

**Minutes of the Presbytery of London
Duff Presbyterian Church, Largie, Ontario, September 12, 2006**

At Largie, and within Duff Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of London met in regular session on Tuesday, the twelfth day of September, two thousand and six, at seven o'clock in the evening.

- Worship** The Reverend Hugh Appel and the Reverend Kathy Fraser conducted the Worship and Communion Service.
- Constitution** The Moderator, the Reverend Kathy Fraser constituted the meeting with prayer. The Moderator informed the Court of two recent deaths, that of Hugh Orchard's mother, and also Ann Dahl, Clerk of Session at Knox, Komoka, as well as a long time member of the Presbytery, and led us in prayer for these two people and their families.
- Attendance** Hugh Appel, Kate Ballagh-Steeper, Amanda Birchall, Mavis Currie, Kathy Fraser, Andrew Human, Terry Ingram, Gloria Langlois, Keith McKee, Douglas Miles, Lynn Nichol, Johan Olivier, Jim Redpath, Robert Robinson, Robert Sinasac, Kevin Steeper, Michael Stol, Mark Turner, Ministers; Olive Bell, John Cameron, Susan Cushman, Ruth Ann Drozd, Marilyn Edwards, Chris Evans, Ian Fleck, John Goodfellow, Mildred Greig, Wayne Hindmarsh, Tom Jeffery, Rachelle Kernahan, Larry Langford, Jacqueline Leitch, Sharon Marshall, Margaret McCullough, Bill McMurchy, Sheila McMurray, John McNeil, Ben Ormseth, Charles Parsons, Linda Riddell, Gordon Sims, Owen Thornton, Doris Tutt, Trudy Van der Hoek, Donna Jean Van Bilsen, Peter VanderKooy, Allan Woolner, Elders; Carol Rayner, Treasurer; Kay Hirtle, Rob Hirtle, Pam Bradshaw, Bill Bradshaw, (St. John's, Rodney); Rob Evans, (Elmwood); Pamela Demers, (Knox, New Glasgow), and a number of others from Knox, New Glasgow, and from St. Lawrence, London.
- Regrets** John Bannerman, Sabrina Caldwell, Linda Moffatt, Robert Shaw, Deborah Dolbear-Van Bilsen, Ministers; Ruth Carey, Carlton Dindial, Ken Keith, Joan Mansell, Eva Roberts, Joe Ruitenbeek, Don Speir, Sandra Van der Veen, Elders.
- Absent** All either presented or accounted for.
- Welcome and Courtesies** The Moderator, the Reverend Kathy Fraser welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Matter Brought Forward** **MOTION** (Evans / McKee) that Recommendation #5 of the Administrative Team Report be brought forward and dealt with at this time. CARRIED.
- Charlotte Brown** **RECOMMENDATION #5** (Evans / Redpath) THAT Presbytery approve the Reverend Charlotte Brown's appointment as Chaplain at Chelsea Park Retirement Community, and as per the Book of Forms, that her name be added to the Constituent Roll of the Presbytery of London. CARRIED.

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Equalizing Elder **RECOMMENDATION** (Evans / McKee) THAT Mr. Tom Jeffery be appointed as Equalizing Elder, representing Melbourne Presbyterian Church. CARRIED.

Alternate Representative Elder **RECOMMENDATION** (Evans / Birchall) THAT Judith Chamberlain of Melbourne Presbyterian Church be appointed as Alternate Representative Elder for the Appin /Melbourne Charge, replacing Tom Jeffery. CARRIED.

Installation of New Moderator The Moderator, the Reverend Kathy Fraser, called Mr. Tom Jeffery to the front of the front of the Court, and proceeded with the service of Induction of Mr. Jeffery as Moderator of the Presbytery of London for the 2006 / 2007 year.

The newly installed Moderator, Mr. Tom Jeffery assumed the chair and resumed the business of the Court.

Docket It was AGREED that the Docket be accepted as printed and circulated.

WMS Representatives The Moderator welcomed representatives of the WMS, Mildred Greig and Margaret McCullough to the meeting.

Minutes MOTION (Evans / Redpath) THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 20, 2006 be adopted as printed and distributed. CARRIED.

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

St. Lawrence Vacancy Report **MOTION** (Nichol / Ormseth) THAT the report on the Vacancy of St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church be brought forward to this point in the meeting. CARRIED.

Lynn Nichol presented a verbal report on the status of the vacancy of St. Lawrence Church, indicating that numerous meetings had been held as well as a Session Retreat, to discern how St. Lawrence plans to proceed into the future.

MOTION (Nichol / Ormseth) THAT St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church be given permission to seek a half-time minister. CARRIED.

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

Number	From/Date (d-m)	Regarding
06-39	J. Williams, Presbytery W. Toronto (21-6)	Letter of Standing - Rev. Allan Lane
06-43	B. McCutcheon, Knox College	Report concerning Gale Turnbull's progress
06-45	S. Philpott, General Assembly Office	Changes to the Roll
06-48	R. Sparks, Presbytery of Vancouver Island	Letter of Standing - Michael Caveney
06-49	Bob Wilson	Letter of Thanks for assistance to attend CY-2006

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

Number	From/Date (d-m)	Regarding	Refer To
06-40	S. McAndless, Presbytery Essex-Kent	Transfer to Pres. Of London Joan Ashley	Admin. Team
06-41	K. Hirtle, St. John's, Port Stanley	Loss of Session Minute Book	Admin. Team
06-42	H. Appel	Chaplain for Moderator	Admin Team
06-44	S. Shaffer, Life & Mission Agency	Study Papers on Ministerial Lay Staff, Multiple-Minister Congreg. and Lay Missionaries	Denom. Work Team
06-46	Ian Johnston, Westminster PC	Name for Pulpit Supply	Clerk
06-47	R. Fee, Life & Mission Agency	Staff Position	Circulate
06-50(a)	Charlotte Brown	Notice of Employment	Admin Team
06-50(b)	Chelsea Park Retirement Community	Confirmation of C. Brown Empl.	Admin Team
06-51	J. Bannerman	Request for Study Leave	St. & Educ.
06-52	M. Hyde, Oakridge Pres. Church	Permission to Apply for Canada Ministries Grant	Admin Team
06-54	R. A. Drozd, Clerk of Assessor Session Knox, New Glasgow	Forwarding Complaint from Knox, New Glasgow	Presbytery

Rev. Joan Ashley **RECOMMENDATION #3** (Evans / Redpath) THAT the name of the Reverend Joan Ashley be added to the Appendix to the Roll of the Presbytery of London, effective immediately. CARRIED.

Chaplain to the Moderator **RECOMMENDATION #4** (Evans / Redpath) THAT the Reverend Amanda Birchall be appointed as Chaplain to Mr. Tom Jeffery during his term as Moderator of the Presbytery of London. CARRIED.

**Study Leave
Rev. John
Bannerman** **RECOMMENDATION #6** (Evans / Redpath) THAT the Presbytery of London approve Study Leave for the Reverend John Bannerman, to attend "World's Religions after September 11: A Global Congress (Can Religion be a Force for Good?)" to be held in Montreal from September 11 - 15, 2006. CARRIED.

**Oakridge
Presbyterian
Church - Canada
Ministries Grant
Application** **RECOMMENDATION #7** (Evans / Redpath) THAT Oakridge Presbyterian Church be given permission to apply to Canada Ministries for a grant to assist in fully implementing a Ministry to Unchurched Korean Canadians, and that representatives of Oakridge Presbyterian Church be required to report back to Presbytery on the results of such application. CARRIED.

**Rev. Ruth
MacLean** **RECOMMENDATION #8** (Evans / Redpath) THAT the Reverend Ruth MacLean be transferred from the Appendix to the Roll of the Presbytery of London to the Appendix to the Roll of the Presbytery of Grey-Bruce-Maitland, at her request, effective immediately. CARRIED.

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Complaint from Knox, New **RECOMMENDATION #9** (Evans / Appel) THAT the Presbytery of London receive the complaint from Knox Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow, and name a team to investigate the matter.

MOTION to SPLIT (McKee / Nichol)

Therefore the Recommendation will read:

RECOMMENDATION #9a (Evans / Appel) THAT the Presbytery of London receive the complaint from Knox Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow. CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATION #9b (Evans / Appel) THAT the Presbytery of London appoint a team to investigate the matter.

AMENDMENT (McKee / Stol) THAT this letter be declared “frivolous and vexatious”. CARRIED

AMENDED MOTION (Appel / Fraser) THAT this letter be declared “frivolous and vexatious”. CARRIED

MOTION (Woolner / Hindmarsh) THAT June Ford, spokesperson for Knox, New Glasgow, be given permission to speak. CARRIED by a majority.

Mrs. Ford wished to inform the Court that the intent of the letter was not in any way frivolous and vexatious, but rather a plea for help. She thanked the Court for allowing her to speak.

MOTION IN AMENDMENT (Nichol / Fraser) THAT the letter be returned to the petitioner with a recommendation that the petition be referred to the Session to be dealt with. CARRIED by a majority.

**Interim
Moderator
Knox, New
Glasgow**

MOTION (McKee / Nichol) THAT the resignation of the Reverend Jim Redpath as Interim Moderator to Knox Church, New Glasgow, be accepted with regret, and with the thanks of the Court, effective immediately. CARRIED.

MOTION (McKee / Thornton) THAT the Moderator of Presbytery, in consultation with the Administrative Team, work to appoint an Interim Moderator to the Rodney, Kintyre, New Glasgow charge as soon as possible. CARRIED.

MOTION (McKee / Birchall) THAT the Interim Moderator, together with the Session evaluate the viability of the New Glasgow congregation and report to Presbytery. CARRIED.

Notice of Motion I, Christine Evans, will move or cause to be moved, that the Standing Orders of the Presbytery of London be amended as follows:

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2. Representative Elders

(b) The clerk and moderator will assure that the status of equalizing (compensating) elders be reviewed yearly, in accordance with the Book of Forms (replacing yearly, and these elders will be chosen giving first priority to multiple point charges based on the rotation as listed in the current Acts and Proceedings.

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

RECOMMENDATION #1 (Evans / Fraser) THAT the Session Records of Duff Presbyterian Church, Largie, be attested as neatly and correctly kept CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATION #2 (Evans / Fraser) THAT the Session Records of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Port Stanley, be attested as neatly and correctly kept. CARRIED.

The Session Records of Argyle Presbyterian Church, Crinan, must be presented for examination at the next meeting of the Presbytery of London.

Students and Education Team No Report

Denomination Work Team No Report

Vacancy and Visitation Team No Report

Hospital Visitor Team The Clerk had circulated the report from the Hospital Visitor Team, and due to the fact that there are no constituent members of Presbytery on this team at present, **RECOMMENDATION** (Evans / Stol) THAT when the Hospital Visitor is sick or on holiday, he/she can call one of the in-house or on-call Spiritual Leaders to see a patient who has requested a visit. CARRIED.

Campus Ministry Team Mavis Currie reported that this team will be meeting on October 7, 2006.

Presbytery Communications Team It is hoped that members of Presbytery will sign up to serve on this team.

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**Small Church
Ministries Fund** No Report

**Evangelism
(Church Growth)** Owen Thornton presented a verbal report, requesting assistance from all congregations to share the Good News.

Vacancies DaySpring, London (G. Langlois, R. Shaw) Gloria Langlois reported Diligence

St. John's, Port Stanley (T. Ingram) Terry Ingram reported that he will be meeting with the Session of St. John's to discuss the re-appointment of Mr. Tom Jeffery, Lay Missionary.

Rodney / Kintyre / New Glasgow (J. Redpath) Due to the resignation of the Reverend Jim Redpath, the Moderator will be seeking to appoint a new Interim Moderator for this charge.

New St. James, London (K. McKee) Keith McKee reported Diligence, and indicated that the Profile will be presented to Session in September.

Glencoe / St. John's, Wardsville (K. Ballagh-Steeper) Kate Ballagh Steeper reported Diligence, and indicated that the Profile has been prepared.

St. Lawrence, London (L. Nichol) Reported earlier in the meeting.

**Report of
Accessibility
Study Team** As requested at the June meeting of Presbytery, the Administrative Team named a team to look into the issue of Accessibility to the Churches in the Presbytery, and to make recommendations.

Hugh Appel agreed to be moderator of this team, which also included Kate Ballagh-Steeper, Robert Sinasac, Wayne Hindmarsh and Lynn Nichol.

MOTION: (Appel / Sinasac) THAT a London Presbytery policy statement needs to be developed around the issue of accessibility in our churches. The statement needs to address the issues that are most prevalent to the Presbytery and take the opinions and circumstances of any minority into consideration.

MOTION IN AMENDMENT: (Ballagh-Steeper / Hindmarsh) THAT the Presbytery of London meet only in facilities where the meeting places are accessible to people in wheelchairs. CARRIED.

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MOTION AS AMENDED: (Nichol / Ormseth) THAT the Presbytery of London meet only in facilities where the meeting places are accessible to people in wheelchairs. CARRIED.

AGREED THAT the Clerk be given power to issue a revised schedule for Presbytery meetings in compliance with the above motion.

MOTION: (McKee / Human) THAT the Accessibility Report be tabled to allow the Study Team to rephrase their recommendations and suggestions into clear and concise motions. CARRIED.

Knox, Komoka **MOVED:** (Fraser / Langford) THAT due to the sudden death of Mrs. Ann Dahl, Clerk of Session of Knox, Komoka, an Assessor Elder, namely Bonnie Spindler, of North Caradoc-St. Andrews, be appointed to the Knox, Komoka Session until such time as an election of Elders can be held. CARRIED.

Adjournment On a motion by Keith McKee, the Court stood adjourned at nine fifty o'clock in the evening (9:50 p.m.), to meet again in Regular Session on the tenth day of October, two thousand and six, at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening, in Dorchester, and within Dorchester Presbyterian Church. The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer and Benediction.

Moderator

Clerk