

Kent Presbytery met in regular session at 7:00 PM, on October 4, 2011, at Cedar Springs United Church, as per the Consent Docket approved on June 7, 2011. Chairperson Cathy Larmond constituted the court, and a quorum was present throughout the meeting. Worship was led by members of the Education & Students Committee.

ATTENDANCE**MINISTRY PERSONNEL:**

Jim Brown, Lloyd Brown, Lynn Brown, Wanda Burse, Bruce Cook, Mary Elford, Judith Fayter, Bruce Fraser, Doreen Hewitson, Annalee Kerr, Cheryl Kirk, Cathy Larmond, Ed Nicol, Lilian Patey, Mark Perry, Tyler Powell, Heather Scott, Eric Skillings, Margaret Trapnell, Johanna VanderSpek, Nancy Walker, Ross Williams.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES:

Elliot Arnold, Sharon Ball, Mae Bedford, Tom Brunt, Doug Cameron, Alice Dale, Bill Foster, Bob Grieves, Bonnie Harvey, Les Hogg, Betty Krekewich, Leslie Mancell, Evelyn Mayo, Liz Morrison, Bev Richardson, Jennifer Richmond, Barbara Robbins, Richard Sanford, Diane Sansom, Susan Scaman, Chuck Scott, Joyce Sinasac, Linda Slegers, Ken Stevenson.

REGRETS: George Allan, Curtis Marwood, Lorne Thrower, Carolyn Fraser, Susan Matsuo, Lynda Van Leeuwen. **Note** that the following comment accompanied Curtis Marwood's letter of regret. It is taken from the book, "Holy Conversations" by Rendle and Mann. "*When we risk exposing what we long for deep down, we become more vulnerable, more open to God and to each other.*"

ABSENT: Wayne Balmer, Joyce Charlton, Shirley Clark, Eileen Hooker-Dolata, Marjorie Jackson, John W. Leeson, Thor Milton, Sandy Ryall, and Tracy Wygiera.

VISITORS AND GUESTS: Margaret Mason and Tarance Whiteye of Moraviantown, along with several family members and friends of persons being licensed and relicensed as Licensed Lay Worship Leaders.

INTRODUCTIONS: None

REPORTS FOR ACTION

London Conference President Gary Clark sent regrets that he could not attend as scheduled. He had injured his back earlier in the day, and will try to attend a meeting later in the year.

Pastoral Relations – Barbara Robbins

Chatham-Victoria Avenue Pastoral Charge

Motion: Bruce Fraser/Margaret Trapnell

That Kent Presbytery approve the recommendation of the Pastoral Relations Committee and the request of the Chatham-Victoria Avenue Pastoral Charge to pursue interim ministry for the pastoral charge, effective January 1, 2012, and establish a joint interim ministry transition committee. **CARRIED**

Motion Bruce Fraser/Margaret Trapnell

That Kent Presbytery appoint Ms. Bonnie Harvey to the joint interim transition committee for the Chatham-Victoria Avenue Pastoral Charge, along with another person to be appointed at a later date. **CARRIED**

Tilbury-Quinn Pastoral Charge

Motion Margaret Trapnell/Bonnie Harvey

That Kent Presbytery approve the request of the Tilbury-Quinn Pastoral Charge to establish a Joint Needs Assessment Committee. **CARRIED**

South Buxton & Talbot Street Pastoral Charges

Motion Heather Scott/Mark Perry

That Kent Presbytery approve the agreement for shared ministry between the South Buxton Pastoral Charge and the Talbot Street Pastoral Charge for the period October 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012. **CARRIED**

Motion Heather Scott/Mark Perry

That Kent Presbytery appoint the Rev. Bruce Fraser and Mr. Chuck Scott as Presbytery representatives to a Joint Transition Committee with regard to the shared ministry between the South Buxton Pastoral Charge and the Talbot Street Pastoral Charge. **CARRIED**

Education and Students – Judith Fayter

Doreen Hewitson

Motion Judith Fayter/Ken Stevenson

That Kent Presbytery continue Doreen Hewitson's status as a Designated Lay Minister applicant. **CARRIED**

Motion Tyler Powell/Judith Fayter

That Kent Presbytery grant the learning bursary (of \$1000.00) to Doreen Hewitson for her studies for the upcoming year. **CARRIED**

Motion Wanda Burse/Tyler Powell

That Doreen Hewitson be licensed to administer the Sacraments while in her appointment at Trinity United Church in Wallaceburg. **CARRIED**

Licensed Lay Worship Leaders

Diane Bradner

Motion Ken Stevenson/Wanda Burse

That Diane Bradner be licensed as a Lay Worship Leader in Kent Presbytery. **CARRIED**

Leaders to be re-licensed.

Motion Ken Stevenson/Tyler Powell

That the following persons be re-licensed as Lay Worship Leaders in Kent Presbytery:
Jim Berry, Janice Clubb, Bonnie Harvey, Leslie Mancell, Margaret Mason, Geraldine McAlorum, Thor Milton, Donna Jean Pollard, Connie Rouse, Susan Scaman, and Joyce Sinasac. **CARRIED**

Note: Jim Stirling, whose licence was approved at the meeting of Kent Presbytery held on January 4, 2011, received his certificate and was part of the ceremony. All of the above are licensed for another year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Judith Fayter led a time of reflection on the proposed Kent Presbytery Mission Statement. All the thoughts will be compiled and presented at a future meeting.

Chairperson Cathy Larmond then installed all those Lay Worship Leaders present.

The meeting closed with a worship service led by the members of the Education and Students Committee. Communion was celebrated with the Chair of Presbytery presiding.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM with prayer led by Chairperson Cathy Larmond.

Cathy Larmond, Chairperson

Ed Nicol, Secretary

Next meetings:

Executive meeting Thurs. Oct. 20, 9:30 AM at Victoria Avenue United Church

Kent Presbytery – Tuesday November 1, at Erie Street United Church, Ridgetown