

Minutes of the Presbytery of London

Chalmers Presbyterian Church, London, Ontario, Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

In London, and within Chalmers Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in Regular Session on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, two thousand and ten, at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening.

Constitution The Moderator, the Reverend Keith McKee welcomed everyone to the meeting, making special mention of the guests from the WMS who would be presenting their Annual Report during the meeting. He then constituted the Court with prayer.

Worship The Worship Service was led by the Reverend John Bannerman, with hymns accompanied on piano by Kim Poser.

Welcome, Courtesies and Announcements The Moderator welcomed the following representatives from the London Presbyterial WMS: Mary Lou McKay, Joan Boyce, Catherine McMillan and Margaret McCullough, as well as Mr. John Park, a student at Knox College, from Oakridge Presbyterian Church, Mr. John Van Eyk, St. James, North Yarmouth, Mr. Bob Wilson, St. James North Yarmouth.

The Moderator made a congratulatory announcement, that the Rev. Terry Ingram will be getting married on May 22, 2010, in Peterborough, to the Rev. Sabrina Caldwell.

Burns, Mosa will be celebrating their 175th Anniversary with a special service on Sunday, April 11th, at 2:00 p.m. with Special Guest speaker, the Reverend Harvey Self, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Nancy Newell announced that St. James is planning an Easter Sunrise service on April 4th. She had copies of the notice to hand out.

Attendance John Bannerman, Mavis Currie, Kathy Fraser, Terry Ingram, Ian Johnston, Keith McKee, Lynn Nichol, Andrew Reid, Robert Shaw, Kevin Steeper, Mark Turner, Ministers; Andras Rameshwar, Lay Missionary; Bob Baron, John Cameron, Marg Chester, Ruth Ann Drozd, Chris Evans, Larry Gibbings, Tom Jeffery, Jacqueline Leitch, Ross MacKay, Joan Mansell, Matthew Marshall, Ian McFarlane, Margaret McCullough, Ian McFarlane, Linda McKenna, Sheila McMurray, Nancy Newell, Barbara Nyitray, Wilma Reath, Linda Riddell, Joe Ruitenbeek, Don Speir, Norma Stevenson, Doris Tutt, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Trudy Van der Hoek, Peter Van der Kooy, Elders; Carol Rayner, Treasurer, William Khalil, Almanarah; Robert Wilson; Dorchester/South Nissouri, Rob Evans, Elmwood; John Van Eyk, St. James; John Park, Oakridge; Joan Boyce, Catherine McMillan, Mary Lou McKay, Women's Missionary Society.

Regrets Charlotte Brown, Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Amanda MacMillan, Ministers; Bruce Dickert, Patrick Laurin, Ron Sparling, Nancy Springer, Elders.

Absent Tom Godfrey, Michael Stol, Ministers.

**Minutes of the Presbytery of London
Chalmers Presbyterian Church, London, Ontario, Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m.**

Docket **MOTION:** (Evans / Drozd) THAT the Docket as circulated be adopted for the meeting. CARRIED.

Stated Hour The Moderator invited Mrs. Mary Lou McKay, President of the London Presbyterial
7:30 p.m. WMS to come forward and present the Annual Report.
WMS

MOTION: (Evans / Drozd) THAT Mrs. Mary Lou McKay be given permission to address the Court. CARRIED.

Mrs. McKay reported that eleven groups and two associated groups of the London Presbyterial have submitted reports indicating that they are an active and vital part of their churches and communities through personal outreach and financial aid to other charitable works, as well as being involved in mission both in Canada and abroad. All groups have been studying social concerns such as the environment, water, aboriginal issues and HIV/AIDS. The 95th Annual meeting was held in January at New St. James, London. Various Mission Awareness services were held, ten delegates attended the S. W. Ontario Synodical in Leamington, the annual retreat was held at Backus Paige Museum, and several members attended the “Cake at the Lake” lunch at Camp Kintail. Mission Day was held in September at Burns, Mosa, with John Stewart speaking regarding the situation in Burma and the Karen tribe. In September three members spent two weeks in Malawi on a WMS exposure tour in the Blantyre Synod of Central Africa.

The Moderator thanked Mrs. McKay for her report and invited the WMS representatives to remain for the balance of the meeting.

Administrative **MOTION:** (Evans / Drozd) THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February
Business 9, 2010 be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.

Session Records There were no Session Records presented for review this month. The records scheduled for review in March will be presented in April.

REC. #1 (Evans / Drozd) THAT the following correspondence be received for information: CARRIED.

Number	From	Regarding
10-13	E. Bartlett, Assembly Office	Changes to the Roll

REC. #2 (Evans / Drozd) THAT the following correspondence be referred as named: CARRIED.

Number	From	Regarding	Refer To
10-14	T. McDonald-Lee, Camp Kintail	Request for Stated Hour	Admin Team
10-15	M. Currie, Youth Ministries	Request for Ailsa Craig Money	Admin Team
10-16	Southdale Chaplaincy	Request for Ailsa Craig Money	Admin Team
10-17	Almanarah Session	Request for Ailsa Craig Money	Admin Team

Minutes of the Presbytery of London

Chalmers Presbyterian Church, London, Ontario, Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

The Clerk reminded everyone that this is the last opportunity to submit ballots for the Moderator of General Assembly.

The Clerk also reminded everyone that Statistical Reports are now overdue and those who have not yet sent them in should do so as soon as possible.

The Clerk drew the Court's attention to a document which had been circulated just after the circulation of the Advance Reports, which contained advice from the Clerks of Assembly regarding the Robert Shaw Notice of Motion.

Robert Shaw spoke regarding this Notice of Motion, indicating that given the understanding Presbytery now has regarding the implications of the 'Notice of Motion' that he was prepared to move at the April meeting of Presbytery, he is no longer prepared to move the same at the April meeting or at any other meeting of the Court. He then withdrew the notice of motion.

Following this withdrawal of the Notice of Motion, and based on the instruction given to the Clerk to cite the congregations of DaySpring and Almanarah to appear at the April meeting,

MOTION: (Evans / Jeffery) THAT the congregations of DaySpring and Almanarah not be cited to appear at the April meeting of the Presbytery. CARRIED.

**Students and
Education Team** No Report

**Denominational
Work Team** No Report

**Vacancy and
Visitation Team** Mr. Tom Jeffery presented the report of the Vacancy and Visitation Team
MOTION: (Jeffery / Van Bilsen) THAT the following congregations be visited and reports be presented at or before the November meeting of the Presbytery:
a) Knox-St. Andrew's, Dutton - by team of Deb Dolbear-Van Bilsen + an elder from Glencoe-Wardsville Churches, and Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Ruth Ann Drozd, Tom Jeffery, with the first meeting to be called by Ruth Ann Drozd;
b) Knollwood Park, London - by team of Mark Turner + an elder from Trinity Church, and Margaret McCullough, Ruth Ann Dorzd and Gerald Stocking, first meeting to be called by Margaret McCullough;
c) St. Lawrence, London - by team of Charlotte Brown + an elder from St. John's, Port Stanley Church and Margaret McCullough, Tom Jeffery, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, first meeting to be called by Donna Jean Van Bilsen.
CARRIED.

Minutes of the Presbytery of London

Chalmers Presbyterian Church, London, Ontario, Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

MOTION: (Jeffery / Van Bilsen) THAT the visitation to St. James, North Yarmouth be held in January, 2011, and that the team consist of Lynn Nichol + an elder from Knollwood Park Church and Ruth Ann Drozd, Donna Jean Van Bilsen and Gerald Stocking, first meeting to be called by Gerald Stocking. CARRIED.

Leading with Care

Kathy Fraser reminded everyone of the upcoming workshop on Leading with Care to be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Elmwood Church, London. David Phillips will be leading this workshop. This workshop is open to all Clergy, Elders, Leading with Care Convenors, and others. People planning to attend should RSVP to Kathy Fraser so that sufficient seating and refreshments may be provided. Kathy also reminded everyone that there will be a further workshop on October 2, 2010 regarding the Policy on Sexual Abuse and Harassment.

The Rev. Andrew Reid drew everyone's attention to the report from the Commission, indicating that the complainant had signed the full and final release, discharging the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Presbytery of London, the Session and Trustees of New St. James Presbyterian Church, and Donald McInnis, and each of their present or former trustees, elders, officers, employees, agents, successors, and assigns from any and all claims, actions, suits, complaints, proceedings, or demands that the complainant has had or ever could have related to this matter, and that the cheque for \$17,500 has been issued. A claim has been filed with Zurich Insurance Company, and until this has been settled and reported to the Presbytery of London, the Commission will remain in place. The Moderator thanked the members of the Commission for their diligence.

Hospital Visitor Team

No Report

Youth and Campus Ministries

Mavis Currie reported that the One-Day Wonder event was held on February 20th, at New St. James, and was once again a huge success. She thanked all those who helped run this event. Mavis showed a collection of photographs taken during the event.

Website and Communications Team

No Report

Small Church Ministries Fund

No Report

GA 2011 Local Arrangements Committee

The Moderator asked Mr. Tom Jeffery, former Moderator, to assume the Chair while he presented this report. Keith McKee presented the report of the Local Arrangements Committee, indicating that a theme had been discussed. It was noted that we may not use the term "Forest City" or use the stylized logo tree of the City of London as they are registered trademarks. It was felt that the theme must be reflective of the entire Presbytery of London, both urban and rural, and the Thames River or its tributaries runs near most congregations. Therefore, the Local Arrangements is recommending that the theme

Minutes of the Presbytery of London

Chalmers Presbyterian Church, London, Ontario, Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

for the 2011 General Assembly be “Down By the Riverside”, noting that there is no copyright infringement as this traditional hymn/spiritual is in the public domain.

MOTION: (McKee / Reid) THAT the theme for General Assembly 2011 be “Down by the Riverside”. CARRIED.

MOTION: (McKee / Reid) THAT a design contest be held for youth aged 18 or under to create a logo for General Assembly 2011, incorporating the theme for General Assembly 2011. CARRIED.

MOTION: (McKee / Reid) THAT the Clerk of Presbytery circularize information about this contest to the Clerks of Session. CARRIED.

The Moderator resumed the Chair

**Trinity-West
Dissolution Team** No report

**DaySpring
Ministry Team** No Report

Evangelism Team John Bannerman reported that the Evangelism Team is working on an event for this coming fall.

**Reports of
Interim
Moderators** Almanarah - London - Former Moderator, Tom Jeffery assumed the Chair so Keith McKee could present this report. Keith McKee reported that Almanarah has had its first Annual Meeting. More people have expressed interest in becoming new members, and requests have come forward for both infant and adult baptisms. The Session expresses its appreciation for the work of Mrs. Carol Rayner, as Treasurer pro-tem of Almanarah. There will be a congregational / Session retreat on Saturday, March 20th, at St. George's, led by the Rev. Dr. James Czegledi, with a focus on new church development and outreach. Clerks of Session will be encouraged once again to consider holding Almanarah Sundays. William Khalil will be attending a New Church Development conference through Canada Ministries in May. Mr. Khalil is scheduled for an interview by the Presbytery's Student and Education Committee on March 11th. The Session of Almanarah is actively seeking a new location for worship and mid-week programming. Mr. McKee reported that he celebrated Communion with the Almanarah congregation on February 21st, and also that the pulpit is ably supplied by William Khalil and that the pastoral care he is providing is greatly appreciated by members and adherents of Almanarah Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator resumed the chair.

Bethel - Ilderton - No Report

Burns - Mosa - No Report

Argyle-Crinan / Duff-Largie - No Report

Minutes of the Presbytery of London

Chalmers Presbyterian Church, London, Ontario, Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

DaySpring - London - Mavis Currie reported that DaySpring is continuing with the Visioning process.

Dorchester / South Nissouri - Rob Shaw reported "Diligence"

Knox - Fingal - No Report

Knox - St. Thomas - Andrew Reid reported "Diligence" and activity. He encouraged people to consider attending their upcoming stewardship workshop.

Interim Minister, Ian Johnston, reported that he is happy in his work at Knox, St. Thomas, the congregation is 'learning things Presbyterian', there have been a number of baptisms, and that he is looking to a time when he can start to prepare for his departure.

Oakridge - London - Terry Ingram reported regarding the Associate Minister position at Oakridge, indicating that the profile is being circulated and that applications are starting to come in.

St. James - North Yarmouth - John Bannerman reported that he had attended at St. James on March 7th, which was Cynthia Breadner's first service. He announced that March 28th at 3:00 pm will be the service to recognize Ms. Breadner as Lay Missionary at St. James, and encouraged everyone to attend. The Clerk was asked to circulate a notice of this service.

St. John's - Port Stanley - Terry Ingram reported that things are going well at St. John's, and commended Tom Jeffery for his work as Lay Missionary.

Other Business Mavis Currie asked what should be done with the application forms for One-Day Wonder. The Leading with Care Committee will look into this, but in the meantime Mavis was asked to keep them in a secure location.

Adjournment On a motion by John Cameron, the Court stood adjourned at eight-ten o'clock in the evening, to meet again in Regular Session on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of April, two thousand and ten, at seven o'clock in the evening, in London, and within DaySpring Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator closed the meeting with Prayer.

Moderator

Clerk