

## **Minutes of the Presbytery of London**

**Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church, London, Ontario, November 13, 2007, 7:00 p.m.**

In London, and within Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Regular Session on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of November, two thousand and seven, at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening.

- Worship**                    The Reverend Kevin Steeper conducted the worship service, focussing on the theme of Centering Prayer.
- Welcome,  
Courtesies and  
Announcements**            The Moderator, Mr. Tom Jeffery, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and a number of Alternate Representative Elders were introduced.
- Attendance**                Hugh Appel, John Bannerman, Amanda Birchall, Sabrina Caldwell, Mavis Currie, Kathy Fraser, Terry Ingram, Keith McKee, Douglas Miles, Linda Moffatt, Johan Olivier, Andrew Reid, Kevin Steeper, Mark Turner, Ministers; Terry Axford, Bob Baron, John Cameron, Judith Chamberlain, Carlton Dindial, Ruth Ann Drozd, Chris Evans (Clerk), Theresa Glithero, John Goodfellow, Mildred Greig, Tom Jeffery (Moderator), Ken Keith, Jacqueline Leitch, Sharon Marshall, Margaret McCullough, Linda McKenna, Sheila McMurray, John McNeil, Barbara Nyitray, Linda Riddell, Don Speir, Nancy Springer, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Trudy Van der Hoek, Peter VanderKooy, Sandra VanderVeen, Allan Woolner, Elders; Carol Rayner, Treasurer; Rob Evans, Cathy Cornhill, Pat James, Elmwood.
- Regrets**                    Charlotte Brown, Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Jim Redpath, Robert Shaw, Michael Stol, Andras Rameshwar, Ministers; Susan Cushman, Joan Mansell, Bill McMurchy, Gerald Stocking, Elders.
- Absent** \_\_\_\_\_ Lynn Nichol
- Constitution**              The Moderator, Mr. Tom Jeffery, constituted the Court with Prayer.
- Docket**                    The Docket had been circulated by mail earlier, and it was AGREED that it be adopted for this meeting with one change - that the report of the G.A.2011 Local Arrangements Committee be heard prior to the consideration of the Budget.
- Minutes**                    **MOTION** (Evans / Fraser) THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 9, 2007 be adopted. CARRIED.
- Administrative  
Team Report**                The Clerk, Mrs. Chris Evans, presented the Report of the Administrative Team, which had been circulated earlier.

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**REC. #1** (Evans / Fraser) that the following correspondence be received for information: CARRIED.

Number	From	Regarding
07-54	J. Hibbs	APSE Fan the Flame
07-56	R. McMillan, Lindsay-Peterborough	Letter of Standing - Rev. Rylan Montgomery
07-57	E. Bartlett, Assembly Office	Changes to the Roll
07-58	J. Sittler, Barrie	Letter of Standing - Rev. Carey Nieuwhof

**REC. #2** (Evans / Fraser) that the following correspondence be referred as named: CARRIED.

Number	From	Regarding	Refer To
07-53	D. Ogilvie, Clerk of Session, Westmount	Overture to G. A.	Admin. Team
07-55	S. Roche, Chief Financial Officer	Congr. Stats Reports 2007	Distribute

**Overture** **REC. #3** (Evans / Fraser) THAT the Overture forwarded by Westmount Presbyterian Church be forwarded to the General Assembly Office, with the support of the Presbytery. (A copy of this Overture has been circulated with the reports). CARRIED.

**Core and Focus Ministry Teams** **REC. #4** (Evans / Fraser) That the following Ministry Teams be named as listed below, with the addition of Andras Rameshwar to the Hospital Visitor Team and the Campus Ministry Team. CARRIED

Core Ministry Teams

- a) Administrative Team: Chris Evans-Clerk, Tom Jeffery-Moderator, Carol Rayner-Treasurer, Kathy Fraser-Past Moderator, Keith McKee, Bob Baron, Ruth Ann Drozd
- b) Students and Education Team: Sabrina Caldwell, Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Linda Moffatt, Michael Stol
- c) Denominational Work Team: Terry Ingram, and other volunteers
- d) Vacancy and Visitation Team: Hugh Appel, John Goodfellow, Sandra VanderVeen, Robert Shaw
- e) Leading with Care Team: Michael Stol, Kathy Fraser, Sandra VanderVeen, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Tom Jeffery, Kevin Steeper, Chris Evans (ex-officio)

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Focus Ministry Teams

- a) Small Church Ministry Team: Carol Rayner (ex-officio as Treasurer), Lynn Nichol, Bob Baron
- b) Evangelism Team: Owen Thornton (Convenor), John Bannerman, Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen
- c) Hospital Visitor Team: Gale Kay, Elaine Allen, John Comrie, Charlotte Brown
- d) Campus and Youth Ministry Team: Mavis Currie, John Bannerman, Youth Leaders
- e) Website and Communications Team: Mavis Currie, Ben Stephenson, Chris Evans, Tom Hunter
- f) Strategic Visioning Team: Ruth Ann Drozd, Tom Jeffery, Kevin Steeper, Michael Stol, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Andrew Reid
- g) Hymnfest Team: Mildred Greig, Sharon Marshall, Chris Evans, others to be named.

**Elder  
Orientation**

**REC. #4** (Fraser / Baron) THAT the clerk send out Orientation Material to the new Representative and Alternate Representative Elders, and if it is felt by these people that a formal workshop be conducted, the Clerk will make appropriate arrangements. CARRIED.

**General Assembly  
2011 Local  
Arrangements  
Committee**

Keith McKee spoke to the report of the G.A.2011 Local Arrangements Committee Report, which had been circulated with the reports, and explained the work of the Steering Committee to date.

**RECOMMENDATION #1** (McKee / Reid) THAT the University of Western Ontario be the site for the 136<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. CARRIED.

**RECOMMENDATION #2** (McKee / Reid) THAT the Opening Worship Service for the 136<sup>th</sup> General Assembly be Alumni Hall, the University of Western Ontario. The question was asked whether it would be possible to decorate this venue with banners, etc., and the response was “absolutely”. The motion CARRIED.

**RECOMMENDATION #3** (McKee / Reid) THAT the Monday Night Banquet for the 136<sup>th</sup> General Assembly be held at Great Hall, the University of Western Ontario. CARRIED.

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**RECOMMENDATION #4** (McKee / Reid) THAT the Presbytery of London approve a \$1.95 per member allocation for the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 to offset the cost of hosting the 136<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

**AMENDMENT** (Cameron / Keith) THAT the amount of the per member allocation be set at \$2.00. CARRIED.

**AMENDED MOTION:** THAT the Presbytery of London approve a \$2.00 per member allocation for the years 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 to offset the cost of hosting the 136<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. CARRIED.

**2008 Budget**

Carol Rayner, Treasurer, presented the proposed Budget for 2008.

**REC. #5** (Evans / Fraser) THAT the Budget for 2008 be approved as printed and circulated, with the change as per the Amended Motion regarding the per member allocation towards the cost of the 136<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. CARRIED.

*(The Amended Budget is appended to the end of these Minutes.)*

The Rotation for attendance at General Assembly is printed here for information.

**Congregations**

1. Knollwood Park, London
2. Kintyre/New Glasgow/Rodney
3. St. Lawrence, London
4. New St. James, London
5. St. George's, London
6. Belmont/N. Yarmouth
7. Crinan/Largie
8. Oakridge, London
9. Trinity Church, London
10. DaySpring Church
11. Appin / Melbourne
12. Knox Church, St. Thomas
13. Burns Church, Mosa
14. St. John's, Port Stanley
15. Bethel, Ilderton
16. Dorchester/S. Nissouri
17. Fingal
18. Knox-St. Andrews, Dutton
19. Glencoe/Wardsville
20. Chalmers, London
21. North Caradoc/Komoka
22. Elmwood Ave., London
23. Westmount, London

**Ministers**

1. Robert Shaw
2. Terry Ingram
3. Michael Stol
4. Mark Turner
5. Hugh Appel
6. Amanda Birchall
7. Kevin Steeper
8. John Bannerman
9. Jim Redpath
10. Mavis Currie
11. Gloria Langlois 2006
12. Keith McKee 2006
13. Lynn Nichol 2006
14. Charlotte Brown
15. Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen
16. Doug Miles - 2007 declined
17. Sabrina Caldwell - 2007 declined
18. Kate Ballagh-Steeper - 2007
19. Johan Olivier - 2007
20. Kathy Fraser - 2007
21. Linda Moffatt - 2007
22. Andrew Reid

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**Report of Committee to Consider the Complaint of Keith McKee** Kathy Fraser spoke to the Report of the Team to consider the letter of complaint of Keith McKee regarding the decision by the Presbytery made at the regular meeting of Presbytery held on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, which stated:  
*“That inductions of ministers into charges be held in a regular Sunday worship service with attendance by the Moderator, Clerk and Interim Moderator.”*

Ruth Ann Drozd is the only member of this Committee who was in attendance at the meeting of September 11, 2007, and therefore made the following notice of motion:

This report had been circulated with the Advance Reports, and in accordance with Section 49 of the Book of Forms, which states that a motion to reconsider requires a notice of motion, Ruth Ann Drozd stated:

*“I, Ruth Ann Drozd, bring notice of motion that at the January meeting of Presbytery, I will move or cause to be moved that the Presbytery of London reconsider the motion made at Chalmers Presbyterian Church on September 11, 2007*

*“That inductions of ministers into charges be held in a regular Sunday worship service with attendance by the Moderator, Clerk and Interim Moderator.”*

**Exit Review Team Report Knox, St. Thomas** The Exit Review Team to Knox Church, St. Thomas has met with the Rev. Dr. Andrew Human, but due to scheduling issues will not meet with the Session, Board and Congregation until November 23, 2007. Reports will be presented at the next regular meeting of the Presbytery, on January 8, 2008. The Moderator did report that the Rev. Joyce Elder is acting as Interim Moderator Pro-Tem, and is also providing Pulpit Supply. Final arrangements will be announced at the January meeting of Presbytery.

**Records Examination** MOTION (Currie / Evans) THAT the Session Records of Oakridge Presbyterian Church, London, Ontario be attested as neatly and correctly kept. CARRIED.

MOTION (Currie / Evans) THAT the Session Records of St. George’s Presbyterian Church, London, Ontario be attested as neatly and correctly kept, with the following notes: 27.2, 27.3, 27.5, 27.8, 27.11, 27.12. CARRIED.

The Session Records of Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church were not made available for examination. The Clerk was requested to note in the Minutes that these records were originally required to be presented for examination at the September meeting of Presbytery, but were not presented, and nor were they presented at the October meeting of Presbytery. The minutes of the October meeting stated that the Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church Session Records must be presented at the November meeting.

**Students and Education Team** No Report

**Denominational Work Team** No Report

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**Vacancy and Visitation Team** No Report

**Leading with Care Team** No Report

**Hospital Visitor Team** No Report

**Youth and Campus Ministries Team** Mavis Currie gave a verbal report on various events which are coming up, including over eighty packages are to be delivered to students at Western and Fanshawe, a Bethlehem Dinner to be held at New St. James, and she also shared information on the planned Mission Trip to Cape Breton at the end of July, 2008.

**Website and Communications Team** No Report

**Small Church Ministries Team** No Report

**Evangelism Team** John Bannerman spoke to the report which had been circulated with the Advance Reports.

**Strategic Visioning Team** Kevin Steeper reported that this team had met, and is exploring various models of ministry, and the Presbytery overall.

**Reports of Interim Moderators** DaySpring, London - The Interim Moderator, Robert Shaw, had sent regrets for not attending this meeting, but had sent a very positive report regarding the ministry and activities at DaySpring.

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St. John's, Port Stanley - Terry Ingram reported that the Moderator, Mr. Tom Jeffery is providing excellent ministry to St. John's. He also indicated that the contract for the new year for Mr. Jeffery had been prepared with the only changes being an increase in stipend as per the Acts and Proceedings.  
MOTION (Ingram / Birchall) THAT the contract between St. John's Presbyterian Church, Port Stanley and Mr. Tom Jeffery for the period September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008 be approved. CARRIED.

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Rodney / Kintyre / New Glasgow - Johan Olivier reported that a workshop was held to explore the issue of amalgamation of these three congregations. The three Sessions met on November 12<sup>th</sup> and voted to form a Steering Committee, which aims to have a report finalized by March, 2008. The Sessions have requested Presbytery to give permission to seek an Interim Minister for a one-year period, to guide them through this process.

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MOTION: (Olivier / Woolner) THAT the congregations of St. John's, Rodney / Knox, Kintyre / Knox, New Glasgow be given permission to seek an Interim Minister for a period of one year. CARRIED.

St. Lawrence - no report as Interim Moderator was not present.

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Belmont / North Yarmouth - Kevin Steeper reported that the pulpits are being supplied, sacraments celebrated, and Sessions are meeting. Visioning process is being actively discussed by both congregations.

Knox, St. Thomas - reported on earlier.

**Presbyterians  
Sharing**

The recommendations for the 2008 Presbyterians Sharing Allocations had been circulated with the Advance Reports.

**Recommendation #1** (Evans / Bannerman) THAT the Presbytery of London recommend to the congregations the acceptance of the amounts under the heading "2008 Suggested". CARRIED.

**Recommendations #2** (Evans / Bannerman) THAT congregations who do not accept the amount recommended by the Presbytery for 2008 give reasons and explanation in writing to the Presbytery through the Clerk, Chris Evans. CARRIED.

Peter VanderKooy of Knox, Fingal, requested that it be noted that in 2005, Knox, Fingal, although it was noted that they had not accepted their allocation, did in fact submit their allocation of \$2,100.

Kathy Fraser, of Knox, Komoka and North Caradoc-St. Andrews, North Caradoc, also noted that she had neglected to return the two congregations' acceptance of the 2007 Allocation, but that the allocations had been accepted.

**Rural and Small  
Churches  
Workshop**

Amanda Birchall reported on the recent workshop held for Rural and Small Churches, indicating that eight congregations were represented, and that there was a good feeling of fellowship at this workshop.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Terry Axford, the Court stood adjourned at eight-fifty (8:50) o'clock in the evening, to meet again in Regular Session on Tuesday, the eighth day of January, two thousand and eight, at seven o'clock in the evening, in London, and within Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church. The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

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Moderator

Clerk

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PRESBYTERY OF LONDON  
BUDGET FOR 2008

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Forecast</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	<u>2006 \$</u>	<u>2006 \$</u>	<u>2007 \$</u>	<u>2007 \$</u>	<u>2008 \$</u>
Clerk's Honorarium	7500.00	7500.00	7875.00	7875.00	7875.00
Clerk's Course	525.00	650.00	0.00	0.00	650.00
Treasurer's Honorarium	1500.00	1500.00	1575.00	1575.00	1575.00
Hospital Ministry	15000.00	15000.00	15750.00	15750.00	15750.00
Payroll CPP, EI (Presby. Share)	1304.76	3150.00	1600.00	1458.00	1600.00
Minutes & Admin. Expenses	2131.20	3200.00	2500.00	1825.00	2500.00
Travel	3977.82	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00
Liability Insurance	1534.62	1800.00	2000.00	1823.74	2000.00
Directors & Officers Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Treasurer's Bond	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ministry Teams	550.00	1000.00	1000.00	900.00	1000.00
Presbytery Hymn Sing	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00
Evangelism Committee	196.54	1500.00	500.00	141.75	300.00
Psychological Testing	0.00	650.00	650.00	550.00	600.00
Communications/Campus Ministry	2422.99	3000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Campus Ministry - 2007	0.00	0.00	600.00	500.00	600.00
Communications - 2007	0.00	0.00	2400.00	2100.00	600.00
Youth Conferencing (Triennium) '06	4995.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Canada Youth '06 Adult Leadership	0.00	3000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth Initiative	490.42	500.00	600.00	800.00	900.00
Youth Conferencing (Triennium) '09	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Canada Youth '09 Adult Leadership	0.00	0.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
General Assembly Meals	1360.00	1250.00	1500.00	2155.00	2100.00
Presbytery Conferencing	0.00	1000.00	1000.00	0.00	0.00
Stalker Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Discretionary Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Presbytery	43518.35	50200.00	46200.00	43953.49	44700.00
<b>Synod Dues</b>	<u>42084.00</u>	<u>42084.00</u>	<u>46700.00</u>	<u>46700.00</u>	<u>46046.00</u>
General Assembly 2011					<u>9400.00</u>
	85602.35	92284.00	92900.00	90653.49	100147.70
50% Dollar Base	\$3,555,948		45,373.00		1.276%
50% Member	4,700		<u>45,373.00</u>		\$9.65
			90,746.00		
General Assembly 2011			<u>9,400.00</u>	(\$2.00 per member)	
			<u>101,146.00</u>		

Presbytery share is 49.26% of Budget  
 Synod Share is 50.74% of Budget

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Congregation	'05 Accepted	'06 Accepted	'07 Presby.	'07 Accepted	'08 Presby.
1. Ailsa Craig	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,700	\$ 4,800	\$ 0	\$ 0
2. Appin	4,000	4,000	4,300	4,000	4,500
3. Melbourne-Guthrie	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,800	1,800
4. Belmont-Knox	2,500	2,800	3,200	1,500	1,500
5. N. Yarmouth-St. James	1,600	1,600	1,700	500	600
6. Crinan-Argyle	3,600	3,700	3,700	3,700	2,540
7. Largie-Duff	4,100	4,100	4,100	4,100	4,100
8. Dorchester	3,700	3,800	4,000	4,000	4,200
9. South Nissouri	3,200	3,200	3,300	3,300	3,400
10. Dutton-Knox/St. Andrews	2,800	2,800	3,500	3,500	3,700
11. Fingal-Knox	2,100	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,300
12. Pt. Stanley-St. John's	1,250	1,500	1,700	1,500	1,600
13. Glencoe	8,000	8,000	8,300	0	6,000
14. Wardsville-St. John's	2,000	2,000	2,300	2,000	2,000
15. Ilderton-Bethel	3,750	3,750	4,000	4,000	4,000
16. Kintyre-Knox	4,750	2,800	3,500	4,800	4,000
17. New Glasgow-Knox	0	1,300	1,400	1,400	1,400
18. Rodney-St. John's	0	2,000	3,000	3,000	1,400
19. Komoka-Knox	1,900	1,900	2,000	0	1,900
20. N. Caradoc-St. Andrew's	6,500	6,700	6,900	0	6,900
21. London-Chalmers	18,000	19,000	19,500	19,500	20,000
22. London-DaySpring	1,500	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,500
23. London-Elmwood Ave.	18,000	17,000	18,000	17,000	17,500
24. London-Knollwood Park	7,500	7,700	7,900	0	7,900
25. London-New St. James	32,000	34,000	35,000	34,000	36,000
26. London-Oakridge	55,000	56,000	57,500	57,500	58,500
27. London-St. George's	8,250	9,000	9,500	9,000	9,100
28. London-St. Lawrence	5,000	6,000	6,350	6,350	6,350
29. London-Trinity Comm.	0	0	4,800	0	4,800
30. London-Westmount	26,000	26,500	27,000	27,000	28,000
31. Mosa-Burns	8,200	8,400	8,500	8,500	7,500
32. St. Thomas-Knox	30,000	33,000	34,000	33,000	34,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$269,400</b>	<b>\$281,500</b>	<b>\$302,350</b>	<b>\$261,650</b>	<b>\$291,990</b>