

After Divisions and Committees met at 6:30 PM, Kent Presbytery met in regular session at 7:30 PM, on October 7, 2008, at Blenheim United Church, as per the Consent Docket approved on June 3, 2008. Chairperson Margaret Trapnell constituted the court, and a quorum was present throughout the meeting. Worship was led by the Education & Students Committee. Prior to the worship service, it was **moved, by Elaine Leeson, seconded by Judith Fayter and carried** that the licenses be renewed for the following persons: Pat Arnew, Jim Berry, Janice Clubb, 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, Lynn Brown, Wanda Burse, Cathy Collins-Barker, Bruce Cook, Mary Elford, Judith Fayter, Bruce Fraser, Cheryl Kirk, Linda Maw, Pat Milliken, Ed Nicol, Jennifer Richmond, Meg Runhart, Heather Scott, Eric Skillings, Margaret Trapnell,.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES:

Donna Alexander, Betty Lou Baker, Sharon Ball, Mae Bedford, Alice Dale, Bonnie Harvey, Les Hogg, Marjorie Jackson, Leta Knutson, Betty Krekewich, Lorna Lawrence, Elaine Leeson, Leslie Mancell, Dawn Marwood, Susan Matsuo, Evelyn Mayo, Carolyn McMahan, Thor Milton, Barbara Robbins, Sandy Ryall, Richard Sanford, Diane Sansom, Susan Scaman, Chuck Scott, Joyce Sinasac, Linda Slegers, Marjorie Swayze, Lynda Van Leeuwen, Pat Weaver, Ton Wiltenburg.

REGRETS: George Allan, Lynn Belbeck, Lloyd Brown, Annalee Kerr, Curtis Marwood, Lorne Thrower, Bill Vanderveeken, Nancy Walker, Ross Williams, Wayne Balmer, Mary Lou Crewe, Susan Matsuo, Arlene Ruggles, Bob Shepherd.

ABSENT: Tom Brunt, Doug Cameron, Bill Foster, Eileen Hooker-Dolata, Margaret Mason, Alex Miller, Peter Scott.

GUESTS & VISITORS: Betsy Anderson of Emmanuel College, Matthew Stevens, London Conference Staff, Janice Clubb, of Charing Cross Pastoral Charge.

INTRODUCTIONS Betsy Anderson of Emmanuel College, Matthew Stevens of London Conference Office & Shirley Clark the delegate from Zion UC of the St. Paul's-Zion Botany Pastoral Charge.

WELCOME TO BLENHEIM UNITED CHURCH - Bruce Cook welcomed Presbyters to Blenheim United Church.

EMMANUEL COLLEGE – Betsy Anderson

Betsy showed a video of the college and followed this with a power point presentation of the various educational programs available to students at several levels.

MINUTES

Motion Ed Nicol/Richard Sanford

That the minutes of the meeting of Kent Presbytery held on September 9, 2008 be approved as printed.

Motion Ed Nicol/Barbara Robbins

That the minutes of the meeting of Kent Presbytery Executive held on September 18, 2008 be received for information.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Chairperson Margaret Trapnell made note of the item on page 3 of the Newsletter regarding the aim of the Executive to make Presbytery meetings more pleasant to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received

#	Received	Sent	Via	Sender	Topic	Deal With
065	08-09-19	08-09-19	Email	Conf. Office	Reflections broadcast	Yahoo Groups
066	08-09-22	08-09-22	Email	M. Stevens	Strathroy Food Bank	File
067	08-09-22	08-09-22	Email	Talbot St. PC	Req. to relicense Bob Shepherd LLWL	E & S
068	08-09-22	08-09-22	Phone	Bothwell UC	Sale of manse not completed	F & A
069	08-09-23	08-09-23	Email	M. Brooks	Reminder to clergy re: Riverview Gardens breakfast event	Clergy email list
070	08-09-25	08-09-25	Email	M. Stevens	Project Ploughshares Nominations	Yahoo Groups
071	08-09-25	08-09-25	Email	M. Stevens	Stewardship bulletin insert offer	Yahoo Groups
072	08-09-29	08-09-29	Email	Blenheim UC	Req. to relicense Jim Berry	E & S
073	08-09-29	08-09-29	Email	Conf. Office	Gen. Secretary's weekly letter	File
074	08-09-29	08-09-29	Email	H. McLean	October planned giving update	Churches

075	08-09-29	08-09-29	Email	F. Meadows	Middlesex Minutes posted	File
076	08-09-30	08-09-30	Email	M. Stevens	25 in 5 ebulletin	UCIA
077	08-10-01	08-10-01	Email	M. Stevens	Conf. Liaison Info	Exec.
078	08-10-01	08-10-01	Email	M. Stevens	Shoebox questions	File
079	08-10-01	08-10-01	Email	M. Stevens	Reality check	UCIA
080	08-10-02	08-09-29	Mail	Ridge Community UC	Req. to relicense T. Wiltenburg	E & S
081	08-10-02	08-10-02	Email	J. Lewchuck	G. Vosper event	Kent Clergy
082	08-10-02	08-10-02	Email	M. Stevens	Req. for PC Supervisor for Moraviantown and Kent Info.	P. Relations & Secretary
083	08-10-03	08-10-01	Mail	P. Kingsbury	Copy of motion Conf. E & S April 25/08 re: S. Campbell-Rayment	File
084	08-10-03	08-10-03	Email	Kenesserie	Youth Events	File
085	08-10-03	08-10-03	Email	M. Stevens	Copy of notice of motion UN Declaration	File
086	08-10-03	08-10-03	Email	J. Kincaid	M & S Update	File
087	08-10-03	08-10-03	Email	D. Woodall	Moderator's visit update	File
088	08-10-07	08-10-07	Email	M. Stevens	ISARC Forum & 25 in 5 ebulletin	UCIA
089	08-10-07	08-10-06	Email	Lambton Pres.	Minutes	File

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Nominations – Ed Nicol

Motion Ed Nicol/Cathy Collins-Barker

That Linda Slegers be made a Member-at-Large of Kent Presbytery for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. **CARRIED**

STAFF REPORTING TIME

Resource Centre – Susan Scaman

Susan attended a meeting of Resource Centre directors held in Toronto. She outlined several items available now at the Kent Resource Centre.

Director of Camping & Youth Ministry

Nancy Walker is on vacation.

Chaplain to Clergy

Arlene Ruggles sent her regrets.

REPORT FROM LONDON CONFERENCE – Matthew Stevens

- Each member of Conference staff will now act as a liaison person for three presbyteries. Matthew will be the contact person for Kent Presbytery.
- The goal for the Mission & Service fund is \$31 million. We need to keep promoting giving to the fund in order to offset increasing costs.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATIONFinance & Administration – Cathy Collins-Barker

- Tickets for the two meal-time events during the Moderator's visit on Nov. 7 are now available. Tickets purchased from Cathy Collins-Barker, Sandy Ryall, Nancy Walker, or Meg Runhart.

MISSION in CANADACommunications – Eric Skillings

- The 2008-2009 directory will be sent out by email Wed. Oct. 8.

Christian Development

Laurie Logan

- Volunteers to assist the Kenesserie Camp board are needed, a person to serve as treasurer is needed NOW.

Jennifer Richmond

- Elder Abuse workshop will be held on Sat. Nov. 22 at Victoria Avenue United Church, from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. See the posters for details.
- Youth event information has been mailed to all congregations.

Pastoral Relations – Barbara Robbins

- The Service of Covenanting with Kent Presbytery, the Guilds Pastoral Charge and the Rev. Wanda Burse will be held on Sunday October 19 at 2:30 PM. This is a regular meeting at which all Presbyters are expected to attend.

UNITED CHURCH in ACTION (UCIA)

Meg Runhart

- Habitat for Humanity posters were distributed.

Chuck Scott

- Please visit the United for Peace section of The United Church of Canada website

UCW – Betty Lou Baker

- Posters for the Fall Rally were distributed.

Five Oaks – Bruce Cook

- The Centre is in need of persons to serve on the board. We are asked to pray that one or two persons from London Conference will sense the call.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with the Benediction from Bruce Cook at 9:00 PM.

Margaret Trapnell, Chairperson

Ed Nicol, Secretary