**Interim
Moderator
Reports****Centennial**

Interim Moderator's Report for Centennial Church – Chandra Mannix

To the members of the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod, from Chandra Mannix, Interim Moderator of Centennial Presbyterian Church:

The following are the Terms of Reference for the Interim Moderator with appropriate updates.

1. Moderate Session meetings, working with the Clerk to develop agenda items for each meeting

- a. A regular session meeting was held at the end of June and again at the end of August. The court remained focused on collaboration with the search committee in the creation of a congregational profile, seeking an Interim Minister rather than an Interim Moderator for September, addressing challenges regarding the size and complexity of the congregation with the Presbytery representatives for the Minister Position Description in the Congregational Profile, working with the student minister to ensure sufficient pastoral care for members and adherents, and collaboration with the Board of

Managers to address significant building repairs not anticipated due to water damage and mold.

b. The clerk of session, Doug Bonar, has been a faithful, exceedingly organized, and competent clerk for 30+ years at Centennial. 2026/27 will, however, be a transition year for him. He has long gone above and beyond his duties to steward the church through Rev. Jin Woo's long illness and subsequent retirement process, as well as now two moderators. He plans for a slow and comprehensive transition to another elder on session for the clerk role, and will likely remain on session beyond the transition to guide through any challenges and to offer support. He will likely begin that process in late fall or early winter, once the new Interim Moderator has had an opportunity to moderate at a couple of sessions and a transition plan is co-created between them.

2. Arrange for pulpit supply for all regular and special services

a. Has been arranged for September

i. Sept 6 - Rev. Bruce Clendening – morning service communion

ii. Sept 6 – Rev. Rod Ferguson – afternoon service communion and membership service

iii. Sept 13, 20 & 27 – morning and afternoon services by Okelo Aballa

iv. Consideration for a special service in September for the ordination of new elders is being discerned

v. No pulpit supply past September has been arranged as of the writing of this report

3. Ensure Pastoral Care is in place through the Session, being available for emergency care such as funerals

a. There are significant pastoral care needs at Centennial. As such, in June, the session of Centennial formally requested an Interim Minister be appointed through Presbytery rather than an Interim Moderator.

b. To date, there has been no support of this request from presbytery

c. The elders on session are working at maximum capacity, and themselves are in need of further pastoral care.

d. The congregation of roughly 300 has large numbers of high needs, high demand, and complex care requirements.

e. The conclusion of the student minister contract at the end of September, with no meaningful response from presbytery to date, has the session gravely concerned for their capacity to live into their duty of care to the congregation

f. July and August were exceedingly difficult months for Chandra to provide pastoral care to Centennial due to multiple family deaths

including her mother, and becoming the guardian of her niece due to the death of her niece's father. In addition, Chandra was doing her best to support the final stages development of the Amalgamation Plan between Knox and St. Giles and was also of the guiding the search committee and the session of Centennial through difficult conversations around their Minister Profile.

4. Guide the Session in the development of a Search Committee when approved by presbytery

- a. The search committee has met every 2 weeks for the past few months, and looks to resume this schedule after the IM transition

5. In accordance with the practice and polity of the PCC, provide leadership to the Search Committee in the development of the Congregational Profile (Appendix 1), recruitment of potential candidates, development of the interview and selection process

- a. The search committee has completed a congregational profile and a minister position description over the summer (Appendix 1)
- b. Difficult conversation were had with session and with the presbytery, as there are deep concerns that a single minister will be unable to effectively serve such a large and complex congregation, however, Centennial can only afford one minister
- c. Next steps will include an active recruitment process for the next minister by the new Interim Moderator, and the mapping of the interview and selection process by the committee prior to the arrival of candidates

6. When a search is initiated, provide active leadership and assistance to optimize the Search process and ensure regular updates on the process are reported to Session

- a. See 5.c.

7. Report on the state of health at Centennial at every second meeting of presbytery or monthly, if necessary

- a. Having real conversations - Centennial has had a year of significant conversations between elders and congregants, between members of the morning service and the afternoon service, between the Board of Managers and the Session, and between the Anyuak and the non-Anyuak congregants. Much discussion was needed prior to the creation of their new congregational profile and the development of their minister position description.
- b. Search Temperature - Ministerial leadership for the search process at this next stage requires a focus on maintaining the tentative unity between all sub-groups of the church that has been established over the last year. Issues of language and culture are at

the forefront which challenge healthy relationships. The blessing of two main groups of people with strong culturally communal values – Cameroonian and Anyuak – have helped significantly with the environment of maintaining focus on remaining brothers and sisters in Christ. As does the general comradery and easy friendships among the elder group. However, the anxiety around limited financial resources hovers always just beneath the surface of all conversations around the next minister, as there is a deeply held belief that there is a need for 2 ministers at Centennial – one for the English-speaking congregants, and one for the Anyuak speaking congregants – and no ability to provide for more than 1.

c. Pastoral Care - Centennial requires significant pastoral care. This congregation likely has the highest volume and highest complexity of primary and secondary need support in the presbytery. The student minister is, frankly, overworked. The elders are unable to keep up with pastoral care needs. Even the part time refugee support professional hired by the congregation is well past capacity due to high needs. Centennial needs ministerial support in this area, and significantly more support from presbytery.

d. Stewardship - The session of elders is experienced, cohesive, faithful and hard-working, but they are overloaded with their stewardship tasks. 4 new elders from the Anyuak community are being ordained in September or October, however, they will require significant mentorship which will initially only add to the workload of the current elders. The building requires significant attention that had been deferred for a few years. The committees have undergone a partial transformation in the last year so as to support the elders on session with governance and tasks, however, realistically, the committees need further focussed attention to function well. Finally, although there are efforts now underway to encourage more participation from other members and adherents, sharing information, sharing workload, and sharing financial resources between language groups in general needs encouragement to continue. An Interim Minister, with the assistance of an Interim Moderator who can be present and available regularly while seeking a minister, would help these faithful elders significantly with the stewardship responsibilities that they diligently carry every day.

8. Consult with the Rev. Dr. Jean Morris regarding the development of a covenant of responsibilities at Centennial with Okelo Abella, or any assistance required concerning the Search process

a. Minimal consultation was sought over the summer due solely to time limitations on the part of the IM

FINAL THOUGHTS

Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve as the Interim Moderator of Centennial for the past 13 months. Although I appreciate the opportunity to return to full-time focus on Knox and St. Giles, I am grateful for this past year with Centennial. It has been an honour to serve the people there, and I am grateful for the conversations and the work that was completed in the time we had together. The opportunity to facilitate a foundation of shared understanding within the church, to resolve old misunderstandings, to create a shared vision for their united future, and to develop their new congregational profile and minister position description has been greatly appreciated. Centennial is a remarkably complex, deeply faithful, and significant light in the Presbytery of Calgary-MacLeod. They will be regularly in my prayers.

MOTION: MOVED by M. Rozsa de Coquet, seconded by O. Ochudo, that presbytery affirm the congregational profile of Centennial Presbyterian Church. **CARRIED**

MOTION: MOVED by L. McKay, seconded by C. Mannix, that guests be given permission to sit and correspond. **CARRIED**

O. Ochudo and O. Aballa both emphasized the need to address pastoral care concerns.

Knox, Calgary

Interim Moderator's Report for Knox Church Calgary – Chris Joiner

To the members of the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod, from Chris Joiner, Interim Moderator of Knox Presbyterian Church:

The following are the Terms of Reference for the Interim Moderator with appropriate updates.

Interim leadership to guide the Session and congregation in moving expediently into an amalgamation with another congregation of the presbytery, ensuring appropriate stewardship of the congregation and assets.

1. Active guidance and facilitation/coordination and convening of the Transition Team (managing the operational and administrative needs of Knox budget, rentals, etc.), the Conversation Team (discussions with potential congregations for amalgamation, the Session, and the Congregation.

a. Transition Team – No meetings since last report.

b. Session – The Session has met three times since my last report.

c. Congregation – There were congregational messages containing the amalgamation plan and announcing a congregational meeting. There was a congregational meeting on August 30 to consider the amalgamation plan.

2. Work with Session, presbytery and a potential amalgamation partner to continue next steps for the building (at present these steps involve supporting presbytery's due diligence around the future of the building, i.e., reviewing possibilities for development by the presbytery and/or facilitating the terms of an amalgamation plan where the building would be among assets to be considered. Any sale of the building would require presbytery's approval of a formal request).

The Session met in an emergent meeting with Joel Den Haan in order to learn from him best practices regarding placing the Knox property on the market. Joel was able to help us think through the process and we identified next steps to include updating the title to reflect current trustees and developing a Request for Proposals (RFP) letter to be sent to prospective real estate brokers.

3. Regular written communication to the congregation in conjunction with Session ensuring information is shared and questions and concerns are addressed.

See 1. c. above.

4. Moderate Session and Congregational meetings.

See 1.c above.

5. Ensure that pastoral care and pulpit supply are in place (currently being managed by congregational volunteers) and address any potential conflicts of interest in pulpit supply.

Knox is currently worshipping weekly at the St. Giles facility and so weekly worship planning from the volunteer coordinator is not needed. Pastoral care concerns are still capably managed by a volunteer in consultation with the IM.

6. Ensure that regular communication about the process is continuing with renters, building users and with churches that have expressed interest.

We anticipate once a direction is set for potential sale of the property to be able to communicate this with current renters and potentially interested buyers. In the meantime, we continue to update the groups as we are able. All groups that have expressed interest have been notified that once a real estate broker is selected, they will direct all inquiries to them.

7. Report regularly to the Presbytery

These reports happen at each regular meeting of presbytery.

8. Encourage an awareness that presbytery is responsible for the general oversight and well-being of congregations and has the right, among other options, to “unite or disjoin congregations in pastoral charges, raise or reduce the status of charges as self- supporting...and to dissolve congregations...” (200.9).

This continues to be in front of all involved.

9. Amalgamation Plan Update

I am pleased to commend on behalf of Knox the Amalgamation Plan (Appendix 2) for Knox Presbyterian Church and St. Giles Presbyterian Church, which will be dealt with in a separate report. I am grateful to the elders and wider congregation at Knox for their faithful engagement in this discernment process over many months.

C. Joiner expressed thanks to the Session of Knox for their faithfulness and perseverance.

Amalgamation
Support Team

Amalgamation Support Team – Terry Fach (Convener)

MOTION: Moved by C. Mannix, seconded by C. Joiner that presbytery adopt a recommendation that the Amalgamation Plan for Knox and St. Giles churches be approved, including the portion of the plan that will be submitted to the Commission on Assets.

Individuals from the two congregations spoke in strong support of the plan, including each representative elder.

M. Brownlee spoke to the positive experience this has been.

S. Cameron Evans shared that the work with others has been rewarding. The amalgamation plan presents a big vision, but it's God's vision that we're working with.

Discussion – there might still be questions hanging from the past. Commend a thoughtful unfolding of the process, checking where assessments have been made, and ensuring enough progress on one stage before moving to the next.

CARRIED

MOTION: Moved by C. Joiner, seconded by C. Mannix, that presbytery adopt a recommendation that the congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church, Calgary, Alberta and the congregation of St. Giles Presbyterian

Church, Calgary, Alberta, be amalgamated effective September 15, 2026.
CARRIED

A moment of appreciation was expressed for the significance of this point, and the efforts, and emotions, that have led up to this point.

**Committee
Reports**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clergy Care

Clergy Care and Resource – Chris Joiner (Convener)

1. 2026-2027 Workplan Development

In the presbytery retreat, the following recommendations were put forward for Clergy Care:

Cultural shift focus: administrative to encouragement AND competitive to collaborative

Emerging focus:

- 3.1 a identify what to do/what to stop
- 3.3 b invite presbytery-wide learning led by scholars
- review practice of Interim Moderators

The committee began the process of alignment with these recommendations by going through our work plan and identifying what ministries to continue and which to stop or revise in the new year. We also discussed presbytery-wide learning opportunities.

We will continue this review and establish a revised work plan in the September meeting of the committee, including the review of interim moderators.

We are also reviewing the presbytery website offerings from our committee and will make revisions and update information as needed.

2. Responsive Oversight

The committee received a communication from a prospective ministry student, José Luis Moraga, along with a resume. The committee named a small interview team to meet with the candidate and will report at the next meeting.

3. Professional Development

Rev. Greg Smith: The committee received a request for approval for study leave for Rev. Smith, which is attached (Appendix 3).

MOTION: MOVED by C. Joiner, seconded by C. Persaud, that the study leave proposal submitted by Rev. Greg Smith be approved. **CARRIED.**

We are making plans for three professional development opportunities for the clergy of the presbytery. Two of them will be ZOOM presentations that will occur in November 2026 and February 2027 in the time preceding the regular meeting of presbytery. The third opportunity will be at the clergy retreat in the spring of 2027.

4. Clergy Well-being

We were very pleased with the clergy picnic in mid-August. A good number of people from the presbytery, both active and those on the appendix, along with family members attended the picnic. We want to thank everyone who helped pull it off, and Harle Burnett for organizing. We will continue evaluating the event and making plans for next year's summer gathering.

Withdrawal

G. Smith was given permission to withdraw from the court at 2:50pm

Congregational Care

Congregational Care and Resource – Heather Carlson (Convener)

A gathering for communication personnel/volunteers from congregations is planned for the end of October 2026. Heather Bryant will distribute more information.

An online gathering for ruling elders is being planned for Oct/Nov 2026 with in person plans for 2027. Congregations may want to make note that the Reimagine Church, Land and Community conference (<https://reimagineclc.ca/>) will be held in Calgary, May 2027.

Presbytery Visitation Teams

Presbytery Visitation Teams: (Sept 2026-June 2027)

Visitations completed Sept 2025-June 2026

Congregation	Team Member 1	Team Member 2	Team Member3
<i>Westminster November 2025</i>	Laurie McKay*	Grant Gunnink	Sandi Churchill
<i>Grace November 2025</i>	Bartholomew Alexander*	Cathy Gale	Lynn Judd
<i>St. Andrew's Lethbridge April 2026</i>	Heather Carlson*	Helen Snortland	Peter Baek
<i>Calvin</i>	Bartholomew	Okelo Aballa	Tom Paasuke

<i>Hungarian May 2026</i>	Alexander*		
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The following congregations will not have a visitation scheduled in 2026/27: Centennial, Knox Calgary, Valley View. These congregations are working through processes with the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod that are fulsome and connected to the Presbytery through this work.

An asterisk * signifies the Team Lead, responsible for organizing the first meeting of the Visitation Team members and primary communications about the work of the Visitation Team.

FALL 2026: The Fall 2026 visitation format will stay as described in the Standing Orders

Congregation	Team Member 1	Team Member 2	Team Member 3
<i>Knox Bassano/Gem</i>	Sandra Cameron Evans*	Joyce Engel	Terry Fauch
<i>St. Andrew's, Calgary</i>	Maren McLean Persaud*	Omot Ochudo	Eszter Savanya
<i>St. John's</i>	Mary Rozsa de Coquet*	Bruce Clendening	Sharon (Teddy) Picket

SPRING 2027

Congregation	Team Member 1	Team Member 2	Team Member 3
<i>St. Giles (last visit Spring 2025)</i>	Heather Bryant*		Lauren Nolette
<i>St. Paul's Banff (last visit Spring 2025)</i>	Cathy Gale*	Gergely Kasa	Deirdre Harris
<i>Varsity Acres (last visit March 2025)</i>	Jake Van Pernis*	Karen Robbins	Maira Brownlee

St. Giles and CKPC final reports – attached as Appendix 4

MOTION: MOVED by H. Carlson, seconded by S. Cameron Evans that the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod formally confirm the dissolution of the Shared Ministry between St. Giles Presbyterian Church and Calgary Korean Presbyterian Church. **CARRIED**

MOTION: MOVED by H. Carlson, seconded by S. Cameron Evans that the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod confirm and approve the "Final Terms Governing the Dissolution of the Shared Ministry" (Attachment 1).
CARRIED

MOTION: MOVED by H. Carlson, seconded by S. Cameron Evans that the Clerk of Presbytery send a formal communication to the Presbytery of Western Han-Ca and their representative in this process documenting the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod's actions re: Recommendations 1 and 2.
CARRIED

MOTION: MOVED by H. Carlson, seconded by S. Cameron Evans that the Support Team be dismissed with thanks. Members of the Support Team Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts, Phil Gaiser, Rev. Greg Smith. **CARRIED**

A moment of appreciation was expressed for members of the Support Team.

Meeting with Centennial Presbyterian Church Search Committee and Session

CCRC received the report from Rev. Van Pernis and Rev. Ferguson for information. Our General Presbyter is involved in the Interim Minister search and will apprise the committee if there are emerging steps for the CCRC.

2026/27 Meetings: Congregational Care and Resource Committee will meet by Zoom:

Thursday, October 22 at 1pm

Thursday, December 3 at 1pm

Thursday, February 18 at 1pm

Thursday, April 1 at 1pm

Tuesday, June 1 at 1pm

Mission Care

Mission Care and Resource – Deirdre Harris & Okelo Aballa (Co-Convenors)

1. Trinity Fund and New Ministries Initiative Fund

Reminder that the deadline for Trinity Fund Grant submissions is October 15, 2026. We are currently seeking a replacement for John Chik, who was chair of the Adjudication Team. Upcoming priorities for the MCRC are to review the Terms of Reference for the Trinity

Fund and to explore the pros and cons of combining the Trinity Fund and the New Ministries Initiative Fund.

2. Mission Gathering: Focus on Newcomers

The decision was made to broaden the topic for the mission gathering from support for refugees to support for newcomers. The target date for a workshop/presentation is January 2027. The goals for the gathering is to support congregations in welcoming and assisting newcomers, and connect the people in the congregations who are working in this area.

3. Mission Representatives

The MCRC will be reaching out to the congregations to get an updated list of the mission representatives for each congregation, receive an update on the mission work that's being done, and find out what resources they would be interested in.

Reports on Partnerships

Reports on Partnerships:

Chair of Christian Thought Advisory Council: Mary Rozsa de Coquet

Calgary Interfaith Council: Rev. Laurie MacKay

Indigenous Gathering Place: Cathy Gale

Ecumenical Campus Ministry, Lethbridge: Karen Robbins

Ecumenical Campus Ministry, Medicine Hat: Joyce Engel

Presbytery Care

Presbytery Care and Resource – Heather Bryant (Convener)

1. Interim Moderator, St. Andrew's, Lethbridge

Heather Carlson has agreed to be the interim moderator for St. Andrew's Lethbridge, and we have discussed terms of reference for the post.

MOTION: MOVED by H. Bryant, seconded by J. Engel that presbytery approve the Rev. Heather Carlson as interim moderator for St. Andrew's, Lethbridge, during the current pulpit vacancy. **CARRIED**

MOTION: MOVED by H. Bryant, seconded by J. Engel that the following terms of reference be approved:

Terms of Reference for the Interim Moderator of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lethbridge - 2026

The Interim Moderator will:

- Begin responsibilities on August 31, 2026
- Moderate Session meetings, working with the Clerk to develop agenda items for each meeting

- Arrange for pulpit supply for all regular and special services
- Ensure pastoral care is in place through the session, and coordinate emergency care such as funerals
- Guide the session in the development of a Search Committee when approved by presbytery
- In accordance with the practice and polity of the PCC, provide leadership to the Search Committee in the development of the congregational profile, posting of the position, recruitment of potential candidates, development of the interview and selection process
- Oversee the search committee in identifying and screening possible candidates
- When a search is initiated, ensure regular updates on the process are reported to the session
- Report on the state of health at St. Andrew's at every second regular meeting of presbytery or at each meeting, if necessary

CARRIED

Laurie McKay has agreed to be a mentor.

2. Interim Moderator, Centennial Church

Chandra Mannix, the current interim moderator, has indicated that she would like us to appoint a new interim moderator, since Chandra is very involved in the amalgamation of her own congregation, St. Giles, with Knox Calgary. We thank her for her service and leadership over the past year and a half.

Bartholomew Alexander has agreed to be the Interim Moderator going forward. As we have also received a request from Centennial for an interim minister, but there were some questions about what assistance was needed and what qualifications were required, we will ask Bartholomew, as part of his role of the work with the session, to further consider this with them.

MOTION: MOVED by H. Bryant, seconded by J. Engel that presbytery approve the appointment of the Rev. Bartholomew Alexander as Interim Moderator of Centennial Church during the current pulpit vacancy.

CARRIED

MOTION: MOVED by H. Bryant, seconded by J. Engel that the following terms of reference be approved:

Terms of Reference for the Interim Moderator of Centennial Presbyterian Church, Calgary - 2026

The Interim Moderator will:

- Begin responsibilities on September 15, 2026
- Moderate Session meetings, working with the Clerk to develop agenda items for each meeting
- Arrange for pulpit supply for all regular and special services
- Ensure Pastoral Care is in place through the Session, and coordinate emergency care such as funerals
- In accordance with the practice and polity of the PCC, provide leadership to the Search Committee in the development of the Congregational Profile, ensuring posting of the position, recruitment of potential candidates, development of the interview and selection process
- When a search is initiated, provide active leadership and assistance to optimize the Search process and ensure regular updates on the process are reported to Session
- Report on the state of health at Centennial at every second meeting of presbytery or monthly, if necessary

CARRIED

MOTION: MOVED by L. McKay, seconded by O. Ochudo, that the interim moderators, C. Joiner at Knox, Calgary and C. Mannix at Centennial, be dismissed with thanks. **CARRIED**

3. Presbytery-Wide Communication

We are hopeful that the synod will approve our request for funding a communications review.

4. Multi-Cultural and Diversity Training for Leaders and Congregations

The Rev. Pablo Kim Sun of the PCC Office of Intercultural Affairs will be a speaker at the Synod meeting in October. After that event, we could review if something further is needed.

Laurie McKay is testing some additional resources and we will provide information on these following the synod meeting.

5. Avondbloem Application from Grace

Following review, the PCRC team asked for some clarifications and for confirmation of the Grace session's support, which has been received. The proposal is appended to this report (Appendix 5).

MOTION: MOVED by H. Bryant, seconded by J. Engel that the proposal from Grace to the Avondbloem Experimental Fund in the amount of \$6750 for 2026 be approved by the presbytery. **CARRIED**

6. Nominations for Moderator of PCC

Presbyters are invited to consider possible names and to provide the nomination and 100-word bio to our committee by October 20 so they can be considered at the November presbytery meeting.

7. Retreat comments (Appendix 6)

The retreat committee for 2026 retreat (Sandra Cameron Evans, Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet, Rev. Terry Fach) met and reviewed the feedback provided. The document below makes a few specific comments, and these were discussed at the PCRC meeting. The recommendations of moving to a more spiritual retreat and away from strategic planning were endorsed. The resultant recommendations are below.

MOTION: MOVED by H. Bryant, seconded by J. Engel that the below comments be shared with the 2027 retreat planning committee to guide their work. **CARRIED**

Retreat Comments Following the 2026 Retreat (Appen

Following an assessment of the 2026 retreat evaluations (9 of 23 possible received, 6 from clergy), the 2026 retreat planning committee (Sandra Cameron Evans, Mary Lil Rozsa de Coquet, Rev. Terry Fach) and the Presbytery Care and Resources Committee (PCRC) makes the following recommendations:

1. All presbyters be given the opportunity at the September meeting to serve on the 2027 retreat planning committee, with the suggestion that clergy be represented on the committee. This committee will be a sub-committee of the PCRC and will keep the PCRC apprised of progress.
2. Given that the 2026 retreat evaluations made it clear that a time that is spiritually edifying and promotes socializing (as opposed to conducting presbytery business or updating a strategic plan) be the goal of presbytery retreats, the planning committee consider a three-year cycle that builds annually on a given theme.
3. The retreat should invest in excellent music- for example, hire a Music Director from one of our churches or another local musician, or contract a speaker who incorporates music in their work.
4. The new retreat-planning committee announce date and location of the retreat at the November meeting of Presbytery.
5. The retreat-planning committee endeavor to increase attendance by: advertising the speaker/facilitator as soon as confirmed; ensure retreat information is sent to those on the Appendix; and provide retreat "touchpoints" through-out the year (retreat evaluation,

perhaps a book by the facilitator to read, soliciting topics/questions for the retreat, etc.).

6. If Clergy Care plans a clergy gathering the evening before/morning of the start of the presbytery retreat, the presbytery should cover the cost for a hotel in Calgary for representative elders who are travelling with their minister from Banff, Bassano, Lethbridge, or Medicine Hat.

The PCRC invites any presbyter interested in serving on the 2027 Retreat Committee let us know by September 22 so that the committee can be established prior to the October presbytery meeting.

In addition, the team provided notes from the second day of the retreat. These are provided following this report (Appendix 2). The three standing committees who discussed their areas of focus are encouraged to review these at their next meeting and use these to develop their workplans for the upcoming year. PCRC has identified communications as one of their areas of focus and will provide more details at the next presbytery meeting.

8. Committee Membership

Committee Membership, Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod, 2026-2027, as of August 2026

Clergy Care and Resources

Chris Joiner (convenor)
Bruce Clendening
Rod Ferguson
Tom Paasuke
Sherry Shephard
Layne Kilbreath
Omot Ochudo

Congregational Care and Resources

Heather Carlson (convenor)
Karen Robbins
Greg Smith
Cathy Gale
Maren McLean Persaud
Eszter Savanya
Sandra Cameron Evans

Mission Care and Resources Committee

Deirdre Harris (co-convenor)
Okelo Aballa (co-convenor)
Gergely Kása

Chandra Mannix
Mary-Lil de Coquet
Moir Brownlee
Jake Van Pernis

Presbytery Care and Resources

Heather Bryant (convenor)
Peter Baek
Bartholomew Alexander (Moderator)
Christian Persaud (Clerk)
Phil Gaiser (Treasurer)
Laurie McKay
Joyce Engel

Lauren Nolette, a new presbyter from St. Andrew's Calgary, has not yet been assigned, and Knox Bassano representation is to be confirmed.

9. Proposed changes to the PCRC membership

For the past few years, we had asked for cross-representation from other committees onto the PCRC with the hope that this would encourage inter-committee communication. At the retreat, it was expressed that it was difficult to have cross-representation to our committee, as this would require someone to attend two meetings per month in addition to the presbytery meeting.

It is also noted that since this practice began, we have successfully appointed a general presbyter. The suggestion was made that we encourage cross-committee communication by asking the GP to host about three informal meetings of the convenors each year, so that connections could be made without a significant increase in workload.

For this to occur, there will need to be changes to the standing orders for the PCRC to remove the reference to cross-representation and to allow for more members-at-large to populate the committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION 1: At the October meeting of presbytery, the PCRC will be asking for approval of the following terms of reference for the committee, and for permission to replace the current terms of reference in the Standing Orders.

Presbytery Care and Resource Committee

(changes are noted in italics)

The Presbytery Care and Resource Committee facilitates both the focus and smooth functioning of presbytery by: developing and overseeing the presbytery strategy; serving as a connection to the higher courts of the

church; providing support and accountability for the presbytery staff and officers and encouraging collaboration and coordinating the work of standing committees.

Composition: The Presbytery Care and Resource Committee is a standing committee of Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod and is made up of the current Moderator; a teaching or ruling elder who will convene the group; *and three to five members-at-large who have gifts and skills for presbytery work. The members-at-large may include some members of congregations in the presbytery (need not be a ruling or teaching elder.) The Clerk, General Presbyter, and Treasurer will also attend meetings.*

Gifts and Skills: The committee will include members who understand the purpose of presbytery, have skills in organizational processes, strategic planning, financial management, and are attentive to detail.

Term: Members will serve a two-year term, renewable twice.

Staff Resources: The General Presbyter, Clerk, and Treasurer will resource this committee. Because this committee is responsible for oversight, the General Presbyter, Clerk, and Treasurer will have voice but no vote.

Areas of Responsibility:

Develop and implement a strategy for the presbytery aligned with the stated mission

- Annually review the mission statement and strategy for the presbytery
- Determine priorities and strategies for implementation
- Communicate the strategy to presbytery and congregations
- Develop a communications plan for the presbytery

Accountability and Oversight of the Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Treasurer, Secretary and Webmaster by reviewing job descriptions and assessing how the positions are providing continuity and coordination for the work of presbytery on a regular basis.

Communication and Coordination Among the Standing Committees of the Presbytery

- *(Deleted: Through regular meetings share ongoing work of each committee and identify areas of overlap/potential collaboration)*
- *Coordinate the appointment of Interim Moderators (Appendix C)*
- *Assist with planning of a meeting of all standing committee convenors three to four times a year, to be convened by the General Presbyter*

Communication and Coordination with Higher Courts

- Educate both presbytery and congregations of new denominational decisions and policies
- Submit overtures as required
- Approve grant applications to PCC and prepare these for presbytery approval

Planning, Coordination, and Communication for ongoing work of the Presbytery:

- Establish agendas for regular meetings
- Direct the investment of surplus (operational) funds (Appendix B)
- Establish presbytery dues (Appendix D)
- Annually review the Standing Orders
- *Oversee and enable* the planning of the annual presbytery retreat
- Issue committee nominations
- Orient new presbyters
- Direct the content of the website
- Enable communication amongst the congregations of the presbytery
- Promote congregational initiatives and events throughout the presbytery
- Receive and act on Requests for Consults (see PCRC resource area) as necessary

The committee will annually review its work and be prepared to handoff appropriate plans when the committee membership changes in August, prior to the presbytery meeting in September.

Policy for the Investment of Presbytery Funds

Notice of Motion re Investment Policy

We had made some changes to the investment policy, and they were approved by presbytery in January 2025. However, they were not added to current recommendations in the Standing Orders. This content, along with the already-approved wording in the current Standing Orders, is proposed to be the investment policy going forward.

NOTICE OF MOTION 2: At the October meeting of presbytery, the PCRC will be asking for approval to replace the current terms of reference in the Standing Orders with the following:

Policy for the Investment of Presbytery Funds

Introduction

Funds of the presbytery that are surplus to current operation needs shall be invested by the Treasurer under the general direction and control of the Presbytery Care and Resource Committee.

The primary objectives for such investments shall be the security of capital and a liquidity consistent with the anticipated need for the invested funds.

The Presbytery currently has a substantial amount of funds surplus to current needs; it is currently self-funding and appears to be so for the foreseeable future.

Investment thinking:

Investment of funds typically considers two current factors, when do you feel you will need the funds and how much risk are you willing to bear to produce potentially higher but riskier returns.

As of June 2024, the presbytery has sufficient funds to cover five years at traditional spending levels, excluding any funding from member dues. This means that it may be many (more than ten) years before it will need to access these funds.

As to how much risk to bear is a more difficult answer. We note that the original source of funds were donations made by congregants in Riverside, Medicine Hat and Trinity, Calgary. Donations were solicited and given for "the life and work of the Church", a mission and purpose that we should continue to honor.

Current Investments:

We currently have two investment accounts, one with RBC Dominion Securities, and one with Mawer Investment Management. The RBC account is managed by the treasurer and consists of one equity (purchased or donated at least 25 years ago), and a series of Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GIC's), with a maturity of one year or less. The RBC investment account is connected to the RBC chequing account, so funds in the investment account are quickly accessed.

The investment at Mawer consists of funds from Trinity. It is actively invested by Mawer and consists of units of their bond fund and units of seven of their equity funds. Access to these funds is limited to the end of the quarter.

Investment Policy:

The investment fund / bank account should have three months of budget available in cash or cash equivalents (such as a money market fund) available to cover any immediate expenses and / or shortfall in dues received.

Beyond this level, half the capital should be kept in interest bearing investments, preferably short-term duration of two years or less. Risk levels should be kept low, to minimize any loss of capital.

We aim for a 6% or above rate of annual return.

The remaining half of the capital can be invested in financial equities, with the following restrictions:

- It should be a fund of equities, rather than a few individual ones;
- The majority of equities should be in North America;
- They should pay a dividend, and have a yield that exceeds the management expense;
- We follow the guidelines for investments of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Presbytery funds may only be invested in:

- Treasury bills, bonds, and debentures issued by or guaranteed by the Government of Canada;
- Bonds, debentures, and like securities issued by or guaranteed by a Province of Canada;
- Bonds, debentures, deposit receipts, and like securities issued by or guaranteed by any chartered bank in Canada or any other financial institution where the investment is guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Canadian Depository Securities Corporation.

Notwithstanding the foregoing:

- Investments for any trust funds or specially designated funds shall be in accordance with any direction as to investment contained in the trust or other documents with respect to these funds;
- The Treasurer may retain as an investment of presbytery funds any investments received en specie under the terms of any gifts, will or trust or the liquidation of the assets of any entity, unless otherwise directed by the Presbytery Care and Resource Committee;
- Investments of presbytery funds shall not be in breach of any ethical guidelines or directions of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Presbytery Care and Resources Committee will provide oversight.

The Synod meeting will take place from October 16-17. Registration begins at 3pm on October 16, anticipating an end at 12pm on October 17.

Treasurer's
Report

Treasurer's Report – Phil Gaiser

Comparative Balance Sheet

ASSET	As at 06/30/2026	As at 06/30/2025
Current Assets		
Chequing Bank Account	-6,593.55	34,506.99
Investments- RBC Black Acct	10,087.50	10,105.00
Investments- RBC	375,920.60	384,352.50
Trinity Fund- Mawer	951,708.75	1,006,709.49
Accounts Receivable GST	-65.96	4.02
Account Receivable YE	65.96	0.00
Knox Loan	40,607.63	34,000.00
Total Current Assets	1,413,054.07	1,510,110.19
TOTAL ASSET	1,413,054.07	1,510,110.19
LIABILITY		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	8,868.81	-5,933.33
Accounts Payable Promotion	3,032.68	3,032.68
GST on Paid Purchases	-927.24	-241.01
Prepaid Dues	622.76	99.62
Clerk's Conference	575.00	575.00
Youth Conferences	723.35	723.35
Youth Ministry	2,000.00	2,000.00

Total Current Liabilities	14,895.36	256.31
TOTAL LIABILITY	14,895.36	256.31
EQUITY		
Owners Equity		
Trinity Funds	748,790.81	748,790.81
Retained Earnings- Previous Year	742,298.71	694,513.57
Current Earnings	-92,930.81	66,549.50
Total Owners Equity	1,398,158.71	1,509,853.88
TOTAL EQUITY	1,398,158.71	1,509,853.88
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,413,054.07	1,510,110.19

Comparative Income Statement

REVENUE	Actual 01/01/2026 to 06/30/2026	Actual 01/01/2025 to 06/30/2025
Revenue		
Dues	45,051.36	52,722.98
Synod Funds	8,500.00	0.00
Fort MacLeod Funds	0.00	50,534.99
Revenue	53,551.36	103,257.98
Other Revenue		
Investment Interest	9,876.13	13,794.70

Unrealized Gains	`3,297.71	49,479.67
Total Other Revenue	13,173.84	63,274.31
TOTAL REVENUE	66,725.20	166,532.28
EXPENSE		
Missions		
University of Lethbridge Grants	3,000.00	3,000.00
Medicine Hat College	1,000.00	1,000.00
New Ministries Initiatives	30,000.00	0.00
Trinity Grants	0.00	47,000.00
Camp Kanawin	25,000.00	0.00
Missions Total	59,000.00	51,000.00
Pastoral Effectiveness		
Workshops	0.00	9,289.30
Police Checks	74.70	0.00
Clergy Gathering	300.00	0.00
General Presbyter Expenses	118.89	0.00
Pastoral Effectiveness Total	493.59	9,289.30
Payroll Expenses		
Student Ministry	15,000.00	5,000.00

General Presbyter	22,500.00	0.00
EI Expense	513.45	0.00
CPP Expense	1,252.00	0.00
PCC Medical & Dental Ins	2,603.34	0.00
PCC Pension	2,334.95	0.00
Payroll Charges	135.00	0.00
Total Payroll Expense	44,338.74	5,000.00
General & Administrative Expenses		
Chair of Christian Thought	1,000.00	0.00
Website	750.00	750.00
Presbytery Retreat	5,314.82	5,768.27
Promotion	0.00	324.00
Legal	4,967.25	0.00
Synod Dues	15,358.50	14,609.50
General Assembly Meals	1,719.00	0.00
Secretarial Honorarium	1,400.00	100.00
Clerk- Honorarium	4,999.98	4,999.98
Travel	4,780.88	7,676.76
Grants - Synod Consulting	200.00	0.00
GST Non Recoverable	-65.96	0.00

Insurance	3,065.86	0.00
Bank Charges	34.42	33.04
Office Supplies	0.00	257.90
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	171.03
Consulting Expense	12,050.00	0.00
Meals	248.93	0.00
Total General & Admin Expenses	55,823.68	34,693.48
TOTAL EXPENSE	159,656.01	99,982.78
NET INCOME	-92,930.81	66,549.50

Request for Consultation

Request for a consultation – Maren McLean Persaud, Christian Persaud or Tom Paasuke

Clerk's Report

Clerk's report – Christian Persaud

General Assembly 2026 – Study and Report

Teams usually consist of one minister, one elder, and the clerk.

(Previous years L. McKay, C. Persaud, K. Robbins)

There are six items in total (4 recommendations under the Barrier Act, and 2 documents)

1. Recommendation CLK-001 (A&P 2026, p. 55, 190)

176.1.10 Where there are more elders than ministers on the constituent roll of a presbytery, the presbytery may add to the constituent roll ministers who are serving for at least one year as interim moderators, conveners of standing committees or special committees, clerks, or treasurers, retired or otherwise, to act as equalizing ministers.

2. Recommendation CLK-004 (A&P 2026, p. 55, 193–195)

Section 27 Changes to General Rules re Records (allowing for secure e-signatures to be permissible for digitally kept minutes.)

3. Recommendation CLK-005 (A&P 2026, p. 55, 195–196)

349. Policies for Dealing with Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment (the SASH Policy) and the Policy and Procedures for Addressing Harassment in the Church

4. Revision of Book of Forms 248.7 (A&P 2026, 55, 195–197)

248.7 Allowing for interviews to take place electronically when meeting in person is not feasible. With respect to applicants from outside Canada who have been denied visitor's visas, one possibility would be to conduct their interviews online.

**January 30, 2027 deadline for responses from presbyteries for the four above*

5. Christian Nationalism

The 2026 General Assembly adopted two recommendations about rejecting Christian nationalism. The first recommendation seeks feedback from courts of the church about an official statement rejecting Christian nationalism that will be considered at the General Assembly in June 2027. The second recommendation encourages the church to learn more about how Christian nationalism is counter to the gospel and to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. This page (<https://presbyterian.ca/about/life-mission-agency/christian-nationalism/>) has resources to assist the church in this work. A link to submit feedback (including from Sessions) on the statement is located at the bottom of the page, after the resources.

6. Repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery and Seeking Reconciliation

At the 2026 General Assembly, Recommendation CDC-004, Repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery and Seeking Reconciliation, the Statement of Reconciliation was adopted as a “study and report” document (A&P 2026, p. 50, 185–188).

**January 15, 2027 deadline for the two documents above*

General Assembly 2027

June 6–10, 2027 at the Keele Campus of York University in Toronto

Current rotation list suggestions are:

Greg Smith, Jake Van Pernis, Chris Joiner, (Heather Carlson)

Centennial, St. Paul's, Calvin Hungarian, (St. Andrew's, Lethbridge)

Calgary-Macleod is eligible to send a YAR this year. Please submit the name of your YAR to Presbytery Care for consideration

Change Leadership Team

The Change Leadership Team (CLT) will be meeting in person on Tuesday, November 17 and Wednesday, November 18 in Calgary at Grace Presbyterian Church. They would welcome the opportunity to meet on Tuesday, starting at 6 pm for an evening meal and informal discussions on our work and the perspectives of presbytery members (presbyters, office holders, ministers on the appendix, etc). Please RSVP to the clerk so the CLT knows how many to expect. Individuals can also join remotely.

Presbyters were invited to consider if they would be interested in hosting the Synod meeting next year.

Individuals were also encourage to ensure that the contact information for the presbytery is correct, as this list is used for the General Assembly Office, as well as internal communication. The clerk also clarified that events and court business is appropriate for the clerk to distribute to the presbytery, and committees are encouraged to communicate with individuals/groups directly when appropriate.

Congregational Records Check

MOTION: MOVED by C. Persaud, seconded by C. Joiner that the congregational records for Westminster be attested as neatly kept with notes. **CARRIED**

Fire Drills

St. Paul's	overdue
Knox, Bassano	September 2026
Gem	overdue
Calvin	September 2026
Centennial	overdue
Grace	September 2026
Knox, Calgary	overdue
St. Andrew's Calgary	overdue
St. Giles	September 2026

Valleyview	overdue
Varsity Acres	overdue
Westminster	overdue
St. Andrew's Lethbridge	October 2026
St. John's	Next due May 2027

**General
Presbyter's
Report**

General Presbyter's Report – Terry Fach

General Presbyter Calgary-Macleod Work Plan, March – September 2026

1. Knox & St. Giles Amalgamation. My focus in June, July, and August has been singular: convening the presbytery Amalgamation Support Team and working with our team, the Sessions, and the ministers to draft an amalgamation plan (see Appendix 1). During this process, the congregations have received wise and steady leadership from Interim Moderator Rev. Chris Joiner (Knox) and Rev. Chandra Mannix (St. Giles). I wish to draw the presbytery's attention to several other aspects of the plan:

- a. I applaud the discernment and courage of the Sessions in embracing this plan and the bold, fresh, and challenging vision it lays out. This plan acknowledges that amalgamation alone is not the same as a vision for revitalized mission.
- b. I am grateful for the work of the Writing Team—Moira Brownlee and Sandra Cameron Evans—who, along with our presbytery support team, spent many hours writing, editing, investigating, and refining the information contained in the plan.
- c. I cannot emphasize enough the wise counsel and encouragement of presbytery support team members Cathy Gale and Diane Hill. This was a complicated project, and their patience and knowledge of PCC policy was invaluable.
- d. Please read this plan! Our prayer is that it will inspire our presbytery and our denomination. At the same time, we acknowledge that this is just a plan. Implementing the plan, should it be approved, will take enormous effort and commitment. So, let us continue to pray for this new congregation and for Rev. Mannix.

2. 2026 – 2027 Workplan. My activity as General Presbyter over the coming months will be guided by a workplan—see Appendix 2 for details. I have been in my role for seven months and am still learning where my gifts and abilities can best serve the congregations and ministers, and the ministry of the presbytery.

As the Knox-St. Giles amalgamation work draws towards closure, I anticipate my focus shifting to the following presbytery projects in the

months ahead:

- a. a presbytery communications review, strategic plan, and implementation of that plan;
- b. exploring resources and strategies for the recruitment, training, and nurture of elders;
- c. support our committees as they lean into the emerging areas of focus identified by the Plan for Future Presbytery Priorities (Finley & Associates report)

3. Personal. I have enjoyed visiting the churches in our presbytery, and preaching in several of them over the past few months. We have excellent pastoral leadership! The variety and quality of community outreach and ministry programs is impressive. It's a blessing to work with our committees and their conveners. Thanks be to God.

Work Plan, September 2026-June 2027

<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Who Else?</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
Resource and Support Congregational Care & Resource Committee	Assist/Support teams for congregational visitations; refining visitation framework	Congregational Care and Resource Committee	April 2026	Ongoing (see note #1)
	Follow up on recommendations made in visitation reports		March 2026	Ongoing
Resource and Support Clergy Care & Resource Committee	Assist with planning and implementation of 2026 Clergy Visits	Clergy Care & Resource Committee	April 2026	Ongoing (see note #2)
	Assist with developing a	C. Joiner, Clergy Care &	May 2026	ongoing

	rhythm of seasonal clergy well-being events	Resource Committee		
	Develop and update list of online resources on presbytery website	B. Clendening	April 2026	Not started
Encourage Relationships of Mutual Trust and Respect	2027 Presbytery Retreat planning	Planning Team TBD, Presbytery Care & Resource Committee	Oct 2026	Not started
	Meet with each minister for pastoral visit and discussion re: presbytery support and resources		Feb 2026	Ongoing
	Attend worship and/or one event at each congregation as time permits		Feb 2026	69% complete
Work with all committee to Foster Ongoing Information Networks and	Review presbytery communications; develop a	H. Bryant, C. Persaud, D. Delport; Presbytery Care and	March 2026	See note #3

Partnerships	strategy for sharing presbytery events and increasing functionality of website	Resource Committee		
	Exit interview IM resource regular updating	Clergy Care Committee		ongoing
	Develop strategic resources for elder recruitment, onboarding, and development	Clergy Care, Cong. Care; M. Maclean-Persaud	May 2026	Not started
	Report at each Presbytery meeting: share resources and information that strengthens the ministry of congregations		Each Presbytery meeting	ongoing
	Meet with Committee Conveners monthly as a group		Oct 2026	Not started

Respond to Emergent Situations	Provide pastoral care to ministers, on behalf of the Presbytery, as directed	Clergy Care convener and Clerk		
	Support Centennial Session and Search throughout minister search process	Presbytery Care, Congregational Care	Sept 2026	ongoing
Participate in the Courts and Committees of the Church	Participate in all meetings of the presbytery			Complete to date
	Participate as ex-officio member of all four Presbytery committees			Complete to date

Notes:

1. I am convening an ad hoc committee to finalize a Congregational Visitation framework to bring to Presbytery for approval in October 2026. The framework is based on Greg Smith's proposal to Congregational Care and Resource Committee, and our ad hoc committee will include Greg and the conveners of both Clergy Care and Congregational Care committees.

2. Clergy visits assigned for the final six months of 2026: St. Giles, St. Paul's, Varsity Acres, Westminster, and Grace.

3. A presbytery communications review is scheduled for Fall 2026. Included in the review will be a strategy for implementing the guidelines presbytery has approved for website confidentiality, security, and handling

of presbytery records (based on our consultation with Sarah Moore-Nokes, former GP in PCUSA and current Director of Organizational Development PCUSA).

A question was asked about how much time the General Presbyter was working, recognizing that there is an oversight team, and hopefully hours are not exceeding what has been agreed upon.

Other Business

Other Business

Voluntary Withdrawal Committee

Voluntary Withdrawal Committee (*no report*)

Valleyview has requested a renegotiated assessment of the property (\$1 million less) because of levies that are on the property, which were triggered with a development permit to put a portable on the property. The information has been sent to the Trustee Board who will discuss it. The authority for this decision lies with the Trustee Board, but the committee wanted to let the Presbytery know about this development.

General Assembly

General Assembly Commissioner Reports (see Appendices 7-9)

Adoption of Reports

MOTION: MOVED by M. Rozsa de Coquet, seconded by J. Van Pernis that the reports as a whole be adopted. **CARRIED**

Enthusiasms and Concerns

Enthusiasms and Concerns

C. Gale expressed appreciation and enthusiasm for the Amalgamation Plan's approval, and noted there will be a service to recognize both the losses and hopes of this milestone occasion in the future. It would be open to all, and it's hoped that many across the presbytery would attend.

L. McKay shared that 17 young people and leaders from St. Andrew's Calgary, (English and South Sudanese congregations) attended Collective. There was a single joint service September 13th, in both Nuer and English, when the youth and leaders shared their transformative experiences.

M. Rozsa de Coquet – lots of strong music programs in the presbytery. Grace's choir was back this past Sunday. A concert on Sunday night drew 400 people. This upcoming weekend is *Preaching Grace* with Miroslav Volf, free lecture on Friday night.

L. Kilbreath – reconciliation walk, thanks to presbytery for promoting the event

T. Paasuke – enthusiasm regarding a new worship service and a new elder

C. Mannix – this Saturday is the reconciliation walk, preaching grace, and St. Giles orchestra performance. A member donated tickets to Preaching Grace, and perhaps could be something that other congregations practice in the future.

O. Ochudo – expressed thanks to C. Mannix on behalf of the Session of Centennial and welcomed Rev. Alexander as the new interim moderator.

O. Aballa – also shared that Centennial is a great church, but C. Mannix helped Centennial to have hard conversations, sometimes around uncomfortable topics, but they are now more comfortable talking about things. Also thankful to presbytery for the support as Student Minister.

P. Baek – Knox Apple Pie-making taking place soon, over October 27-28. Please speak with him if you would like to order one.

C. Gale – celebrate a huge docket being done in an hour and a half

**Prayers of
Intercession**

B. Alexander led us in Prayers for the world and our role in it.

Going Out in God's Name

Time & Place

The next regular business meeting of the Presbytery will be **Tuesday, October 13, 2026** in person at Grace Presbyterian Church, Calgary. There will be a light lunch at noon, The meeting will begin at 1pm. Reports due **October 1, 2026** by noon.

**Adjourn to Serve
Benediction**

MOTION: MOVED by L. McKay that the Court be adjourned. **CARRIED**
The Court was dismissed with the pronouncing of the benediction at 3:27 pm.

Moderator
Rev. B. Alexander

Clerk of Presbytery
Rev. C. Persaud

Clerk of Presbytery
Christian Persaud