

Meeting of the Presbytery, March 1st, 2008, at Cambridge.

(A summary report of proceedings)

At 11:03 Rev Brian Norton (moderator) opened the meeting, appropriately for St David's day, welcoming the gathering in Welsh and English. The moderator prayed, then read from of 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13 and Isaiah 55:8-11. The meeting sang a version of Psalm 122. He then welcomed our visiting our brothers and brought the "Moderator's Address". He raised two questions he sees as connected "Why has Presbyterianism found so little growth in English soil?" and "What happened in the 19th Century that so weakened the evangelical church in England and Wales?"

Correspondence

- Request for installation of Rev Chris Kavanagh as Associate Minister in Chelmsford. To be dealt with as New Business.
- Call to Andrew Young from the Cheltenham Church to be Minister on completion of Licensure requirements. To be dealt with under New Business.

Noted that the Bury St Edmunds church was received into the Presbytery by the appointed Commission on 15 January 2008. Though the elders attended the Special Meeting in January this is their first regular meeting.

Response to Communications from Chelmsford and Cheltenham.

M/S/C :That Presbytery appoint a commission to install the Rev Christopher Kavanagh as Associate Minister of the Chelmsford Presbyterian Church, the members of which are to be: John Scott (Convenor) Peter Leverton and one of the elders from Bury St Edmunds.

M/S/C: That Presbytery approve the call from Cheltenham Presbyterian Church to Andrew Young and place it in his hands.

M/S/C: That a commission be appointed consisting of Ian Hamilton (Convenor) Peter Naylor and S Johnston.

Election of Moderator: We have one Nominee, The Rev Bill McCully (Hull Presbyterian Church) The Clerk proposed that he be elected by acclamation. There being no objection.

CMET Committee: Dr Jason Rampelt was introduced to the presbytery and gave his testimony of coming to faith and sense of call to the ministry.

M/S/C that Jason be accepted under Care of the Presbytery

The Moderator asked the questions required by the BCO and led in prayer for Dr Rampelt.

Bill Schweitzer was introduced to the presbytery as an Mission To The World (MTW) Candidate being examined under the terms of the Protocol between EPCEW and MTW. Having been examined by he was asked questions as a sample of that examination and then the floor was opened for questions.

M/S/C That the examination of Bill Schweitzer be sustained and that he be approved to serve as an MTW missionary with the EPCEW.

Dr Chris Bowerman was asked to lead in prayer for Mr Schweitzer.

Speeches by visiting representatives of churches in ecclesiastical relation.

This portion of the meeting was conducted by the Committee for Inter-church Relations (CIR) – The delegates were:

Reformed Presbyterian Church Ireland	Rev. Edward McCollum (Clerk)
Free Church of Scotland (continuing)	Rev. Gavin Beer
GKN (liberated) - Netherlands Reformed Church	
	Rev. Ruud Ter Beek
Evangelical Presbyterian Church Ireland	Mr. Trevor Gilliland
Iglesia Reformada Espania	Rev. Manuel Franco
Evangelical Reformed Church (Sweden)	Mr Martin Westbrandt
Orthodox Presbyterian Church (USA)	Mr Mark Bube
Free Church of Scotland	Rev David Miller (Cobham)
	Rev. Kruger de Kock (London, Canada Water)
Internationa Presbyterian Church	Mr. Graham Weeks
Associatd Presbyterian Church	Rev Ross McFarlane

The meeting was closed in prayer at approximately 4.30 pm.

Next meeting, June 28th at Solihull.