

ALGOMA PRESBYTERY
of The United Church of Canada

June 23, 2011

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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Algoma Presbytery Executive met at 12 noon on Thursday, June 23, 2011 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, Heather McLean, Eun-Joo Park, Helen Smith

Laity: Marnie McDonough, Brian Mundell, Wilda Ryckman, Heddys Stevenson, Clare Walker, Ailsa Hanson

Regrets: Fred Bright, Larry Burton, Rolly MacLean

Guest: Frank Sarlo, Grotto Project (for ½ hour only)

OPENING

At 12:05 p.m., Chair Thom McDonough 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 Chair, I now declare this meeting constituted for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it."* He read Matthew 10:40-42, and invited each person present to consider how our committee or group or we as individuals 'bring a cup of cold water.' At 12:20, he gathered us together with a prayer, asking for wisdom, attentiveness and sound judgement in our discussions, and an awareness of God's presence always.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There was consensus that the agenda be adopted as amended. A presentation by Frank Sarlo on the proposed grotto at Bellevue Park was scheduled for 2 p.m. Under New Business, Nancy will report on the issue of chaplaincy at the Sault Area Hospital; a motion will be made regarding Rev. Don McKay's transfer; and Thom's status will be discussed.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved, seconded and carried that the Presbytery Executive minutes of March 17, 2011 be approved. (There were three abstentions.)

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, the following people be recognized as Licensed Lay Worship Leaders: Frank Allen, Cathy Bright, Kim Evoy, Lorna Greene, Vivian Hall, Marie Rinne, Nancy Rouble and Wanda Wilding.

- There will be a celebration of recognition on Friday evening of the September meeting of the full court, along with a “thank you” to the trainers Janet Norman and Larry Burton.

Faith Formation and Communications: Eun-Joo Park

- The Kempton Hewitt continuing education event is being held from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29 with nine registrants. This year, Rev. Dr. Hewitt is focusing on Mark’s gospel.
- Confirmation Camp, under the direction of the Christian Development Sub-committee, will be held the weekend of September 9 and 10. Registration forms have been mailed to each pastoral charge in the Presbytery, with a June 19 response deadline.
- Plans are underway for a Pastoral Visitation Workshop under Eun-Joo’s leadership at Willowgrove United Church on Friday evening, October 14 and Saturday, October 15. More information will follow regarding times, cost, etc.

Finance and Administration: Fred Bright – no report**Nominations: Helen Smith**

- The position of Treasurer is the only vacancy at the moment.
- The role of Chaplain was discussed. In other Presbyteries, the position is defined and paid. Larry Burton, our current Chaplain, is on leave.

Outreach: Heddys Stevenson – no report**Pastoral Oversight: Rolly MacLean (report sent by e-mail)**

- The last meeting was held prior to the Presbytery gathering in April.
- Monday, June 20, a visit was made to East Korah Maxwell, where the team was warmly welcomed. A report of the visit should be available in September.
- The Emmanuel visit will hopefully be rescheduled for the fall.
- It is still the Committee’s hope to have Judith Gilliland do a pastoral oversight workshop with the full court.

Pastoral Relations: Brian Mundell

- Brian advised that the three pastoral charges in Algoma not paying their minister through ADP are Goulais River, Echo Bay and John Wesley. Brian will follow up.
- **Moved, seconded and carried** that Algoma Presbytery approve the call of Rev. Laurie Milito, Ordained, to Central United Church, Sault Ste. Marie, effective November 24, 2011, under the following terms and conditions:

Salary	\$43,434.96
Housing	\$12,877.20
Telephone	\$ 592.68
Continuing Education	<u>\$ 1,490.04</u>
Total	\$58,394.88

Vacation as per United Church policy

Travel as logged

(There was one declaration of conflict.)

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that Leone Hamilton be appointed as Presbytery Supervisor for Goulais River United Church during the absence of Thom McDonough, August 1 through October 31, 2011. (There was one declaration of conflict.)
- The Pastoral Relations Committee requested that Judith Gilliland be asked to lead a Joint Needs Assessment workshop with the full court when she visits Algoma in the fall.
- The Covenanting Service for Rev. Eun-Joo Park will be held Sunday, July 10 at 7 p.m.

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

Grotto Project Presentation

At 2 p.m., guest Frank Sarlo spoke for thirty minutes about the proposed grotto project at Bellevue Park in Sault Ste. Marie and circulated architectural drawings. He answered questions, and invited feedback. Executive members are to e-mail Thom with any thoughts about the proposal.

Planning Tasks

- Nancy Ferguson will chair the September full court meeting in Thom's absence, but he will have the agenda drafted before he leaves.
- Thom will ask about London Conference President Gary Clark's availability for the November or April Presbytery meetings, and will speak to Judith Gilliland about Algoma's training needs for September. Depending upon their visits, we will then schedule the Archives/Record-keeping workshop with Edward Avey.

New Business

- **Executive Secretary's Report** – Heather referred to the highlights of the London Conference Executive meeting held June 15. Nancy Ferguson is on the search committee for a new Executive Secretary for London Conference, and it is hoped that a new incumbent will be named at the beginning of 2012.
- **Transfer of Membership for Don McKay** – **Moved, seconded and carried** that Algoma Presbytery agrees to the proposed change of membership for Rev. Don McKay, retired member of the Order of Ministry, from Algoma Presbytery, London Conference to Winnipeg Presbytery, Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Conference, effective June 1, 2011.
- **Chaplaincy at the Sault Area Hospital** – Nancy Ferguson updated the Executive on the faith communities' ongoing discussions with the hospital. It is hoped that there will be seven-day-a-week coverage by Spiritual Support Workers, and these may come out of the different faith traditions. It is not yet clear how we may support this initiative (with funding or with volunteers); in the meantime, Eun-Joo's offer to provide clinical pastoral training would be one United Church contribution. Nancy will continue to be the United Church representative with the coordinating group.
- **Conference Executive Representative** – Wilda Ryckman, Algoma Presbytery's Chair-Elect, will attend the September 21 London Conference Executive meeting in Thom's absence.

- **Support for Rendez-Vous Bus from BC** – Nancy and Helen will explore options for accommodating the 30 to 50 people needing accommodation and meals the evening of August 9, 2011 and the following morning, and will respond directly to BC Conference.
- **Moderator's Visit** – Various suggestions were made about ways to link into the Moderator's schedule, including making a video, flying Mardi in to Sault Ste. Marie via Porter Airlines, or using Skype to "bring her" to a Presbytery meeting. Thom, Wilda and Ailsa will follow up.
- **Thom McDonough and Goulais River** – Nancy took the Chair during a brief discussion of the Goulais River situation. Because Thom is not yet being paid through ADP, his re-appointment cannot be processed. Thom will follow up with his Pastoral Charge Treasurer, and contact Brian Mundell regarding the paperwork.
Moved, seconded and carried that Thom McDonough be named a Member-at-Large of Algoma Presbytery until such time as his situation is normalized. (There were two declarations of conflict.)

Adjournment

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that the meeting of Algoma Presbytery Executive adjourn at 3:27 p.m. Heather closed with a prayer.

Next Meeting

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

Thom McDonough, Chair

Ailsa Hanson, Secretary

Appendix A
CORRESPONDENCE
Received since April 17, 2011

From	Topic	Action
London Conference	Moderator's Visit – Algoma Letter	Forwarded to Presbyters & to Presbytery Executive
Tom Broadhurst	Statistical Form Returns	Review & File
Peter Kingsbury	Warrant to Covenant – Blind River & Rev. Paul Stemp	To Presbytery Executive
Peter Kingsbury	Warrant to Covenant – Iron Bridge & Rev. Linda Stemp	To Presbytery Executive
Huntington University	Honorary Degrees & Fellowship Nominations	Circulated to Presbyters & to Presbytery Executive
Karen Paton-Evans	Instructions from Rev. Norine St. Jean re. status	To Presbytery Executive & File
Winnipeg Presbytery	Transfer of Rev. Donald McKay	To Presbytery Executive for motion
Edward Avey	Archives Workshop in Algoma	To Presbytery Executive
Heather McLean	Online Survey re. Switching Banking Relationship	To Presbyters for Response
Nancy Beilhartz	Resignation from Church Extension Council	To Presbytery Executive
Elmer Tuominen	Resignation from Church Extension Council	To Presbytery Executive
Gary Clark	Request for Invitation to Algoma Presbytery	To Presbytery Executive
BC Conference	Request for Support for Rendez-Vous Bus	To Presbyters