## **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VICTORIA**

**PRESBYTERY OF MELBOURNE EAST**

1. The Presbytery of Melbourne East met at Ashburton Presbyterian Church on Wednesday 14 December 2016, pursuant to adjournment, for the transaction of ordinary business, commencing at 7.30pm. The meeting was constituted with a reading and exposition from Luke 2: 1-7, and with prayer by the Moderator.

### CONSTITUTE

1. There were present Rev. G.M. Bradbeer, P. Chang, T.W. Cox, P.A. Daffy, J. Elnatan, J. Huynh, G.D. Lawry, P.D. Mercer(Moderator), B. Oakes, C.R. Thomas, Ministers; and J. Angelico, K.L. Childs (Clerk), J. Hare, S.H. Kwon, P. Lee, B. Mower, B. Palmer, J. Singleton, Elders.

##### SEDERUNT

1. The Clerk moved that apologies for absence which had been received from Rev. D.J.W. Milne, G.J. Nicholson, A.C. Siriweera, Ministers, and P. Barton, F. Lake, J. Low, Elders, be sustained.

##### APOLOGIES

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. Nil.

##### COMMISSIONS

1. Nil.

##### ASSOCIATIONS

1. Nil.

##### WELCOMES

1. The Clerk moved that the order of business, as set out on the Agenda and Supplementary Agenda, both of which had been printed and circulated, be approved.

##### AGENDA

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. Nil.

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. The Clerk moved that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Presbytery held on 19 October 2016, and Commission for Urgent Business meeting held on 14 November 2016, as printed and circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES  
19 October 2016

14 November 2016

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. Revision of Caulfield/Elwood Assessors.

##### BUSINESS ARISING

Caulfield/Elwood Assessors

Angelico continue

resignation accepted

Thomas appointed

Stasse thanked

1. Rev. G. Lawry moved that letter B7 be received.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. The Clerk moved that Elder John Angelico continue as an Assessor Elder at Caulfield/Elwood for a further 12 months.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. The Moderator called for nominations.
2. Rev. C.R. Thomas was nominated.
3. Rev. G. Lawry moved that the resignation of Rev. J. Stasse as an Assessor Elder at Caulfield/Elwood be accepted.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. Rev. P. Daffy moved that Rev. C.R. Thomas be appointed as an Assessor Elder at Caulfield/Elwood for 12 months.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. Rev. C.R. Thomas moved that Presbytery thanks Rev. J. Stasse for the work he did as an Assessor Elder at Caulfield/Elwood.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. It being 8.00pm, the Moderator called for the fixed Order of the Day for prayer and praise. Several members led the Court in prayer.

F.O.D.  
Prayer & Praise

1. Ashburton Cross Cultural Worker.

Ashburton's Cross Cultural Worker

Mook approved

1. Rev. G. Lawry moved that Presbytery approve the appointment of Mook Lee as the Cross Cultural Worker at Ashburton subject to the approval of their MDC grant.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. There was no report.

**REPORTS**

**Mission Stn: DPC**

1. There was no report.

**Interim Moderator: Arabic**

1. There was no report.

**Interim Moderator: Gardenvale East**

1. There was no report.

**PIM Liaison Officer**

1. There was no report..

**Code & Remit Review**

1. There was no report.

**Visitation**

1. There was no report.

**Christian Education & Outreach**

1. There was no report..

**Business**

1. The written report of the Treasurer, Mr J. Angelico, disclosing an Opening Balance of $3284.77, Receipts of $0.05, Payments of Nil, and a Closing Balance of $3284.82 was presented to the Court.

**Treasurer**

1. Mr J. Angelico moved that the report be received.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. There was no report.

**REPORTS - 2  
Candidates**

1. Rev. T. Cox moved that the Court sit in private.

**Private Sitting**

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. The Court received the written report of the Convener of the Visitation to Burwood Community Presbyterian Church, Rev. P. Daffy.

**Visitation:  
Burwood Community**

1. Rev. P. Daffy moved that the report be received.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. Rev. T. Cox moved that Rev. P. Daffy be appointed to report to the Burwood Community congregation on the report.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. Rev. C.R. Thomas moved that Presbytery gives thanks to God for the faithful ministry of Rev. John Elnatan for the past 25 years, the support of the Elders and the evident good heart of the congregation.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. There was no report.

**Visitation:  
Auburn**

1. There was no report.

**Visitation:  
StKilda/Balaclava**

1. There was no report.

**Visitation:  
Malvern**

1. The Clerk moved that the Court resume in public.

**Public Sitting**

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. The Clerk tabled copies of outward correspondence written since the previous ordinary meeting.

#### CORRESPONDENCE Outwards

1. The Clerk laid on the table the inward correspondence, and moved that Section (A) “Correspondence to Note” be received and noted.

**Inwards – Section (A)**

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. From Maintenance of Ministry Committee, 22 November 2016, enclosing a copy of a letter to Malvern stating that their APR had been approved.

**(A1) Maint. Min.: Malvern APR**

1. From Maintenance of Ministry Committee, 22 November 2016, enclosing a copy of a letter to Canterbury stating that their APR had been approved for the minister but querying the terms for others.

**(A2) Maint. Min.: Canterbury APR**

1. From Maintenance of Ministry Committee, 22 November 2016, enclosing a copy of a letter to Gardenvale East stating that their APR had been approved.

**(A3) Maint. Min.: Gardenvale APR**

1. From Maintenance of Ministry Committee, 22 November 2016, enclosing a copy of a letter to Ashburton stating that their APR had been approved but not their sustentation grant and querying other matters.

**(A4) Maint. Min.: Ashburton APR**

1. From Exit Students Committee, 18 November 2016, enclosing a copy of a letter to Greg Matthews advising him that they had given him the exit appointment to Scots Church Melbourne.

**(A5) Exit Students: Matthews**

1. From Secretary, APWM, 18 November 2016, advising that Andrew Adams application to be a Partner Agency Missionary had been approved and requesting Canterbury to arrange a service of Commissioning.

**(A6) APWM: Adams**

1. From Ministry Development Committee, 7 December 2016, enclosing a copy of a letter to Ashburton requesting additional information

**(A7) MDC: Ashburton**

1. The Clerk laid on the table the remaining inward correspondence, and moved that Section (B) “Correspondence for Action” be received and dealt with in order.

**Inwards – Section (B)**

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. From Moderator, Presbyterian Church of Vic., 22 October 2016, drawing attention to Assembly minute 75 calling upon Hawthorn congregation and the Presbytery to appoint trustees. Noted

**(B1) PCV: Hawthorn trustees**

1. From Board of Investment and Finance, 23 November 2016, advising that they had approved withdrawals from St Kilda Sites Reserve, Balaclava Sites Reserve and St Kilda Sites Reserve.

**(B2) BIF: StKilda and Balaclava Sites Reserves**

**forward**

1. The Clerk moved that this letter be forwarded to St Kilda for their information.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. From Board of Investment and Finance, 23 November 2016, advising that they had approved withdrawals from Malvern Sites Reserve.

**(B3) BIF: Malvern**

**forward**

1. The Clerk moved that this letter be forwarded to Malvern for their information.

The motion was seconded and approved

1. From Mr Greg Matthews, enclosing a copy of his exit certificate.

**(B4) Matthews: Exit certificate**

**advise committee**

1. The Clerk moved that the Candidates Committee be advised of the receipt of the Certificate so that they could proceed with the arrangements for a Licensing Service and that all members of the Presbytery be informed of the time and place so that they have an opportunity to attend.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. From Rev Stephen Kim, 2 December 2016, advising that he had resigned from KPCM on 27 November 2016.

**(B5) Kim: resignation**

**Mind of congregation**

1. The Clerk moved that Rev. Grant Lawry take the mind of the congregation of KPCM and report to the Commission of Presbytery.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. From Safe Church Unit 6 December 2016, enclosing updated information regarding Safe Church matters.

**(B6) Safe Church: Update**

**circulate**

1. The Clerk moved that this information be emailed to all members of Presbytery who are on email for information and attention.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. From Session Clerk, Caulfield/Elwood, 30 November 2016, providing information regarding their Elders and the Appointment of Assessors. See minute 11.

**(B7) Caulfield/Elwood: Assessors**

1. From Burwood Community Presbyterian Church, enclosing a completed APR.

**(B8) Burwood: APR**

1. The Clerk moved:

**Terms Approved**

That the proposed Terms of Settlement for Burwood Community Presbyterian Church be approved as follows, and recommended to the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee: minimum remuneration as declared by the General Assembly of $52,824pa, to be paid as stipend $34,590pa and non-cash benefit $16,510pa; rent in lieu of Manse of $14,000pa; all remuneration paid to the minister by the charge; non-cash benefits available by special cheque account; payment in lieu of manse owned by the church; five weeks’ annual leave including five Sundays’ paid supply; seven days’ study leave including one Sunday’s paid supply; terms as agreed to by a meeting of the Board of Management meeting held on 8 October 2016.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. The Clerk moved:

**Terms Approved**

That the proposed Terms of Settlement for Second Worker at Burwood Community Presbyterian Church at 60% be approved as follows, and recommended to the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee: to be paid as stipend $36,000pa; five weeks’ annual leave including five Sundays’ paid supply; seven days’ study leave including one Sunday’s paid supply; terms as agreed to by a meeting of the Board of Management meeting held on 8 October 2016.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. From St Kilda/Balaclava, providing information regarding the appointment of an Assistant Minister and including a completed APR.

**(B9) StKilda: APR etc**

**Assistant approved**

1. The Clerk moved that Presbytery approves the appointment of Rev. Paul Lee as Assistant to the Minister at StKilda/Balaclava for a period of 12 months.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. The Clerk moved:

**Terms Approved**

That the proposed Terms of Settlement for StKilda/Balaclava be approved as follows, and recommended to the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee: minimum remuneration as declared by the General Assembly of $52,824pa, to be paid as stipend $34,572pa and non-cash benefit $18,252pa; additional travel of $1,470pa; all manse energy costs; rent in lieu of Manse of $28,596pa; other of $1,000pa; all remuneration paid to the minister by the charge; non-cash benefits available by other; payment in lieu of manse owned by the church; telephone rental plus all calls paid by the charge; five weeks’ annual leave including five Sundays’ paid supply; seven days’ study leave including one Sunday’s paid supply; terms as agreed to by a meeting of the Board of Management meeting held on 17 November 2016.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. The Clerk moved:

**Terms Approved**

That the proposed Terms of Settlement for Second Worker at St Kilda/Balaclava, for 6 month period, be approved as follows, and recommended to the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee: minimum remuneration as declared by the General Assembly of $52,824pa per 6 months, to be paid as stipend $17,286pa and non-cash benefit $9,126pa; all remuneration paid to the Second Worker by the charge; non-cash benefits available by special cheque account; provision of manse owned by the church; telephone rental plus all calls paid by the charge; five weeks’ annual leave including five Sundays’ paid supply; seven days’ study leave including one Sunday’s paid supply; terms as agreed to by a meeting of the Board of Management meeting held on 17 November 2016.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. From Hawthorn Presbyterian Church, enclosing a completed APR.

**(B10) Hawthorn: APR**

1. The Clerk moved:

**Terms Approved**

That the proposed Terms of Settlement for Hawthorn Presbyterian Church be approved as follows, and recommended to the Maintenance of the Ministry Committee: minimum remuneration as declared by the General Assembly of $52,824pa, to be paid as stipend $34,572pa and non-cash benefit $18,252pa; additional stipend of $5,185.80pa; additional non-cash benefits of $2,737.80; all manse energy costs of $4,500pa; other of $2,000pa; all remuneration paid to the minister by the charge; non-cash benefits available by special cheque account; provision of manse owned by the church; telephone rental plus all calls paid by the charge; five weeks’ annual leave including five Sundays’ paid supply; seven days’ study leave including one Sunday’s paid supply; terms as agreed to by a meeting of the Board of Management meeting held on 11 December 2016.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. From Hawthorn Presbyterian Church, enclosing a completed Trustee form.

**(B11) Hawthorn: Trustees**

**removal**

**appointment**

1. The Clerk moved that Presbytery note that a meeting of the Hawthorn Presbyterian Church congregation was held on 11 December 2016 to appoint Trustees to the 3 Hawthorn properties contained in certificate of title volume no 3970 folio no 793964 and volume 9495 folio no 336 and volume 10538 folio no 005, and that Presbytery:-

a. confirm the removal of Jack Mitchell Cathie, Richard Phillip Tabe, Marion I Jennings, and Jillian A Bradshaw as Trustees.

b. appoint Kevin Hutchinson, Dirk C. Jackson and John Singleton as Trustees to the aforementioned properties.

c. advise the Clerk of Assembly of these appointments.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. Nil.

**ELECTIONS**

1. Proposed 2017 Presbytery meeting dates.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**2017 meeting dates**

**approved**

Wednesday 15 February and Wednesday 19 April and Wednesday 21 June and Wednesday 16 August and Wednesday 18 October and Wednesday 13 December.

1. The Clerk moved that the proposed meeting dates for 2017 which had be circulated to all Presbytery members be set as the meeting dates.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. Nil.

**INTIMATIONS**

1. Nil.

FURTHER NOTICES OF MOTION

NEXT MEETING

1. The Clerk moved that the Presbytery of Melbourne East adjourn to meet again for the transaction of ordinary business at Canterbury Presbyterian Church, on Wednesday 15 February 2017 at 7.30pm.

The motion was seconded and approved.

1. The Moderator thereupon intimated that the Presbytery stood adjourned to meet again for the transaction of ordinary business at the said time and place; after which he closed the meeting with prayer at 9.40pm.  
     
     
     
     
     
   P. MERCER K.L. CHILDS  
   MODERATOR CLERK

**ADJOURNMENT**