

**ALGOMA PRESBYTERY**  
*of The United Church of Canada*

**March 15, 2012**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**2011-12**

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Algoma Presbytery Executive met at 12 noon on Thursday, March 15, 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:** Larry Burton, Nancy Ferguson, Thom McDonough, Jan Schenell, Helen Smith

**Laity:** Marnie McDonough, Brian Mundell, Bill Walker, Clare Walker, Ailsa Hanson

**Regrets:** Fred Bright, Eun-Joo Park, Wilda Ryckman, Heddys Stevenson

**OPENING**

At 12:15 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 then read Job 42:1-5, asked us to consider what we "know" and to realize we don't know much. He prayed for God's wisdom and guidance during our meeting, and for Wilda Ryckman.

**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 January 19, 2012 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 - No report.

**Faith Formation and Communications:** Eun-Joo Park

- Helen Smith mentioned that the Christian Development sub-committee would be arranging a meeting of pre-teens and teenagers from all the pastoral charges in the Presbytery to find out from them what they want and need from the church today.
- She also reminded folks about the Presbytery-wide June 10 picnic to be held at Laird Fairgrounds; more information will be forthcoming.

**Finance and Administration: Fred Bright**

- Treasurer Bill Walker requested the Executive's wisdom on dividing the \$2,000 from London Conference towards Annual Meeting expenses, in a way that would be fair and transparent to all pastoral charges in the Presbytery. After discussion, it was agreed that Bill would draft a letter which will be sent to the Chairs of the pastoral charge Councils/Boards, with copies to Ministry and Personnel Committees, reminding them of their responsibilities in paying the costs associated with their ministers' and lay delegates' attendance at the Annual Meeting, and offering to help defray those costs with a portion of the \$2,000. There was also agreement that Algoma follow up with London Conference to let them know what the real costs are of sending people to the Annual Meeting.
- Two meetings of the North Shore pastoral charges have been scheduled – one March 18 at the Laird Hall and the other on April 22 at Bruce Station Hall – to do some visioning about the future. There will be a small charge for the use of each of the two halls, and while the facilitator from Algoma University has offered her services at no charge, the congregations wish to give her an honorarium of some kind. There was much support for the initiative, and it was suggested that there be a Pastoral Care and Oversight presence at the meeting.  
**Moved, seconded and carried** that Algoma Presbytery cover the cost of the hall rentals, and \$100 towards a gift for the facilitator, for the March and April meetings. (There was one declaration of conflict.)
- It was discussed and agreed that committee budgets must be brought to the September full court meeting, so that the Algoma Presbytery budget for 2013 can be presented at the November meeting. Historically, committees requesting an increase in their budgets were required to attend the Presbytery budget forum to provide information.
- A two-fold concern had been raised about a Finance motion made and carried at the Saturday morning session – which the Presbyter had been unable to attend – of the November Presbytery meeting. It was agreed that, in future, it will be noted in the minutes whether Presbyters have attended the full meeting or only one session. Clarification of the content of the motion was sought and passed along.

**Nominations: Helen Smith** – no report

**Outreach: Heddys Stevenson** – no report

**Pastoral Care and Oversight**

Chair Thom McDonough presented his vision for the way pastoral care and oversight could be handled in Algoma Presbytery. The PowerPoint slides will be circulated to Executive members who are asked to send Thom their feedback. It will then be brought to the full court in April for discussion.

**Pastoral Relations: Brian Mundell**

- Brian reported on a conversation he had had with retired DLM Marilyn Billings. It was agreed that a letter will be sent to Marilyn, clarifying the change in policy regarding Presbytery membership for DLMs, and inviting her to attend meetings whenever she wishes.

- Brian referenced the document circulated by London Conference on the changes that will be made to the Pastoral Relations function. Much of what is currently being done by Pastoral Relations committees at the Presbytery level will be moved to London Conference. It is not yet known when these changes will take effect.

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

#### **PLANNING FOR APRIL MEETING**

- After discussion, it was agreed that there would not be time in April for a record-keeping/archives workshop, and the Chair will contact Erin Greeno to ask if the workshop could be postponed.
- If she is available at 5 p.m. on Friday evening April 20, the Family Outreach Coordinator of Habitat for Humanity will be asked to speak.
- The Church Extension Council Report and Meeting will be held Friday evening, from 6:30 to 7 p.m.
- Thom will present his Pastoral Care and Oversight Vision, and if she is able to be with us, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa will be asked to be our theological reflector.
- On Saturday morning, committee reports and motions will be considered.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Finding a Webmaster for the Algoma Presbytery website will be referred back to Faith Formation and Communications; the Executive feels it does not have the expertise. The website will be reviewed and a decision will be made at budget time whether or not to renew the domain name.
- **Moved, seconded and carried** that the following be Algoma Presbytery members-at-large at the London Conference Annual Meeting: Karen McLean (Goulais River), Tom Orr, Wilda Ryckman, Ailsa Hanson.
- **Moved, seconded and carried** that the Algoma Presbytery laptop be assigned permanently to the Presbytery Secretary to be used for Presbytery business.
- The UCW Annual Meeting was held March 3, at which 73 women gathered to celebrate their Charter members. \$2,400 was given to Camp McDougall for capital projects for 2012. \$3,700 was raised by Algoma's UCWs towards the National UCW anniversary project in Tanzania; thanks were extended to all pastoral charges for their support. The next UCW meeting is May 12.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that the meeting of Algoma Presbytery Executive adjourn at 3:10 p.m.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

- The next meeting of Presbytery will be the full court at Bar River United Church on Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21, 2012.

- The next meeting of Presbytery Executive will be June 21, 2012 at St. Andrew's United Church.

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Thom McDonough, Chair

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Ailsa Hanson, Secretary

Appendix A  
**CORRESPONDENCE**  
*Received since February 25, 2012*

<b>From</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Action</b>
Peter Kingsbury	Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Policy	To Presbytery Chair
London Conference	General Commissioners Election Process	To Presbyters
Matthew Stevens	M&S Objective Forms	To appropriate Pastoral Charges
Executive Secretary	Nominations	To Presbyters

