

After Divisions and Committees met at 6:30 PM, Kent Presbytery met in regular session at Blenheim United Church, as per the Consent Docket approved on June 1, 2010. Chairperson Judith Fayter constituted the court at 7:30 PM, and a quorum was present throughout the meeting. Worship was led by members of the Pastoral Charge Oversight Committee.

ATTENDANCE

MINISTRY PERSONNEL:

Steve Atkinson, Jim Brown, Lloyd Brown, Lynn Brown, Wanda Burse, Mary Elford, Judith Fayter, Bruce Fraser, Doreen Hewitson, Annalee Kerr, Cheryl Kirk, Cathy Larmond, Curtis Marwood, Ed Nicol, Mark Perry, Eric Skillings, Margaret Trapnell, Johanna VanderSpek, Nancy Walker.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES:

Elliot Arnold, Laurie Blackwell, Tom Brunt, Doug Cameron, Joyce Charlton, Shirley Clark, Alice Dale, Bill Foster, Carolyn Fraser, Bonnie Harvey, Les Hogg, Betty Krekewich, Elaine Leeson, John W. Leeson, Leslie Mancell, Evelyn Mayo, Bev Richardson, Barbara Robbins, Connie Rouse, Sandy Ryall, Richard Sanford, Susan Scaman, Chuck Scott, Joyce Sinasac, Linda Slegers, Ken Stevenson, Lynda Van Leeuwen, and Tracy Wygiera.

REGRETS: George Allan, Bruce Cook, Linda Maw, Pat Milliken, Lilian Patey, Heather Scott, Lorne Thrower, Ross Williams, Sharon Ball, Susan Matsuo, Liz Morrison, Jennifer Richmond, Diane Sansom.

ABSENT: Wayne Balmer, Mae Bedford, Eileen Hooker-Dolata, Marjorie Jackson, Thor Milton.

GUESTS AND VISITORS: Matthew Stevens, London Conference staff.

INTRODUCTIONS: None

WELCOME TO BLENHEIM UNITED CHURCH: Wendy McDowell welcomed Presbyters to Blenheim United Church

MINUTES

Motion Ed Nicol/Elaine Leeson

That the minutes of the meetings of Kent Presbytery held on March 3, 2011 and April 5, 2011 be adopted as printed. **CARRIED**

Motion Ed Nicol/Barbara Robbins

That the minutes of the meetings of the Executive of Kent Presbytery held on March 17, 2011 and April 21, 2011 be received for information. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Received

#	Received	Sent	Via	Sender	Topic	Deal With
293	11-05-02	11-05-02	Email	Emmanuel College	Multi-media workshop	Kent Churches
294	11-05-02	11-05-02	Email	Five Oaks	Spring Flyer	Kent Churches
295	11-05-02	11-05-02	Email	T. Broadhurst	Stats forms not filed	Ministers involved
296	11-05-03	11-05-03	Email	Julie Kincaid	Questions re: Minute for Mission DVD	File
297	11-05-03	11-05-03	Email	Conf. Office	Copy of #296	File
298	11-05-03	11-05-03	Email	M. Stevens	Copy of #296	File

REPORTS FOR ACTIONPastoral Relations -Barbara Robbins

Director of Camping and Youth Ministry

Motion: Mark Perry/Cathy Larmond

That Kent Presbytery appoint Ms. Nancy D. Walker, Designated Lay Minister, full time (40 hours per week) to the position of Director of Camping and Youth Ministry, for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, as per the terms form PR 433AP **CARRIED**

Dawn Valley - Dresden - Rutherford

Motion: Bonnie Harvey/Curtis Marwood

That Kent Presbytery appoint the Rev. James White, retired Ordained supply, to the Dawn Valley - Dresden - Rutherford Pastoral Charge, part-time (10 hours per week) for the term July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 as per the terms of form PR433AP.

CARRIED

Highgate-Morpeth-Turin

Motion: Mark Perry/Lynda VanLeeuwen

That Kent Presbytery appoint the Rev. Mary Elford, Ordained supply, to the Highgate-Morpeth-Turin Pastoral Charge, part-time (30 hours per week) for the term July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 as per the terms of form PR433AP. **CARRIED**

South Buxton Pastoral Charge

Motion: Jim Brown/EdNicol

That Kent Presbytery appoint Mr. Eric D. Skillings, Designated Lay Minister, to the South Buxton Pastoral Charge, full time (40 hours per week) for the term July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014, as per the terms of form PR433AP. **CARRIED**

United Church in Action (UCIA) - Chuck Scott

Chuck began with background information to the needs of the organization “Outreach for Hunger” which suffered a loss of all its equipment and storage facility in a fire. As a result the following two (2) motions were brought to the floor.

Motion: Chuck Scott/Annalee Kerr

That Kent Presbytery encourage the United Church In Action committee to develop further plans for Presbytery to focus on the “hunger challenge” across Kent Presbytery.

CARRIED

Motion Chuck Scott/Annalee Kerr

That Kent Presbytery agree in principle to support Outreach for Hunger as they re-establish in new facilities with a consideration of up to \$10,000 from the SEED Fund towards needed equipment and services. Specific details will be presented to Presbytery for final approval. **CARRIED**

Presbyters were encouraged to read page 3 of the Newsletter regarding the Hunger Challenge in Chatham-Kent.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATIONResource Centre - Susan Scaman

No report

Conference Staff - Matthew Stevens

- This year’s Youth Forum drew 145 youth and 26 adults. The most successful ever!
- Five Oaks family weekend
- Kairos Cross Canada Action in support of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Covenanting for Life campaign

Director of Camping & Youth Ministry - Nancy Walker

- Kenesserie Camp chicken BBQ and open house on June 5, beginning with the walk-a-thon at 2:00 PM
- Let Nancy know if you are planning to arrive in time for supper (5:30PM) for the June meeting of Presbytery
- Nancy also praised the turnout at Youth Forum and promoted “Rendez-vous”
- Camp theme for this year is “By the Book”

Finance & Administration - Doug Cameron

- Doug gave a short explanation of the proposed Conference Assessment changes.
- Linda Slegers now has a copy of the Archives Workshop power point presentation. It may be borrowed from Linda and the Secretary also has a copy to lend.

United Church in Action (UCIA) - Annalee Kerr

Annalee reported on the following items

- Information received from Heather Fraser-White
- That We May Know workshop information is being compiled
- Canadian Boat to Gaza
- Kairos Banners event
- Covenanting for Life - see page 7 of the Newsletter
- Conference Theme - What is God's Wisdom

United Church Women (UCW) - Carolyn Fraser

- Kenesserie Retreat is Tues. June 14 beginning at 9:30 AM
- Packages are ready for pick up each local UCW

Education & Students - Elaine Leeson

- Melanie Kirk has been recommended for ordination at Conference Annual Meeting
- Annual refresher workshop for Licensed Lay Worship Leaders is to be held on June 11 at Erie Street United Church in Ridgetown. The topic is Funeral Messages.

Christian Development - Evelyn Mayo

- There will be a workshop for Sunday School teachers on Oct. 11. Details to follow

Communications & Rural Life - Eric Skillings

- There will be a Rural Life event in Edmonton in November 2011. See Eric for details
- A reminder that those planning to attend the Annual Meeting of Conference need to order meals by this Friday.(May 6)

Accessibility - Mark Perry

- All congregations should now have appointed either a commissioner or a committee to set up the guidelines for customer service. They should watch the online video and prepare a proposed policy before the next meeting of Presbytery.

June Meeting workshop - Cathy Larmond

- Visioning led by Judith Gilliland

Moderator's Visit - Cathy Larmond

- Moderator Mardi Tindal will arrive by train on Oct. 21 and leave by train on Oct. 22
- Bonnie Harvey and Margaret Trapnell have agreed to assist Cathy with arrangements.

NEW BUSINESS

Past chairperson Chuck Scott assumed the Chair

Nominations - Ed Nicol

London Conference has changed the structure of the Executive membership. To comply the following motions were presented.

Motion: Ed Nicol/Margaret Trapnell

That Kent Presbytery elect Judith Fayter as its representative to London Conference Executive as of the rise of Conference. **CARRIED**

Motion Ed Nicol/Eric Skillings

That the representative of Kent Presbytery to the Executive of London Conference be a member of the Executive of Kent Presbytery **CARRIED**

Chairperson Judith Fayter returned to the Chair.

Chaplain to Kent Clergy - Curtis Marwood

- Curtis will soon be setting up meetings with clergy and their families
- He would like input for a proposed retreat

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 with benediction led by Chairperson Judith Fayter

Judith Fayter, Chairperson

Ed Nicol, Secretary

Next meetings:

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

Kent Presbytery - June 7 at Kenesserie Camp