

ALGOMA PRESBYTERY
of The United Church of Canada

June 24, 2010

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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Algoma Presbytery Executive met at 12 noon on Thursday, June 24, 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: Larry Burton, Nancy Ferguson, Rolly MacLean, Betty Pretty, Jan Schenell, Helen Smith, Doreen Sproule (on conference call)

Laity: Leone Hamilton, Ailsa Hanson, Marnie McDonough, Heddys Stevenson

Regrets: Fred Bright, Phil Miller, Harry Stewart

Guest (by phone): Rev. Heather McLean, Acting Executive Secretary, London Conference

OPENING: At 12:10 p.m., Chair Nancy Ferguson called the meeting to order, and opened with prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: With the addition of two items under "New Business" (reports on the Kempton Hewitt event and visits by overseas personnel), the agenda was adopted as amended.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: **Moved, seconded and carried** that the Presbytery Executive minutes of March 18 and May 6, 2010 be approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that the correspondence be accepted as dealt with. (See Appendix A.)
- **Moved, seconded and carried** that Algoma Presbytery Executive accepts, with regret and thanks for over ten years' service, Harry Stewart's resignation from Presbytery and Presbytery Executive as Member-at-Large.
- **Moved, seconded and carried** that Algoma Presbytery Executive accepts with gratitude Harry Stewart's offer to continue as Presbytery Webmaster, and asks him to investigate the "Content Management System" and report back to the Executive before any changes are made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MOTIONS FOR ACTION

Pastoral Relations: Leone Hamilton

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that Algoma Presbytery approve the re-appointment of Thomas McDonough, Designated Lay Minister, to Goulais Pastoral Charge from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 under the following conditions:

Time	40 percent (16 hours)
Salary	\$14,132 (Category D)
Housing	4,800
Study/Books	500
Total	\$19,432

Travel 41¢ as logged

Vacation as per United Church policy

(There was one declaration of conflict.)

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that Algoma Presbytery approve the appointment of Rev. Dr. Paul Stemp, Ordained, to Blind River Pastoral Charge from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 under the following conditions while the Joint Needs Assessment process is completed:

Time	67 percent (27 hours)
Salary	\$26,700
Housing	8,000
Telephone	400
Study/Books	840
Total	\$35,940
Travel	41¢ as logged
Vacation as per United Church policy	

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that Algoma Presbytery approve the appointment of Rev. Linda Stemp, Ordained, to Iron Bridge Pastoral Charge from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 under the following conditions while the Joint Needs Assessment process is completed:

Time	50 percent (20 hours)
Salary	\$20,000
Housing	6,000
Telephone	300
Study/Books	625
Total	\$26,925
Travel	41¢ as logged
Vacation as per United Church policy	

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that Algoma Presbytery approve the request of Willowgrove United Church to reduce the ministry personnel positions from one and three-quarter to one full-time minister as recommended by the Joint Needs Assessment Committee. (There was one declaration of conflict.)

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that Algoma Presbytery approve the call of Rev. Bruce McLeish, Ordained, to be the sole Minister of Willowgrove United Church, effective immediately, under the following conditions:

Time	full-time (40 hours)
Salary	\$41,562.39
Housing	19,060.09
Mileage	4,497.85
Telephone	600.00
Study/Books	1,250.00
Total	\$66,920.33

(There was one declaration of conflict.)

- Rev. Betty Pretty and Lavine Livesey are the two Presbytery Representatives on the Joint Needs Assessment Committee for the Blind River Pastoral Charge, and Rev. Betty Pretty and Leone Hamilton are serving on the Joint Needs Assessment Committee for Iron Bridge. Helen Smith will be the Acting Supervisor of the Rydal Bank Pastoral Charge for July and August. Rev. Jan Schenell will be on medical leave for the month of July.

- The Chair of the Executive read aloud the June 15 covering letter of the revised report from the Pastoral Relations Committee regarding the Blind River Pastoral Charge. After discussion, it was **moved, seconded and carried** that the Algoma Presbytery Executive receive the revised Pastoral Relations Consultation Team report on Blind River from the Pastoral Relations Committee dated June 15 for information.

Finance and Administration: Fred Bright

In the absence of Finance Chair Fred Bright and Treasurer Phil Miller, Nancy Ferguson reported that legal fees relating to Blind River have reached \$9,858.91 to date with a deductible of \$7,500. A card and cheque are being Expressposted to Peter Bishop. A statement of our expenses with copies of cheques and bills will be submitted to the National Office. Heather McLean reported that she had had an e-mail from Lois Matton requesting information about the Blind River appeal; it was suggested that Heather refer the questions to Susan Jones and ADP.

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that the meeting be extended until all business is completed.

PLANNING TASKS

Racial Justice Training Workshop: This training is to be completed in 2010. Space has tentatively been booked at St. Andrew's United Church, Sault Ste. Marie.

Agenda for September Presbytery Meeting/Planning Discussion: Committee Chairs were reminded to let all their group members know whether or not their Committee is meeting, and then alert the Presbytery Secretary so that space can be booked. The proposed agenda for September was reviewed and amended slightly, with an earlier start to include time for a presentation by London Conference President Maya Landell. Nancy Ferguson will issue an invitation to Maya to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Huntington University Report: Rev. Betty Pretty reported that Huntington is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. It was suggested that she put up a display and speak to the Presbytery in November.

KAIROS Request – Waterloo Presbytery: This was referred to the Outreach Committee, which was asked to review the material and bring a report to the September meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. Kempton Hewitt Workshop: To date, eight people have registered for the July 8 event. Lunch will be catered and delivered to Desbarats United Church where the workshop is being held. A request was made for the use of the Presbytery projector.

Overseas Personnel: The dates were reviewed for Karen and Bill Butt's visit to Algoma; it was suggested that the Witmers be invited to speak to the Presbytery in November.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved and carried that the meeting of Algoma Presbytery Executive adjourn at 3:11 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next Presbytery Executive meeting will take place August 19, 2010 at noon at Rev. Larry Burton's residence, 453 Sunnyside Beach. Lunch will be potluck.

Nancy Ferguson, Chair

Ailsa Hanson, Secretary

Appendix A
CORRESPONDENCE
Received since April 18, 2010

From	Topic	Action
General Council Office	Triennium Planning Report Now Online	Forwarded to Presbyters
Matthew Stevens	Four Events: Therefore Chose Life; Paint Your Faith Vancouver; Rendezvous 2011; The 8 th Anniversary Making Connections Initiative	Forwarded to Presbyters
Matthew Stevens	Christian Peacemaker Team- Palestine endorses Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement	Forwarded to Presbyters
General Council Office	June 10 Open House Bulletin Insert	Forwarded to Presbyters
General Council Office	Record of Proceedings and The Manual Online	Forwarded to Presbyters
London Conference Office	General Secretary's Weekly Letter	Forwarded to Presbyters
Matthew Stevens	Social Justice Issues	Forwarded to Presbyters
Matthew Stevens	Revenue Generation in Congregations	Forwarded to Presbyters
Heather McLean	Copy of Letter to Janet Norman re. Sacraments	To Pastoral Relations and file
Matthew Stevens	Dr. Mustafa Barghouti in Canada May 6-8	Forwarded to Presbyters
Nan Cressman	Governance and Ministry Event June 15 to 17, 2010	Forwarded to Presbyters
Peter Kingsbury	Sabbatical Leave/Vacation May 31 to Sept. 6 inclusive	Forwarded to Presbyters
Annette Skillings	Registration Deadline for London Conference	Forwarded to Presbyters
London Conference Office	Admin. Support Position	Forwarded to Presbyters
Angeline Musonza	DUCC Newsletter	Forwarded to all Clergy
General Council Office	Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance	With assistance of Presbytery Treasurer, responded to Virginia Morato
Matthew Stevens	Communities of Faith in Mission, Quarterly News	Forwarded to Presbyters
Tom Broadhurst (e-mail & letter)	2009 Stats Forms Report #2	To file
John Quinn	Two Nobel Peace Prize Nominees	Forwarded to Presbyters
Susan Caughill, Acting Secretary, Willowgrove UC	Notice of Congregational Meeting to Receive JNAC Report	To Pastoral Relations, Presbytery Chair and file

General Council Office	Triennium Plan: Meeting of Executive of General Council	Forwarded to Presbyters
Ellie Love via Rev. Nancy Ferguson	Facebook Link for Camp McDougall	Forwarded to Presbyters
London Conference Office	YAYAN Event at Siloam UC	Forwarded to Presbyters
Pretima Kukadia	Report Book 2010 Online	Forwarded to Presbyters
London Conference	General Secretary's Weekly Letter	Forwarded to Presbyters
Curtis Marwood	G8 Bulletin Insert	Forwarded to Presbyters
General Council Office	Open House Update	Forwarded to Presbyters
London Conference	Ad for DLM Program Coordinator, Calling Lakes Centre	Forwarded to Presbyters
General Council Office	85 th Anniversary Making Connections	Forwarded to Presbyters
London Conference	Flora Jane Baker Clergy Sabbatical Fellowship Information for Queen's School of Religion	Forwarded to Presbyters
Omega Bula	Refugee Advisor	Forwarded to Presbyters
Lisa Di Veto	Legacy Gift Bulletin Insert for May	Forwarded to Presbyters
Curtis Marwood	Urgent Action: Israel Military Threatens Deportation/Imprisonment of West Bank Palestinians as "Infiltrators"	Forwarded to Presbyters
General Council Office	Moderator's Pentecost Message	Forwarded to Presbyters
General Council Office	Common Loaf in Mail	Forwarded to Presbyters
London Conference	CBS Store Closure	Forwarded to Presbyters
London Conference	Proposals to 2010 Annual Meeting	Forwarded to Presbyters
Clay Thibodeau	Ontario Congregations' Records More Accessible Online	Forwarded to Presbyters
London Conference	London Conference Budget for 2011	Forwarded to Presbyters
Peter Kingsbury	Torrance Bissel Bursary Fund	Forwarded to Presbyters
Lisa Di Veto	Resources Now In Production	Forwarded to Presbyters
Curtis Marwood	Urgent Appeal – Military Order re. Palestine-Israel	Forwarded to Presbyters
Matthew Stevens	Stewardship Workshop Oct.	Forwarded to Presbyters
Christine Jerrett	Lay Leaders and Facilitated Learning Circles	Forwarded to Presbyters
Jenny Rypma, Five Oaks	Summer at Five Oaks	Forwarded to Presbyters
Curtis Marwood	Message from the Tent of Nations	Forwarded to Presbyters
General Council Office	85 th Anniversary	Forwarded to Presbyters

London Conference Office	Conference Assessment	Forwarded to Presbyters
London Conference Office	June “Stepping Stones”	Forwarded to Presbyters
Pretima Kukadia, LCO	Conference Highlights	Forwarded to Presbyters
General Council Office	85 th Anniversary Open House	Forwarded to Presbyters
General Council Office	Truth and Reconciliation: An Invitation to Prayer June 13	Forwarded to Presbyters
London Conference Office	New Resource for United Church Congregations	Forwarded to Presbyters
John Porter	Urgent Camp Notice	Forwarded to Presbyters
London Conference Office	General Secretary’s Weekly Letter	Forwarded to Presbyters
Matthew Stevens	M&S Figures to June 1	Forwarded to Presbyters
Matthew Stevens	Yellow Card for Education	Forwarded to Presbyters
General Council Office	Message from the Moderator: “You’ve given me hope”	Forwarded to Presbyters
London Conference Office	Total Number at the Annual Meeting	Forwarded to Presbyters
General Council Office	Planning for a Future Grounded in Faith and Action	Forwarded to Presbyters
Pastoral Relations Committee	Report and Recommendation	To file and Executive
Residential Schools Steering Committee	Residential Schools Update	To file
Eric Skillings	Fall Rural Life Events	Forwarded to Presbyters
Matthew Stevens	M&S Art Contest for Kids Deadline Extended	Forwarded to Presbyters
Harry Stewart	Resignation	Forwarded to Presbytery Chair
Pretima Kukadia	Position Available in London Conference	Forwarded to Presbyters