

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 time of reflection and prayer based on the books, “The Last Week and The Flowering of the Soul.”

ATTENDANCE

MINISTRY PERSONNEL: Judith Fayter, Annalee Kerr, Cathy Larmond, Ed Nicol, Eric Skillings, Margaret Trapnell

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

REGRETS: All present

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/Eric Skillings

That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive of Kent Presbytery held on March 17, 2011 be accepted as printed. **CARRIED**

Motion Ed Nicol/Margaret Trapnell

That the minutes of the meeting of Kent Presbytery held on April 5, 2011 be received for information. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Received

#	Received	Sent	Via	Sender	Topic	Deal With
258	11-03-21	11-03-21	Email	Five Oaks	Spring events	Kent churches
259	11-03-21	11-03-21	Email	G.C. Office	Third party insurance	Kent Churches
260	11-03-22	11-03-22	Email	Conf. Office	“The Swell” poster	Kent Churches
261	11-03-23	11-03-23	Phone	B. Robbins	Postpone M&P workshop	Kent email list
262	11-03-23	11-03-23	Email	Lisa DeVito	Planned giving materials	Kent Churches

263	11-03-26	11-03-26	Email	Essex Pres.	Minutes	File
264	11-03-26	11-03-26	Email	G.C. Office	Moderator's Green Initiative	File
265	11-03-28	11-03-28	Email	P. Kingsbury	Req. for info churches closing	Secretary
266	11-03-28	11-03-28	Email	Conf. Office	Treasurer webinar	Kent Churches
267	11-03-28	11-03-28	Email	T. Broadhurst	Stats forms missing	Secretary
268	11-03-30	11-03-30	Email	Manitou	Challenge re travel to Rendez-vous 2011	C. Dev.
269	11-04-01	11-04-01	Email	M Stevens	Butts in Mozambique	Google Group
270	11-04-04	11-04-04	Email	M. Stevens	Family Court Support worker	Google Group
271	11-04-04	11-04-04	Email	Emmanuel College	Continuing Education	Kent Churches
272	11-04-05	11-04-05	Hand	Highgate Morpeth Turin PC	Request to re-appoint Mary Elford	Pastoral Relations
273	11-04-05	11-04-05	Hand	L. Slegers	Chatham-Sprucedale Manse inspection	File
274	11-04-06	11-04-06	Email	M. Stevens	Chatham Aboriginal Day	Kent Churches
275	11-04-06	11-04-06	Email	M. Stevens	M&S Givings Info	Kent Churches
276	11-04-08	11-04-08	Email	J. Szusz	LLWL & Pastoral Care	E & S
277	11-04-11	11-04-11	Email	B. Gregersen	Draft Statement on Ministry	Kent Email List
278	11-04-11	11-04-11	Email	Five Oaks	Emerging Church Program	Kent Churches
279	11-04-12	11-04-12	Email	Conf. Office	Good Friday Swell Poster	Kent Churches
280	11-04-13	11-04-13	Email	G.C. Office	Replacement text Draft Statement on Ministry	Kent Email list
281	11-04-13	11-04-13	Email	M. Stevens	Stewardship weekend family camp	Google group
282	11-04-13	11-04-13	Email	M. Stevens	August Mandate notebook	Google group

283	11-04-14	11-04-14	Email	E. Mayo	Re-appoint DCYM	Pastoral Relations
284	11-04-14	11-04-14	Email	N. Cressman	Spiritual Leadership Event	Kent Clergy
285	11-04-15	11-04-15	Email	Conf. Office	Video Licensing Form	Kent Churches
286	11-04-15	11-04-15	Email	Conf. Office	Moderator's Visit	Kent Exec. & Churches
287	11-04-15	11-04-15	Email	Conf. Office	Background to Conf. Assessments	Kent Executive
288	11-04-15	11-04-15	Email	Conf. Office	Conf. Executive highlights	Kent Executive
289	11-04-18	11-04-8	Email	Conf. Office	Email hoax	Kent Churches
290	11-04-18	11-04-14	Mail	Fletcher UC	Req. to relicense D. Pollard and L. Mancell as LLWL	E & S
291	11-04-20	11-04-20	Email	G.C. Office	Pastoral charges not on ADP	File
292	11 04 20	11 04 20	Email	Julie Kincaid	M & S Easter message	File

REPORTS

London Conference - Heather McLean

- Heather led a time of discussion on the proposal to change the method in which Presbyteries will be assessed. Each Presbytery is asked to present the proposal at its next meeting
- Conference Executive meeting highlights will be sent to all on the email list along with the document, "Background to Conference Assessments"

United Church in Action (UCIA) - Annalee Kerr

- The workshops with the local Muslim community were quite successful
- Kenji Marui will prepare a powerpoint presentation for the Annual Meeting based on stories that he receives from congregations in London Conference. Digital photos and stories can be sent to kenji.marui@calvaryunitedchurch.on.ca

UCIA continued - Chuck Scott

- Some discussion as to how Kent Presbytery might assist the Outreach for Hunger group following the fire at their facility
- Chuck will send a submission to the Newsletter regarding "Covenant for Life in Creation"

Pastoral Relations - Barbara Robbins

- Bruce Cook will begin a gradual return to work beginning in May
- Joy in the process regarding the call to Chatham-Sprucedale

Finance & Administration - Doug Cameron

- Doug showed some sample figures using the proposed change in Conference Assessments

United Church Women (UCW) - Carolyn Fraser

Carolyn's report follows.

Over 100 women attended the 49th Annual Gathering of London Conference UCW at Siloam UC London. The women experienced wonderful singing, Bible Study, Laughing with Theme Speaker Joyologist Bonnie Simonato, enjoying delicious food and shopping at the Resource Centre, plus net-working with others.

Treasurer, Wendy Kempster stated there at 229 groups in London Conference for 2011 with an estimate of 215 in 2012.

President Marilyn Mitchell announced details for 50th UCW Anniversary Celebration July 2012 in Ancaster. She explained the meaning of the 50th Anniversary Logo and distributed the special Song 'Tapestry of Love.'

Marilyn also informed the women that the voluntary 'Anniversary Gift' of hopefully \$50,000 will be going to the Christian Council of Tanzania- Morogoro Women's Training Centre. Working with the Tanzanian Ministry of Health, the Centre will train women on birthing techniques as well as nutrition, emergency first aid and CPR. Women from remote communities will be able to expand their role and act as community health care workers and First Responders. Education and awareness of the negative effects of female genital mutilation will also be taught. African women are 100 times more likely to die during childbirth than anywhere else in the world. 80% of child births do not happen in hospital in Tanzania. We hope Kent Presbytery will respond to this three year project.

Dr. Neil Arya spoke of the work of Medical Elective, a cause that the women of London Conference UCW's support. He explained that four medical students this year from the University of Western Ontario experienced a semester in a needy situation either in Canada or a third world country. One student was from Chatham Kent.

Linda Fishleigh, Ingersoll is the new President for the next 2 years. She hoped many will attend the Westminster Weekend at Stoneridge Inn April 29-May 1st 2011. Other up-coming events are Kenesserie Retreat Tuesday, June 14, 2011 and Summer Event at Siloam United Saturday July 16, 2011. Several women from Kent are supplying the leadership for these events working them in between their other very busy professional and personal lives. Their ideas, commitment and passion are certainly appreciated.

Other Reports

Judith Fayter thanked the Division of Mission in Canada for the work in preparing the worship service at the April meeting of Presbytery.

Cathy Larmond asked questions regarding upcoming meetings

- Are there any suggestions regarding workshops at the June meeting of Presbytery?
- Where should we hold the Executive meetings for the 2011-2012 term?

Secretary Ed Nicol

- As of March 28 four (4) Pastoral Charges have not filed the 2010 statistics reports
- The presbytery computer is barely functioning. It is over 10 years old.
- Motion Margaret Trapnell/Bonnie Harvey

That the Secretary be authorized to purchase a new laptop computer. **CARRIED**

Moderator's Visit

- Cathy Larmond will bring this to the May meeting of Presbytery

Nominations

- The position of Presbytery delegate to London Conference Executive needs to be filled at the May meeting
- Other positions to be filled are Chair-elect, delegate to Conference nominations committee

Words of Thanks

- Heather McLean thanked Judith Fayter and Ed Nicol for their service to the outgoing membership of London Conference Executive
- Eric Skillings thanked Heather McLean for her attendance and presentation at the Ridgetown College Chaplaincy Gala

Regrets

Barbara Robbins and Judith Fayter offered regrets for absence at the May meeting of Executive.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM

Judith Fayter, Chairperson

Ed Nicol, Secretary

NEXT MEETINGS

Kent Presbytery

May 3, 2011 - 6:30 PM at Blenheim United Church

Kent Executive

May 19 - 9:30 AM at St. Paul's United Church