

PRESBYTERY MINUTES

CONSTITUTION

The September meeting of Elgin Presbytery, was held at Grace United Church, St. Thomas starting with supper prepared and served by mens' club of the church. The meeting was constituted as a court of the Church by Chairperson Bob Karn.. A quorum was present.

WELCOME

Bob Karn, Presbytery Chairperson, welcomed presbyters to the October meeting.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance register was signed by:

Lay Reps: Donald Carroll, JoAnn Day, Wayne Ferguson, Bonnie Graham, Debbie Graham, Roberta Gillard, Sherry Johnstone, Bob Karn, Terry Lanning, Doug Lee, Glenda McMillan, Ruth McCutcheon, Ellen Palmer, Hazel Sims, Ken Verrell, June Warren, Joe Richards,

Clergy: Jim Evans, Don Graham, Joan Golden, Roger Landell, John Lindsay, Don MacPherson, Peter McNaughton, Jung-Hee Park, Marjorie Smith

Staff Associates - absent

Students serving a Pastoral Charge: Diane MacPherson

Conference Staff: Peter Kingsbury

Regrets: Janess Binns-Landell, Janet Laughren, John Brown, Elgin Rintoul, Marilyn Mitchell

It was moved and seconded to make all guests corresponding members.

CARRIED

AGENDA

It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes pages 2006-55 to 2006-58 dated October 17, 2006 as printed and circulated .

It was moved and seconded to accept the Summer Commission Minutes page 2006-49.

CARRIED

Executive minutes dated 2006-60 to 2006- 61 dated October 4, 2006 were presented for information only.

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

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SUBJECT

CORRESPONDENCE (cont'd)

IN	SUBJECT
2006-93 General Council	Overseas Personnel
94 London Conference	Re: M & S Survey
95 United Church Theological College	MBOP Program
96 C. U. C. Woodstock	Re: Fall Festival of Workshops
97 General council	Connex Issue 8 2006
98 Kent Presbytery	Presbytery Minutes

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report stating a Bank Balance of \$675.42
See Appendix # 1

CARRIED

HISTORY OF GRACE UNITED CHURCH

Grace presbytery rep, Glenda McMillan, told of the history of Grace Church in St. Thomas.

WORSHIP

Rev. Jim Evans conducted a short worship to begin the meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Allan Slater, who works with the Christian Peacemakers, was introduced to the court . Allan who has been to Iraq twice with the Peace Makers Team, told of the justice issues facing the people of Iraq. He also told the story of an American soldier at a military camp where some Iraqis were being held and how the war is affecting all men women and children of Iraq. A gift of money was presented to Allan to go to the Christian Peacemakers team.

UNIT REPORTS

UNIT I STEWARDSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

Letters and objective forms for Mission and Service Fund have been sent to each Pastoral Charge for 2007.

The M & S givings print-out sheet was available for each Pastoral Charge. Each congregation is encouraged to remit givings to the M& S Fund at National office on regular basis.

Each congregation received a letter from David Woodall stating that the London Conference Mission and Service Fund is behind by 5% (\$60,000) than at this time. Last year. We must remember that it is through the M & S Fund that our Overseas Personnel are paid.

New Resources — 2007 United church Calendars are now available.

New books available and were listed in the August Infor pac

More Voices - hymn books

Gathering – Advent, Christmas, Epiphany

Deb Graham announced that a presbytery wide picnic to be held at PWCC in 2007 was in the planning stages. Talk to your congregations and give some feed back at the November Presbytery meeting.

UNIT II OUTREACH AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT

Check the web site for the latest info on our Overseas Personnel.

The info Pac had urgent action requests for letters to stop killings in Phillipines.

Gifts of Hope / Gifts of Grace catalogue is now available – a good way to do your Christmas shopping.

EPYC events for youth– “Kick It” event

November Rally November 2 - 5 Lambton Centre.

“WALK OF HOPE” for youth of Elgin to be held on November 25. Youth walk from Grace United church to Pinafore Park. Last year youth raised money to and bought gifts from the Gifts of Hope / Gifts of Grace catalogue.

Mission Support committee will meet next month to give out requested grants.

PWCC– Financial report states Operating Account at \$127.65. See Appendix #2 for complete report.

UNIT III MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION

Pensions – Hazel Sims called retired minister inviting then to presbytery meetings but they were unable to attend.

Settlement - no report

Internship - no report

Oversight - Straffordville pastoral charge has been visited and the report completed and to be given to the charge and to the minister.

Visits will be made to St. Paul’s Aylmer, October 24, and to Rodney November 13.

Pastoral Relations - Settlement Committee will meet October 25

Richmond and Malahide Pastoral charge have begun interviews.

JNAC at Sparta / Union is in progress.

It was moved and seconded to grant Wendy Noble status as a student for ordained ministry.

CARRIED

Southwold Pastoral charge has completed the survey part of their JNAC

2007 salary schedule – states that Education and Resources are now \$1200.00

Retirement age – no age limit (don’t have to retire at 65)

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved and seconded that Elgin Presbytery host London conference Annual Meeting in 2008.

CARRIED

Invitation has been received from Townline United Church to a final Service of Worship, Sunday November 26, 2006 at 2 p.m. as they thank God for, and conclude, this Church’s ministry in the community since 1859

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Elgin Presbytery will be held on November 21, 2006 at St. Andrew’s United church, St. Thomas, with supper at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting

(Bob Karn Chairperson)

(Ellen Palmer, Secretary)

