

After Divisions and Committees met at 6:30 PM, Kent Presbytery met in regular session at 7:30 PM, on November 6, 2007, as per the Consent Docket approved on June 5, 2007, at Cedar Springs United Church. Chairperson Cathy Collins Barker constituted the court. There was a quorum present throughout the meeting. Worship was led by the Stewardship Committee.

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, Ed Nicol, Derek Parry, Jennifer Richmond, Meg Runhart, Heather Scott, Eric Skillings, Margaret Trapnell, Nancy Walker, and Ross Williams.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES:

Donna Alexander, Larry Atkinson, Betty Lou Baker, Sharon Ball, Val Bechard, Mae Bedford, Tom Brunt, Doug Cameron, Mary Lou Crewe, Alice Dale, Sandra Ferren, Bonnie Harvey, Grace Harvey, Doreen Hewitson, Les Hogg, Marjorie Jackson, Leta Knutson, Betty Krekewich, Lorna Lawrence, Leslie Mancell, Dawn Marwood, Margaret Mason, Susan Matsuo, Evelyn Mayo, Betty McCully, Thor Milton, Barbara Robbins, Richard Sanford, Susan Scaman, Bob Sheperd, Linda Slegers, Pat Weaver, and Ton Wiltenburg.

REGRETS: George Allan, Lynn Belbeck, Bruce Cook, Annalee Kerr, Pat Milliken, Lorne Thrower, Bill Vanderveeken, Carolyn Wilson Wynne, Elliot Arnold, Mary Craven, Edna Gerow, Eileen Hooker-Dolata, Elaine Leeson, Carolyn McMahon, Arlene Ruggles, Diane Sansom, Chuck Scott, Lynda Van Leeuwen.

ABSENT: Tom Button, Alex Miller, Peter Scott, Joyce Sinasac,

GUESTS & VISITORS Peter Kingsbury, London Conference Office, Sandy Ryall, Blenheim United Church.

INTRODUCTIONS: Sandy Ryall, prospective delegate from Blenheim United Church.

WELCOME TO Cedar Springs United Church: Mary Lou Crewe related stories of the present building, noting that she was the first bride in this structure. Copies of a 1976 bulletin cover describing the Fused Art Glass window over the main entrance were made available.

MINUTES

Motion Ed Nicol/Eric Skillings

It was moved seconded and carried that the minutes if the meeting of Kent Presbytery, held on October 2, 2007, be approved as printed.

Motion Ed Nicol/Alice Dale

It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive of Kent Presbytery held on October 18, 2007 be received for information.

Business Arising from Minutes

Those who participated in the October pulpit exchange expressed their joy and satisfaction in the event.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received

#	Received	Sent	Via	Sender	Topic	Deal With 097
097	07-10-18	07-10-18	Email	M. Stevens	M&S Enthusiasts	Secretary
098	07-10-18	07-10-1	Email	G.C. Office	Changes in the Congregational, Educational and Community Ministries of the General Council	File
099	07-10-19	07-10-19	Email	G.C. Office	Update on Moderator's health	File
100	07-10-24	07-10-24	Email	G.C. Office	Req. suggestions for next mission theme	File
101	07-10-25	07-10-25	Email	G.C. Office	Press release New Archives Location	File
102	07-10-25	07-10-22	Mail	G.C. Office	Residential Schools Update	File
103	07-10-26	07-10-26	Email	M. Stevens	Korean Visitors request	File & Yahoo Group
104	07-10-27	07-10-27	Email	Selkirk Pres.	G. Council funding	File & Yahoo Group
105	07-10-29	07-10-29	Email	G.C. Office	Press release – 2 Year Campaign for Peace	File
106	07-10-29	07-10-29	Email	M. Stevens	Alive & Well Workshop	File & Yahoo Group
107	07-10-29	07-10-29	Email	E. Skillings	Alive & Well Workshop	File & Yahoo Group

108	07-10-30	07-10-30	Email	H. McLean	November Planned Giving	Email
109	07-10-30	0-10-29	Mail	Tupperville PC	Req. to amalgamate with Lindsay Road UC	Pastoral Relations & F & A
110	07-10-30	07-10-30	Email	Conf. Office	Update info re: Hope Catalogue	File & Yahoo Group
111	07-10-31	07-10-31	Email	M. Stevens	Rental Opportunities for Ont. Families	File & Yahoo Group
112	07-10-31	07-10-31	Email	M. Stevens	HyeRan & David Kim-Cragg's visit	File & Yahoo Group
113	07-11-02	07-11-02	Email	G.C. Office	Moderator returning to duties	File
114	07-11-02	07-11-02	Email	Lindsay Rd. UC	Req. to amalgamate with Tupperville PC	F & A Pastoral Relations
115	07-11-05	07-11-05	Email	M. Stevens	M&S Fund stats to Nov. 2	File
116	07-11-05	07-11-05	Email	M. Stevens	Christmas Hope Catalogue web page address correction	File & Yahoo Group
117	07-11-05	07-11-05	Email	Cathy Guo	Req. Contact info for 2008 M&S reply forms	Secretary
118	07-11-05	07-11-05	Email	Montreal Presbytery	Motion re: G.C. Executive action	File
119	07-11-06	07-11-06	Email	Conf. Office	Faith Formation Flyer	File & Yahoo Group

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Education & Students – Judith Fayter

Doreen Hewitson

Motion - Judith Fayter/Valerie Bechard

It was moved seconded and carried that Doreen Hewitson be received as a Designated Lay Minister, ready for a supervised Ministry Educational appointment.

Wanda Burse

Motion – Judith Fayter/Valerie Bechard

It was moved seconded and carried that Kent Presbytery recommend Wanda Burse to London Conference for ordination at the Annual Meeting of Conference, May 2008.

Lynn Brown

Motion – Judith Fayter/Valerie Bechard

It was moved seconded and carried that Kent Presbytery recommend Lynn Brown to London Conference to be recognized as a Designated Lay Minister and the Annual Meeting of Conference, May 2008.

Melanie Kirk

Motion – Judith Fayter/Valerie Bechard

It was moved seconded and carried that Melanie Kirk be granted funding from the Education & Students fund as per the policy of Kent Presbytery.

Michael Brooks

Motion – Judith Fayter/Valerie Bechard

It was moved seconded and carried that Michael Brooks be granted \$500.00 from the Education & Students fund, to attend the Ministry of Supervision course.

Nominations – Larry Atkinson

Carolyn Wilson Wynne

Motion - Larry Atkinson/Ed Nicol

It was moved seconded and carried that Carolyn Wilson Wynne be appointed as the Chairperson of the Division of Mission in Canada.

Finance & Administration – Larry Atkinson

Re: Excess funds from time when position of Director of Camping & Youth Ministry was vacant.

Motion – Linda Slegers/Marjorie Jackson

It was moved seconded and carried that Kent Presbytery notify Pastoral Charges of an overpayment and potential refund plan, but encouraging Pastoral Charges to give their consent to donate the refund to the Youth Ministry Fund of Kent Presbytery.

Tupperville Pastoral Charge

Motion – Linda Slegers/Mary Lou Crewe

It was moved seconded and carried that Kent Presbytery grant permission to Zion United Church, Tupperville and Lindsay Road United Church to amalgamate into a two (2) point pastoral charge, effective Dec. 31, 2007.

2008 Budget - Doug Cameron

Motion – Doug Cameron/Larry Atkinson

It was moved seconded and carried that the 2008 budget be approved as printed. The budget has a total cost of \$100,641.00. The assessment per resident member is \$6.25 for London Conference, \$8.70 for Kent Presbytery, and \$6.83 for Youth Ministry, based on a total resident membership of 4,541.

Pastoral Relations – Barbara Robbins

Housing Allowance

Motion – Bonnie Harvey/Heather Scott

It was moved seconded and carried that the minimum housing allowance for Kent Presbytery be \$1,000.00 per month, effective January 1, 2008.

World Outreach/Church in Society – Curtis Marwood

Extra funding to M & S Fund

Motion – Dawn Marwood/Sharon Ball

It was moved seconded and carried that Kent Presbytery endorse the suggestion that members be invited to make an extra donation to the Mission & Service Fund before December 31, 2007, to offset the planned reductions in 2009 to grants to Global Partners and Mission Support, and that Pastoral Charges be urged to present this appeal to their congregations.

Note: The committee suggests an average donation of \$10 or more, per identifiable giver, and that such gifts be marked as “Extra” not “Supra.”

STAFF REPORTING TIMEDCYM – Nancy Walker

- 30 youth attended the Corn Maze on Halloween
- Preached at Talbot Street United Oct. 28
- Worked with Jen Richmond on Faithful Footsteps workshop
- Facilitated a Social Justice Movie night at Wallaceburg – Trinity
- Attended Conference DMC meeting
- 2008 camping season is now in planning stage
- The Dining Hall, bathroom building, and the Staff House will get new roofs in 2008
- Nov. 8 – Youth Bowling in Ridgetown
- Bothwell-Wabash Peace Service Nov. 18

Resource Centre – Susan Scaman

- Sales are brisk and Susan has a \$5.00 per book table set up.
- Advent and Christmas supplies are now available

CONFERENCE OFFICE REPORT – Peter Kingsbury

- Peter noted the upcoming Retreat for Kent clergy on November 22

REPORTS FOR INFORMATIONUCW - Mae Bedford

- 65 people attended the Fall Rally at New Scotland United Church
- The Annual meeting of Kent Presbyterial will be held at South Buxton – St. Luke’s United Church, Feb. 23, 2008. Medical Electives will be the theme.
- The Conference Presbyterial Annual meeting will be held at Chatham – St. Andrew’s UC, on April 27 & 28, 2008.

Pastoral Relations – Barbara Robbins

- The Pastoral Charges are reminded of the motion passed this evening regarding Housing Allowances also applies as the basis for Fair Rental values for manses.

Pastoral Charge Oversight – Margaret Trapnell

- The following charges have been asked to set dates for Pastoral Charge Oversight visits. Wheatley, Romney-Trinity, Talbot Street, & Ridgetown-Erie Street.

Christian Development – Cheryl Kirk

- 20 persons attended the Faithful Footsteps Event
- Fairfield Museum Foodgrains Bank project will provide about \$10,000.00 when government funds are added
- Winter wheat has been planted for next year’s project
- Les Hogg noted that Strawberry Jam and Ginger Snap cookies are available as fund raisers for Fairfield Museum
- Fairfield Museum has a 5 year plan set up and will approach the SEED Fund of Kent Presbytery soon with a proposal.

World Outreach/Church in Society – Curtis Marwood

- The survey started with the October Newsletter is still in progress and all are urged to complete their forms before the December meeting of Presbytery.
- United for Peace – Pins, cookie cutters and bags are available at the Resource Centre, along with resources for worship and learning about the root causes of violence
- Remember the Conference Christmas Hope catalogue
- Chuck Scott is available and willing to speak about the M & S cuts

Stewardship – Alice Dale

The 2008 Mission & Service Fund Objective forms should soon be mailed to each Pastoral Charge form Toronto. Please copy for your records and send 3 copies by March 4, 2008, to:

Miss Alice Dale
21036 A.D. Shadd Rd.
RR #5
Merlin ON N0P 1W0

Please include the name, address and email (if known) of your M&S Enthusiast. It is important for each Pastoral Charge to return this form in triplicate whether or not an objective is formed by March 4, 2008!

Communications - Eric Skillings

- A reminder of the “Alive & Well Workshops” in Tilbury and Bothwell on Nov. 12.
- The 2008 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity marks the 100th anniversary of this event.

Theological Reflection

Due to illness, Arlene Ruggles was unable to attend the meeting, In her absence, Chairperson Cathy Collins-Barker reflected on the evenings happenings/

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with prayer led by the Chairperson at 9:10 PM

Catherine Collins-Barker, Chairperson

Ed Nicol, Secretary