

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT re THE INDUCTION OF THE REV. JOANNE LEE

January 4th, 2021

Dear members and adherents of St. Andrew's,

Happy New Year! For us at St. Andrew's, the New Year begins with the Induction of the Rev. Joanne Lee as our new minister.

Arrangements for an Induction are left by Presbytery in the hands of the Moderator and Clerk of Presbytery, along with the Interim-Moderator. As in-person worship is suspended due to Ontario being in the GRAY zone lockdown, it is not possible to hold the Induction Service of Rev. Lee as previously planned. However, we believe that it is important that Rev. Lee be inducted on the scheduled date so that the vacancy is finally settled, and so she can assume her role as Moderator of Session, and as a member of Presbytery.

Therefore, the Presbytery will induct Rev. Lee via a ZOOM service of Induction, on Sunday January 10th at 2.30pm to which you are invited. Please join the meeting around 2.20pm. As we are limited to 100 persons (Congregation & Presbytery) we ask each household only participates on one device. The service will also be recorded and then uploaded to the church website for those who cannot attend, or if we reach the 100 participant limit.

The ZOOM link:

Topic: Presbytery Induction Service

Time: Jan 10, 2021 02:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88687240492?pwd=aHNBcmJlWlcwMVpVNlB4Sm05TlZmdz09>

Meeting ID: 886 8724 0492

Required Passcode: 230937

The Edict of Induction was read during worship on Sunday, December 3rd, and will be read a second time before the Act of Induction. Here is what it says.

Edict of Induction (Word and Sacraments)

The Presbytery of Barrie, having completed the necessary steps for the induction of Rev. Joanne Lee, called to be minister of this congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Barrie, notice is hereby given that the Presbytery will meet using the Zoom platform on the 10th day of January in the year 2021, at 2:30pm, for the purpose of Inducting her into the pastoral charge, and notice is hereby given to all concerned that if any of them have any objection to offer to the life or doctrine of the Rev. Joanne Lee, they may repair to the presbytery, which is to meet at the time and place mentioned, with certification that if no valid objection be then made, the presbytery shall proceed without further delay.

By order of the Presbytery of Barrie.

Thursday, December 31st, 2020

Peace,



Rev. Dr. Jim Sitler, Clerk
Presbytery of Barrie.

During the Act of Induction the following **Questions To the Congregation** will be asked to you as Members and Adherents of St. Andrew's by the Moderator of Presbytery. You will be invited to respond by saying WE DO.

Members and adherents of St. Andrew's congregation. The induction of a minister is the beginning of a new partnership in service to God. These questions, therefore, I direct to you so you may renew your commitment to this shared ministry.

- 1. Do you confess anew your faith in one God who is creator and ruler of the universe, who came to us in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and who remains present among us through the power of the Holy Spirit. **We Do.***
- 2. Do you receive Rev. Joanne Lee to be your minister as from Christ? **We Do.***
- 3. Will you give of your substance as the Lord prospers you, for the maintenance of the Christian ministry and the furtherance of the gospel in this place and throughout the world? **We Do.***
- 4. Do you pledge yourselves to be co-servants with your minister under Christ, sharing in the worship of the church, offering support through prayers and friendship, announcing the gospel to the world by the power of the Holy Spirit? **We Do.***

Although the Act of Induction will be on ZOOM, a **Service of Welcome** for Rev. Lee will be held at a future date with the original guest preacher (Rev. Dr. Heather Vais), and delivering the

charge to the new minister (Rev. Linda Patton-Cowie), and with the presence of the Moderator of Presbytery and the Interim-Moderator.

This Act of Induction formally ends my time as Interim-Moderator. Again, I thank you for your support, and for the generous gifts you presented to me on Sunday December 13th when I led worship.

I hope you can join us this Sunday at 2.30pm on ZOOM. Although it is not the way either the Presbytery, or St. Andrew's, or Rev. Lee hoped to mark the beginning of a new ministry, it is important for everyone to stay safe in these difficult times.

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Rev. Dr. A. R. Neal Mathers
Interim-Moderator