

After Divisions and Committees met at 6:30 PM, Kent Presbytery met in regular session at 7:30 PM, on April 1, 2008, at Highgate United Church, Highgate, as per the Consent Docket approved on June 5, 2007. Chairperson Cathy Collins Barker constituted the court, and a quorum was present throughout the meeting. Worship was led by the Christian Development Committee.

ATTENDANCE***MINISTRY PERSONNEL:***

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

LAY REPRESENTATIVES:

Donna Alexander, Betty Lou Baker, Sharon Ball, Mae Bedford, Doug Cameron, Mary Lou Crewe, Alice Dale, Deb Ellacot, Sandra Ferren, Bonnie Harvey, Doreen Hewitson, Les Hogg, Marjorie Jackson, Betty Krekewich, Leslie Mancell, Dawn Marwood, Susan Matsuo, Evelyn Mayo, Betty McCully, Carolyn McMahan, Alex Miller, Barbara Robbins, Arlene Ruggles, Sandy Ryall, Richard Sanford, Diane Sansom, Susan Scaman, Chuck Scott, Bob Shepherd, Joyce Sinasac, Linda Slegers, Pat Weaver, and Ton Wiltenburg.

REGRETS: George Allan, Lynn Belbeck, Lloyd Brown, Curtis Marwood, Bill Vanderveeken, Carolyn Wilson Wynne, Elliot Arnold, Grace Harvey, Eileen Hooker-Dolata, Leta Knutson, Elaine Leeson, Thor Milton.

ABSENT: Lorne Thrower, Ross Williams, Val Bechard, Tom Brunt, Lorna Lawrence, Margaret Mason, Peter Scott, Lynda Van Leeuwen.

GUESTS & VISITORS: Bev Robinson of London Conference office, Terence & Noreen Whiteye of Moraviantown United Church, Bill Foster of Charing Cross UC, Laurie Logan of Kenesserie Camp, and Jim Clark and Ray Fenton of Highgate UC.

INTRODUCTIONS**WELCOME TO HIGHGATE UNITED CHURCH**

Jim Clark and Ray Fenton welcomed presbyters to Highgate United Church and offered brochures that outlined the history of the churches in the Pastoral Charge.

MINUTES

Motion Ed Nicol/Eric Skillings

That the minutes of the meeting of Kent Presbytery, held on March 4, 2008 be accepted as printed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Received

#	Received	Sent	Via	Sender	Topic	Deal With
200	08-03-06	08-03-06	Email	Jo-Anne Rose G.C. Office	Ministry renewal/Commu nity development	File
201	08-03-07	08-03-07	Email	F. Meadows	Middlesex Minutes posted	File
202	08-03-10	08-03-10	Email	P. Kingsbury	Bulletin Insert	Churches
203	08-03-11	08-03-10	Mail	Wheatley UC	Req. to appoint J. Lovering	Pastoral Relations
204	08-03-19	08-03-19	Email	Registrar	Info for online registration for Conference	To email list
205	08-03-19	08-03-19	Email	Conf. Office	Service materials for Conference Sunday	File and Email list
206	08-03-20	08-03-20	Email	Linda Maw	JSC Contact info for Thamesville	To C. Hockey
207	08-03-25	08-03-18	Mail	E & M Wilson	United in Marriage workshop info.	To meeting
208	08-03-26	08-03-26	Email	H. McLean	April Planned Giving update	Email to churches
209	08-03-27	08-03-27	Email	Tom Broadhurst	Pastoral charges not yet sent stats forms	Contact charges
210	08-03-27	08-03-27	Email	A. Skillings	Notice of posting for pre- conference dinner theatre	Email list
211	08-03-31	08-03-31	Mail	T. Broadhurst	Hard copy of #209 above	Secretary
212	08-03-31	08-03-27	Mail	Sprucedale- Providence	Req. to reappoint L. Belbeck	Pastoral relations
213	08-03-31	0-03-31	Email	J. Lovering	Benefit event for Pat Arnew	Yahoo group
214	08-04-01	08-04-01	Email	P. Kingsbury	Passings in Lambton	Announce at meeting

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Prayers go out to the families of the Rev. Robert (Bob) Whalls of the Port Lambton PC, who died Monday, and to the family of George Larmond, husband of the Rev. Cathy Larmond of Forest United Church. George also passed away Monday. Our sympathies also go to all of Lambton Presbytery

REMITTS FOR 2008

Remit #1 Motion Ed Nicol/Bruce Cook to transmit with concurrence. **CARRIED**

Remit #2 Motion Ed Nicol/Doreen Hewitson to transmit with concurrence. **CARRIED**

Remit #3 Motion Ed Nicol/Bob Shepherd to transmit with concurrence. **CARRIED**

Remit #4 Motion Ed Nicol/Lynn Brown to transmit with concurrence. **CARRIED**

Remit #5 Motion Ed Nicol/Evelyn Mayo to transmit with concurrence. **CARRIED**

Remit #6 Motion Ed Nicol/Barbara Robbins to transmit with concurrence. **CARRIED**

CANADIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES – Margaret Trapnell

Margaret is a delegate to this council representing The United Church of Canada. She made a short presentation to the court, describing the Council's membership, its mandate and some of its actions. The Council is working to find commonalities among its member churches.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

DWO/CIS – Chuck Scott

Motion Chuck Scott/Bob Shepherd

That Kent Presbytery, by the drafting and sending of a letter to the Provincial and Federal Governments, support the Bay of Quinte Conference in its effort to request a moratorium on the prospecting, exploration and mining of uranium in eastern Ontario and the Ottawa River watershed until such time as settlement plans for native land claims exist and all environmental and health issues have been resolved. We also encourage presbytery members and congregations to do likewise. CARRIED

Education & Students – Judith Fayter

Whereas Sharon Campbell-Rayment presently has the standing of being a candidate under guidance of Kent Presbytery, and,
Whereas this court's motion to waive the Testamur requirement for her is still proceeding through the other courts of the Church, and,
Whereas Sharon is willing and will still need to take her internship appointment on this court receiving support for the Testamur waiver, and,
Whereas the normal time for Sharon to complete her course of studies is now close to being completed, and,
Whereas Lambton Presbytery and the Oakdale Pastoral Charge both seem ready to extend Sharon's appointment to that charge for another year, and Sharon seems ready to continue to minister in that charge,
It is moved by Judith Fayter and seconded by Ed Nicol, that Kent Presbytery continue the candidate status for Sharon Campbell-Rayment until June 30, 2009, and that the secretary notify Lambton Presbytery of that action. CARRIED

Pastoral Relations – Barbara Robbins

Cedar Springs Pastoral Charge
Motion Heather Scott/Bonnie Harvey
That Kent Presbytery appoint Mr. Edward A.J. Nicol, Designated Lay Minister, to the Cedar Springs Pastoral Charge, full-time (40 hours per week), for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011, as per the terms of form MEPS 433AP.
CARRIED

Wheatley United Church
Motion Annalee Kerr/Heather Scott
That Kent Presbytery appoint the Rev. John D. Lovering as United Supply to the Wheatley United Church, part-time (24 hours per week), for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, as per the terms of form MEPS 433AP. CARRIED

STAFF REPORTSDirector of Camping and Youth Ministry – Nancy Walker

Nancy brought Presbyters up to date on her work and distributed boxes containing Kenesserie Camp forms and posters, etc. to each congregation.

Chaplain to Clergy - Arlene Ruggles

The last retreat was very worthwhile. It focused on grief and dealt with death and dying. The event was held in the meeting room at Smitty's Restaurant in Chatham. Lunch and fellowship followed the morning session.

Resource Centre – Susan Scaman

This month's display has some real bargains. The deadline to order and purchase the next Seasons of the Spirit materials is May 1.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATIONUCW – Betty Lou Baker

The Annual Meeting of London Conference UCW is April 27 & 28 at St. Andrew's UC in Chatham. Registration closes April 7.

Pastoral Charge Oversight – Margaret Trapnell

Visits are continuing.

Christian Development – Cheryl Kirk

Cheryl discussed the following:

- Booklet “Welcoming Difference”
- The Go Project in Islington
- The committee plans to present an application to the SEED Fund committee soon in aid of Fairfield Museum

Jen Richmond talked about the Kairos event at Five Oaks August 24 – 29. Early registration before May 15, for a discount.

Bev Robinson advised the court that the National Camping meeting will be held at Pearce Williams Centre in September.

Communications – Eric Skillings

- When registering online for Conference Annual meeting, be sure to fill out all parts before keying in “ENTER.”
- Note that the Newsletter contains some informative articles this month as well as advertisements.
- There is a Thomas Organ for sale, along with a pulpit, in Chatham. Contact John Shear at 519-352-6463

MPE – Bonnie Harvey

With regard to item #213 in the correspondence, a motion was brought to the floor.

Motion Bonnie Harvey/Barbara Robbins

That Kent Presbytery donate \$200 to the fund for Pat Arnew.

Amendment Bruce Cook/Doreen Hewitson

That the amount be \$1000.00. CARRIED

The amendment having carried, the vote on the original motion was taken.

Motion CARRIED

All Pastoral Charges and UCW groups are challenged to donate as well.

Women in Ministry – Heather Scott

Next meeting at Heather's April 10 at 10 AM.

Welcoming Congregations – Bob Shepherd

Bob read an email from a young family who had started attending a United Church following a move and have not yet felt welcome, even though they have expressed a desire to join in activities. Note: This was not in Kent Presbytery.

Linnea Good Concert

Tuesday May 27 at Oil Springs. See the Newsletter

Theological Reflection – Arlene Ruggles

Arlene shared her thoughts that she noted during the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with prayer, led by Chairperson Cathy at 9:08 PM

Catherine Collins-Barker, Chairperson

Ed Nicol, Secretary

Next meeting, Tuesday May 6, 2008 at New Scotland United Church