

ALGOMA PRESBYTERY
of The United Church of Canada

March 17, 2011

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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Algoma Presbytery Executive met at 12 noon on Thursday, March 17, 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: Nancy Ferguson, Rolly MacLean, Betty Pretty, Helen Smith

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

Regrets: Fred Bright, Larry Burton, Thom McDonough, Eun-Joo Park, Doreen Sproule, and, due solely to unanticipated telecommunication difficulties at our end, 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."* Helen Smith offered a prayer, asking for wisdom, guidance, patience and joy.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There was consensus that the agenda be adopted as printed.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved, seconded and carried that the Presbytery Executive minutes of January 20, 2011 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 Committee met with Fran Glover and Jan Schenell, Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Rydal Bank, as per the agreement made in February 2010. Reports were positive, and the arrangement is working well. However, the question of pastoral visiting has arisen. It was agreed that Education and Students will find out who is asking that Fran do visits and speak to Jan Schenell, who could perhaps do some pastoral visiting training with interested congregants. As a member of the Joint Search Committee, Rolly MacLean added that that group will be revisiting the Needs Assessment wording (i.e. weekend pulpit supply vs. part-time) so that Rydal Bank could be put on the National Vacancy Listing.

Faith Formation and Communications: Eun-Joo Park

In Eun-Joo's absence, Helen Smith reported that the Christian Development Sub-Committee had circulated a proposal about a Presbytery-wide Confirmation Camp, and was still collecting feedback. If the Camp does go ahead, it would begin in September. There will be more information brought to the April full court meeting of Presbytery.

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

Helen is still following up on the Treasurer vacancy, and has not had a chance to do anything regarding the representative to Conference Executive.

Outreach: Heddys Stevenson

Heddys had no report, but requested an hour at the November Presbytery meeting for her Committee to present a topic to the court for review and discussion.

Pastoral Care and Oversight: Rolly MacLean

- Rolly asked for assistance around two issues, one in Thessalon regarding an incomplete visit, and the other at the St. Joseph Island Pastoral Charge regarding the failure of the Council to provide minutes and the non-response of the Council to the two letters written by the Pastoral Care and Oversight Committee. Information was shared and suggestions made.
- Two visits will be scheduled before the end of June – one at East Korah Maxwell and the other potentially at Blind River.
- The Pastoral Care and Oversight Committee needs volunteers to assist with the triennium visits, and options were discussed regarding familiarization/training. Judith Gilliland from London Conference has offered to provide training in the areas of Pastoral Oversight and Joint Needs Assessment before or after the Annual Meeting of London Conference. It was agreed that that would not be the best time, so Nancy will talk to Judith to find out if she could do the training in the fall in either September or November, and if it would be possible to cover both topics during one visit.

Pastoral Relations: Leone Hamilton – no report

Pastoral Relations will be bringing motions to the April Presbytery meeting, and Leone reminded folks that her Committee needs time to meet and discuss business before it is presented to the floor of Presbytery.

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

Other Reports

- **Incorporated Ministry – Camp McDougall Update:** John Porter – no report
- **Executive Secretary's Report** – Heather McLean – Because of difficulties with technology at St. Andrew's, Heather was unable to present her report.

Planning for April Presbytery Meeting

- **Conference Boundaries** – Presbyters have been sent reminders of the 'homework' they have to do before the April meeting.

- **Chaplaincy/Pastoral Care at the new Sault Area Hospital** – It is hoped that Larry Burton will lead discussion on this issue.
- **Statement on Ministry** – It was suggested that the GC40 Commissioners (Marnie McDonough, Joyce Biggs, Doreen Sproule and Nancy Ferguson) lead the discussion on this on Friday evening.

Future Planning

- **“Words of Faith” document** – This will be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.
- **Judith Gilliland’s offer of a training session before/after May AGM** – was already discussed.

New Business

- **Presbytery Handbook** – Chair-Elect Thom McDonough is still collecting feedback, and based on what he’s already received, information will be revised and re-ordered, and a test document will be presented to the April Presbytery and posted on the website.
- **Accessibility Training** – Nancy reminded folks of the training schedule for Wednesday, March 23.

ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting of Presbytery will be a full court meeting at Goulais River on April 15 and 16, 2011.

Nancy Ferguson, Chair

Ailsa Hanson, Secretary

Appendix A
CORRESPONDENCE
Received since February 19, 2011

From	Topic	Action
General Council Office	Revised Statement on Ministry	To Presbytery Executive
London Conference Office	To Do List for Annual Meeting	To Presbytery Executive for Proposals/Resolutions
London Conference Office	Conference Settlement Report Review	To Pastoral Relations for review and response