

After a time of desserts, refreshments and fellowship, Kent Presbytery met in regular session at 7:15 PM, on December 4, 2007, at Darrel S. Moffat Memorial Church, Tilbury, with a quorum present throughout. Chairperson Cathy Collins-Barker constituted the court for a short business meeting.

ATTENDANCE

MINISTRY PERSONNEL:

Michael Brooks, Jim Brown, Lloyd Brown, Lynn Brown, Cathy Collins-Barker, Bruce Cook, Bruce Fraser, Annalee Kerr, Curtis Marwood, Linda Maw, Pat Milliken, Ed Nicol, Derek Parry, Jennifer Richmond, Eric Skillings, Margaret Trapnell, Nancy Walker, Ross Williams, and Carolyn Wilson Wynne.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES:

Donna Alexander, Betty Lou Baker, Sharon Ball, Tom Brunt, Alice Dale, Bonnie Harvey, Les Hogg, Eileen Hooker-Dolata, Marjorie Jackson, Leta Knutson, Betty Krekewich, Elaine Leeson, Leslie Mancell, Dawn Marwood, Susan Matsuo, Carolyn McMahon, Barbara Robbins, Arlene Ruggles, Richard Sanford, Chuck Scott, Peter Scott, Bob Sheperd, Linda Slegers, Lynda Van Leeuwen, and Pat Weaver.

REGRETS: George Allan, Lynn Belbeck, Mary Elford, Meg Runhart, Heather Scott, Bill Vanderveeken, Larry Atkinson, Doug Cameron, Mary Lou Crewe, Doreen Hewitson, Lorna Lawrence, Margaret Mason, Evelyn Mayo, Diane Sansom, Susan Scaman, Joyce Sinasac,

ABSENT: Judith Fayter, Cheryl Kirk, Lorne Thrower, Elliot Arnold, Val Bechard, Mae Bedford, Tom Button, Sandra Ferren, Grace Harvey, Betty McCully, Alex Miller, Thor Milton, and Ton Wiltenburg.

GUESTS, ALTERNATE DELEGATES AND VISITORS: Carolyn Gentes and Dorothy Dark of the Turin UC and several partners of Presbyters.

WELCOME: Carolyn McMahon of the Quinn congregation welcomed Presbyters to the Tilbury-Quinn PC and told of the Life and Times of the two congregations. Quinn Sunday school is quite active with some 20 participants. Darrel S. Moffat Memorial UCW recently had a bus trip to the Windsor Downtown Mission.

REPORTS for ACTION

Finance & Administration – Peter Scott

Motion Peter Scott/Ed Nicol

It was moved, seconded and carried that in accord with the stated wishes of the Chalmers and French's Congregations of the Chalmers Pastoral Charge, Kent Presbytery disband the Chalmers and French's congregations effective December 30, 2007. (The Manual sect. 334)

Motion Peter Scott/Ed Nicol

It was moved, seconded and carried that in view of the fact that it would be illegal for the trustees of a registered charity to give money to non-registered bodies such as the McVicar Cemetery and the Arnold Cemetery, Kent Presbytery grant the request of the Chalmers trustees to transfer the 10% of residual assets of the Chalmers congregation designated for the McVicar Cemetery and the 10% designate for the Arnold Cemetery to the Five Oaks Christian Workers Centre, Paris Ontario.

Motion Peter Scott/Ed Nicol

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Chalmers trustees be discharged with thanks effective December 30, 2007.

Motion Peter Scott/Ed Nicol

It was moved, seconded and carried that for the same rationale used in a previous motion in these minutes regarding the Chalmers trustees, Kent Presbytery grant the request of the trustees of the French's United Church to transfer the 25% of residual assets of French's United Church to the Five Oaks Christian Worker's Centre, Paris Ontario.

Motion Peter Scott/Ed Nicol

It was moved, seconded and carried that Kent Presbytery appoint the present trustees of French's United Church, Roy Weaver, Roy Stewart, Sue Mast, and Peter Scott be trustees of the residual assets of French's United Church effective Dec. 30, 2007, giving time for the Arnold Cemetery trustees to receive registered charity status.

Motion Peter Scott/Ed Nicol

It was moved, seconded and carried that Kent Presbytery amalgamate the Tupperville Pastoral Charge and the Chalmers Pastoral Charge effective December 31, 2007, into one (1), two (2) point Pastoral Charge, to be known as the Tupperville Pastoral Charge.

Pastoral Relations – Barbara Robbins

Motion Linda Maw/Bonnie Harvey

It was moved, seconded and carried that Kent Presbytery appoint Ms. Lynn Belbeck as Staff Associate to the Chatham-Sprucedale Pastoral Charge, part-time (20 hours per week) for the period January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008, as per the terms of form MEPS 433 AP.

Motion Jim Brown/Lynda Van Leeuwen

It was moved, seconded and carried that Kent Presbytery accept the request of the Rev. Linda Maw for a change in Pastoral Relations effective December 30, 2007.

Motion Annalee Kerr/Bruce Fraser

It was moved, seconded and carried that Kent Presbytery appoint the Rev. Linda Maw as United Supply, full-time to the Tupperville Pastoral Charge, for the period December 31, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Ministry, Personnel & Education – Bonnie Harvey

Bonnie made a presentation to the Rev. Bruce Cook, president of London Conference, marking his official visit to Kent Presbytery, noting that Bruce has been an excellent representative of this, his home Presbytery.

Worship Service

The court then attended in the Sanctuary for a Christmas worship service, which ended with Holy Communion presided over by Rev. Bruce Cook, President of London Conference and Rev. Cathy Collins-Barker, chair of Kent Presbytery. The service featured several wonderful anthems by the choir of Darrel S. Moffat Memorial Church.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with prayer led by Chairperson Cathy Collins-Barker at 9:30 PM

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday January 8, 2008 at St. Andrew's United Church, Chatham.

Catherine Collins-Barker, Chairperson

Ed Nicol, Secretary