

**MIDDLESEX PRESBYTERY
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

The fifth regular meeting of Middlesex Presbytery for 2009-2010 was held by the call of the Executive at 75 Blackfriars St, (Empress United Church), London, Ontario on April 27, 2010. The meeting was chaired by Hugh John Cook, the chairperson of presbytery. There was a quorum of members present.

ATTENDANCE:

ORDER OF MINISTRY: Anne Beattie-Stokes, Greg Brawn, Paul Browning, David Carrothers, Ron Dakin, Michelle Down, Gordon Duncan, Susan Eagle, Barb Clarke, Janer Fradette, Trace Crick-Butler, Richard Golden, Art Hiley, Mary Leard, Sheila Macgregor, Bill McAuslan, David McKane, David Mitchell, Catherine Moore, Phil Newman, Wendy Noble, Matthew Penny, Lorenzo Ramirez, Irene Richardson, Doug Ross, Sung Shim, Julia Sinclair, Lloyd Smith, Marjorie Smith, Louis Snow, Mary Stewart, Paul Vollick, Kathryn Wreford, Colin Zavitz.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES: Lynn Ardiel, Charlie Arnott, Todd Arthur, Edward Avey, Linda Badke, Clayton Barber, Jan Barnwell, Maurice Bell, Doris Bond-Montgomery, John Bowman, Pete Brennan, Steve Britton, Jean Campbell, Stephanie Carruthers, Barbara Cartwright, Hugh John Cook, Bob Coates, Ruth Dean, Sheila Duffin, Dorothy Ann Foster, Marg Gagan, Wallis Hammond, Anne Hebden, Elmore Hill, Isabel Hill, Val Hodgins, Susan Howe, Irene Janes, Debbi Jarvis, Ralph Johnston, Ruth Anne Johnston, Anne Kidd, Jannie Law, Mary Lee, Nancy Hind, Dave Lumley, John McLean, Phyllis Munroe, Margaret Nelson, fern Paterson, Joyce Payne, Joyce Pederson, Chris Punter, Lois Peters, Anne Ramey, Marion Reith, Bonnie Joynt, Gail Schnaar, Donald Sutherland, Linda Sutherland, Pat Switzer, Bob Vosper, David Whiting, Jim Wilkie, Jo-Anne Windover, Rick Young, Jack Scott.

DESIGNATED LAY MINISTERS: Cheryl Bolton, Bev Robinson.

ALTERNATE LAY REPRESENTATIVES: Grace McGuffin, Helen White.

REGRETS: Marilyn Arthur, Shirley Bradish, Linda Britton, Mary Dillon, Gerald Drodge, Don Keenlside, Christopher Kraatz, Lise Landsborough, Kenji Marui, Jessica McCrae, Brian McEachren, Frank Meadows, James Sloan, Bruce Small, Janelle Towle.

DINNER: A delicious dinner was served by caterer Linda Arthur and helpers - chicken, scalloped potatoes, salads, vegetables, rolls and homemade pie. They were warmly thanked.

WORKSHOP: Julia Sinclair and Michelle Down led the workshop conversation experience. We were invited to remember first experiences and impressions of presbytery, then to look at where we are today, and also to dream of what presbytery and the church might look like in the future.

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OPENING AND CONSTITUTION OF THE MEETING: At 7:10p.m. Hugh John Cook called the meeting to order. He constituted the meeting with these words: In the name of Jesus Christ, the one true head of the church, and by the authority vested in me as chair of Middlesex Presbytery, I now declare this meeting constituted for the transaction of such business that shall properly come before it.

The Christ candle was lit.

David Carrothers shared some thoughts on the 23rd Psalm followed by an opening prayer.

AGENDA: It was moved and seconded that the proposed agenda be adopted. **Carried**

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS:

Brad McMurray from Rowntree was introduced.

Mary Stewart, candidate for ordination was introduced.

Norm Abbot from Dundas Centre was introduced.

Marjorie McMillan, alternate delegate from Dorchester/Crumlin was introduced.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: It was moved and seconded that our visitors be made corresponding members for the duration of this meeting. **Carried**

WELCOME TO 75 BLACKFRIARS: Joyce Payne welcomed the presbytery to 75 Blackfriars.

MINUTES: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on February 23, 2010 , as prepared and distributed, be adopted. **Carried**
It was moved and seconded the minutes of the executive meeting held on March 2 and April 6 , 2010 , be received for information. **Carried.**

REPORT FROM 75 BLACKFRIARS COMMITTEE: Tracy Crick-Butler presented this report on what the hope for the future is for the 75 Blackfriars property using a visual presentation titled "The Parable of the Talents -- with a Twist" giving us a peek at where things are at. The Purpose and Mission Statement is: For Middlesex Presbytery to us the facility at 75 Blackfriars for the benefit of all the people within the Presbytery and surrounding community, aimed at bringing renewed life to the entire Presbytery. In Specific: - to stimulate new growth in the Presbytery; - to stimulate outreach into the community; - to generate revenue to pay for lost ministries; - to explore non-traditional forms of organization that enable change and growth; - to dream big.

The committee members are: Hugh John Cook, Tracy Crick-Butler, Mark Hill, Joyce Payne, Doug Scott, Jack Speake, David Tennant, Paul Vollick

This project is seen as - gift given in trust; - gift given with responsibilities attached; - gift given with expectations. The key elements of this project are; survival, success and significance.

What's the Challenge? - a mandate to hold property: - to honour the mission, opportunity and responsibility; - to grow from Mission to Vision to Reality.

Proverbs 28:18 reminds us "Where there is no vision the people perish."
Michelangelo said, "I saw an angel in the marble and I chiselled until I set it free."

The 2010 budget is \$200,00 for capital and operating expenses. The income will be supplied from the current legacy funds of Middlesex Presbytery and from rental income.

Project Blackfriars, Middlesex Presbytery continues.

Presbyters are invited to share their thoughts and ideas about "What if.....?" by sending them to Jack Speake at jspeake@sympaico.ca

MEETING OF MIDDLESEX PRESBYTERY UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL:

It was moved and seconded that the meeting of Middlesex Presbytery recess and re-convene as the meeting of The United Church. **Carried**

Anne Beattie-Stokes, chairperson of the United Church presided.

It was moved and seconded that Chris Punter be appointed as secretary for this meeting. **Carried**
(Minutes to follow)

It was moved and seconded that this meeting be adjourned and that we reconvene as the meeting of Middlesex Presbytery. **Carried**

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES:

The nominating report was presented by Susan Eagle along with a flow-chart showing the relationship of all the bodies that are responsible to the presbytery and/or the executive. (see Appendix 1.)

It was moved and seconded the executive be approved. **Carried**

It was moved and seconded that the members-at-large be approved. **Carried**

It was moved and seconded that the terms of office for chairs and secretaries (3 year, 2 terms) be approved. **Carried**

It was moved and seconded that the nominating report be received and that the structure and accountability be approved. **Carried**

WORSHIP AND INSTALLATION OF CHAIRPERSON AND EXECUTIVE:

Hugh John presided for this Service of Installation and passed the symbols for the Office of Chairperson of Middlesex Presbytery to David McKane.

MISSION AND SERVICE: Gail Schnaar made a plea for continued support of the Mission and Service Fund and urged all congregations to get their objective forms sent in.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CAMP KEEMOKEE:

It was moved and seconded that the meeting of Middlesex Presbytery recess to become the Board of Camp Keemokee. **Carried**

John Bowman presented this report.

It was moved and seconded that we, the members of the Corporation of Keemokee, recommend to London Conference that the following be the Board of Directors for the year 2010. **Carried**

KEEMOKEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2010

Board member	Position	Church	Address	Phone
John Bowman	Chair	Riverside	54 Muriel Cres. London, N6E 2K5 ljohn_helen@sympatico.ca	519-668-7550
Patricia Snyders	Treasurer	St. Jude's	509 Pamela Dr. Box558 Mt. Brydges, N0L 1W0 pat@lazyfrog.ca	519-264-2405
Campbell Brown	Registrar	Strathroy	103North St. Strathroy, N7G 1Z4	519-245-1851
Pam Wales	Acting-Secretary	Metropolitan	R.R.#3 Komoka, N0L 1R0 kwales@execulink.com	519-641-4573
Pat Telles-Langdon (e-mail c/o Pat Ashworth)		Hyatt Ave.	115 Cherryhill Apt.108 London, N6H 2L8 4ashworth@sbcglobal.net	519-672-4522
Darrell Cooper		Empress	154 Inverary Cres. London, N6G 3L8 dcooper@fastenal.com	519-641-3943
Ross MacDonald		1st St, Andrews	61 Hunt Club Village Cr. London, N6H 4A2 ross.macdonald2@sympatico.ca	519-657-7117
Jane Dockrill		Lambeth	64-911 Wonderland Rd.S. London, N6K 2Y7 heyjaner@hotmail.com	519-471-6815

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Bill McIndoe		975 Notre Dame Dr. London, N6C 3C3 ibelalso@yahoo.com	519-686-9661
Doug Kichen	Komoka	52 Kilworth Park Dr. R.R. 5, Komoka N0L 1R0 dkinchen@rogers.com	519-657-3131
Todd Arthur	Thorndale	7 Countryside Lane Thorndale, N0M 2P0 arthur_todd@hotmail.com	519-461-0939
Russ Scorgie	1stSt.Andrews	105 Cowan Court London N6C 5E3 scorgie@sympatico.ca	519-685-0084
Stephan Barrett		barrett.stephan@hotmail.com	519-204-2300

It was moved and seconded that the proposed budget, as circulated, be approved for Camp Keemokee for 2010 and this budget be recommended to London Conference for final approval.

Carried

It was moved that the meeting of the Corporation of Camp Keemokee be adjourned and that the meeting of Middlesex Presbytery re-convene. **Carried**

DIVISION REPORTS:

- 1. Division of Ministry Personnel and Education:** Chair of the Division presented the following Notice of Motion:
In order that that the business of Presbytery may be handled in a transparent and efficient way, the Division of Ministry Personnel and Education moves that effective September 2010, Middlesex Presbytery be called to mee during the months of September, October, November, January, February, March, April, May and June.

The Report of the Education and Students Committee was given by Convenor Janet Fradette.

The Education and Students Committee has one motion to bring to the Court this evening, regarding candidate Laurie O'Leary: a recommendation for continuation of candidacy.

Preamble: Laurie is a candidate from Wesley-Knos United Church. She is approximately half-way through her M.Div. program at the Atlantic School of theology.

Concurrently, she is serving a student supply appointment at the Southwold Pastoral Charge in Elgin Presbytery. Laurie had her annual review with the E&S Committee in April 2010.

It was moved and seconded that Laurie O'Leary's status as Candidate for Ordained Ministry be confirmed for the coming year. **Carried**

Update on other candidates:

1. Mark Bellamy has completed Year 2 at Emmanuel College and is doing a CPE full time at Parkwood Hospital from May-July, 2010. He has applied for an 8-month internship.
2. Sandra Bendall is working on Year 2 at Emmanuel College.
3. Cheryl Bolton has been accepted into the Shorter Course Program and has applied to Emmanuel College to begin Theological Studies there in September 2010.
4. Mary Dillon has started the DLM program at Five Oaks and completed her first learning circle in January 2010. She will be going to her second learning circle in June. Late in April she is taking an intensive course at St. Stephen's College in Edmonton which will count towards her DLM program. Mary is appointed half-time to the Avon-Putnam Pastoral Charge. She is scheduled to have her annual interview with E&S in May 2010.
5. Mary Stewart was introduced to the Court by Janet. We are pleased to congratulate Mary on completing all the academic and interview requirements for ordination in May 2010. We would like to present Mary with a gift certificate for the Resource Centre and our most sincere good wishes for the transfer and settlement process. Depending of course, on transfer and settlement, Mary is otherwise ready for ordination at the upcoming Annual Meeting of London Conference in May 2010.

The report from Pastoral Relations was given by David McKane.

1. It was moved and seconded that the request of Rev. Sung Shim for a change in pastoral relations effective December 31, 2010 be accepted. **Carried**
2. It was moved and seconded that the request of Rev. Warren Hudson for a change in pastoral relations from being on medical leave to Retained on the Roll of Middlesex Presbytery effective July 1, 2010, be accepted. **Carried**
3. It was moved and seconded that Middlesex Presbytery pay the costs of refreshments served by the Glencoe U.C.W. at the TAP workshop held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at Glencoe United Church, in the amount of \$30.00. **Carried**
4. It was moved and seconded that Middlesex Presbytery cover the costs for the six TAP companions planning to attend the workshop to be presented by Ken Callahan in June, 2010. Costs to be no more than \$310.00 per person. **Carried**
5. It was moved and seconded that Middlesex Presbytery approve the request of Rev. Bill McAuslan for payment of mileage expenses incurred in 2009 while serving as TAP companion at Robinson United, and as Presbytery Representative at

Wardsville/Cairo Pastoral Charge and Rowntree Memorial United. Cost of mileage is \$696.80 . **Carried**

6. It was moved and seconded that Middlesex Presbytery request the transfer of Rev. Chris Beaumont from Huron-Perth Presbytery to Middlesex Presbytery. **Carried**
7. It was moved and seconded that Middlesex Presbytery approve the re-appointment of Paul Vollick, full time, to the Granton-Wesley Pastoral, effective July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012. **Carried**

2. **Division of Mission in Canada:** no report

U.C.W. Lois Peters reported. The 18th Annual “Gathering” of London Conference U.C.W. was held at Parkview United Church in Stratford On Sunday, April 18th and Monday, April 19th. The theme “One More Step Along the World I Go” was chosen for the annual event and was followed in the music we enjoyed; the speakers on both days; and even to the beautiful and interesting displays arranged by the members of the host church.

Barb Bosman and Wanda Keith led the spirited community singing and Kisara, a mother and daughter duo delighted us with beautiful musical entertainment. Sara is autistic but has a God-given and mother nurtured talent.

Guest speakers were Michelle Owens and Ann Martin. Michelle, a diaconal minister, was most energetic and enthusiastic. Ann presented a thought-provoking pictorial presentation of several Biblical figures: Lot’s wife, Sarah, David, Mary, Jesus and Judas. The Conference was well attended and everyone was friendly and happy.

We are looking forward to the “Gathering” in London in 2011. The dates are April 10th and 11th. As yet a host church has not been chosen.

During the next few months our members will be enjoying the outdoors at Camp Keemokee Day on June 14th, and Summer Event at Silaom United Church on July 24th. Hope to see you at these events.

3. **Division of Finance and Administration:** Paul Vollick reported that discussions are well under way regarding a Gethsemane Housing Project. A lease agreement is close to being signed with London Conference at 75 Blackfriars, with renovations to start soon. A task group has been set up to revue the 1975 Fund along with other Presbytery held funds.

4. **Division of World Outreach:** no report

5. **Division of Communications:** no report

Resource Centre: Debbi Jarvis reported. The following resources are available.

Financial Handbook 2010

Guidelines for Transition Teams (roles and responsibilities during interim ministry) \$4.20

Introducing Interim Ministry (a process of change for congregations) \$2.10

Record of Proceedings 2009 – 40th General Council (print version) \$27.95

Record of Proceedings (DVD) \$7.99

Free publication of the Remit “Our Words of Faith”. This covers the new doctrine section of the Basis of Union. Come in and see me in the Resource Centre.

New 2010 Manual will be in in May.

A reminder – those who use the Congregational Life portion of “Seasons of the Spirit” must order and pay in full before May 1, in order to get the discount.

There are videos in the hallway that are free for a small donation. We will be having many such items in the future as we weed out both our video and book library.

Remember, the more you buy, the less we have to move.

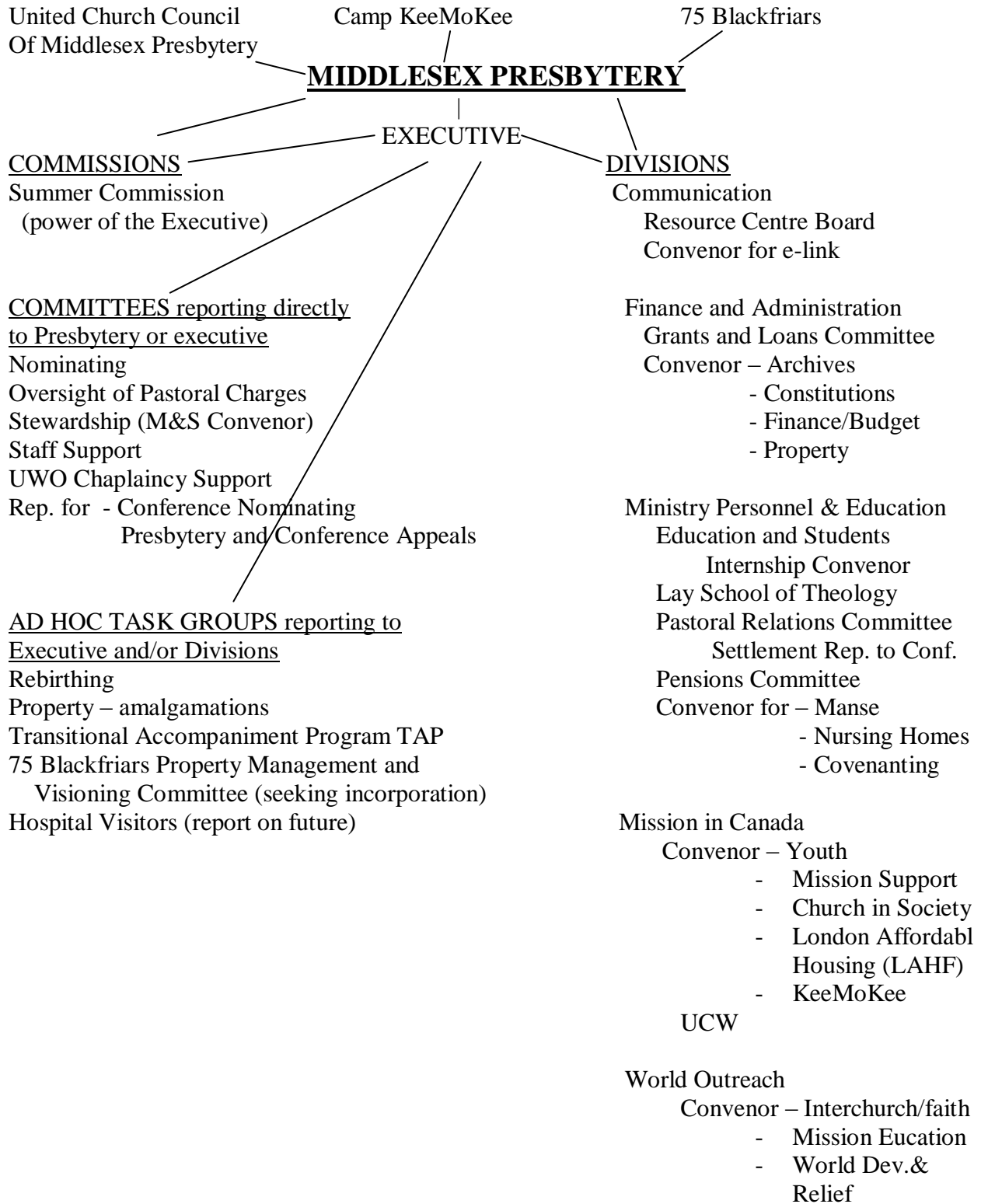
TREASURER’S REPORT: Donald Sutherland presented the Treasurer’s report for information.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10p.m.
Matthew Penny closed with prayer.

Hugh John Cook/Chair

Val Hodgins/Acting Secretary

APPENDIX 1. REPORT FROM THE NOMNATIONS COMMITTEE



MIDDLESEX PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE - 2010-05-10

Chair	Rev. Dr. David McKane	(1 year)
Past Chair	Hugh John Cook	(1 year)
Chair Elect	Edward Avey	(1 year)
Secretary	Rev. Dr. Frank Meadows	(staff)
Treasurer	Don Sutherland	(staff)

Chairs of Divisions (3 year term, once renewable, to a 6 year maximum)

Communication	Rev. Dr. Art Hiley	(2009-2012) 1 st term
F&A	Rev. Tom Hiscock	(2010-2013) 1 st term
MP & E	Sheila Duffin	(2010-2013) 2 nd term
Mission in Canada	Jannie Law	(2008-2011) 2 nd term
World Outreach	Rev. Pam Tolmay	(2010-2013) 1st term

Secretaries of Divisions (3 year term, once renewable, to a 6 year maximum)

Communication		
F&A	Trixie Usselman	(2010-2013) 1 st term
MP & E	Marilyn Hart	(2010-2013) 1 st term
Mission in Canada	Rev. Richard Golden	(2010-2013) 1 st term
World Outreach	Gerald Drodge	(2010-2013) 1 st term

UCW Presbyterian President	Lois Peters	(for information)
Finance Chairperson	Dorothy Ann Foster	(2010-2013) 1 st term
Pastoral Care and Oversight	Val Hodgins	(2008-2011) 1 st term
Pastoral Relations co-chairs	Joyce Payne	(2009-2012) 1 st term
	Rev. Bill McAuslan	(2010-2011) 1 st term
M&S Convenor	Gail Schnaar	(2010-2013) 1 st term

Members at Large (one year term, renewable each year)

1. Jannie Law (Division of Mission)
2. Trixie Usselman (Division of Finance)
3. John Bowman (Division of MP&E)
4. Doris Bond-Montgomery (Division of MP&E)
5. Val Hodgins
6. Margaret Nelson (Division of World Outreach)
7. Ed Tufts (Division of MP&E)
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Standing Committees reporting to Executive and Presbytery

Nominating Committee (reports to executive and presbytery)

Chair (past chair of presbytery)	Hugh John Cook
Presbytery Chair	Rev. Dr. David McKane
Chair Elect	Edward Avey
Secretary	Rev. Dr. Frank Meadows
Treasurer	Don Sutherland
2 elected reps.	Rev. Janet Fradette (2009-2010) Rev. David Mitchell (2010-2013)

Pastoral Care and Oversight Committee

(reports to Executive, works closely with Pastoral Relations)

Chair	Val Hodgins
Members	Edward Avey Rev. Paul Browning Hugh John Cook Rev. Richard Golden Elmore Hill Jannie Law Margaret Nelson Joyce Payne Irene Richardson Rev. Charles Scott Rev. Pam Tolmay Bob Vosper

Stewardship (reports to executive and to presbytery)

Chair	Gail Schnaar
Members	Lynn Ardiel
3 representatives from UCW	

Staff Support (reports to executive only)

Chair	Rev. Dr. Colin Zavitz
Members	Rev. Charles Scott

UWO Chaplaincy Support (reports to executive and presbytery until future directions report is finished)

Chair

Members

Val Hodgins

Jannie Law

Maurice Bell

Ed Tufts

Representative for Conference Committee (reports to executive)

Representative

Rev. Phil Newman

Presbytery & Conference Proposals (reports to executive and presbytery)

Past Chair

Hugh John Cook

Ad Hoc Task Groups

Rebirthing (reports to executive and presbytery)

Chair

Members

Rev. Dr. Art Hiley

Rev. Bill McAuslan

Gail Schnaar

Rev. Lorenzo Ramirez

Property Amalgamations (reports to executive and Division of F&A)

Chair

Member

Paul Vollick

Ted Kostecki

Transitional Accompaniment Program (TAP)

(reports to executive and Pastoral Relations Committee)

Staff

Bev Robinson

75 Blackfriars Property Interim Management & Visioning Committee

(reports to executive and presbytery; seeking incorporation)

Co-chairs

Members

Paul Vollick

Doug Scott

Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler

Hugh John Cook

Mark Hill

Joyce Payne

Jack Speake

David Tennant

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Hospital Visitors Committee

(reports to executive and presbytery until report of future is finished)

Chair

Rev. Kathryn Wreford

Division Chairs, Convenors and Members (bold = executive)

Division of Communication

Chair

Rev. Dr. Art Hiley

Secretary

Resource Centre Committee

Chair

Rev. Lorenzo Ramirez

Secretary

John McLean

Communications chair

Rev. Dr. Art Hiley

Members

Margaret Nelson

Marilyn Hart

Joyce Payne

Jim Wilkie

Staff Resource

Debbi Jarvis

Convenors - E-Link

Division of Finance and Administration

Chair

Rev. Tom Hiscock

Secretary

Trixie Usselman

Treasurer

Don Sutherland

Grants and Loans Committee

Chair

Rev. Kenji Marui

Treasurer

Don Sutherland

E&S Convenor

Rev. Janet Fradette

Members

Rev. Frances Clarke

Wallis Hammond

John Bowman

Convenors

Finance/Budget

Dorothy Ann Foster

Archives

Linda Britton

Property

Clayton Barber

M&S

Gail Schnaar

Constitution

Division of Ministry Personnel and Education (M.P.&E.)

Chair

Sheila Duffin

Secretary

Marilyn Hart

Education and Students Committee

Chair

Rev. Janet Fradette

Members

Marilyn Arthur

Rev. Greg Brawn

Rev. Dr. Anne Beattie-Stokes

Wallis Hammond

Marilyn Hart

Rev. Sung Shim

Ed Tufts

Rev. Sheila Macgregor

Janelle Towle

Paul Vollick

Internship Convenor

Lay School of Theology

Chair

Rev. Dr. Art Hiley

Members

Lynn Ardiel

Rev. Sung Shim

Val Hodgins

Pastoral Relations Committee

Co-chairs

Joyce Payne

Rev. Bill Mc Auslan

Reps to Conference Settlement

Co-chairs

Joyce Payne

Rev. Bill McAuslan

Doris Bond-Montgomery

Secretary

Pensions Committee

Chair

Rev. Dr. Anne Beattie-Stokes

Convenors

Manse

Wallis Hammond

Nursing Home Co-ordinator

Rev. Marjorie Smith

Covenanting

Chair Elect

TAP

Bev Robinson

Conference Staff

Rev. Peter Kingsbury

Division of Mission in Canada

Chair

Secretary

Convenors

Youth

Mission Support

Church in Society

London Affordable

Housing Foundation

KeeMoKee

United Church Women

Members

Jannie Law

Rev. Richard Golden

Isabel Hill

Jo-Anne Windover

Sharon Ashton (2010-2013)

John Bowman

Lois Peters

Wendy Noble

Edward Avey

Lynn Ardiel

Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler

Division of World Outreach

Chair

Secretary

London Conference Rep.

Convenors

Interchurch/Interfaith

Mission Education

World Development and Relief

Rev. Pam Tolmay

Gerald Drodge

Gerald Drodge

Margaret Nelson

Shirley Towers

David Whiting

For Information

United Church Council of Middlesex Presbytery (reports annually to Presbytery. In future the Council will be under the supervision of London Conference)

Chair

Members - Hugh John Cook, Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler, Rev Richard Golden, Rev. Bill McAuslan, Randy Mills, Rev. David Mitchell, Joyce Payne, Jerry Pickett, Chris Punter, Paul Vollick. Nominee – Elmore Hill

Camp KeeMoKee (reports annually to presbytery. In future, accountability will be to London Conference) (reports for information to Division of Mission) (can have up to 20 board members)

Chair - John Bowman

Members - Pam Wales, Patricia Snyders, Campbell Brown, Ross MacDonald, Jane Dockrill, Pat Telles-Langdon. Darrell Cooper, Bill McIndoe, Doug Kichen, Todd Arthur, Russ Scorgie, Stephan Barrett

