

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

**January 21, 2010**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**2009-10**

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Algoma Presbytery Executive met at 12 noon on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at St. Andrew's United Church, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. The meeting was led by Chair Rev. Nancy Ferguson and a quorum was present.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Order of Ministry:** Nancy Ferguson, Rolly MacLean, Phil Miller, Betty Pretty, Helen Smith, Doreen Sproule

**Laity:** Fred Bright, Leone Hamilton, Norma Orr, Clare Walker, Ailsa Hanson

**Regrets:** Larry Burton, Heddys Stevenson, Harry Stewart

**OPENING:** At 12:02 p.m., Chair Nancy Ferguson called the meeting to order, and Betty offered a prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** There was consensus that the agenda be adopted as printed.

**MINUTES:** **Moved, seconded and carried** that the Presbytery Executive minutes of October 15, 2009 and January 7, 2010 be approved.

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

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**2010 Presbytery Executive Meeting Location**

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that all 2010 Presbytery Executive meetings be held at St. Andrew's United Church, Sault Ste. Marie.

**Nomination Committee: Helen Smith**

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that Algoma Presbytery Executive receive Larry Burton's resignation as Chair of Faith Formation and Communications. The Executive expressed its regret, and its thanks to Larry for his leadership.
- **Moved, seconded and carried** that Jan Schenell be named, by acclamation, as incoming Chair of the Faith Formation and Communications Committee.

**Joint Needs Assessment Committees**

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that, in accordance with Sections 050 and 052 of *The Manual 2007*, Algoma Presbytery initiate a needs assessment of St. Andrew's United Church, Sault Ste. Marie, in response to Phil Miller's request for a change of pastoral relationship in order to retire January 1, 2011; and direct the Pastoral Relations Committee to appoint Presbytery representatives to a Joint Needs Assessment Committee. (Phil Miller declared conflict of interest.)

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that, in accordance with Sections 050 and 052 of *The Manual 2007*, Algoma Presbytery initiate a needs assessment of Willowgrove United Church, Sault Ste. Marie, in response to a request from the Church Council at Willowgrove following Helen Smith's move to East Korah Maxwell; and direct the Pastoral Relations Committee to appoint Presbytery representatives to a Joint Needs Assessment Committee.

#### **Proposal for Use of Funds from Sale of Thessalon Manse**

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that, pending confirmation in writing by the London Conference Office that Thessalon is indeed exempt from payment to the Archives Fund, Algoma Presbytery agree to the proposal by the Thessalon Pastoral Charge which indicated that the funds from the sale of their Manse be invested and used for the housing allowance.

#### **Appeal by Rev. Norine St. Jean**

Legal Counsel has been retained, and after written and telephone consultation with Peter Bishop, Barrister and Solicitor, and after a lengthy discussion, the following motions were made.

- **Moved, seconded and carried unanimously** that, upon receipt of legal opinion from Legal Counsel, Algoma Presbytery withdraw the Appeal filed on January 8, 2010 in the matter of the Decision rendered December 11, 2009 by the London Conference Appeal Committee in the Appeal by Rev. Norine St. Jean of the Decision by Algoma Presbytery; and that the Presbytery direct the Chair to communicate this action to Nora Sanders, Secretary, Judicial Committee.
- **Moved, seconded and carried** that, in accordance with Sections 042, 354, 363 and 389 of *The Manual 2007*, Algoma Presbytery initiate a Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) consultation with Rev. Norine St. Jean and with the Blind River Pastoral Charge. The Pastoral Relations Committee consultation team shall consist of Leone Hamilton, Betty Pretty and Kim Evoy, and is mandated to exercise the Presbytery's oversight function and responsibility for Rev. St. Jean, the Blind River Pastoral Charge and their pastoral relationship. (Betty and Leone declared conflict of interest.)
- **Moved, seconded and carried** that Algoma Presbytery name Nancy Ferguson, Doreen Sproule, Phil Miller and Ailsa Hanson as a Committee of the Executive to deal with this matter between Executive Meetings.
- **Moved, seconded and carried** that Algoma Presbytery direct the Committee of the Executive to implement payment to Rev. Norine St. Jean in accordance with Point 12 of the December 11, 2009 Decision of the Appeal Committee in the Appeal by Rev. Norine St. Jean of the Decision by Algoma Presbytery.

#### **Review of February Presbytery Meeting Agenda**

The draft agenda was reviewed and finalized.

**Outdoor Ministry/Camp McDougall**

At the November 2009 meeting of Algoma Presbytery, the Executive was charged with the task of developing a process through which there could be an open and direct discussion about Camp McDougall and its viability at the next full meeting in February 2010. After consultation with Bev Robinson, Chair Nancy Ferguson presented for discussion a draft suggested process. Folks expressed concerns that this had been done within the last several years, and that we have come to the same place we were then. There was agreement that we as a Presbytery need to articulate and own a vision of who we are and what our passions are. Is camping ministry one of those? There was also agreement that we should review a history of Camp McDougall, look at the cost of running the camp and be able to make some hard decisions based on our shared vision rather than on emotion. It was suggested that perhaps we need a trained facilitator, e.g. Jennifer McFarling or Janet Norman, to take us through the process. Helen will pull together some historical data, and Nancy will speak to Janet and/or Jennifer to ascertain their availability.

**Presbytery Meeting Locations**

St. Andrew's, Sault Ste. Marie, was proposed for the February 19 and 20, 2010 meeting. The Secretary will follow up with Thessalon, Central and Willowgrove for the April, September and November meetings respectively. East Korah Maxwell was offered for February 2011.

**GCE Planning Document**

In the interests of time, the Chair suggested that individuals review the GCE Planning Document, and go on-line to make comment by February 19, 2010.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- **Moved and carried** that the meeting of Algoma Presbytery Executive adjourn at 4:15 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Presbytery Executive meeting will take place March 18, 2010 at St. Andrew's United Church in Sault Ste. Marie.

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Nancy Ferguson, Chair

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Ailsa Hanson, Secretary

## Appendix A

### CORRESPONDENCE

*Received since November 21, 2009*

<b>From</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Action</b>
Curtis Marwood	Letters from Deb Elliott	To Presbyters
R. Matthew Stevens	Perspectives on Labour & Income	To Presbyters
General Council Office	Moderator's Advent Message	To Presbyters
Lisa DiVeto	Bulletin Inserts	To Presbyters
J. Sullivan, Camping	We Are Camp 2010	To Presbyters
General Council Office	Climate Change Press Release	To Presbyters
R. Matthew Stevens	Overseas Personnel Mission Interpretation Opportunity	To Presbyters
General Council Office	Supporting Moderator at Copenhagen Talks	To Presbyters
General Council Office	CIDA to Cut KAIROS	To Presbyters
London Conference Office	General Secretary's Weekly Letter	To Presbyters
Curtis Marwood	CIDA Cuts KAIROS Funding	To Presbyters
Curtis Marwood	Christmas Letter from Deb Elliott	To Presbyters
St. Paul's UC, Orillia	Retreat/Lecture Series	To Presbyters
R. Matthew Stevens	KAIROS Cuts	To Presbyters
General Council Office	Phipps Fast	To Presbyters
General Council Office	UC Moderator to Copenhagen	To Presbyters
General Council Office	Customer Service Standards	To Presbyters
Residential Schools Update	Residential Schools Update	On file
Nora Sanders	Remit #3	Information to Presbyters – to come to next Presbytery
London Conference	Bridge	To next Presbytery
London Conference	Position Posting	To Presbyters
Gail Allan	Anglican-UC Dialogue	To next Presbytery
Peter Kingsbury	Vulnerable Sector Check Policy Changes	To Presbyters
Carole Hockey	Summer Job Opportunity	To Presbyters
Rev. C-A Stadelbauer-Sampa	Decision of Appeal Hearing	To Presbytery Executive
Hicks Morley	Account for Services	To Treasurer
Jennifer Janzen-Ball	Racial Justice Workshops	To next Presbytery
General Council Office	Copenhagen & Climate Change	To Presbyters
General Council Office	Moderator's Christmas	To Presbyters

	Greeting	
Tom Broadhurst	Pastoral Charge Statistics	On file
General Council Office	Planning for 2011-2013	To Presbyters
Phil Miller	Change in Pastoral Relationship	To Pastoral Relations Committee
Judy McGinn	Blind River Pastoral Charge	To Presbytery Executive
Jane Graham	Blind River Pastoral Charge	To Presbytery Executive
Brian Mundell	Thessalon Manse Proposal	To Executive Meeting
Kent Presbytery	Conference Nominations & Correction to Link	To Presbyters
Kathy McDonald	Notice of Appeal from Rev. Norine St. Jean	To Presbytery Executive
Wilma Oliver	JNAC for Willowgrove	To Presbytery Executive
R. Matthew Stevens	North American Conference on Christian Philanthropy	To Presbyters
R. Matthew Stevens	M&S	To Chair & Outreach Chair
Karen Hilfman Millson	Retreat & Lecture Series in Orillia	To Presbyters
London Conference	Position Available	To Presbyters
General Council Office	Moderator to Deliver Climate Change Message	To Presbyters
Nan Cressman	June 15-17 Training Institute for Church Leaders	To Presbyters
General Council Office	UC Launches Emergency Appeal for Haiti	To Presbyters
R. Matthew Stevens	More Re. Haiti	To Presbyters
R. Matthew Stevens	Uniting Ministries – Jan. 2010	To Presbyters
General Council Office	Moderator's Climate Change Letter	To Presbyters
Lisa Di Veto	Legacy Gift Bulletin Insert for February	To Presbyters
Nora Sanders	Notice of Appeal of Conference Decision	To file
London Conference	Conference Events	To next Presbytery