

The executive of Kent Presbytery met as per the Consent Docket approved on June 1, 2010, at St. Paul's United Church, Chatham-Kent. Past Chairperson Chuck Scott 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 book, "Written in Water," and the document, "A Covenant for Life in Creation" available on The United Church of Canada website.

ATTENDANCE

MINISTRY PERSONNEL: Annalee Kerr, Cathy Larmond, Ed Nicol, Eric Skillings,

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

REGRETS: Judith Fayter, Barbara Robbins, Margaret Trapnell, Heather McLean

GUESTS & VISITORS: None

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 April 21, 2011 be accepted as printed. **CARRIED**

Motion Ed Nicol/Annalee Kerr

That the minutes of the meeting of Kent Presbytery held on May 3, 2011 be received for information. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- The search for a chair elect is ongoing
- We are also searching for a person to represent Kent Presbytery on the Conference Nominations committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received

#	Received	Sent	Via	Sender	Topic	Deal With
299	11-05-04	11-05-04	Email	Essex Pres.	Minutes	File
300	11-05-04	11-05-04	Email	M. Stevens	Mozambique event in Elgin	Google group
301	11-05-05	11-05-02	Mail	T. Broadhurst	Hard copy of #295	File
302	11-05-09	11-05-09	Email	Conf. Office	General Council Action re: Exec Secretary	Kent Email list

303	11-05-09	11-05-09	Email	E. Mayo	Correction to minutes May 3	Secretary
304	11-05-11	11-05-11	Email	Conf. Office	Callahan event cancelled	Kent email list
305	11-05-11	11-05-11	Email	Conf. Office	Job posting Beamsville	Kent email list
306	11-05-12	11-05-12	Email	Conf. Office	G.C. Exec. Highlites	Kent email list
307	11-05-12	11-05-12	Email	Conf. Office	Building skills in transitional ministry	Kent Clergy
308	11-05-16	11-05-15	Email	South Buxton Pastoral Charge	Visioning process	Pastoral Relations
309	11-05-18	11-05-18	Email	Emmanuel College	Worship matters	Kent Clergy
310	11-05-18	11-05-18	Email	Oxford Presbytery	Bus to Conference	M. Elford
311	11-05-18	11-05-18	Email	M. Stevens	Rally about pollution threat	Google group

REPORTS

Finance & Administration - Doug Cameron

- Two (2) pastoral charges are in arrears with Presbytery assessments
- The Rutherford United Church sale is now almost complete
- Kent Presbytery is operating within the approved budget

Ministry, Personnel and Education - Bonnie Harvey

- Two ministry persons are retiring at the end of June. Kent Presbytery does not have a policy regarding the presentation of gifts. Therefore the following motion was presented.

Motion Cathy Larmond/Eric Skillings

That retirement gifts of a value of up to \$100.00 be purchased for retiring ministry personnel. **CARRIED**

United Church Women (UCW) - Carolyn Fraser

- With much concern for the loss of communications with our UCW's across Canada, National UCW has agreed to meet once a year instead of twice a year. It will now be in the same location at Church House in Toronto. Previously, it received a grant from M&S, a small percentage from Life Memberships and the interest from legacies. With costs going up and decreasing donations to the M&S they didn't want to take further from the M&S fund as they knew how life saving that is for so many. \$1.8 million was given from UCW last year but that too was down. Luckily the UCW Groups nation-wide are responding to the appeal to give a voluntary gift to help with communications.

- We are also hoping that women and others from across Canada will contribute to the 50th Anniversary Gift of \$50,000 to the Christian Council of Tanzania- Morogoro Women's Training Centre. This Centre trains women in maternal health care and birthing techniques. Plus they will stress education against the horrible practice of female genital mutilation. All women certainly will be able to identify with this specially chosen worthwhile cause. We are hoping for their gift donation to be in by our February Gathering 2012. Hopefully this wonderful project will be highlighted in their 50th Anniversary Celebrations.
- Kenesserie Retreat Day is Tuesday June 14/11, 9:30 to 3:00p.m. Program is organized by Susan Scaman
- Kent Presbyterial UCW is responsible for the Welcoming and assistance with the Resource Centre at the Summer Event in July.

Mission in Canada, Rural Life, Communications - Eric Skillings

- All congregations are challenged to participate in the Friendship Meal programme at Victoria Avenue United Church, even if only to provide the funds for one dinner.

United Church in Action (UCIA) - Annalee Kerr

- Chuck Scott has prepared a document, in the form of a table, that lists outreach programmes from various Pastoral Charges and Congregations. It will be added to the June edition of the Newsletter.
- The Kairos banner project is proceeding
- No new update on the Boat to Gaza item from the May 3 meeting

Chairperson-elect - Cathy Larmond

- Beginning June 16, 2011, Executive meetings will be held at Victoria Avenue United Church
- Moderator Mardi Tindall will be in Kent on June 5 as part of the canoe trip along the Sydenham River. Cathy will meet with her to plan her official visit scheduled for October, 2011.
- Cathy asked for input regarding the afternoon educational workshops prior to the June meeting of Presbytery at Kenesserie Camp. It was agreed to have a visioning workshop for all interested persons beginning at 2:30 PM followed by a workshop for Presbyters to begin at 4:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM with prayer from Annalee Kerr.

Chuck Scott, Past Chairperson

Ed Nicol, Secretary

Next Presbytery meeting: Tuesday June 7, 2011 at Kenesserie Camp. Agenda attached

Next Executive meeting: Thurs. June 16, 2011 beginning at 9:30 AM @ Victoria Avenue UC

Kent Presbytery United Church of Canada
Is called to meet on June 7, 2011 at
Kenesserie Camp
18669 Kenesserie Road

AGENDA

- 2:30 PM** First workshop What's in the Future for Struggling Churches in Kent Presbytery?
All people from congregations are invited.
- 4:00 PM** Second workshop
- 5:30 PM** Supper at the camp - Suggested donation of at least \$6.00 per person
- 6:00 PM** Registration, name tags and coffee
- 6:15 PM** Divisions and Committees meet
- 7:15 PM** Constitution of the court
Minutes of Presbytery meeting of May 3, 2011 (for action)
Minutes of Executive meeting of May 19, 2011 (for information)
Business arising from minutes
Correspondence
Reports of Divisions and Committees for **ACTION**
RESOURCE CENTRE MINUTE
STAFF REPORTING TIME
Reports of Divisions and Committees for **INFORMATION**
NEW BUSINESS
Worship Service led by Camp staff
Installation of new executive
Theological Reflection – Curtis Marwood
- 9:30 PM** Adjournment and Benediction

NOTE!! Please advise Nancy Walker at Kenesserie if you plan on joining us for supper. Phone her at 519-674-2497 or by email at nancy_walker@hotmail.com