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St. Thomas minister sees much agreement with church union report

Rev. William Sherwin of Central United Church, St. Thomas, said Friday that "on the surface there appears to be a great deal of agreement" by the General Council of the United Church and the General Synod of the Anglican Church on the report of the Joint Commission on Church

Union presented at a joint session Thursday in Niagara Falls.

He said that he regards as "highly significant" the fact that no resolutions were put forward by either group to "cease negotiations" on the matter.

They (the delegates) had

every opportunity to put forward such a resolution, he said, but all the resolutions brought forward were of a favorable nature.

"The real test will come," he said, "when each congregation, each member must decide the question themselves."

Mr. Sherwin added that "financial aspects, economic considerations will determine to a great extent when and whether church union will take place."

Attending the joint session along with Mr. Sherwin were Rev. Paul Cumming of St. Mark's United Church, Rev. Barry Thomas of Talbotville United Church, Rev. William Smetheram of Straffordville United Church, and Rev. R. G. Dakin of Princess Avenue Christian Church and a member of the Joint Commission on Church Union.