

The executive of Kent Presbytery met as per the Consent Docket approved on June 5, 2007, at Darrel S. Moffat United Church, Tilbury. Chairperson Cathy Collins-Barker called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. A quorum was present throughout. Cathy began with a worship based on Romans 12:11-24, with reflection referring to the United for Peace Program.

**ATTENDANCE**

Ministry Personnel: James Brown, Cathy Collins-Barker, Ed Nicol, Meg Runhart, Eric Skillings, and Margaret Trapnell.

Lay Delegates: Larry Atkinson, Doug Cameron, Alice Dale, Bonnie Harvey, and Barbara Robbins

Guests & Visitors – David Woodall, Executive Secretary London Conference

Regrets: Betty Lou Baker

Absent:

AGENDA – The agenda was approved, as printed, with added items.

MINUTES

Motion Ed Nicol/Eric Skillings

**It was moved, seconded and carried** that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive of Kent Presbytery, held on September 20, 2007, be approved as printed.

Motion Ed Nicol/Alice Dale

**It was moved, seconded and carried** that the minutes of the meeting of Kent Presbytery, held on October 2, 2007, be received for information.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- Some people have not been able to access the Directory, Handbook etc. from the web site. Eric Skillings will check with Curtis regarding the web items.
- The item mentioned on page 2007/2008-20 did not come to the full court in October. As a result, it was agreed that the Finance & Administration Division would be directed to bring a motion to the November 6 meeting, similar to the one on page 2004/2005-40, which read *“that Kent Presbytery notify Pastoral Charges of the overpayment and potential refund plan, but encourage the Pastoral Charges to give their consent to donate the refund to the Youth Ministry Fund of Kent Presbytery.”*
- Fairfield Museum use of SEED funds. It is now up to the Division of Mission in Canada to submit a new request, in the form of a motion, to the full court of Kent Presbytery.
- The property transactions for the Chalmers Pastoral Charge have now closed.

## CORRESPONDENCE

## Received

#	Received	Sent	Via	Sender	Topic	Deal With
081	07-10-02	07-10-02	Email	F. Meadows	Middlesex Minutes posted	File
082	07-10-04	07-10-04	Email	M. Stevens	WAYS web site	File
083	07-10-04	07-10-04	Email	G.C. Office	Moderator's Oct. newsletter	File
082	07-10-04	07-10-04	Email	M. Stevens	General Secretary's comment re: Education in Ont. Election	File
083	07-10-04	07-10-04	Email	F. Meadows	Middlesex Exec. Minutes posted	File
084	07-10-09	07-10-09	Email	P. Kingsbury	Retirement Workshop poster	Email lists
085	07-10-09	07-10-05	Mail	Centre for Clergy Care & Cong. Health	Workshop info	File See Secretary for more info
086	07-10-10	07-10-10	Email	Conf. Office	Conf. Exec. Minutes	File
087	07-10-11	07-10-11	Email	M. Stevens	Revisioning Public Health Care Info.	File & Yahoo Group
088	07-10-11	07-10-11	Email	P. Kingsbury	Ministry of Supervision Brochure	File E&S Yahoo Group
089	07-10-11	07-10-11	Email	Susan Bedgood	Interim position available	Pastoral Relations
090	07-10-15	07-10-15	Email	Conf. Office	Notice of visitor from Methodist Church of Colombia	File & Yahoo Group
091	07-10-15	07-10-09	Mail	BackCheck	Info on rates and procedures Police Records Check	File & Pastoral Relations
092	07-10-16	07-10-15	Mail	D. Parry	Req. change in Pastoral Relations	Pastoral Relations

093	07-10-17	07-10-17	Email	Lambton Presbytery	Minutes	File
094	07-10-17	07-10-17	Email	Seaway Valley Pres.	Concerns over staff cuts regarding Rural Life	File & Executive
095	07-10-17	07-10-17	Email	Conf. Office	Nominations required ASAP	File & Groups
096	07-10-17	07-10-17	Email	N. Sanders	Report re: Justice Global & Ecumenical Unit	File

## REPORTS

### Finance & Administration – Larry Atkinson

The Division is in close contact with the Trustees of Erie Street UC with regard to the condition of the building, and its ongoing situation.

It is expected that a name will be presented to the court, at the November meeting to fill the position of Chair of Mission in Canada.

### Treasurer – Doug Cameron

Doug presented a draft copy of the proposed budget for 2008. He is waiting for final census figures from General Council Office.

### Ministry, Personnel & Education – Bonnie Harvey

Thamesville UC will be celebrating the burning of the mortgage, on Sunday October 28, beginning at 1:30 PM. Truly a notable accomplishment!

### Pastoral Relations – Barbara Robbins

Presently, there are 3 Joint Needs Assessment Committees in operation.

### Pastoral Charge Oversight – Margaret Trapnell

There was some discussion as to how the committee might ensure that the information submitted during oversight visits, is indeed accurate, and how members, who are shy about making their joys or concerns known to the committee, can be encouraged to come forward.

### DWO/CIS – Meg Runhart

The survey has been sent out via email. Please bring your completed surveys to the November 6 meeting.

### Communications – Eric Skillings

The “Alive and Well” workshops are being well received.

### DMC/Christian Development

Faithful Footsteps workshop coming up

Stewardship – Alice Dale

The new Info Pac has been received. Be sure to look it over closely.

UCW – Alice Dale

Fall Rally this Saturday.

Conference Executive – David Woodall

- To apply for a Mission Support grant, you must have a charitable group number
- Some crisis funding is available. But, if a congregation or charge budgets for a planned deficit, the funding is NOT available
- The Gifts of Hope catalogue is being printed this week
- Nominations are now being solicited for the Staff Futures Committee. This is an ad-hoc committee of Conference Executive.
- The “Advance payment” for the centralized payroll system, mentioned on page 2007/2008-29, will not be required
- Conference will keep tabs on the situation at Erie Street UC, following the action of Chatham-Kent Council this week.

NEW BUSINESS

It was agreed to place a hard copy of the Presbytery Hosting Process brochure in the Name Tag box.

Chairperson Cathy Collins-Barker presented a draft copy of a proposed constitution for Kent Presbytery. Executive members were asked to take the info back to their respective Divisions and/or Committees for consultation and input.

The newly constituted Chaplaincy at Ridgetown College has received excellent funding from the Ridgetown and Blenheim Ministerial Associations. Recently, a private donor has added handsomely to the fund.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with prayer led by Chairperson Cathy Collins-Barker at 11:45 AM

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Catherine Collins-Barker, Chairperson

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Ed Nicol, Secretary

**KENT PRESBYTERY IS CALLED TO MEET ON  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6 AT Cedar Springs United Church  
8643 Talbot Trail  
Cedar Springs**

AGENDA

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| 6:15 PM | Registration and name tags  |
| 6:30 PM | Division and Committee meetings in assigned locations   |
| 7:30 PM | Constitution of court<br>Worship, Stewardship Committee in charge<br>Welcome to Cedar Springs United Church with a “Life and Faith”<br>story of the congregation  |
| 8:15 PM | Minutes of Presbytery meeting of Oct. 2, 2007 (for action)<br>Minutes of Executive meeting of Oct. 18, 2007 (for information)<br>Business arising from minutes<br>Correspondence<br>Reports of Divisions and Committees for <b>ACTION</b><br><b>RESOURCE CENTRE MINUTE</b><br><b>STAFF REPORTING TIME</b><br>Reports of Divisions and Committees for <b>INFORMATION</b><br><b>NEW BUSINESS</b><br>Theological Reflection – Arlene Ruggles |
| 9:30 PM | Adjournment and Benediction<br>Cleanup – to be organized by Christian Development Committee   |

NOTE: With regard to “cleanup”, we realize that some of our committees are small in numbers and some also small in stature, so we ask that we all pitch in to do the work and make sure that it gets done so as not to wear out our welcome at the various host churches.