

The executive of Kent Presbytery met as per the Consent Docket approved on June 1, 2010, at Erie Street United Church, Ridgetown. Chairperson Judith Fayter constituted the meeting at 9:30 AM. A quorum was present throughout. Worship took the form of a reflection on Luke 16.

ATTENDANCE

MINISTRY PERSONNEL: Judith Fayter, Annalee Kerr, Ed Nicol, and Margaret Trapnell.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES: Doug Cameron, Carolyn Fraser Bonnie Harvey, Barbara Robbins, Chuck Scott

REGRETS:, Eric Skillings

Guests & Visitors: Heather McLean, Acting Executive Secretary, London Conference

AGENDA – The agenda was adopted as per the consent docket of June 1, 2010.

MINUTES

Motion Ed Nicol/Margaret Trapnell

That the minutes of the meetings of the Executive of Kent Presbytery held on June 17, 2010 be accepted as printed. **CARRIED**

Motion Ed Nicol/Barbara Robbins

That the minutes of the meeting of Kent Presbytery held on September 7, 2010 be received for information. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Received

#	Received	Sent	Via	Sender	Topic	Deal With
069	10-09-08	10-09-08	Email	Five Oaks	Breakthroughs Event	Google Group
070	10-09-08	10-09-08	Email	G.C. Office	Pakistan relief	Kent email list
071	10-09-08	10-09-08	Email	J. Buttars	Shaw Leadership Program	Google Group
072	10-09-10	10-09-09	Email	Lambton Presbytery	Stewardship workshop	Google Group
073	10-09-10	10-09-10	Email	Conf. Office	St. Andrew's College reunion	Google Group
074	10-09-10	10-09-10	Email	G.C. Office	Gen. Secretary's weekly letter	File
075	10-09-10	10-09-10	Email	Lisa Di Veto	Planned Giving material	Kent Churches

076	10-09-10	10-09-10	Email	Blenheim UC Council	Req. for appointment	Pastoral Relations
077	10-09-13	10-09-13	Email	Talbot St. UC	Req. renew Licence A. Ruggles LLWL	E & S
078	10-09-13	10-09-13	Email	G.C. Office	Extension of date for matching funds Pakistan	File
079	10-09-14	10-09-14	Email	Conf. Office	Pre-retirement seminar	Kent email list
080	10-09-14	10-09-14	Email	G.C. Office	Req. for comments simplifying processes	Kent email list
081	10-09-14	10-09-14	Email	M. Stevens	3 rd Anniversary of UN Declaration Aboriginal Peoples	Google Group
082	10-09-14	10-09-14	Email	Emmanuel College	Events for Prospective students	Google Group
083	10-09-16	10-09-16	Hand	Dawn Valley UC	Req. to form Joint Venture with Oil Springs UC	Executive
084	10-09-16	19-09-10	Hand	Trustees of Rutherford UC	Request to approve sale of building	Executive

REPORTS

Conference Executive – Heather McLean

- Betsy Exley has been appointed by London Conference Executive to the position of Faith Formation, Youth and Young Adults Minister, effective January 1, 2011.
- Open House for new Conference office facility is the afternoon of September 21, 2010
- Presbytery chairs have offered feedback with the thought that perhaps it would be more efficient to have each presbytery elect a delegate to be the representative to conference on a three (3) year term instead of the Presbytery Chairpersons
- Perhaps at one meeting per year, the Presbytery Chairpersons and Secretaries would attend one session so that the Presbytery executives would be up to speed

United Church in Action (UCIA) – Annalee Kerr

- The Canadian government has extended the date to provide matching funds for Pakistan Flood Relief to October 3, 2010
- Bill and Karen Butt will be at Thamesville United Church on September 28
- The Witmers will be at Sprucedale United Church on Oct. 3, 2010 at @ 2:00 PM

Ministry, Personnel & Education – Bonnie Harvey

Motion Bonnie Harvey/Barbara Robbins

That Kent Presbytery approve the request of the Dawn Valley congregation to pursue a Joint Venture with the Oil Springs congregation of Lambton Presbytery to provide ongoing ministry. **CARRIED**

Motion Barbara Robbins/Margaret Trapnell

That Bonnie Harvey be appointed as the representative from Kent Presbytery to the committee organizing the Joint Venture between Dawn Valley United Church and Oil Springs United Church. **CARRIED**

Finance & Administration – Doug Cameron

Rutherford United Church

Motion Doug Cameron/Bonnie Harvey

That Kent Presbytery approve the sale of the Rutherford United Church building and property located at the municipal address of 4640 Lambton Line as per the following terms

- Purchase is New Hope Christian Fellowship Church
- Price includes the building, land, tables and chairs and dishes
- Selling price is thirty two thousand dollars (\$32,000.00)
- Closing date of October 30, 2010
- And that that the disposition of monies after all debts of the Rutherford United Church have been paid be as follows:

• Conference Archives Fund	2%
• Kenesserie Camp	25%
• Mission and Service Fund	30%
• Kent Presbytery Student Bursary Fund	25%
• Blackburn Cemetery	9%
• Township of Dawn Euphemia (Florence)	9%
- **CARRIED**

Highgate United Church

There was a lengthy discussion regarding an offer to purchase the Highgate United Church building and property. It was noted that the building has served the community for many years in many ways. Members also felt that the idea of continuing to serve in some way, now that the congregation has voted to disband, would be good stewardship. It was felt that Executive would like to agree in principal to the proposal, but we did not know what the final cost to the congregation might be. Therefore our representatives will meet with the Trustees of Highgate United Church to discuss a counter proposal once we have ascertained any legal costs. The Secretary will convey this to the Board of Trustees in a letter.

Tilbury-Quinn Pastoral Charge

There was some discussion regarding the motions passed on November 3, 2009 and shown on page 2009/2010-37. There was also discussion regarding the wording in a motion passed on May 20, 2010, noted on page 2009/2010-99. In light of concerns raised over the wording of the motion of May 20, 2010, the following amendment was brought to the table:

Motion Margaret Trapnell/Doug Cameron

That the motion passed on May 20, 2010 and published on page 2009/2010-99 be amended to read; "That Executive is unable to consent to the request from the Tilbury-Quinn Pastoral Charge for the use of manse funds, sue to incomplete information provided in the mailing received on May 7, 2010. **CARRIED**

The presbytery representatives to the Transition Committee will continue to work with the people of the pastoral charge to assist them in reaching the goals set out in the request that began this process.

Pastoral Relations - Barbara Robbins

The Rev. Bruce Cook is presently on Long Term Disability and therefore the Blenheim Pastoral Charge is without a minister. Upon consultation with the Church Council, the following motion was presented.

Motion - Barbara Robbins/Bonnie Harvey

That Kent Presbytery appoint the Rev. Stephen Atkinson, United Supply to the Blenheim Pastoral Charge for the period of September 27, 2010 through June 30, 2011, as per the terms of form PR 433 AP. **CARRIED**

Motion Doug Cameron/Barbara Robbins

That Kent Presbytery request the transfer in membership for the Rev. Stephen Atkinson from Essex Presbytery to Kent Presbytery, effective September 27, 2010. **CARRIED**

Pastoral Charge Oversight – Margaret Trapnell

Margaret reported that she had attended a meeting with the Building Feasibility Committee of Victoria Avenue United Church, and the group is making progress.

United Church Women (UCW) – Carolyn Fraser

- The group is attempting to improve communications within its various facets
- The Fall Rally is at Lindsay Road United Church on October 16, 2010. The rally will run from 12:30 to 3:30 PM. The guest speaker is Dr. Elizabeth Sherwin of Blenheim.

NEW BUSINESS

The next annual meeting of London Conference will be held in Sault Ste. Marie, which is part of Algoma Presbytery. Delegates are advised to plan well in advance. Travel plans cannot be left until the last minute. If so desired, bus charters should be planned. Those who plan to travel via the United States should have all the proper documentation. e.g. Passport, or Nexus card or enhanced driver's license. As well, out of province medical insurance should be obtained.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 PM with prayers led by Heather McLean

Judith Fayter, Chairperson

Ed Nicol, Secretary

Next Meetings:

Kent Presbytery

October 5 at New Scotland United Church at **7:00 PM**

Kent Executive

October 21 at Erie Street United Church at 9:30 AM

Kent Presbytery United Church of Canada
Is called to meet on October 5, 2010 at
New Scotland United Church
New Scotland Line @ Kent Bridge Road
Chatham-Kent, ON

AGENDA

6:30 PM

Registration, name tags, coffee and fellowship

7:00 PM

Constitution of the court

Worship Service including the licensing and re-licensing of Licensed Lay

Worship leaders.

Break

Presentation - Document "A New Day"

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 Wanda Burse to arrange space.