

**ALGOMA PRESBYTERY**  
*of The United Church of Canada*

**August 18, 2011**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**2011-12**

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Algoma Presbytery Executive met at 12 noon on Thursday, August 18, 2011 at St. Andrew's United Church, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. The meeting was led by Past Chair Nancy Ferguson and a quorum was present.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Order of Ministry:** Nancy Ferguson, Rolly MacLean, Helen Smith

**Laity:** Fred Bright, Brian Mundell, Wilda Ryckman, Ailsa Hanson

**Regrets:** Larry Burton, Marnie McDonough, Thom McDonough, Heather McLean, Eun-Joo Park, Heddys Stevenson, Clare Walker

**OPENING**

At 12:02 p.m., Past Chair Nancy Ferguson welcomed everyone and opened with the following words: *"In the name of Jesus Christ, the one true Head of the Church, and by the authority vested in me as Algoma Presbytery Past Chair, I now declare this meeting constituted for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it."* Wilda Ryckman led in prayer, asking for wisdom and guidance.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

There was consensus that the agenda be adopted as printed.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Moved, seconded and carried** that the Presbytery Executive minutes of June 23, 2011 be approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Moved, seconded and carried** that the correspondence be accepted as dealt with. (See Appendix A.)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MOTIONS FOR ACTION**

**Education and Students: Helen Smith**

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that, having completed the course requirements and been interviewed by the Education and Students Committee of Algoma Presbytery, Cathy Drapeau be recognized as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader.

**Faith Formation and Communications: Eun-Joo Park (no report)**

As Secretary of the Christian Development Sub-Committee, Helen will write a thank you note to the YMCA, which allowed the bus load of young people from BC Conference headed to the Rendez-vous event, to shower at the Y facilities before their sleep-over at Willowgrove United Church on August 9, 2011.

**Finance and Administration: Fred Bright**

- Fred advised that Phil Miller has continued in his role as Treasurer for Algoma Presbytery until a new Treasurer is elected.

- The Welcome Friend Association has been sent a cheque for \$5,000 as committed at the February meeting of Presbytery.
- A cheque has also been sent to Camp McDougall.

**Nominations: Helen Smith**

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that Bill Walker be made a Member-at-Large of Algoma Presbytery.
- **Moved, seconded and carried** that Bill Walker be nominated as Treasurer of Algoma Presbytery.
- There being no further nominations, **moved, seconded and carried** that nominations be closed.
- With his acclamation, **moved, seconded and carried** that Bill Walker be named as a signing authority for Algoma Presbytery.
- **Moved, seconded and carried** that, in keeping with best practices, Algoma Presbytery name three members of Presbytery Executive, in addition to the Treasurer, as having signing authority for all Presbytery bank accounts, and that these three be the Secretary, the Chair and the Past Chair. (There was one declaration of conflict.)
- **Moved, seconded and carried** that all bank accounts be changed so that they require the signature of the Treasurer and one other of the three people named above. (There was one declaration of conflict.)
- Betty Pretty's resignation from the Executive was received with thanks and regret. Helen noted that, with her resignation, we no longer have parity between lay (numbering 8) and ordered (now numbering 6). She agreed to check with others in paid accountable ministry within the Presbytery to ascertain if any are interested in serving on the Executive, in order to try to maintain a balance between ordered and lay members.

**Pastoral Oversight: Rolly MacLean**

- The Committee has not met over the summer; Rolly is in the process of completing the report for East Korah Maxwell and it should be ready for September.
- Scheduling visits is difficult as Rolly is currently taking the lead on all of them. She expressed the hope that with the training in September, there will be Presbyters willing to lead oversight visits.

**Pastoral Relations: Brian Mundell**

- Thom McDonough's paperwork was received by the ADP Implementation Team on August 3; it is currently being reviewed and Tom Bye in Goulais River will be contacted when it is all approved.
- Thom McDonough was supervising John Wesley United; Leone Hamilton is Acting Supervisor in Thom's absence.
- John Wesley is the only Pastoral Charge in Algoma still refusing to participate in the payroll plan. As of January 1, 2012, General Council will be billing those churches not using ADP about \$60 per month.
- Brian will speak to his Committee about representation on the London Conference MP&E Committee.

**Moved, seconded and carried** that Algoma Presbytery Executive accepts all Committee reports as presented.

### Planning Tasks

- **September Agenda** – The agenda was reviewed and amended; Judith Gilliland's first training session will take place before dinner on Friday evening, and the covenanting with the Licensed Lay Worship Leaders will begin at 7 p.m. It was suggested that the court reconvene following breaks with music (hymn). At the April 2011 meeting, Presbyters were given homework to do with their congregations around conference boundaries, and a discussion about strengths and weaknesses may be added, if time permits.
- **November Meeting** - Chair Thom McDonough was exploring the possibility of having London Conference President Gary Clark visit Algoma in November. At that meeting, Remits 4, 5A and 5B will be discussed and voted on. A location for the November meeting has not yet been confirmed.
- At the February 2012 meeting of the full court, Remit 6 (Parts A, B and C) will be discussed and voted on, and the selection process for General Council representatives will take place.
- The Archives workshop has been scheduled for the April 2012 meeting at Bar River.
- Other items to be considered/discussed at future meetings: the Presbytery Handbook, Church Extension Council, the request for a study of part-time ministry and its effect on both clergy and congregations, the role of Chaplain.

### New Business

- The Human Rights Tribunal Hearing in the matter of Rev. Norine St. Jean v. St. Andrew's United Church, London Conference and Algoma Presbytery has been scheduled for December 13, 14 and 15, 2011 in Sudbury.

### Adjournment

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that the meeting of Algoma Presbytery Executive adjourn at 1:55 p.m.

### Next Meeting

- The next meeting of Presbytery will be the full court at Emmanuel United Church on September 16 and 17, 2011.

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Nancy Ferguson, Past Chair

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Ailsa Hanson, Secretary

Appendix A  
**CORRESPONDENCE**  
*Received since June 24, 2011*

<b>From</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Action</b>
Harry Stewart, Chair, Welcome Friend Association	Request for Funding	Forwarded to Presbytery Chair and Chair, F&A
Nora Sanders, General Secretary	Remit 6 – April 1, 2012 Deadline	To Presbytery Executive/Full Court
Alison Jordan	Background on Remits 4, 5a and 5b – December 1, 2011 Deadline	To Presbytery Executive/Full Court
General Council Office	Request for M&S Donations	To Presbyters for P.C. Treasurers
Melanie Kirk	Thank You	To Presbytery Executive
Mark Marshall	Thank You	To Presbytery Executive
Nora Sanders	Feedback on Draft Manual	To Presbyters & Presbytery Committees for response by end of September 2011
London Conference	Posting for Conference Executive Secretary	To Presbyters
Betty Pretty	Resignation from Presbytery Executive	To Presbytery Executive
General Council Office	Horn of Africa Appeal	To Presbyters
Arlyce Schiebout, Chair, Theology & Inter-Church Inter-Faith Committee	Thank You for Comments on Revised Statement of Ministry	To Presbyters
Erin Greeno, Central Ontario Conferences Archivist	April 2012 Workshop on Archives/Recordkeeping	To Presbytery Executive
Hicks Morley	Notice of Hearing – Rev. St. Jean v. St. Andrew's UC, London Conference & Algoma Presbytery	To Presbytery Executive & File
Sarah Charters	Seeds of Hope Grants	To Presbyters