

ALGOMA PRESBYTERY
of The United Church of Canada

January 20, 2011

EXECUTIVE MEETING

2010-11

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Algoma Presbytery Executive met at 12 noon on Thursday, January 20, 2011 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: Larry Burton, Nancy Ferguson, Eun-Joo Park, Betty Pretty, Helen Smith
Laity: Leone Hamilton, Ailsa Hanson, Marnie McDonough, Clare Walker
Regrets: Fred Bright, Rolly MacLean, Doreen Sproule, Heddys Stevenson
Guest (by phone): Rev. Heather McLean, Acting Executive Secretary, London Conference

OPENING

At 12:20 p.m., Chair Nancy Ferguson welcomed everyone present, called the meeting to order, 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 Chair, I now declare this meeting constituted for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it."* Marnie McDonough offered a prayer, remembering especially the Duncan family in Woodstock at this very difficult time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was consensus that the agenda be adopted as amended. (The Conference Boundaries Ad Hoc Committee report is not yet ready, but will be presented at the February meeting of the full court.)

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved, seconded and carried that the Presbytery Executive minutes of October 21, 2010 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

- The interviews for both Eun-Joo Park and John Porter were very successful, and their admission to the Order of Ministry of The United Church of Canada will therefore be brought to the Annual Meeting of London Conference in May.
- Regarding Licensed Lay Worship Leaders, there are still two interviews outstanding, one with Gordon Stone, and the other with Fran Glover. After a brief discussion regarding the process for Fran, it was suggested that Jan Schenell as Pastoral Charge Supervisor be invited to speak to the Education and Students Committee before Fran's interview. Larry reported that Fran has been enjoying and doing well in the LLWL training. A list of the LLWLs in training will be circulated to Pastoral Charges so that all will know who is available for pulpit supply.

- Discernment meetings with Andrew Muncaster have been going well.

Faith Formation and Communications: Eun-Joo Park

- The Committee is still working on the “Covenanting for Life in Creation Program”, and hoping to consult with Outreach (whose Chair is away at present).
- A reminder was made about the request for historical data from each pastoral charge for the Presbytery website, including Nancy Mundell’s suggestion about adding new initiatives and ‘exciting’ events. A concern was raised about the necessity of constant updating if the latter suggestion is followed.
- The Camp McDougall Board held its annual meeting on January 12. At that time, three reports were submitted, one each from the Chair of the Board and the Camp Director, and the Financial Report. A new colour brochure has been prepared and will be available to the full court meeting in February; inserts will be used each year for registration. The Board is in desperate need of skilled volunteers in the areas of promotion, fund-raising, property and finance. John Porter will be asked to prepare a letter for congregational meetings, letting people know the particular needs. Heather McLean reminded the Presbytery Executive that as an Incorporated Ministry, Camp does not fall under the auspices of any Presbytery Committee; Presbytery does not have oversight responsibility for Camp, and therefore cannot direct the Board to do anything. As a result, it was agreed that Camp McDougall will no longer fall under the jurisdiction of the Faith Formation and Communications Committee, but will be seen as a stand-alone entity and invited to make a presentation at each full court Presbytery meeting. John Porter will also be advised when the Executive meetings are taking place so that he can submit a report if he chooses.

Finance and Administration: Fred Bright – no report.

- Fred will be reminded that the Welcome Friend Association letter was referred to Finance and Administration, so that the matter can be brought to the February Presbytery Meeting for discussion and possible action.

Nominations: Helen Smith

- Helen will be bringing Tom McDonough’s name forward to the February Presbytery Meeting, to stand as Chair Elect. She has no names for the position of Treasurer. She will follow up with Fred Bright, seeking his input.
- Church Extension Council has not yet met, and as another incorporated body, is no longer under Presbytery auspices. Heather directed the Executive to forward Phil Miller’s resignation letter as Chair directly to the Extension Council for action.

Outreach: Heddys Stevenson – no report**Pastoral Oversight: Rolly MacLean – no report****Pastoral Relations: Leone Hamilton**

- There is much work in process; two JNAC reports will be brought to the February Presbytery meeting, along with reappointments, and paperwork to convert appointments to calls for Eun-Joo Park and John Porter.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Nancy Ferguson reported that on December 2, 2010 in Sudbury, the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal convened a mediation session to seek resolution of the Application filed by Rev. Norine St. Jean, and the mediation was not successful. A hearing of the Application will be scheduled, but no date has yet been set.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Secretary's Report (See Appendix B)

- Heather urged folks to review the information sent to pastoral charges about Directors and Officers Liability Insurance, to access data on the UCC website, and to forward questions to Virginia Morato.
- She reminded the Executive about the survey that has been sent out to ministry personnel and lay leaders about pastoral relations, and building healthier pastoral relations within The United Church of Canada.
- A message of deepest sympathy has been sent to the Reverend David Duncan and family on behalf of London Conference.
- The January mailing is being sent out this week, one mailing per pastoral charge, containing packages for each preaching point.

Accessibility Training

- It was agreed that being trained to conduct training is best done in a group situation. Nancy will investigate Judith Gilliland's availability to come to Algoma to give workshops in pastoral oversight and Dorothy Macnaughton's availability to do accessibility training, and weigh priorities for the February and April Presbytery meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that the meeting of Algoma Presbytery Executive adjourn at 1:57 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting of Presbytery will be a full court meeting at East Korah Maxwell, Sault Ste. Marie, on February 18 and 19, 2011.

Nancy Ferguson, Chair

Ailsa Hanson, Secretary

Appendix A
CORRESPONDENCE
Received since November 20, 2010

From	Topic	Action
Matthew Stevens	Social Justice Issues Enquiry	To Outreach Committee
Albright Gardens	Retirement Community in Beamsville	To Presbytery Executive & file

Appendix B

For the Presbytery Executive for Information/Minutes –January/February 2011

Heather McLean, Acting Executive Secretary updated us about the following:

- IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL CONGREGATIONS. LONDON CONFERENCE AND THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA:
 - a. Please note the UCC Protect, the General Insurance Plan of The United Church of Canada – Umbrella Directors and Officers Liability Insurance, that is being extended to congregations on a “NO COST” basis for a 2 year period, starting Dec 1, 2010 to Dec 1, 2012. Check documentation for further information from Bill Kennedy and Virginia Morato, on Nov 16, 2010.
 - b. All ministry personnel and known lay leaders should have received a survey in order to consult widely about pastoral relations and building healthier pastoral relations within The United Church of Canada. This research project comes from the decision by the General Council Executive in May 2010 whereby pastoral relations work or part thereof, shall shift to the conference from the presbytery. In order to assess how this can happen, its impact and wisdom, we need your input.
 - c. A message of deepest sympathy to the Rev. David Duncan and family on behalf of London Conference.
 - d. The Appeal and Human Rights Tribunal are still ongoing.
 - e. January mailing is being sent out this week. It is sent to all pastoral charges with an individual copy for each preaching point.