

Session Notes

A caring congregation of Christian faith, welcoming all, praising God, and seeking to do God's work.

Session met on Monday April 19th owing to a special Presbytery of Ottawa meeting that was called for April 12th. We continue to open with Bible study that is relevant to our agenda. Session reviewed feedback from the congregation regarding services and events over the past month. The many joys and concerns of the Congregation are shared and kept in our prayers.

We celebrated the commencement of Term Service of our 4 new Elders, Gwen Argue, Bonnie Anderson, Jamie MacKay, and Dawna Selby at their first Session meeting. The Session continues the preparation for the official retirement from Session of Elders Ray Jamieson and Charlie Monette.

We rejoice at the growth in our Sunday school attendance and that Heather McKeown has agreed to coordinate our Church nursery program. The Youth group is at a size and age where it should be split into junior and senior groups. Session has approved the terms of reference and formation of a Christian education committee lead by Kim Allard to oversee these and new programs for the fall.

Session dealt with a number of other items. The most important of these are preparation for our visioning retreat yesterday where we attempted to define what

St. Andrew's will be in the next 5, 10, 25 & 100 years. Session gave final approval to the policy and procedure to use the Giving Tree. We approved adoption of internet based donation system for our Church. The C.A.R.E. team will make the first usage of this new giving capability as they launch the Friends of St. Andrew's fund raising campaign. The Church photo directory photo sessions are planned for Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st & 2nd. Individual family times will be scheduled in the fall. Bonnie Anderson has been appointed as our rep. Elder to the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario annual meeting

in October. The Session received reports from many groups and committees in the Church.

Charlie Monette has provided the following financial summary:

	Mar. 10	YTD 10	Mar. 09	YTD 09
Blessings	\$6,018	\$18,692	\$7,398	\$19,527
Expenses	\$10,383	\$28,754	\$6,850	\$15,838
Difference	-\$4,365	\$10,061	\$548	\$3,689
Pres. Sharing	\$562	\$1,880 **	\$670	\$1,675
CARE	\$495	\$1,621	\$680	\$1,375

** **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sharing accepted allocation \$7,000.**

Important dates to keep in mind:

- April 24th – Session Visioning retreat
- May 4th – Monthly Session meeting
- May 9th – Christian Family Sunday, Communion and Mother's Day celebrations.
- May 16th - Anniversary Sunday.

