

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 Mark 4:26-32

ATTENDANCE

MINISTRY PERSONNEL: Judith Fayter, Ed Nicol, Eric Skillings and Margaret Trapnell.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES: Bonnie Harvey, Barbara Robbins, Chuck Scott

REGRETS: Annalee Kerr, Doug Cameron, Carolyn Fraser,

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/Chuck Scott

That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive of Kent Presbytery held on October 21, 2010 be accepted as printed. **CARRIED**

Motion Ed Nicol/Bonnie Harvey

That the minutes of the meeting of Kent Presbytery held on November 2, 2010 be received for information. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Received

#	Received	Sent	Via	Sender	Topic	Deal With
142	10-11-04	10-11-04	Email	Conf. Office	Mailing in Nov. Observer	Kent Churches
143	10-11-04	10-11-04	Email	Oxford Pres.	Music items for sale	Google Group
144	10-11-05	10-11-05	Email	N. Cressman	Conciliation Services workshop	Google Group
145	10-11-06	10-11-06	Email	Melanie Kirk	Thank you for Presbytery support	File
146	10-11-06	10-11-06	Email	M. Elford	Highgate disbanding questions	F & A
147	10-11-06	10-11-06	Email	D. Cameron	Answers to #146	File
148	10-11-10	10-11-10	Email	J. Richmond	Email address change	File

149	10-11-10	10-11-08	Mail	G.C. Office	Res. Schools Update	File
150	10-11-10	10-11-08	Mail	G. C. Office	Rendezvous Poster	File
151	10-11-11	10-11-11	Email	Yvonne Vanderbeld	Sheet music for sale	Kent Churches
152	10-11-11	10-11-11	Email	Lambton Presbytery	Exec. Minutes	File
153	10-11-11	10-11-11	Email	C. Fraser	Regrets and UCW report for Executive	Secretary
154	10-11-12	10-11-12	Email	M. Runhart	Offer to arrange bus to Algoma	Mary Elford
155	10-11-15	10-11-15	Email	Conf. Office	Clergy support from P. Kingsbury	File
156	10-11-15	10-11-15	Email	M. Elford	Highgate disband date	F & A
157	10-11-16	10-11-16	Email	G.C. Office	UCC Protect	Kent Churches & Executive
158	10-11-16	10-11-16	Email	D. Liepold	Stepping Stones mailing	File
159	10-11-16	10-11-16	Hand	Sarah Preston	Thank you for support to November Rally	File
160	10-11-18	10-11-17	Email	M. Stevens	GAN Questionnaire	Kent Churches

REPORTS

Conference Executive - Judith Fayter

- Ridgetown Chaplaincy will receive a Mission Support Grant in 2011, in the amount of \$3750.00
- The Annual Meeting will continue to honour retirees. The manner in which they are honoured may change from previous years
- The assessment for 2011 will be reduced by \$0.30 per resident member, due to a smaller than expected reduction in members.

Conference Executive continued - Heather McLean

- Changes in Pastoral Relations procedures will be tested in another conference beginning in January with a questionnaire sent to ministry personnel
- 3 remits will be coming in 2011. They will cover the the 1940 Statement of Faith, the New Creed, and the Song of Faith. A booklet, "Our Words of Faith" will soon be available for all to study. These remits will go to Pastoral Charges and Presbyteries

Ministry, Personnel & Education - Bonnie Harvey

Chaplain to Clergy

Bonnie presented a proposed document to outline the agreement between the Chaplain to Clergy and Kent Presbytery. The responsibilities and hours and remuneration are laid out. After some discussion and a few changes in wording the following motion was tabled.

Motion Bonnie Harvey/Barbara Robbins

That Kent Presbytery approve the document Chaplain to Clergy of Kent Presbytery.

CARRIED Note: Agreement document is appended at end of these minutes

Covenanting Service

It was noted that due to new, more stringent police checks, we are still waiting for a new police records check for the Rev. Stephen Atkinson. The pastoral relations committee also noted that appointments of terms longer than 6 months are to be covenanting. After a phone call to Peter Kingsbury, London Conference Personnel Minister, the following motion was presented.

Motion Barbara Robbins/Margaret Trapnell

That a Service of Covenanting between Kent Presbytery, the Blenheim Pastoral Charge and the Rev. Stephen Atkinson be held on December 5, 2010 at Blenheim United Church.

CARRIED

Division of Mission in Canada - Eric Skillings

Rural Life

- Rural life is seeking other worthy items to support as their are funds still available from the 2010 budget

Accessibility

- The Customer Care portion of the Accessibility Act must be in place by Jan. 01, 2012

Pastoral Charge Oversight - Margaret Trapnell

- A visit to Victoria Avenue United Church was very successful
- 2011 visits are now being planned

United Church Women (UCW)- In the absence of Carolyn Fraser, here is the report she submitted by email.

There is not a lot of immediate things to report. Many of the UCW's are busy with co-ordinating suppers, bazaars, fashion shows etc. Money raising events are no longer to be the focus of UCW yet many churches are so dependent upon them. There are some positive changes as men and young people are starting to help the women with the work.

UCW 's are often noted as an aging out-dated group invisible to the church of today. BUT they are very visible to the grandchild who is cared for on a sick day when parents are at work, visible volunteering in food banks, hospitals, visible to the shut-in who receives a casserole for supper or visible as a listening ear to a person who has just lost his/ her partner. They are very visible to the cancer patient who is taken to his/her appointment or to the lonesome university/college

student who gets a surprise letter on a down day. They are very visible to the many people who benefit from support to the Mission & Service Fund and community charities etc.etc.etc.

Remembering the example of Jesus in his community, UCW women on their faith journey, service to others takes many avenues. Women involved have two hands, one to help themselves while the other to help others. They have arms which hold those two hands which hopefully are open to embrace new challenges. We pray that UCW whatever form it takes will continue to be a blessing for those who support it, benefit from it and promote it!!!

UNITED CHURCH IN ACTION - Report received from Annalee Kerr along with regrets for absence.

A reminder to everyone of the Eid Party with the C-K Muslim Association--5:00 at the Senior's Centre on Merritt Ave. Nov. 27th. Bring a salad or dessert (no pork, bacon or lard) . Hassan would like us to RSVP at 519 351 6941. He is really hoping for a good turn out. They have invited 2 imams from London and 1 from Windsor. He has asked me to speak briefly about interfaith relations (mentioning Dr. Abuelaish's book "I Shall Not Hate"). He would also like Judith or her representative to bring greetings from Kent Presbytery. This will be followed by a panel discussion where anyone can ask questions. Should be interesting.

December 7 Meeting - Judith Fayter

Any committees or divisions wishing to meet prior to the meeting time, please contact Judith Fayter in advance.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 AM with prayer led by Bonnie Harvey

Judith Fayter, Chairperson

Ed Nicol, Secretary

AGENDA
KENT PRESBYTERY
Is called to meet for its annual
CHRISTMAS MEETING

AT

ERIE STREET UNITED CHURCH
7 Erie Street North, Ridgetown
Tuesday December 7, 2010

6:30 PM Registration, name tags social gathering and special refreshments
7:00 PM Business, as required
 Worship & Presentation by Conference President
 Adjournment

PLEASE NOTE THAT PRESBYTERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR PARTNERS TO THIS GATHERING.

CHAPLAIN TO THE CLERGY OF KENT PRESBYTERY

The Pastoral Relations Committee of Kent Presbytery, having identified a need for a supportive ministry among the clergy of Kent Presbytery, continues to support and encourage this ministry.

This ministry is recognized and understood as being a confidential, supportive ministry and not a solution-based function of Presbytery.

The actual time spent by the Chaplain to the Clergy is flexible and discretionary, taking account of the Chaplain's own personal schedule and needs, as well as those that arise out of any contacts made during the course of his/her Chaplain activities. The average number of hours will be equivalent to two days (sixteen hours) per month. The position is compensated by an honorarium of \$275.00 per month, plus logged kilometers of travel at the current specified minimum rate of General Council.

The position of Chaplain to the Clergy is accountable to the Support Committee appointed by Kent Presbytery, who will report to the Presbytery through the Pastoral Relations Committee.

The position of Chaplain begins _____.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1) Be a caregiver to the clergy of Kent Presbytery.
- 2) Get to know the clergy (and their families, where appropriate), building relationships of trust with them.
- 3) Lend an understanding ear to the clergy of Kent Presbytery and to encourage the confidential sharing of personal and/or pastoral concerns with someone who cares and understands.
- 4) Offer opportunities for the clergy to grow together in their spiritual lives through facilitating regularly scheduled clergy retreats, at least two per year.

Chair of Pastoral Relations

Chaplain to the Clergy

Secretary of Kent Presbytery

Date