

**Minutes of the Presbytery of London  
Knox Presbyterian Church, Belmont, Ontario, June 20, 2006**

At Belmont, and within Knox Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in regular session on Tuesday, the twentieth day of June, two thousand and six, at seven o'clock in the evening.

- Dinner** At 6:00 p.m. the members of Knox Presbyterian Church served those present a delicious chicken dinner.
- Worship** The Reverend Gloria Langlois conducted the Worship Service, with the assistance of Joanne Barker.
- Constitution** The Moderator, the Reverend Kathy Fraser constituted the meeting with prayer.
- Attendance** The Rev. Kathy Fraser (Moderator), Hugh Appel, Kate Ballagh-Steeper, John Bannerman, Amanda Birchall, Andrew Human, Gloria Langlois, Keith McKee, Douglas Miles, Linda Moffatt, Lynn Nichol, Johan Olivier, Jim Redpath, Robert Robinson, Robert Shaw, Robert Sinasac, Michael Stol, Deborah Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Les Files, Ministers; Terry Axford, John Cameron, Ruby Cromwell, Bruce Dickert, Ruth Ann Drozd, Chris Evans (Clerk), Margaret Field, Ian Fleck, John Goodfellow, Tom Jeffery, Ken Keith, Jacqueline Leitch, Joanne Lisiecki, Joan Mansell, Sharon Marshall, Margaret McCullough, Irene McLean, Sheila McMurray, John McNeil, Charles Parsons, Janet Quinton, Linda Riddell, Gordon Sims, Don Speir, Owen Thornton, Sandra Van der Veen, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Peter VanderKooy,
- Elders; Joan Boyce, Catherine McMillan, Knox, Belmont (WMS), Wyn Files (WMS), Les Cunningham, Knox, Belmont, Rev. Joyce E. Elder, New St. James, Rob Evans, Carol Rayner, Elmwood, Jim Ferguson, Kathy Ferguson, Jean Gooding, Bob Wilson, Judi Wilson, St. James, North Yarmouth, Larry Gibbings, South Nissouri, Rachelle Kernahan, Dorchester, Audrey Gordon, Others.
- Regrets** Sabrina Caldwell, Mavis Currie, Terry Ingram, Kevin Steeper, Mark Turner, \_ Ministers, Ann Dahl, Marilyn Edwards, David Laphorne, Mary Jane Laphorne, Adele McCallum, Dorothy Meikle, Gerald Stocking, Allan Woolner Elders.
- Absent** Carl Crossett, Ben Ormseth,
- Welcome and Courtesies** The Moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting, and in particular welcomed representatives of the WMS, Joan Boyce, Catherine McMillan and Wyn Files. A number of guests were introduced and welcomed.
- Docket** It was agreed that the Docket be accepted as printed and circulated.
- Stated Hour** The following reports from General Assembly were presented by Commissioners:  
**General Assembly** Presentation of Reports from General

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Assembly.

MOTION (McKee / Langlois) THAT Mr. Larry Gibbings, Commissioner to General Assembly, be given permission to speak. CARRIED.

Keith McKee:	Assembly Council
Ruby Cromwell:	Atlantic Mission Society Women's Missionary Society
Lynn Nichol:	Committee on Church Doctrine Committee on Theological Education
Ian Fleck:	Clerks of Assembly Presbyterian Church Building Corporation
Gloria Langlois:	Life and Mission Agency
Chris Evans:	Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee Ecumenical, Interfaith and International Visitors Presbyterian Record
Andrew Human:	Fund for Ministerial Assistance Pension and Benefits Board
Larry Gibbings:	Committee on International Affairs

The Moderator thanked all the Commissioners for their presentations.

**Minutes** MOTION (Evans / Sinasac ) THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 9, 2006 be adopted as printed and distributed. CARRIED.

**Administrative Team Report** The Clerk, Mrs. Chris Evans, presented the Report of the Administrative Team.

**Correspondence** **RECOMMENDATION #1** (Evans / Sinasac ) that the following correspondence be received for information: CARRIED.

Number	From/Date (d-m)	Regarding
06-29	J. Biggs, Presbytery East Toronto (25-5)	Deposition from Christian Min. - Robert P. Fourney
06-30	E. Briard, Presbytery of Pickering (1-06)	Letter of Standing - Rev. David Shin
06-31	E. Briard, Presbytery of Pickering (1-06)	Letter of Standing - Rev. James Liebenberg
06-32	E. Briard, Presbytery of Pickering (1-06)	Rev. Hwan Up-An not recommended to Committee on Education and Reception
06-33	PWS&D	Tsunami Recovery & HIV/AIDS Study Tour, Feb. 2007
06-35	Evangel Hall	Campaign
06-38	S. Shaffer, Education & Reception	Reception as Minister: Rev. Joshua Kang Reception as Minister: Rev. Ki-Tae Lee

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

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<b>Number</b>	<b>From/Date (d-m)</b>	<b>Regarding</b>	<b>Refer To</b>
06-28	H.Kouwenberg (16-5)	Transfer to Presbytery of Ottawa	Clerk
06-34	R. Shaw, Int. Mod. (DaySpring)	Relief rom Health & Dental Premiums for DaySpring	Admin. Team
06-36	K. Reimer, Presby. Of Winnipeg	K. Baxter	Admin. Team
06-37	K. Baxter	K. Baxter	Admin. Team

**Schedule of  
Regular  
Meetings**

**RECOMMENDATION #3** (Evans / Sinasac ) THAT in compliance with the Standing Orders, the Regular Meetings of the Presbytery of London for 2006 / 7 be as follows:

September 12, 2006	Duff Church, Largie
October 10, 2006	South Nissouri Church, Thorndale
November 14, 2006	Knox-St. Andrews Church, Dutton
January 9, 2007	Knox Church, Fingal
February 13, 2007	St. John's Church, Wardsville
March 13, 2007	Bethel Church, Ilderton
April 11, 2007	St. John's Church, Rodney
May 15, 2007	Knox Church, Komoka
June 19, 2007	Chalmers, London

K. Ballagh-Steeper expressed concern that the Representative Elder for Ailsa Craig, who is wheelchair-bound, may not be able to access some of the churches scheduled to host meetings of Presbytery. It was determined that three of the nine churches listed in the above rotation are not wheelchair-accessible.

**Amended motion** (Ballagh-Steeper / Birchall) THAT the September meeting be held in Guthrie Church, Melbourne while Presbytery decides how to address this issue.

Following further discussion, it was moved in **Amendment to the Amended Motion** (Shaw / Bannerman) THAT the schedule be amended by switching the meeting scheduled for Dutton with that of Largie. DEFEATED.

**Amended Motion** DEFEATED

**RECOMMENDATION #3** - CARRIED.

**Accessibility  
Issues**

**MOTION** (Langlois / Nichol) THAT the Administrative Team draw together individuals to discuss accessibility of churches before September, 2006, and make

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recommendations at the September meeting. CARRIED.

- Homologation**      **RECOMMENDATION #4** (Evans / Sinasac) THAT Presbytery homologate the appointment of Mrs. Chris Evans to attend General Assembly as Commissioner in 2006. CARRIED.
- General Assembly**      **MOTION** (McKee / Sinasac) THAT since Mrs. Evans of Elmwood Church, was
- Rotation**      appointed as a substitute Commissioner on short notice to fill an unexpected vacancy, that Elmwood not be taken out of their normal order in the rotation to send a Commissioner to General Assembly. CARRIED.
- Commissioners to General Assembly**      **MOTION** (McKee / Bannerman) THAT in future the Presbytery of London name an alternate ruling elder commissioner each year to General Assembly to serve in the event that a ruling elder commissioner cannot attend, and that this matter be referred to the Administrative Team for implementation. CARRIED.
- Constituent Roll**      **RECOMMENDATION #5** (Evans / Sinasac ) that the following commissions for elders (representative elder/ alternate representative elder) be recognized and that their names be added to the roll of the Presbytery of London for September 2005 to August 2006: Ailsa Craig: Wayne Hindmarsh/Adele McCallum ; Appin/Guthrie-Melbourne: Susan Cushman / Tom Jeffery ; Knox-Belmont/St. James-North Yarmouth: Joan Mansell/Eva Roberts; Argyle-Crinan/Duff-Largie: Jacqueline Leitch/Frank McMurchy; Dorchester/South Nissouri: Rachelle Kernahan/ Larry Gibbings; Knox-St. Andrews -Dutton: John McNeil/Ian Fleck; Knox-Fingal: Peter VanderKooy/Janice Lockhart; Glencoe / Knox-Wardsville: Gerald Stocking/John Cameron; Bethel-Ilderton: Margaret McCullough/Linda Riddell; Knox-Kintyre/Knox-New Glasgow/St. John's-Rodney: Allan Woolner/Janet Quinton; North Caradoc-St. Andrews/Knox-Komoka: Larry Langford/Mildred Greig; Chalmers-London: Doris Tutt/Norma Stevenson; DaySpring-London / ; Elmwood- London: Chris Evans/Trudy Van der Hoek; Knollwood Park- London: Joe Ruitenbeek/Carlton Dindial; New St. James- London: Charles Parsons/Neil Dickieson; Oakridge- London: Ken Keith/Olive Bell; St. George's-London: Gordon Sims/Robert Bedggood; St. Lawrence- London: Ben Ormseth/Owen Price; Trinity-London: Sheila McMurray/(no alternate); Westmount-London: Owen Thornton/Tom Telfer; Burns-Mosa: Donna Jean Van Bilsen/Margaret Field ; St. John's-Port Stanley: Marilyn Edwards/ Sharon Marshall; Knox-St. Thomas: Sandra Van Der Veen/Hugh Orchard. CARRIED.
- Equalizing Elders**      **RECOMMENDATION #6** (Evans / Sinasac ) THAT the following people be added as Equalizing Elders to the Roll of Presbytery from September 2005 to August 2006: John Goodfellow, Ruth Ann Drozd.

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**MOTION** (Jeffery / Ballagh-Steeper) THAT this Recommendation be referred back to the Administrative Team to determine whether any unrepresented congregations in multiple point charges are willing to appoint an Equalizing Elder, as per the Standing Orders. **CARRIED.**

**Retiring Rep. and** **RECOMMENDATION #7** (Evans / Sinasac) THAT the following Presbyters who  
**Alternate Rep. Elders** will complete their terms on August 31, 2005 be thanked for their service by a letter from the clerk: Joanne Lisiecki (representative - Knox, Belmont), Frank McMurchy (alternate representative - Crinan), Terry Axford (representative - Dorchester), Doug Hill (alternate representative - South Nissouri), Ruby Cromwell (representative - Fingal), Ann Dahl (representative - Knox, Komoka), Irene McLean (alternate - North Caradoc-St. Andrews), Bruce Dickert (representative - Chalmers, London), Dorothy Meikle (representative - Knollwood Park, London) David & MaryJane Laphorne (alternate representatives - Knollwood Park, London), Tom Kontio (alternate - Oakridge, London), Carl Crossett (Equalizing). **CARRIED.**

**Karen Baxter** **RECOMMENDATION #8** (Evans / Sinasac) THAT the name of Karen Baxter be removed from the Appendix to the Roll of the Presbytery of London.

**Records Examinations** Tom Jeffery reported that the Session Records for the following congregations had been examined and made the following recommendations:

**RECOMMENDATION #1** (Jeffery / Evans) THAT the Session Records of Knox Presbyterian Church, Belmont, be attested as neatly and correctly kept, *cum nota*. **CARRIED.**

**RECOMMENDATION #2** (Jeffery / Evans) THAT the Session Records of St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yarmouth, be attested as neatly and correctly kept. **CARRIED.**

**RECOMMENDATION #3** (Jeffery / Evans) THAT the Session Records of Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church, London, be attested as neatly and correctly kept. **CARRIED.**

**RECOMMENDATION #4** (Jeffery / Evans) THAT the Session Records of New St. James Presbyterian Church, London, be attested as neatly and correctly kept, *cum nota*. **CARRIED.**

**Students and** A report without recommendations was circulated with the advance reports, and it

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**Education Team** stressed that more members are needed to serve on this team, which examines candidates for the ministry, and determines issuance of grants from the Dr. Stalker fund.

**Denomination Work Team** Kate Ballagh-Steeper circulated a report prior to the meeting, outlining the work of the Denominational Work Team in relation to the *Leading With Care* policy, indicating that approximately 90% of congregations are well on the way to full implementation of the policy. It was noted that there are implications for the Presbytery as we have an employed staff person and conduct Presbytery-wide events. The committee will be meeting with the Presbytery Staff person, Doug Bruce, Hospital Visitor. It was also noted that Presbytery events that are often youth oriented also need to be governed by the Policy. It will be necessary for the Clerk of Presbytery to have *Leading with Care* reporting sheets, and evaluation and risk assessment sheets.

The Denomination Work Team decided that there needs to be a permanent team to be a resource and for accountability for the Presbytery. It was also noted that the Presbytery does not have a Sexual Abuse and Harassment Team in place, should an allegation or complaint be made.

**Notice of Motion** Therefore the Denominational Work Team gave the following Notice of Motion: THAT the Presbytery of London change its standing orders to include a Leading with Care Committee.

Terms of Reference

1. The Committee reports to the Administrative Team and to the Presbytery;
2. The Committee is responsible for the oversight and continuing implementation of both the Leading with Care Policy and the Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy of the Presbyterian Church in Canada;
3. The Committee will provide ongoing support and resources to congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery to ensure compliance with these policies, particularly at the time of the approval of a call or appointment;
4. The Committee will oversee the implementation of the policy for Presbytery events (eg. Youth events);
5. The Committee will oversee the implementation of the policy for any Presbytery staff (eg. Hospital worker);
6. The Committee will be knowledgeable of the Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy and will become the Committee of Presbytery that handles any complaints or allegations according to the policy;
7. The Committee will be comprised of at least 4 members, one of whom is the Clerk of Presbytery. There should be an equal number of teaching and ruling

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elders as well as a balance of male and female members;  
8. Each member shall serve for three years, renewable for a second term. The initial six years should rotate members every two years.

**Vacancy and Visitation Team** Tom Jeffery indicated there was no report from the Vacancy and Visitation Team, other than to note that there are still two regular visitation reports outstanding, with more coming due in September.

**Visitation Team Burns, Mosa** The Report of the Visitation Team to Burns Church, Mosa was presented by Doug Miles  
**AGREED** THAT the Visitation Team to Burns Church, Mosa be dismissed.

**Visitation Team Knox, Komoka** The Report of the Visitation Team to Knox, Komoka was presented by Linda Moffatt.  
**AGREED** THAT the Visitation Team to Knox, Komoka be dismissed.

**Visitation Team North Caradoc-St. Andrews** The Report of the Visitation Team to North Caradoc-St. Andrews was presented by Linda Moffatt.  
**AGREED** THAT the Visitation Team to North Caradoc-St. Andrews be dismissed.

**Visitation Team Dorchester / South Nissouri** The Report of the Visitation Team to Dorchester / South Nissouri was presented by Jim Redpath.  
**RECOMMENDATION #1** (Redpath / Cromwell) THAT the Sessions of both congregations take the steps needed to implement the Leading with Care Policy within the congregations. CARRIED.  
**RECOMMENDATION #2** (Redpath / Cromwell) THAT we commend the Minister and Sessions for the sense of Christian fellowship that is present within the pastoral charge. We also commend the congregations for the fine ministry that is taking place and for the desire to meet their challenges with a sense of faithfulness to the Gospel, wisdom and insight. CARRIED.  
**AGREED** THAT the Visitation Team to Dorchester / South Nissouri be dismissed.

**Hospital Visitor Team** No Report

**Campus Ministry** No Report

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**Team**

**Small Church  
Ministries Fund** No Report

**Evangelism  
(Church Growth)** No Report

**Vacancies** DaySpring, London (G. Langlois, R. Shaw) Session is meeting regularly, pulpit supply is in place until September, Search Committee is working on steps to call half-time minister, some profiles have been received, interviews should start in July.

St. John's, Port Stanley (T. Ingram) No report

Rodney / Kintyre / New Glasgow (J. Redpath) No Report

New St. James, London (K. McKee) Diligence reported. Profile should be ready for presentation by late August, early September. Congregation shows itself to be resilient in the light of three losses: their Senior Minister, their Associate Minister, and the death of their long-time, loved Clerk of Session, Mrs. Shirley McNair. The Interim Moderator suggested that in future, to avoid unanswered questions, that Exit Teams explain to the congregation why their minister has left.

Glencoe / St. John's, Wardsville (K. Ballagh-Steeper) Diligence reported. Search Committee is working on Profile. Positive reports regarding Stated Supply Minister, the Reverend Deborah Dolbear-Van Bilsen.

St. Lawrence, London (L. Nichol) Work continues. Session trying to determine the future of this congregation, and will be holding a retreat. Interim Moderator asked for any suggestions to help with guiding a Session and Congregation in defining their future actions.

**Knox, Fingal** **RECOMMENDATION** (Redpath / Cromwell) THAT the Presbytery of London approve the project of Knox, Fingal to complete an addition, with an elevator, to the west side of the addition completed in 1979. CARRIED. It was noted that no outside loan will be required for this work, due to fundraising projects, and if necessary a loan from the Memorial Fund, which will be repaid.

**St. John's,  
(8')  
Rodney** **RECOMMENDATION #1** (Redpath / Sinasac) THAT the sale of an eight foot strip of land located on the south side of the property of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Rodney, be approved with the following conditions:

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1. All costs related to such transfer shall be borne by the person making the request to purchase, and
2. The selling price of the eight foot (8') strip of land shall be established by obtaining an estimate of the fair market value from a currently licensed real estate agent familiar with land costs in the respective area.

CARRIED.

**RECOMMENDATION #2** (Redpath / Sinasac) THAT the charge of Rodney, Kintyre and New Glasgow receive the approval of the Presbytery of London to proceed with severing the current manse from the property upon which is situated St. John's Presbyterian Church, Rodney.

Prior to voting, questions were raised regarding taxing a manse when severed. It was noted that property taxes will apply, but that there is the possibility of a 50% rebate . CARRIED.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Keith McKee the Court stood adjourned at 9:15 in the evening, to meet again in Regular Session on the twelfth day of September, two thousand and six, at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening, in Largie, and within Duff Presbyterian Church. The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer and the Benediction.

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Moderator

Clerk