

After a time of desserts, refreshments and fellowship, Kent Presbytery met in regular session at 6:55 PM, on December 1, 2009, at St. Paul's United Church, with a quorum present throughout. Chairperson Chuck Scott constituted the court for a short business meeting.

#### ATTENDANCE

##### ***MINISTRY PERSONNEL:***

Jim Brown, Lloyd Brown, Wanda Burse, Bruce Cook, Mary Elford, Judith Fayter, Annalee Kerr, Cheryl Kirk, Cathy Larmond, Pat Milliken, Ed Nicol, Meg Runhart, Heather Scott, Eric Skillings, Margaret Trapnell, Johanna VanderSpek, Ross Williams.

##### ***LAY REPRESENTATIVES:***

Donna Alexander, Betty Lou Baker, Sharon Ball, Mae Bedford, Tom Brunt, Doug Cameron, Alice Dale, Bonnie Harvey, Grace Harvey, Doreen Hewitson, Les Hogg, Marjorie Jackson, Betty Krekewich, Leslie Mancell, Evelyn Mayo, Carolyn McMahon, Barbara Robbins, Arlene Ruggles, Richard Sanford, Diane Sansom, Susan Scaman, Chuck Scott, Joyce Sinasac, Linda Slegers, Lynda Van Leeuwen, and Tracy Wygiera.

***REGRETS:*** George Allan, Lynn Belbeck, Lynn Brown, Bruce Fraser, Curtis Marwood, Linda Maw, Lorne Thrower, Nancy Walker, Elliot Arnold, Mary Lou Crewe, Lorna Lawrence, Elaine Leeson, Dawn Marwood, Sandy Ryall, Marjorie Swayze,

***ABSENT:*** Lilian Patey, Wayne Balmer, Shirley Clark, Bill Foster, Eileen Hooker-Dolata, John W. Leeson, Margaret Mason, Susan Matsuo, Thor Milton, Jennifer Richmond, Peter Scott, Pat Weaver, Ton Wiltenburg.

***GUESTS, ALTERNATE DELEGATES AND VISITORS:*** Doug Wright, President of London Conference. Many partners and spouses also attended, along with several members from St. Paul's United Church.

***WELCOME:*** Sharon Ball welcomed presbyters and guests to St. Paul's United Church.

#### **REPORTS for ACTION**

##### **Pastoral Relations – Barbara Robbins**

Chatham-St. Andrew's

Motion Jim Brown/Cathy Larmond

That Kent Presbytery approve the call of the Rev. C. Mark Perry to the Chatham-St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge full-time (40 hours per week) effective March 1, 2009 as per the terms of form MEPS 435 CPC. **CARRIED**

Chatham-Sprucedale

Motion Bonnie Harvey/Cathy Larmond

That Kent Presbytery approve the request of the Chatham-Sprucedale Pastoral Charge to change the designation of the position of Designated Lay Minister to Congregational Designated Minister, effective January 1, 2010, part-time (16 hours per week). **CARRIED**

Dawn Valley-Dresden-Rutherford

Motion Cathy Larmond/Ed Nicol

That Kent Presbytery disband the Joint Needs Assessment Committee for the Dawn Valley – Dresden – Rutherford Pastoral Charge. **CARRIED**

Motion Bonnie Harvey/Jim Brown

That Kent Presbytery appoint the Rev. Curtis Marwood as the Presbytery representative to assist the individual congregations of Dawn Valley, Dresden, and Rutherford as they transition from the current Pastoral Charge. **CARRIED**

Rural Life – Eric SkillingsRidgetown Chaplaincy

Motion Marjorie Jackson/Eric Skillings

That \$500.00 be donated to the Ridgetown Chaplaincy Program from the Rural Life budget. **CARRIED**

As the Ridgetown Chaplaincy Program, at the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus, connects with students from across Chatham Kent and from Southwestern Ontario, we challenge Kent Presbytery Churches to consider similar donations.

Conference President – Doug Wright

Doug addressed the court and invited guests to share things that are being done in Kent to share the message with other denominations or other United Church congregations. He then invited the Chair and Secretary to assist in a presentation to promote M & S givings.

Other ReportsChaplain to Clergy – Arlene Ruggles

- Arlene has posted an Advent message on the Kent Presbytery web page
- There will be a gathering for licensed lay worship leaders at Arlene's home on December 4.

Chairperson's Remarks – Chuck Scott

- There is still time to sign up for "More Franchises than Tim Hortons" event
- The Schedule for the January 5 meeting is still in limbo, as we await further word from Nora Sanders

Worship

We then moved to the sanctuary for a worship service. Chuck Scott, Eric Skillings and Margaret Trapnell led the service with readings and prayers. Jim Brown presided over Communion, assisted by Doug Wright. During the service the President of Conference was presented with a gift. Several musical pieces were presented by the choir of St. Paul's, with Doreen Hewitson accompanying on clarinet.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM with benediction by Margaret Trapnell.

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Chuck Scott, Chairperson

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Ed Nicol, Secretary

## Next Meetings

- Full Court – St. Andrew's UC Chatham on January 5
- Executive – St. Paul's on January 21 at 9:30 AM

Kent Presbytery United Church of Canada  
Is called to meet on January 5, 2010 at  
St. Andrew's United Church  
85 William St. S.  
Chatham, ON

## AGENDA

Learning & Worship Meeting

Guest Speaker – Rev. Alan Hall

Executive Officer of the Human Resources United Online  
General Council Office

**3:00 PM** All presbyters and other members of all congregations are invited to attend session with guest speaker on such topics as recruitment and preparation for ministry etc.

**5:00 PM** Break

**5:30 PM** Dinner (Free will donation)

**6:30 PM** Break

**7:00 PM** Constitution of the court

Worship Service under leadership by worship committee. Bring your Star Bags, if your congregation has been using them

Presentation by Alan Hall

**9:00 PM** Adjournment

NOTE: There are no committee or division meetings scheduled. Any division or committee that wishes to meet before the gathering time are asked to call St. Andrew's office to arrange space. (519) 352-0010.

**\*\*\*\* NOTE: If you plan to attend the dinner, please register with Chuck Scott by Dec. 30. @ 519-352-0464 or [cscott@ciaccess.com](mailto:cscott@ciaccess.com)**