

After Divisions and Committees met at 6:30 PM, Kent Presbytery met in regular session at 7:30 PM, on November 4, 2008, at St. Paul's United Church, as per the Consent Docket approved on June 3, 2008. Past Chairperson Cathy Collins-Barker constituted the court, and a quorum was present throughout the meeting. Worship was led by the United Church in Action Committee. Moira Kerr was the guest speaker.

ATTENDANCE

MINISTRY PERSONNEL:

Michael Brooks, Jim Brown, Lynn Brown, Wanda Burse, Cathy Collins-Barker, Bruce Cook, Mary Elford, Judith Fayter, Bruce Fraser, Annalee Kerr, Cheryl Kirk, Curtis Marwood, Linda Maw, Pat Milliken, Ed Nicol, Meg Runhart, Heather Scott, Eric Skillings, Nancy Walker, Ross Williams.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES:

Donna Alexander, Betty Lou Baker, Sharon Ball, Wayne Balmer, Mae Bedford, Doug Cameron, Shirley Clark, Alice Dale, Bill Foster, Bonnie Harvey, Les Hogg, Marjorie Jackson, Leta Knutson, Betty Krekewich, Lorna Lawrence, Elaine Leeson, Leslie Mancell, Dawn Marwood, Susan Matsuo, Evelyn Mayo, Thor Milton, Barbara Robbins, Arlene Ruggles, Sandy Ryall, Richard Sanford, Diane Sansom, Susan Scaman, Chuck Scott, Joyce Sinasac, Linda Slegers, Marjorie Swayze, Lynda Van Leeuwen, and Ton Wiltenburg.

REGRETS: George Allan, Lynn Belbeck, Lloyd Brown, Jennifer Richmond, Lorne Thrower, Margaret Trapnell, Bill Vanderveeken, Mary Lou Crewe, Grace Harvey, Doreen Hewitson, Pat Weaver.

ABSENT: Elliot Arnold, Tom Brunt, Eileen Hooker-Dolata, Margaret Mason, Carolyn McMahon, Alex Miller, Thor Milton, Peter Scott, Bob Shepherd,

GUESTS & VISITORS: Moira Kerr, from St. Paul's UC, who spoke on her trip to observe with the Christian Council of Mozambique.

INTRODUCTIONS

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH Rev. Jim Brown and laypersons Linda Slegers, Shirley Clark and Wayne Balmer welcomed presbyters with a brief history of each of the three congregations in the Pastoral Charge.

MINUTES

Motion Ed Nicol/Bonnie Harvey

That the minutes of the meeting of Kent Presbytery held on October 7, 2008 be approved as printed. **CARRIED**

Motion Ed Nicol/Marjorie Jackson

That the minutes of the meeting of Kent Presbytery Executive held on October 16, 2008 be received for information. **CARRIED**

Motion Ed Nicol/Eric Skillings

That the minutes of the Covenanting Service held on October 19, 2008 be approved as printed, noting that correspondence and business arising from correspondence were inserted into the proposed agenda. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Received

#	Received	Sent	Via	Sender	Topic	Deal With
097	08-10-16	08-10-16	Email	M. Brooks	Archival items	Secretary
098	08-10-16	08-10-16	Email	E. Skillings	Directory update	File
099	08-10-20	08-10-20	Email	M. Runhart	Allocations United for Peace	Kent Churches & Kent Clergy
100	08-10-22	08-10-22	Email	B. Robinson	Youth Rally poster	Yahoo Group
101	08-10-22	08-10-22	Email	Sprucedale UC	Req. SEED application etc	E. Skillings
102	08-10-22	08-10-22	Email	J. Kincaid	M & S Update	File
103	08-10-23	08-10-23	Email	Conf. Office	Sept. Exec. Minutes	File
104	08-10-23	08-10-23	Email	G.C. Office	Press Release Truth & Reconciliation Commissioners	File
105	08-10-24	08-10-24	Email	Conf. Office	Letter re: Goals	Exec.
106	08-10-24	08-10-24	Email	M. Stevens	Affordable housing	Yahoo Group
107	08-10-27	08-10-27	Email	M. Stevens	Who is M&S contact	Secretary
108	08-10-28	08-10-28	Email	H. McLean	November Planned Giving info	Kent Churches
109	08-10-28	08-10-28	Email	G.C. Office	Press release re: you tube site	File
110	08-10-30	08-10-30	Email	St. Paul's- Zion-Botany	Req. For leadership at meeting	Pastoral Relations
111	08-10-31	08-10-31	Email	Conf. Office	Moderator's Itinerary	Local Committee & Chair

112	08-10-31	08-10-31	Email	M. Trapnell	Reminder to clergy re Conf. President to meet with clergy before Dec. Meeting	Kent Clergy
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BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Item #105 will be taken to the next meeting of the Executive.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Finance & Administration – Doug Cameron

Motion Michael Brooks/Bill Foster

That the proposed budget with a total of \$124,686.00 be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

This budget will result in an increase from \$21.15 to \$23.23 per resident member for the 2009 assessment to each pastoral charge.

Motion Linda Slegers/Shirley Clark

That Kent Presbytery approve the application of the Tilbury-Quinn Pastoral Charge for a Manse Energy Audit and Conservation Grant. **CARRIED**

During the discussion of this motion Former Past Chairperson Jim Brown assumed the duties of chairperson while Cathy Collins-Barker spoke to the application.

STAFF REPORTING TIME

Resource Centre – Susan Scaman

Presbyters were invited to visit the display table and congregations are urged to invite Susan to provide a similar display at their churches.

Director of Camping & Youth Ministry – Nancy Walker

Nancy reported on several recent events including Walk the Talk. Upcoming events are:

- November Rally
- Live Loud with the Moderator
- Elder Abuse Workshop
- Advent Awakening Worship
- The Swell

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Finance & Administration – Michael Brooks

A DVD prepared by the London Conference Archives Committee was shown. Items which need to go to the Archives in Toronto may be sent via members of the Committee.

Doug Cameron

A workshop on the centralized payroll forms and other concerns will be held in early 2009.

Education & Students – Wanda Burse

The next session for training persons as Licensed Lay Worship Leaders will begin Jan. 19, 2009. Details will be announced shortly.

Ministry, Personnel, & Education - Bonnie Harvey

There is a need for an orientation pack for new ministry personnel.

Motion Bruce Cook/Michael Brooks

That the Communications Committee prepare an Orientation Package for new personnel. CARRIED

Pastoral Charge Oversight – Lynn Brown

The visit to the Highgate – Morpeth – Turin Pastoral Charge has been completed and the report filed.

United Church in Action – Meg Runhart

The Hope Catalogue has been distributed for those wishing to send Christmas Gifts that support various missions.

Theological Reflection – Arlene Ruggles

Arlene shared her thoughts on the happenings of tonight's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Next Executive Meeting – Thurs. Nov. 20 - 9:30 AM at Sprucedale United Church

Next Presbytery Meeting – Tues. Dec. 2, at Charing Cross United Church.

NOTE: This is the Christmas meeting. Clergy personnel will gather at 3:00PM to meet with Conference President Susan Cameron. Potluck supper before the Presbytery meeting.

Catherine Collins-Barker, Chair

Ed Nicol, Secretary