

After Divisions and Committees met at 6:30 PM, Kent Presbytery met in regular session at 7:30 PM, on October 2, 2007, as per the Consent Docket approved on June 5, 2007, at St. Luke's United Church, of the South Buxton Pastoral Charge. Chairperson Cathy Collins Barker constituted the court. There was a quorum present throughout. Worship time was led by members of the UCW. . Prior to the worship service, it was **moved, by Judith Fayter, seconded by Derek Parry, and carried** that Janice Clubb be licensed a Lay Worship Leader. It was also **moved by Judith Fayter, seconded by Derek Parry and carried** that the licenses be renewed for the following persons: Pat Arnew, Valerie Bechard, Jim Berry, Mary Lou Crewe, Bonnie Harvey, Leslie Mancell, Margaret Mason, Thor Milton, Donna Jean Pollard, Susan Scaman, Bob Shepherd, Joyce Sinasac, and Ton Wiltenburg. A service of Laying on of Hands then followed.

#### ATTENDANCE

##### **MINISTRY PERSONNEL:**

Michael Brooks, Jim Brown, Lloyd Brown, Lynn Brown, Cathy Collins-Barker, Mary Elford, Judith Fayter, Bruce Fraser, Cheryl Kirk, Curtis Marwood, Linda Maw, Pat Milliken, Ed Nicol, Derek Parry, Jennifer Richmond, Meg Runhart, Heather Scott, Eric Skillings, and Nancy Walker.

##### **LAY REPRESENTATIVES:**

Donna Alexander, Elliot Arnold, Larry Atkinson, Mae Bedford, Tom Brunt, Doug Cameron, Mary Lou Crewe, Alice Dale, Bonnie Harvey, Grace Harvey, Doreen Hewitson, Les Hogg, Marjorie Jackson, Leta Knutson, Betty Krekewich, Lorna Lawrence, Elaine Leeson, Leslie Mancell, Dawn Marwood, Margaret Mason, Evelyn Mayo, Carolyn McMahan, Barbara Robbins, Arlene Ruggles, Richard Sanford, Diane Sansom, Susan Scaman, Chuck Scott, Bob Sheperd, Joyce Sinasac, Linda Slegers, and Pat Weaver.

**REGRETS:** George Allan, Lynn Belbeck, Bruce Cook, Annalee Kerr, Margaret Trapnell, Bill Vanderveeken, Carolyn Wilson Wynne, Betty Lou Baker, Sharon Ball, Val Bechard, Mary Craven, Eileen Hooker-Dolata, Susan Matsuo, Thor Milton, Lynda Van Leeuwen.

**ABSENT:** Lorne Thrower, Ross Williams, Tom Button, Sandra Ferren, Edna Gerow, Betty McCully, Alex Miller, Peter Scott, Ton Wiltenburg.

GUESTS & VISITORS Peter Kingsbury, London Conference Staff, Janice Clubb, Wesley UC.

INTRODUCTIONS Bruce Fraser, newly called Order of Ministry personnel at Merlin-Fletcher Pastoral Charge.

WELCOME TO St. Luke's United Church: Marjorie Jackson welcomed presbyters to St. Luke's United Church and gave a brief outline of the history present happenings in the congregation. She referred to the quilt which traces 100 years of service of the congregation.

MINUTES:

Motion Ed Nicol/Elaine Leeson

**It was moved, seconded and carried** that the minutes of the meeting of Kent Presbytery, held on September 4, 2007, be approved as printed, with the following correction:

Page 2007/2008-19, add that Lynn Brown has received a good report from her educational event.

Motion Ed Nicol/Alice Dale

**It was moved, seconded and carried** that the minutes of the meeting of Kent Presbytery Executive, held on September 20, 2007, be received for information.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Draw for pulpit exchange on October 28, 2007

- Charing Cross to Wallaceburg –Trinity
- South Buxton to Charing Cross
- Tupperville to South Buxton
- Wallaceburg-Trinity to Tilbury-Quinn
- Tilbury-Quinn to Tupperville

## CORRESPONDENCE

Received

#	Received	Sent	Via	Sender	Topic	Deal With
065	07-09-20	07-09-20	Email	Wesley UC	Request to Licence Janice Clubb as Lay Worship Leader	E & S
066	07-09-20	07-09-19	Hand	Wesley UC	Form FFE 201/2006 for Janice Clubb	E & S
067	07-09-24	07-09-24	Email	E. Skillings	Rural Church workshop	Pastoral Relations
068	07-09-25	07-09-25	Email	A. Kerr	Agenda space	Chairperson
069	07-09-26	07-09-26	Email	M Stevens	“Faith & Common Good”	Yahoo Group
070	07-09-26	07-09-2	Email	M. Stevens	Perspectives On Labour & Income	Yahoo Group
071	07-09-26	07-09-26	Email	St. Luke’s UC	Req. discernment Jamie Wood	E & S
072	07-09-27	07-09-27	Email	Bev Robinson	High School Youth Event	Yahoo Group
073	07-09-27	07-09-27	Email	H. McLean	Oct. Planned Giving Update	Email list

074	07-09-27	07-09-27	Email	Bev Robinson	Children at Conference	File & Email List
075	07-09-29	07-09-29	Email	M. Stevens	Hand in Hand Children's' resource	Yahoo Group
076	07-10-01	07-10-01	6 Emails	M. Stevens	Ont. Election topics	Yahoo Group
077	07-01-02	07-01-02	Email	M Stevens	M&S Support	Yahoo Group
078	07-10-02	07-09-	Mail	G.C. Office	Records Check provider	Pastoral Relations
079	07-10-02	07-10-02	Hand	Chatham- St. Andrew's	Req. Appointments	Pastoral Relations
080	07-10-02	07-10-02	Hand	Chatham- St. Andrew's	Names for JNAC	Pastoral Relations

### REPORTS FOR ACTION

#### Pastoral Relations – Barbara Robbins

Motion Jim Brown/Margaret Mason

**It was moved, seconded and carried** that Kent Presbytery approve the call of the of the Rev. Bruce G. Fraser to the Merlin-Fletcher Pastoral Charge, full time (40 hours per week) effective October 1, 2007, in accordance with the terms upon which the vacancy was declared and as per the terms of form MEPS 435 CPC.

In order to facilitate the work of the JNAC and subsequent work of a Joint Search Committee, the following motion was presented.

Motion Heather Scott/Lorna Lawrence

**It was moved, seconded and carried** that Kent Presbytery appoint the Rev. Michael Brooks, full time (40 hours per week) and the Rev. Curtis Marwood, part-time (27 hours per week), to the Chatham-St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge, for the period November 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, as per the terms of form MEPS 433AP.

#### Communications – Eric Skillings

Motion Eric Skillings/Cheryl Kirk

That Kent Presbytery approve the Policy & Guidelines Handbook as printed. It was noted that the article #4 under policy was questionable, and as a result the following new motion was made.

Amendment Larry Atkinson/Eric Skillings

That any two of, The Chair of Presbytery, Secretary of Presbytery, Treasurer of Presbytery, and the Chair of Finance and Administration shall act as a Commission, with power to act on the final Offer to Purchase of a Manse or other Real Property. CARRIED

The original motion, was voted on and **carried**.

Motion Michael Brooks/Larry Atkinson

**It was moved, seconded and carried** that the Handbook be reviewed and reprinted every three (3) years to reflect any changes.

As a result, it was agreed that the General Presbytery Policy includes this motion.

Further to the reprint schedule the following came to the floor:

Motion Jim Brown/Michael Brooks

**It was moved, seconded and carried** that the three (3) year cycle coincide with the issuance of The Manual.

Highgate manse

Motion Elliot Arnold/Marjorie Jackson

**It was moved, seconded and carried** that Kent Presbytery give permission to Highgate United Church Board to use \$5177.00 from the investment fund from the sale of the manse, in order to pay for repairs to the roof of the Highgate church.

## STAFF REPORTS

### Director of Camping & Youth Ministry – Nancy Walker

Nancy reported on completed events at camp and with Youth Ministry and also on upcoming events

#### Completed

- Youth Leaders Gathering in Blenheim
- Soul Feast in Thamesville
- Volunteers from Union Gas and Kenesserie built benches for outside the chapel at Kenesserie as well as a wheel chair ramp to the Chapel
- 3 rental groups at the camp in September
- University of Western Ontario Resident Advisory program sent 115 volunteers to Kenesserie to paint, clean and start storing items for the winter.

#### Coming Events

- Oct. 14-20 Week to End Poverty: “The Stuff Challenge”
- Oct. 19 Social Justice Movie at Wallaceburg-Trinity, 7-10 PM
- Oct. 27 Faithful Footsteps Workshop at Chatham – St. Andrew’s @ 9AM
- Oct. 13 Haunted Corn Maze Adventure

Chaplain to Clergy – Arlene Ruggles

Next Clergy Retreat will be on November 22 at the Oaks Inn, Wallaceburg beginning at 8:30 AM

Input is requested regarding ethical guidelines for the Chaplain.

Resource Centre Minute – Susan Scaman

Susan reported on a gathering for Resource Centre directors held in Toronto this past weekend.

## REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Finance & Administration – Larry Atkinson

Pastoral Charges are advised to budget for 13 months of salaries in 2008 in order to have funds available when the centralized payroll system comes into being, possibly in 2009. For more information refer to issues of Connex.

UCW – Mae Bedford

- Oct. 20 Fall Rally at New Scotland UC beginning at 12:30 PM
- Kent will host the Annual Meeting of Conference UCW April 27 – 28 at St. Andrew's in Chatham

Education & Students – Elaine Leeson

- Sept. 15 workshop was a success, with 11 people in attendance
- A workshop for Licenced Lay Worship Leaders and others April 19, 2008 at Victoria Avenue UC in Chatham. Rev. Lloyd Smith will facilitate.

Christian Development – Jennifer Richmond

- Copies of the Faithful Footsteps poster are available for those who had difficulty with the email posting
- Fairfield Museum Ginger Snaps are available at several locations, including the Resource Centre

DWO/CIS – Diane Sansom

Diane provided an update on the refugee family which had been hosted by the Bothwell-Wabash Pastoral Charge. The couple have moved to Guelph and are doing well. The remaining funds from the SEED grant have been donated to a refugee support group in London.

Meg Runhart

See the back of the Newsletter for information on a survey which will be brought to the November meeting of Presbytery

General Council Executive – Chuck Scott

A move is afoot at the grass roots level to increase giving locally for the M&S Fund. This is in reaction to the various cuts made at the last meeting of the General Council Executive.

Communications – Eric Skillings

- Please contact Eric if you have any corrections for the Directory
- Alive & Well Workshops to be held in Kent, Nov. 12. Please RSVP by next meeting of Presbytery

Theological Reflection – Arlene Ruggles

Time was the focus of the reflection. We used the word in many forms during this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Chairperson Cathy Collins-Barker at 9:45 PM.

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Catherine Collins-Barker, Chairperson

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Ed Nicol, Secretary