

After Divisions and Committees met at 6:15 PM, Kent Presbytery met in regular session at 7:30 PM, on September 8, 2009, at Victoria Avenue United Church, as per the Consent Docket approved on June 2, 2009. Chairperson Chuck Scott constituted the court, and a quorum was present throughout the meeting.

ATTENDANCE

MINISTRY PERSONNEL:

Lynn Belbeck, Lynn Brown, Wanda Burse, Bruce Cook, Mary Elford, Judith Fayter, Bruce Fraser, Annalee Kerr, Cheryl Kirk, Curtis Marwood, Ed Nicol, Meg Runhart, Heather Scott, Eric Skillings, Margaret Trapnell, Nancy Walker, Ross Williams.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES:

Elliot Arnold, Betty Lou Baker, Sharon Ball, Mae Bedford, Doug Cameron, Alice Dale, Bill Foster, Bonnie Harvey, Doreen Hewitson, Les Hogg, Lorna Lawrence, Elaine Leeson, John W. Leeson, Leslie Mancell, Dawn Marwood, Margaret Mason, Evelyn Mayo, Carolyn McMahon, Jennifer Richmond, Richard Sanford, Susan Scaman, Chuck Scott, Joyce Sinasac, Linda Slegers, Lynda Van Leeuwen, Tracy Wygiera.

REGRETS: George Allan, Jim Brown, Lloyd Brown, Linda Maw, Pat Milliken, Bill Vanderveeken, Shirley Clark, Mary Lou Crewe, Grace Harvey, Marjorie Jackson, Susan Matsuo, Thor Milton, Barbara Robbins, Arlene Ruggles, Sandy Ryall, Diane Sansom, Marjorie Swayze, Pat Weaver.

ABSENT: Lilian Patey, Lorne Thrower, Johanna VanderSpek, Donna Alexander, Wayne Balmer, Tom Brunt, Eileen Hooker-Dolata, Betty Krekewich, Peter Scott, Ton Wiltenburg

GUESTS & VISITORS: Jered Oliver, delegate to Youth Forum 2009. Matthew Stevens, London Conference Staff, Janice Clubb, alternate delegate from Wesley UC.

INTRODUCTIONS: Cathy Larmond, new ministry person at Tuppersville.

Chuck Scott, Margaret Trapnell and Jared Oliver, who attended General Council #40, led worship. They used the theme of the General Council meeting, which was "Down to the Potter's House". Their report on the meeting was incorporated into the worship service.

MINUTES

Motion Ed Nicol/Judith Fayter

That the minutes of the meeting of Kent Presbytery held on June 2, 2009 be adopted as printed. **CARRIED**

Motion Ed Nicol/Heather Scott

That the minutes of the meetings of the Executive of Kent Presbytery held on June 18, July 14, and July 28, 2009 be received for information. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The sale of the former Erie Street United Church property in Ridgetown will close on September 11, 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received

#	Received	Sent	Via	Sender	Topic	Deal With
024	09-07-02	09-07-02	Email	M. Stevens 2 items	Recalcitrant Pastoral Charges M&S	Secretary
025	09-07-025	09-07-02	Email	F. Meadows	Middlesex Minutes posted	File
026	09-07-07	09-07-07	Email	M. Stevens	Req. for photos	Yahoo Group
027	09-07-07	09-07-07	Email	M. Stevens	Meeting Healthy Living	Yahoo Group
028	09-07-07	09-06-25	Mail	G.C. Office	Change of Broker of Record UC general insurance plan	File
029	09-07-08	09-07-07	Mail	Tupperville PC	Request to approve call	Executive
030	09-07-14	09-07-14	Email	C. Hockey	Membership list of Conf. DWO	Secretary
031	09-07-14	09-07-14	Email	C. Scott	Essex concur with Wheatley assessment info on pg. 2009/2010- 11	File
032	09-07-21	0907-21	Email	Conf. Office	H. McLean contact info	Email list
033	09-07-24	09-07-21	Mail	Conf. Office	Warrant to covenant C. Larmond	Pastoral Relations
034	09-07-27	09-07-27	Email	C. Marwood	DWO Information	Kent Email list

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035	09-0727	09-07-27	Email	Conf. Office	Archives contact information	Email list & Churches File
036	09-07-29	09-07-21	Mail	G.C. Office	Annual report	
037	09-08-03	09-08-03	Email	St. Andrew's UCW	Upcoming event	Yahoo group and web site
038	09-08-05	09-08-05	Email	C. Hockey	Charities information	Churches
039	09-08-10	09-08-05	Mail	Lambton Pres.	MEPS 451TR Larmond	Sent to Conf. Office
040	09-08-13	09-08-13	Email	Conf. Office	Lic. To marry retired personnel	MPE
041	09-08-14	09-08-14	Email	G.C. #40	Press release – NO national boycott Israel	File
042	09-08-18	09-08-18	Email	Conf. Office	Pedal for the Planet	Email list & Churches File
043	09-08-20	09-08-20	Email	G.C. Office	No national boycott	
044	09-08-20	09-08-20	Email	G.C. Office	Concern for Palestinian Town	File
045	09-08-24	09-08-20	Mail	Wabash UC	Req. to relicense J. Sinasc LLWL	E & S
046	09-08-24	09-08-24	Email	T. Broadhurst	All stats form now in	File
047	09-08-24	09-08-24	Email	G.C. Office	New online site for camping ministries	Yahoo group
048	09-08-26	09-08-26	Email	Harry Stewart	Focus on the Gay Family gathering	Yahoo groups
049	09-08-27	09-08-27	Email	Chuck Scott	More Voices workshop	Churches and clergy

050	09-08-31	09-08-31	Email	Conf. Office	Preaching workshop in Sarnia	Email list
051	09-09-01	09-08-31	Email	Emmanuel College	Con Ed info	Kent Clergy
052	09-09-02	09-08 31	Email	H. McLean	September Greetings	Kent churches
053	09-09-02	09-09-01	Email	P. Kingsbury	CRA changes	Kent Clergy & Churches
054	09-09-02	09-09-01	Email	E. Skillings	Alive & Kicking	Kent email list
055	09-09-03	09-09-03	Email	Conf. Office	Church school teachers event	Kent Churches & Clergy
056	09-09-08	09-09-08	Hand	Blenheim UC	Req. to relicence Jim Berry LLWL	E & S

Business Arising from Correspondence

None

THANK YOU

Bruce Cook expressed thanks from his family for the support and prayers following the passing of their son and brother, David Cook.

WELCOME TO VICTORIA AVENUE UNITED CHURCH

Lorna Lawrence welcomed Presbyters to Victoria Avenue and updated the court on the search for a new worship space.

REPORTS FOR ACTION

Education & Students – Elaine Leeson

Motion Elaine Leeson/Annalee Kerr

That the licenses as Licensed Lay Worship Leader be renewed for the following persons: Jim Berry, Bonnie Harvey, Leslie Mancell, Margaret Mason, Thor Milton, Donna Jean Pollard and Joyce Sinasac. **CARRIED**

Motion Elaine Leeson/Judith Fayter

That the licenses as Licensed Lay Worship Leader be renewed for the following persons pending receipt of recommendation from their Pastoral Charge: Janice Clubb and Susan Scaman. **CARRIED**

Motion Elaine Leeson/Wanda Burse

That when a Licensed Lay Worship Leader had been engaged by a congregation or Pastoral Charge to lead a service and within 96 hours prior to the service, said service is cancelled, the leader will be given at least 50% of the prescribed rate for Sunday Supply, by the Pastoral Charge. **CARRIED**

RESOURCE CENTRE MINUTE – Susan Scaman

Books from the former lending library are being given away to anyone who is interested. Several books are at the meeting and many more are at the Resource Centre.

STAFF REPORTING TIME

Director of Camping and Youth Ministry – Nancy Walker

- Kenesserie had another good year
- Corn Maze event Sept. 18 See Newsletter
- Walk the Talk Oct. 16 – 18 See Newsletter
- November Rally Nov. 5-8 See Newsletter

Chaplain to Clergy

Arlene was not available for the meeting.

CONFERENCE REPORT – Matthew Stevens

- Matthew asked us to increase support for the Mission & Service Fund, both in our giving and promoting giving by Pastoral Charges

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Education & Students – Elaine Leeson

- The Kent prayer shawl was presented to Pat Arnew, and was very much appreciated

United Church in Action

Sharon Ball

- Make use of the Chatham-Kent Reuse It Group whose web page is:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/phrase/offers-tangible-value>

Meg Runhart showed several books

- 100 Mile Diet
- Jane Goodall
- The Green Food Bible
- Mandate (May Issue)
- Observer (June Issue)

Christian Development – Cheryl Kirk

- Elder Abuse workshop Sept. 10
- Sunday School leaders event at Five Oaks Oct. 13

UCW – Betty Lou Baker

- Fall Rally Sat. Oct. 17 in Wallaceburg, see page 3 in Newsletter

Ministry, Personnel & Education – Bonnie Harvey

- Covenanting Service for Rev. Cathy Larmond, Sun. Sept. 27 @ 2:00 PM in Lindsay Road United Church

Communications – Eric Skillings

- Those who need name tags or to have them revised, please contact Eric ASAP
- If you have updated information for the Presbytery Directory, please advise Eric.

Rural Life – Eric Skillings

- Alive & Kicking workshops the week of Sept 21. The Kent meeting will be Wed. Sept. 23 in Thamesville UC. See the newsletter page 4

Stewardship – Alice Dale

- M&S Commitment forms need to be updated for several charges.

Order of the Day

Motion Eric Skillings/Mary Elford

That the order of the day be extended by 15 minutes. CARRIED

REFLECTION – Chuck Scott

- Chuck made a presentation on Spiritual Practices and has invited others to offer input at future meetings. See page 3 of the Newsletter under “Walking With” for more information. Persons willing to share at the October meeting are requested to contact the Chairperson.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 with a reading based on a resource from the “Whole People Covenant – End of Meeting” from General Council #40 and the Benediction from the *Gathering Prayer Resource*.

Chuck Scott, Chairperson

Ed Nicol, Secretary