

After Divisions and Committees met at 6:30 PM, Kent Presbytery met in regular session at 7:30 PM, on June 5, 2007, as per the Consent Docket approved on June 6, 2006, at Darrel S Moffat United Church, Tilbury, with a quorum present throughout. Chairperson Jim Brown constituted the court. There was a quorum present throughout.

ATTENDANCE

MINISTRY PERSONNEL:

Jim Brown, Cathy Collins-Barker, Bruce Cook, Mary Elford, Judith Fayter, Sandra Fogarty, Annalee Kerr, Curtis Marwood, Linda Maw, Pat Milliken, Jennifer Richmond, Meg Runhart, Eric Skillings, Margaret Trapnell, Nancy Walker, and Ross Williams.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES:

Donna Alexander, Elliot Arnold, Larry Atkinson, Betty Lou Baker, Val Bechard, Mae Bedford, Tom Brunt, Doug Cameron, Bonnie Harvey, Grace Harvey, Doreen Hewitson, Les Hogg, Leta Knutson, Betty Krekewich, Lorna Lawrence, Elaine Leeson, Leslie Mancell, Dawn Marwood, Evelyn Mayo, Carolyn McMahon, Barbara Robbins, Arlene Ruggles, Richard Sanford, Diane Sansom, Susan Scaman, Chuck Scott, Linda Slegers, and Pat Weaver.

REGRETS George Allan, Lynn Belbeck, Lynn Brown, Cheryl Kirk, Ed Nicol, Heather Scott, Bill Vanderveeken, Carolyn Wilson Wynne, Alice Dale, Marjorie Jackson, Thor Milton, Joyce Sinasac,

ABSENT Michael Brooks, Lloyd Brown, Derek Parry, Sheryle Steadman, Lorne Thrower, Tom Button, Mary Craven, Mary Lou Crewe, Sandra Ferren, Edna Gerow, Eileen Hooker, Margaret Mason, Susan Matsuo, Betty McCully, Alex Miller, Barb Mills, Art Nadelle, Peter Scott, Bob Sheperd, Lynda Van Leeuwen, , and Ton Wiltenburg.

GUESTS & VISITORS Sharon Ball, new delegate from St. Paul's-Zion-Botany, and members and adherents of the Tilbury-Quinn Pastoral Charge.

INTRODUCTIONS Sharon Ball.

NEW PASTORAL YEAR BUSINESS

It was moved, seconded and carried that the following persons be named as Members at Large of Kent Presbytery for the term June 5, 2007 to June 3, 2008:

- Margaret Mason
- Thor Milton
- Barbara Robbins
- Arlene Ruggles
- Chuck Scott
- Peter Scott
- Linda Slegers

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive of Kent Presbytery for the year 2007/2008 be as follows:

Past Chairperson	Jim Brown
Chairperson	Cathy Collins-Barker
Chair-Elect	Margaret Trapnell
Secretary	Ed Nicol
Treasurer	Doug Cameron

Chairpersons of:

Finance & Administration	Larry Atkinson
Ministry, Personnel & Education	Bonnie Harvey
Pastoral Relations	Barbara Robbins
Mission in Canada	Vacant
World Outreach/Church in Society	Meg Runhart
Communications	Eric Skillings
Stewardship	Alice Dale
UCW	Betty Lou Baker*

* This position appointed by Kent Presbyterial UCW

CONSENT DOCKET

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Consent Docket printed on page 2006/2007-102 of the minutes of Kent Presbytery be adopted for the 2007/2008 church year.

The Rev. Bruce Cook thanked the Rev. Sandra Fogarty, Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, and her "crew" for their hard work and dedication in ensuring the 83rd Annual Meeting of London Conference was successful.

Rev. Cook also extended appreciation to:

- Heather Scott, who Chaired the Worship Committee;
- Michael Brooks, who directed the choir and organized the music,
- Melanie Kirk, who was involved with the young adults;
- (from Thamesville) who planned Children At Conference;
- Annette Skillings, who acted as Registrar;
- Marjorie Jackson, for staging the banners, as well as all who created banners;
- And all those who supported Bruce in his presidency this past year.

Bruce Cook introduced the Rev. Annalee Kerr as Chair of the Worship Committee for the annual meeting to be held in 2008.

INSTALLATION OF EXECUTIVE

Members and guests moved to the sanctuary of the Church for worship. The Rev. Jim Brown gathered those present, and the Rev. Cathy Collins-Barker led the worship service, which included reflections on "Making Disciples?." The Rev. Jim Brown conducted the installation of the Rev. Cathy Collins-Barker as Chairperson of Kent Presbytery. The worship service included the installation of covenanting with Arlene Ruggles, Clergy Chaplain for Kent Presbytery. All present then shared in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

MINUTES

It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the meeting of Kent Presbytery, held on May 1, 2007 be approved as printed, with the following corrections on page 2006/2007-98, under Education & Students it should read, “Whereas Michael Shewburg is presently working full-time as Student Supply(rather than “Staff Associate”)” and- the subsequent motion should end . . . “Mr. Michael Shewburg for ordination, with the view than he can re-initiate his candidacy when he is able to complete his studies.”

It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive of Kent Presbytery, held on May 16, 2007 be received for information.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Received

2006/2007

#	Received	Sent	Via	Sender	Topic	Deal With
255	07-05-16	07-05-16	Hand	Lindsay Rd. UC	Request for supply ministry from Tupperville	F&A Pastoral Relations
256	07-05-18	07-05-18	Email	E. Skillings	Final editions of Handbook etc.	File
257	07-05-23	07-05-23	Email	G.C. Office	Letter from Church Interfaith Advisory Committee	File
258	07-05-24	07-05-23	Email	French's UC	Proportion data for dispersal of funds	F & A
259	07-05-27	07-05-27	Email	Zion UC Tupperville	Tupperville meeting re: #255 above	F&A Pastoral Relations

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#	Received	Sent	Via	Sender	Topic	Deal With
001	07-05-29	07-05-29	Email	G.C. Office	Update on Moderator's surgery	File

002	07-05-29	07-05-29	Email	G.C. Office	Press release Canadian Children at risk of Genital Mutilation	File
003	07-05-29	07-05-29	Email	J. Gadeski	UC of Canada Foundation announces grants	File
004	07-05-29	07-05-29	Email	B. Van Norman	Go Project	File
005	07-06-02	07-06-02	Email	Chalmers PC	Req. change in pastoral relations	Pastoral Relations
006	07-06-04	07-06-04	Email	H. McLean	Planned Giving Update	Email
007	07-06-04	07-06-04	Email	G.C. Office	Press release "A Call for congregations for Peace Policy Testing	File
008	07-06-04	07-05-31	Mail	G.C. Office	General Insurance Information	File

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Local Arrangements Committee

Sandra Fogarty thanked all who helped at the annual meeting of London Conference, held on May 25 to 27, 2007, in Ridgetown, and especially the members of the Local Arrangements Committee.

Finance & Administration – Larry Atkinson

It was moved, seconded and carried that Kent Presbytery give permission to French's United Church that any funds remaining in the Church's treasury, as well as the proceeds from any sales, plus one-third (1/3) of the proceeds from the sale of the manse, be distributed as follows: 25 percent to Fairfield Museum; 25 percent to Kenesserie Camp; 25 percent to Arnold Cemetery; and 25 percent to McVicar Cemetery.

Pastoral Relations – Barbara Robbins

It was moved, seconded and carried that Kent Presbytery appoint Ms. Nancy D. Walker, Staff Associate, as director of Camping and Youth Ministry, full-time, for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, as per the terms of the Record of Appointment (MEPS 433 AP).

It was moved, seconded and carried that Kent Presbytery appoint the Rev. J. Lloyd G. Brown as retired supply, part-time (20 hours per week) to the Merlin-Fletcher Pastoral Charge for the period July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, as per the terms of the Record of Appointment (MEPS 433 AP).

It was moved, seconded and carried that Kent Presbytery appoint Ms. Jennifer Richmond, Staff Associate, part-time (27 hours per week), as Minister of Christian Development and Outreach, to the Wallaceburg - Trinity Pastoral Charge for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, as per the terms of the Record of Appointment (MEPS 433 AP).

It was moved, seconded and carried that Kent Presbytery appoint a commission, consisting of the Chair of the Division of Ministry, Personnel & Education, the Chair of the Pastoral Relations Committee, and a representative from Kent Presbytery, to represent Kent Presbytery at the covenanting service to be held at Highgate United Church on September 23, 2007, between Kent Presbytery, the Highgate-Morpeth- Turin Pastoral Charge and the Rev. Mary Elford.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Kent Presbytery approve the request of the Chalmers Pastoral Charge for a change in pastoral relationship with the Rev. Sandra Fogarty, effective July 31, 2007, and, having received the request of the Chalmers Pastoral Charge and the Rev. Sandra Fogarty, waive the 90-day notice period normally required for a change in pastoral relations.

WHEREAS two, duly-called congregational meetings were held on Sunday, May 7, 2007- one at Lindsay Road United Church and one at: Zion United Church, Tupperville - both meetings being chaired by a representative of Kent Presbytery; and

WHEREAS the Rev. Linda Maw has advised in writing that she is willing to provide supply for Lindsay Road United Church;

it is moved, seconded and carried that Kent Presbytery approve the requests of the Tupperville Pastoral Charge and Lindsay Road United Church of the Chalmers Pastoral Charge that the Rev. Linda Maw provide supply for the Lindsay Road congregation of the Chalmers Pastoral Charge for the period of September 4, 2007 to June 30, 2008, while the Chalmers Pastoral Charge concludes its business and the dissolution of the Pastoral Charge. The terms of the arrangement will be as follows:

- Financial Split - 65% Tupperville P.C.; 35% Lindsay Road U.C.
- Service Times - 9:00 a.m. Tupperville P.C.; 10:30 a.m. Lindsay Road U.C.; switching after five (5) months
- Joint Services – to be arranged by the two church boards and the minister
- Pastoral Care – both congregations to establish Pastoral Care Teams to assist with visiting parishioners effective September 4, 2007.

The Court was advised that a letter will be sent to both Chalmers and French's United Churches' congregations expressing the Presbytery's support and commending them for making this difficult decision to close.

The following Divisions and Committees had no reports for action.

- Education & Students
- Pastoral Charge Oversight
- Christian Development
- Stewardship
- World Outreach/Church in Society
- Communications
- United Church Women

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Ministry Personnel & Education – Bonnie Harvey

There is a Farewell card for Sheryle Steadman available for Presbyters to sign.

Pastoral Relations – Barbara Robbins

Chalmers Pastoral Charge and Guilds Pastoral Charge will require pastoral charge supervisors effective August 1, 2007.

Education & Students – Elaine Leeson

A covenanting service will be held on Sunday June 10, 2007, at Trinity United Church in Wallaceburg, between the congregation, Kent Presbytery and Melanie Kirk, to celebrate her being declared a Candidate for Ordained Ministry, as per section 022 of The Manual.

Presbytery representatives are reminded that requests to renew the licenses of lay worship leaders should be forwarded to the Education & Students committee for review, so that the service recognizing them can be held at the October meeting of Presbytery.

Judith Fayter advised the court that a one day courser on the subject of “preaching” is scheduled for Saturday September 15, at Erie Street United Church in Ridgetown. This workshop can be used by Licensed Lay Worship Leaders to renew their licenses.

Pastoral Charge Oversight – Margaret Trapnell

Pastoral Charge oversight visits have been completed for the Cedar Springs and Wallaceburg-Trinity Pastoral Charges.

World Outreach/Church in Society – Meg Runhart

Meg presented information and encouraged people to write letters and send postcards supporting the “Honour Kelowna Accord.”

Communications – Susan Scaman

Susan thanked all who helped in the “Book Room” at the annual meeting of Conference. It was a great success.

UCW

Retreat Day at Kenesserie Camp is June 12.

Chaplain to Clergy – Arlene Ruggles

Arlene advised she will be holding a clergy social, which is scheduled for the afternoon of September 16. Information will be posted at a later date.

Riverview Gardens – Bonnie Harvey

People are needed to host United Church worship services at Riverview Gardens. The services are held on the last Friday of each month. Bonnie has a sign-up sheet and would be pleased to hear from individuals or groups.

No reports

Stewardship
Finance & Administration

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM, with the benediction from chairperson Cathy Collins-Barker.

Cathy Collins-Barker, Chairperson

Barbara Robbins, Secretary pro tem

Ed Nicol, Secretary