

Meeting of Renfrew Presbytery at St. Andrew's United Church, Pakenham September 18 2007

Following division meetings, Rev. Heather Kincaid celebrated communion. A special offering to aid those devastated by recent storms in Nicaragua totaled \$359.92.

Rev. David Illman-White chaired the meeting at the request of the chair Rev. Heather Kincaid.

Keith Stam, Regional Gift Planner for Bay of Quinte and Manitou Conferences outlined options for planned giving including bequests and gifts of shares. He described the tax benefits that can be realized if handled properly in an estate. Data shows that 20% of the people in the congregation give 50% - 80% of the donations. When surveyed, 1 person in 3 would consider including the church or M&S fund in their will but have not done so. The main reason is that the church, unlike other charities that we hear from regularly, does not like to ask for money. He recommended using the *Celebrate Stewardship* resource that is in the Stew Box for the presbytery. Keith is available to make presentations to your church board or stewardship committee. Phone 705-876-8670 or email [kstam@peterboro.net](mailto:kstam@peterboro.net).

Rei Aldaba visited the Philippines this summer. He brought us information about the CUBAO UCCP Lamp Project which was supported as an extra measures M&S Initiative last year with a donation of over \$15 000. A detailed written report was presented to the secretary of presbytery.

Bronwen Harman reported as part of the Bay of Quinte Conference group Dancing the Circle of Right Relations. Representatives visited the site of the blockade near Ardoch and spoke to the two chiefs about the native position around uranium mining rights. A letter has been sent to Premier Dalton McGuinty asking for a peaceful resolution. On Friday September 28<sup>th</sup> a canoe trip will end at a rally on Parliament Hill. Look for stops along the way in Carleton Place and Almonte.

Nov. 2-3, 2007: The Mission, Outreach and Advocacy group (MOA) will be hosting an event for Mission Enthusiasts at Providence Spirituality Centre in Kingston. Posters have been sent to the congregations.

Moderator's Visit: Friday, Oct 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's, Perth. In the afternoon there will be a visioning session about how to welcome marginalized persons. Give names of potential participants to Bronwen Harman. There will be an open session to meet the moderator in the evening.

Nov. 16-17 at St. Paul's Perth. *Living the Welcome* (Emerging Spirit Training). For more information go to <http://www.emergingspirit.ca>

Renfrew Presbytery will host the Bay of Quinte Conference Annual General Meeting in May 2009. The location will be Pembroke. A local arrangements committee is needed.

Lois Cossar, Regional Convenor for UCCAM (The United Church of Canada Association of Musicians) for Bay of Quinte Conference asked for a contact name in each church. She can be e-mailed at [loisjoy@bellnet.ca](mailto:loisjoy@bellnet.ca). Lois is at Grace-St. Andrew's in Arnprior.

Rev. David Spivey, representing Rev. Nan Hudson who is ill, outlined the guidelines for Presbyteries, Pastoral Charges, Chaplaincies, and Outreach Ministries applying for Mission Support Grants. The full text can be read at [www.bayofquinteconference.ca](http://www.bayofquinteconference.ca) – follow the links through Mission Outreach Advocacy to Mission Support Funding Guidelines 2007.

There will be a Canada Food Grains Presentation at Almonte United Church on Friday, Nov. 30 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. A guest from Kenya will be there to describe the impact that the Food Grains project has in that country.

Rev. Heather Kincaid reminded those pastoral charges who own manses of the importance of regular inspections and upkeep. The manse in Pakenham has a serious mould problem which has impacted on the health of the residents. The cost of clean up could be as much as \$20 000.

Next meeting: Nov. 20 2007 – Location to be announced.