

ALGOMA PRESBYTERY
of The United Church of Canada

January 19, 2012

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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Algoma Presbytery Executive met at 12 noon on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at St. Andrew's United Church, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. The meeting was led by Chair Thom McDonough and a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE

Order of Ministry: Nancy Ferguson, Thom McDonough, Jan Schenell, Helen Smith

Laity: Fred Bright, Marnie McDonough, Brian Mundell, Wilda Ryckman, Bill Walker, Clare Walker, Ailsa Hanson

Regrets: Larry Burton, Eun-Joo Park, Heddys Stevenson

OPENING

At 12:07 p.m., Chair Thom McDonough welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order 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."* He read Luke 4:16-19, and spoke of "The First Light", a video of John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg which suggested that our mission as Christians is to heal and to feed; Thom challenged us to consider how we can do that in our work together as the Executive of Algoma Presbytery.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There was consensus that the agenda be adopted as amended. UCW was added to New Business.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved, seconded and carried that the Presbytery Executive minutes of October 20, 2011 be approved as amended. (Under New Business, "Blind River" was added in brackets after St. Andrew's United Church for the sake of clarity.)

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Iron Bridge Pastoral Charge:** After discussion of the request from the Chair and Secretary of the Official Board at Iron Bridge,
Moved, seconded and carried that Algoma Presbytery authorize the use of up to \$20,000 from the Manse Fund for windows in the Iron Bridge United Church.
2. **Emmanuel United Church:** In response to the Certificate of Trustees Asking Consent of Presbytery from Emmanuel, and in light of the motion passed at the October 20, 2011 meeting of the Presbytery Executive, the Secretary was directed to complete Appendix B: Certificate of Secretary of Presbytery to Resolution Giving Consent, making reference to that previous motion.
3. **Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints:** The Secretary was directed to write to the contact, requesting that Algoma Presbytery be removed from their mailing list.

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 - No report.

Faith Formation and Communications: Eun-Joo Park (report by e-mail)

At the end of January, David Root of Christian Development will be attending a workshop entitled “Rethinking Youth Ministry” at Five Oaks. As well, the Christian Development Committee is in the preliminary stage of planning a Presbytery-wide Fellowship Event for Anniversary Weekend in June; there will be more information available at the February Presbytery meeting.

Finance and Administration: Fred Bright

- Treasurer Bill Walker distributed the 2011 Income and Expenses Statement (Appendix B) and answered related questions. Finance Chair Fred Bright will write the Camp McDougall Board to remind them that because the Presbytery has forgiven their loan, the Camp should remove that liability from their books.
- There was a lengthy discussion of ethics and legality of gifts in kind in general, and specifically as related to the Presbytery website. \$1,000 was budgeted for costs associated with the website, of which \$164.70 has already been paid for the domain.

Moved, seconded and carried that Algoma Presbytery authorize the Treasurer to issue Harry Stewart an honorarium of \$835.30 for website maintenance for 2011.

It was agreed that a review of the website’s effectiveness should be done, and it will be added to the February Presbytery meeting agenda.

- The Finance Committee reviewed the Application for Capital Loan for Pastoral Charge or Congregation (Form CA 2A) and the supporting documentation from Emmanuel United Church, and recommended that the Presbytery approve the loan/grant application.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Application for Capital Loan for Pastoral Charge or Congregation CA 2A received from Emmanuel United Church was duly considered at this meeting of Algoma Presbytery held on January 19, 2012 at St. Andrew’s United Church, Sault Ste. Marie, and a loan totally \$100,000 for a term of 15 years, and a grant of \$50,000 were approved at such meeting. (There was one abstention.)

Congratulations were extended to Emmanuel United Church for their initiative.

Nominations: Helen Smith – no report

Outreach: Heddys Stevenson – no report

Pastoral Care and Oversight: no chair – no report

Pastoral Relations: Brian Mundell

- **Willowgrove United Church** – A call has been issued; there is a Board meeting at Willowgrove January 23, and Wilda will be in attendance as Pastoral Charge Supervisor.

She will ensure that the appropriate forms are expedited, and will ask Eun-Joo Park to present a motion at the February Presbytery meeting on behalf of the Joint Search Committee.

- Echo Bay Pastoral Charge is experiencing some financial challenges. Jan Schenell mentioned that there is a brainstorming meeting taking place within the next week amongst some of the smaller Charges, including Thessalon, Rydal Bank, Echo Bay, Bruce Mines/Desbarats to talk about options as congregations decline.
- Clarification is being sought regarding how much of the Pastoral Relations function will be leaving the Presbytery level and pulled to the Conference offices.

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

PLANNING TASKS

- Thom McDonough will be away from Algoma at the time of the February meeting.
Moved, seconded and carried that Wilda Ryckman chair the February 2012 Presbytery meeting. (There was one abstention.)
- The agenda for the February meeting was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the UCW. Seven women from Algoma will be attending the meeting in Ancaster. Clare Walker is President-Elect for London Conference. The next UCW Presbyterial is Saturday, January 21.

ADJOURMENT

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that the meeting of Algoma Presbytery Executive adjourn at 2:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting of Presbytery will be the full court at John Wesley United Church on February 24 and 25, 2012.
- The next meeting of Presbytery Executive will be March 15, 2012 at St. Andrew's United Church.

Thom McDonough, Chair

Ailsa Hanson, Secretary

Appendix A
CORRESPONDENCE
Received since November 19, 2011

From	Topic	Action
Iron Bridge Pastoral Charge	Use of Manse Funds for new windows	To Finance Committee and January Presbytery Executive
Emmanuel UC	Thank You for Permission to use Manse Funds	To Executive and file
London Conference	The Bridge	To Executive
Emmanuel UC	Certificate of Trustees Asking Consent of Presbytery	To Executive
Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	Doctrine	To Executive