

A special meeting of the executive of Middlesex Presbytery was held at the call of the chair on Friday, May 21, 2010 at 75 Blackfriars (Empress United Church) in London, Ontario. There was a quorum of members present. Hugh John, the chair of the presbytery presided.

**PRESENT:** Hugh John Cook, Frank Meadows, Marilyn Hart, Joyce Payne, Jannie Law, Richard Golden, Sheila Duffin, David McKane, Donald Sutherland, Paul Vollick, Val Hodgins

**GUESTS:** Doug Scott and David Tennant, both members of the 75 Blackfriars Committee, were invited to be present for this meeting.

**OPENING AND CONSTITUTION:** At 11a.m., Hugh John Cook called the meeting to order and constituted the meeting: “ 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 chair invited David McKane to lead in prayer.

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

The chair provided background for the meeting which was called to deal with recommendations from the 75 Blackfriars Property Interim Management and Visioning Committee (The Committee). The Committee has been meeting consisting since mid-December 2009 to assess the mission and proposed use of the premises of Empress United Church located at 75 Blackfriars Street, London, Ontario (75 Blackfriars) as an ongoing property for the benefit of the United Church of Canada in Middlesex Presbytery. It was believed that the building could be made available for mission and outreach programs as well as space for London Conference offices. However, on further investigation, it has been discovered that the costs for renovations would be prohibitive and so The Committee is recommending that this is not a viable project.

It was moved and seconded that the Executive of Middlesex Presbytery accept the recommendation of the 75 Blackfriars Property Interim Management and Visioning Committee that they not proceed with the renovations and proposed use of 75 Blackfriars Street, London, Ontario. **Carried**

It was moved and seconded that the Executive of Middlesex Presbytery continue to support the Vision being the proposed mission and outreach in Middlesex Presbytery as previously approved by Presbytery. **Carried**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:43a.m. Richard Golden sent us on our way with words of prayer.