

## Dear friends of London Conference,

January 2017

On behalf of all the members of Lambton Presbytery, we would like to welcome each and every one of you to the 93rd Annual Meeting of London Conference. **We will be serving as your hosts for the meeting to be held from dinner Friday, May 26 to noon on Sunday, May 28** at the **Greek Canadian Community Centre** located at **965 Sarnia Road, London** (off of Hyde Park Road). **Please note: this is a new location.** This being the case, we ask you to be patient with us and the staff at the centre as this will be a new experience for all of us. Parking is limited so whenever possible **please carpool** from where you are staying.

Lambton Presbytery is your host Presbytery for this year's event. Lambton Presbytery lies at the west side of London Conference, following Lake Huron north to the Ausable River, and following the St. Clair River south to Port Lambton. The eastern boundary of our Presbytery takes in Parkhill, Watford, Alvinston, Cairo and down to Shetland. For many years this area was known for oil wells, farming, fishing and as Canada's "chemical valley". In more recent times, the image of the area has changed: farming is still a big part of the rural areas but we now find fine wine from Alton Farms Estate Winery, craft beer from the Refined Fool, and honey from Munro Honey. There are 27 golf courses in Lambton County, not to mention, the beaches, the rivers and the fishing and wakeboarding. Perhaps, what we are most well known for now are the French fry trucks under the beautiful Bluewater Bridge.

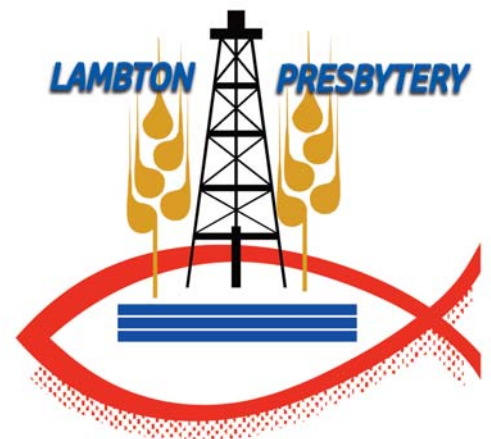
Lambton Presbytery is home to 8 Pastoral Charges in the city of Sarnia, 17 rural Pastoral Charges and one year-round camping facility ..... Lambton United Church Centre, located on the shores of Lake Huron. One of the churches in the city is St. Clair United Church, which is the church home for the people of Aamjiwnaang First Nation. Lambton Presbytery is the only Presbytery with a First Nations faith community as part of the Presbytery and St. Clair United Church plays an important role in the Presbytery, especially when coming to an understanding of the need for reconciliation.

New initiatives have brought new ministries ... Inwood/Shiloh United Church monthly community dinners, Hope United Church in Alvinston summer camp program, Messy Church at Brigden and Central United Church, Grace United Church's monthly events to support school lunch programs and the latest, the Hub, located within St. Luke's United Church which brings together 21 agencies to assist youth between the ages of 17 and 24.

We look forward to greeting you and making sure your needs are met so that you might get the most possible from this time of worship, praise, business and camaraderie. Please be sure to search us out if there is anything we can do to make your experience more satisfying.

In Christian fellowship,

Louise Hall and Connie Ellis  
Co-Chairs, Local Arrangements for Lambton Presbytery



*The Bluewater Bridge spans the St. Clair River connecting Port Huron, Michigan and Point Edward in Ontario*

## MEALS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

In addition to the Regular Meal option, the Greek Canadian Community is pleased to offer the choice of a Vegetarian Meal. The Local Arrangements team will work with the venue to achieve gluten-free meals with the exception of buns, cakes and pies. Coffee, tea and water will be provided as beverages - please bring your own refillable mug or tumbler.

Regretfully, we are unable to easily accommodate special diets or food preferences. To that end, we have ensured there will be a wide variety of healthy food choices available throughout the meeting, including snacks.

DEADLINE: May 2, 2017. Any registrations received after this date will not be guaranteed meals as part of your delegate package, due to the notice required by the Greek Canadian Community for food preparation.

Be sure to register by MAY 2, 2017!

### Friday Dinner

#### *Sandwich Board Buffet*

Fresh Kaiser Rolls, Butter, Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings, Potato Salad, Cold Cuts of Beef, Ham, Turkey, Salami, Veggies and Dip, Assorted Pickle Trays, Fruit Trays

### Saturday Lunch

#### *Roasted Chicken / Pasta Pomodoro*

Fresh Rolls with Creamery Butter, Fresh Garden Salad with Spring Mix, Coleslaw, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Baby Carrots and Green Beans, Cake and Fruit

### Saturday Dinner

#### *Sandwich Board Buffet*

Fresh Kaiser Rolls, Butter, Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings, Potato Salad, Cold Cuts of Beef, Ham, Turkey, Salami, Veggies and Dip, Assorted Pickle Trays, Fruit Trays

### Sunday Breakfast

#### *Buffet*

Assorted Danish, Assorted Muffins, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Hash Browns, Fruit Trays



## Accommodations

London Conference has sourced several accommodation options to suit a variety of preferences and budgets. Be aware that there are several large events occurring in London this weekend and rooms/prices are at a premium! Book early as the drop-date for our block of rooms is April 15 - this means if they are not reserved by this date we lose access to booking those rooms at our preferred rate.

Arrangements have been made to host our London Conference guests at the nearby Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre - and a number of rooms for London Conference delegates have also been reserved on a first come, first served basis. A block of rooms at the TownePlace Suites by Marriott has also been set aside for booking by delegates.

**\*\* The location for the Annual Meeting has changed this year. \*\***  
**\*\* It is at the Greek Canadian Community hall on the north-west side of London. \*\***

### IVEY SPENCER LEADERSHIP CENTRE

(includes hot breakfast)

551 Windermere Road, London N5X 2T1

[www.iveyspencerleadershipcentre.com](http://www.iveyspencerleadershipcentre.com)

These accommodations are in an old redbrick mansion on 30 acres in the city with several indoor and outdoor common spaces perfect for relaxing with friends and other delegates. Many amenities to choose from. \$113 plus HST. 30 rooms have been reserved - these rooms have one queen bed! Book online at <https://aws.passkey.com/go/UnitedChurchLondonConf>

see map on next page for location of  
Greek Canadian Community hall

### TOWNEPLACE SUITES LONDON BY MARRIOTT

(includes hot buffet breakfast and fully equipped kitchen)

800 Exeter Road, London N6E 1L5

Front Desk: 519-681-1200

Featuring fully equipped kitchens and additional amenities: large screen television, luxurious bedding. Two room types are available: Studio with King bed and pull-out sofa \$129 plus HST. One Bedroom Suite \$139 plus HST. London Conference has reserved a block of 30 rooms under the group booking London Conference (20 Studios and 10 Suites). State the group name at time of booking.

### WESTERN UNIVERSITY - WESTERN B & B

The University of Western Ontario

Ontario Hall & London Hall

230 Sarnia Road, London N6G 1M9

Phone: 519-661-3476 or 1-888-661-3545

<http://www.stayatwestern.ca>

Rates available on website, \$65 - \$120/night

For those delegates looking for a billet-style or group shared accommodation. A convenient and affordable suite-style accommodation at the corner of Western and Sarnia Roads for easy access to the Annual Meeting location.

Continental breakfast included with all rooms. Reserve online.



**Greek Canadian Community**  
**965 Sarnia Road (east of Hyde Park Road)**

### BED & BREAKFASTS IN LONDON

To find a suitable bed & breakfast within easy distance of the Greek Canadian Community, search 'London Ontario' at <http://www.tripadvisor.ca> for a selection of Bed & Breakfasts and inns.

*Nous sommes ici pour célébrer, éduquer, encourager et servir. We are here to celebrate, educate, encourage and serve.*

## Celebration of Ministry Service

You are invited to the Celebration of Ministry Service on Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. This event is not limited to just delegates - all those interested may join us.

For your comfort and convenience, London Conference has arranged bus transportation to and from the Greek Canadian Community centre for this service. Tickets are \$5 round-trip and will be available for purchase on Friday, May 26 only! Please bring exact change to the Registrar's table between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

**CALVARY UNITED CHURCH**  
LONDON CONFERENCE CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY  
7:00 p.m.  
290 Ridout Street, S, London N6C 3Z1  
(plan ahead for limited, street parking)  
[www.calvaryunitedchurch.on.ca](http://www.calvaryunitedchurch.on.ca)

