

The executive of Middlesex Presbytery met at the call of the chair on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 1p.m. at Rowntree United Church.

**ATTENDANCE:** David McKane, Tom Hiscock, Donald Sutherland, Joyce Payne, Lois Peters, Hugh John Cook, Jannie Law, Richard Golden, Gail Schnaar, Edward Avey, Val Hodgins, Bill McAuslan, Sheila Duffin, Heather McLean,

**REGRETS:** Pam Tolmay, Marilyn Hart

**CORRESPONDING MEMBER:** It was moved and seconded that Kathy Wreford be made a corresponding member for this meeting. **Carried**

**OPENING AND CONSTITUTION OF THE MEETING:** At 1p.m., David McKane called the meeting and 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.”

David told a story of a tadpole becoming a frog and resisting the changes that come with this happening. He wants to keep his tadpole tail. The tadpole learns that in growth as well as much of life, in order to experience something new you have to let go of something.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** It was moved and seconded that the agenda be adopted as printed. **Carried**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** It was moved and seconded that the minutes of June 1, 2010 be approved as printed and circulated. **Carried**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Correspondence was received for information. It was decided to hold a workshop before the September 28, 2010 presbytery meeting to formulate a response to the General Council’s invitation to have input into the Consultation on Simplifying Church Processes. Bill McAuslan agreed to co-ordinate this workshop.

**CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:** David McKane shared his anticipation of travelling with Susan to the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany during September.

## **DIVISION REPORTS**

**WORLD OUTREACH:** Gerald Drodge reported that kits for all congregations will be available at the next Presbytery meeting for the Advent Project to build the Day Care Centre for the children in Wattville, Benoni, South Africa.

**MISSION IN CANADA/UCW:** Lois Peters gave the U.C.W. report. What a lovely summer of “no meetings”, but so many fun times of trips, theatres, friends, gardening and barbecues.

U.C.W. events included Camp KeeMoKee Day on June 14, which was excellent with leadership provided by Rev. Barbara Clark, Cheryl Partington, Helen Bowman and Frances Down. Reservations for June 13, 2011 have been made. Summer Event at Siloam United Church On July 24 was just a fantastic day. Registration exceeded last year's total. Bonnie Simonato, billed as Canada's Premier Joyologist was truly a joyful speaker. Musical entertainment provided by Jade Lester was also excellent.

Now we are entering Fall and plans are in place for our Fall Event on October 30 from 9a.m. until noon at White Oaks United Church. The theme "A Place in My Sister's Heart" will be developed by our speakers, Diane Yates – Nurse Practitioner at Parkwood Hospital and Carrie Shea – Dietician at Parkwood. Both speakers will be giving us valuable information on Recognizing Heart Problems and How to Keep Out heart Healthy. This is also a time of sharing of articles of winter clothing and daily health and cosmetic needs.

Be sure to circle your 2011 calendars for the Middlesex Presbyterial Annual Meeting On Wednesday, February 16, 3011 at Lambeth United Church, Our speaker will be Rev. Dr. Kate Crawford – newly called minister at First St. Andrews United Church.

Yes, U.C.W. is Alive and Busy!

**MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION:** Sheila Duffin presented the following from the Education and Students Committee.

Preamble: In exercising supervision as required by The Manual (sections 024, 346 and 722) and on the recommendation from the Education and Students Committee of Middlesex which has

\*received the Annual Candidate Self-Assessment form (Can 205)

\*met with Cheryl Bolton on July 15, 2010

\*reviewed the school (transcripts of undergraduate degree work)

\*reviewed the financial situation of the candidate

\*viewed a current (within last three years) vulnerable sector (level 2) police records check dated August 21, 2009

It is moved and seconded that Middlesex Presbytery, by formal action on September 7, 2010 does hereby confirm the status of Cheryl Bolton as a Candidate for Ordained Ministry. **Carried**

Pastoral Relations – the reports was presented by Joyce Payne.

1. It was moved and seconded the executive of Middlesex Presbytery approve the appointment of Brad Johnson as Designated Lay Minister at Metropolitan United Church, effective July 1, 2010, full time – 40 hours per week. All requirements of The Manual have been met.

**Carried**

2. It was moved and seconded that the executive of Middlesex Presbytery approve the appointment of Rev.Keith Rameshwar, retired supply, to Robinson Memorial United Church effective June 30, 2010 to October 31, 2010, full time - 40 hours per week.. All requirements of The Manual have been met. **Carried**
3. It was moved and seconded that the executive of Middlesex Presbytery approve the appointment of Rev. Catherine Moore to Wellington St. United Church, effective July 1, 2010 to June 30,2011, half time – 20 hours per week. All requirements of The Manual have been met. **Carried**

4. It was moved and seconded that the executive of Middlesex Presbytery approve the request of Rev. Kenji Marui for a change in Pastoral Relations effective January 1, 2011. **Carried**
5. It was moved and seconded that the executive of Middlesex Presbytery approve the call of Rev. Kenji Marui to Calvary United Church effective January 1, 2011, full time – 40 hours per week. All requirements of The Manual have been met. **Carried**

#### COMMUNICATIONS/RESOURCE CENTRE

- questions were raised regarding the need to update the presbytery website. Art Hiley has said he will do this.
- the Resource Centre will be opening this week.

#### FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – presented by Tom Hiscock.

1. It was moved and seconded that Middlesex Presbytery accept the August 15, 2010 congregational meeting at Hyatt Ave. United Church chaired by Tom Hiscock as a Manual 334a meeting as recommended by the Division of F&A. **Carried**  
For information, Hyatt Ave. United Church voted to disband as of December 31, 2010.
2. It was moved and seconded that Middlesex Presbytery pay expenses totalling \$1,154.34 to Doug Scott as legal advisor as recommended by the Division of F&A. **Carried**
3. It was moved and seconded that Middlesex Presbytery accept the new revised Expense Reimbursement Voucher to be used in the payment of Presbytery expenses as recommended by the Division of F&A. **Carried**  
Tom Hiscock will contact Art Hiley to make these available on the Presbytery website.
4. It was moved and seconded that the executive receive for information, that the Division of F&A accepted in principle the business plan A Proposed Ministry and Mission Plan...for the Coming Together of Hyde Park United Church and Riverside United Church dated August 29, 2010 with the assumption that the congregations are moving toward amalgamation at their own pace and that someone from F&A will assist the congregations with the wording of this document. **Carried**
5. It was moved and seconded that the executive of Middlesex Presbytery receive for information, the document Covenant Between Robinson United Church and Middlesex Presbytery of the United Church of Canada as passed on to the presbytery executive by the Division of F&A without approval. **Carried**

THE TREASURER'S REPORT was given at this time as a preview to budget discussions. It was moved and seconded that the report be received for information. **Carried**

6. For information, the Division of F&A supports the payment of the cheque of \$16,845.15 to London Hospital Visitors.
7. For information, the Division of F&A supports the payment of \$20,000.00 to the Conference Office on account as per the 2010 budget.

8. It was moved and seconded that the executive recommend the proposed budget to Middlesex Presbytery. **Tabled** – sent back to the Division of F&A for revision.
9. It was moved and seconded that the Division of F&A explore the possibility of purchasing laptop computers for secretaries of the presbytery and to report back to the presbytery executive. **Carried**
10. It was moved and seconded that Middlesex Presbytery dedicate up to \$10,000.00 for the 2011 calendar year in support of the Middlesex Presbytery Chaplaincy at University of Western Ontario. **Carried**

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Process to deal with applications for Presbytery secretary –suggestions were made regarding more clarity around the job description.  
It was moved and seconded that an ad hoc committee be established to review and/or create the job description for the secretary of Middlesex Presbytery and bring a recommendation to the October executive meeting and that this committee be Gail Schnaar, Joyce Payne and Val Hodgins. **Carried**
2. The president of London Conference, Maya Landell will be invited to the November meeting of Middlesex Presbytery. David McKane will extend this invitation.
3. A request from Metropolitan United Church to establish a Columbarium was referred to the Division of Finance and Administration.
4. It was moved and seconded that Middlesex Presbytery approve that the new congregation formed by the amalgamation of Empress and Colborne United Churches be Colborne St. United Church (rather than Empress-Colborne North Central United Church as agreed to in the amalgamation agreement). **Carried**
5. American Choir –from First United Methodist Church, Roswell NM will be visiting this area in June, 2011. David will reply to John R Fuss. .
6. It was moved and seconded that Middlesex Presbytery give the Middlesex Presbytery Chaplaincy at University of Western Ontario Committee the authorization to offer the appointment of chaplain, three-quarter time – 30 hours per week, to Rev. Jan Temple-Jones of Regina, Saskatchewan, effective date still to be negotiated. **Carried**
7. Upcoming Covenanting Services
  - a. September 12, 7:00p.m. - Metropolitan - Rev. Dr. Jeff Crittenden
  - b. September 19 2:30p.m. - Dorchester - Rev Mary Stewart
  - c. October 3 7:00p.m. – First St. Andrews - Rev. Dr. Kate Crawford
8. Kathy Wreford presented a draft report from the Middlesex Presbytery Hospital Outreach Ministry. The report was referred back to the committee for clarification.
9. It was suggested that each of us need to read the new manual to be aware of the changes that have been made – The Manual 2010.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting time be extended to 4:15p.m. **Carried**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Hugh John Cook reported.

It was moved and seconded that Rev. Catherine Moore be appointed Intern Convenor for Middlesex Presbytery. **Carried**

MISSION AND SERVICE – This will now be known as the Stewardship Committee. Gail Schnarr is the chairperson. Lynn Ardiel is a member. There is a need for 3 representatives from the Presbyterial U.C.W.

OVERSIGHT – no report

It was moved and seconded that the meeting time be extended for 15 minutes, **Carried**

CONFERENCE MINISTER: Heather McLean reported that everyone is back at work in the new facility. She made a suggestion for us to think about – that because the chairperson of presbytery changes every year, someone be appointed to the Conference executive for a 3-year term to provide some continuity.

CHAIR ELECT: Edward Avey requested that the June , 2011 presbytery meeting be scheduled to meet on June 14, 2011. Agreed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:28p.m. Bill McAuslan asked for blessings as we went .

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Chairperson

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Acting Secretary

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