

ALGOMA PRESBYTERY
of The United Church of Canada

October 15, 2009

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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Algoma Presbytery Executive met at 12 noon on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at Desbarats United Church, Desbarats, Ontario. The meeting was led by Chair Rev. Nancy Ferguson and a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE

Order of Ministry: Larry Burton, Nancy Ferguson, Phil Miller, Betty Pretty

Laity: Leone Hamilton, Norma Orr, Heddys Stevenson, Clare Walker,
Ailsa Hanson

Regrets: Fred Bright, Thom McDonough, Helen Smith, Doreen Sproule,
Harry Stewart

OPENING: Nancy called the meeting to order, and Betty and Phil offered prayers, asking for guidance in our decision-making, and thanking the Creator for the beauty of autumn.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: **Moved, seconded and carried** that the Presbytery Executive approves the minutes of August 20, 2009 and September 3, 2009.

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: Larry Burton – No report.

Finance and Administration:

Treasurer's Report: Phil Miller

Phil presented an up-to-date Income and Expenses Statement, which did not include an accounting of the Focus on the Gay Family Conference expenses.

There was discussion about the feasibility of purchasing a portable microphone and amplifier for use by the Presbytery at meetings where there is no sound system.

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that the Treasurer purchase at a reasonable price a portable microphone and amplifier for use at Presbytery meetings and Presbytery events.

Pastoral Relations: Leone Hamilton

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that Algoma Presbytery approve the transfer of Peter Tucker, retired Ordained Minister, from Algoma Presbytery in London Conference to Sudbury Presbytery in Manitou Conference.

Pastoral Care and Oversight

Nancy read an e-mail received from Thom McDonough, resigning as Chair of Pastoral Care and Oversight because of time constraints.

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that Algoma Presbytery Executive accepts Thom McDonough's resignation as Chair of Pastoral Care and Oversight, and expresses its thanks for the work done during his tenure as Chair, and for his willingness to remain on the Committee.

World Development and Outreach: Heddys Stevenson

Heddys reported on her attendance at the Mission Support Meeting this week at the London Conference Office. Amounts of \$11,000 and \$6,500 were approved for Manitouwadge and Wawa respectively. Heddys advised that five-year plans will be required from churches being sustained by Mission Support grants.

- **Moved, seconded and carried** that the Presbytery Executive accepts all Committee Reports.

OLD BUSINESS**“Focus on the Gay Family” Conference: Harry Stewart – by e-mails**

If the expected grant of \$10,000 from Westminster College Foundation is not forthcoming, and Harry will not know until sometime in November whether or not it is, there will be a shortfall of approximately \$12,000 which Presbytery will have to cover. Fortunately, trainer Vicki Wunsch's expenses were considerably lower than anticipated, but the costs of the sound technicians and the advertising were higher than budgeted. Harry's planning committee has met to debrief, has tentatively set dates for the 2011 conference to coincide with the September Presbytery meeting again, and has also booked space at the Water Tower Inn. The Conference committee has suggested that Algoma Presbytery be a sponsor for 2011, and not the host. (They have been advised that this will require discussion at Presbytery, and a motion for the record.)

NEW BUSINESS**Evaluation of September Presbytery Meeting**

While much business was conducted in the four-hour meeting, there was a general sense that discussion was not as full as it might have been on several important issues, and that in fact, Presbytery 'got lost' with all the attention centred on the Focus on the Gay Family Conference. A number of Presbyters either did not attend the meeting or had to leave early because of their involvement with the Conference. It was suggested that, in future, the two events not be scheduled the same weekend.

Conference Appeal Committee and Legal Representation

The Chair brought the Executive up to date on the status of the Conference Appeal Committee process. After discussion, it was agreed that it would be a 'logistical nightmare' to try to reschedule the November meeting of Presbytery to accommodate the suggested November 21 date for interviews with the Conference Appeal Committee.

Further, it was decided that the Presbytery does not wish to be represented by Legal Counsel. The Chair will advise London Conference accordingly.

Pastoral Charge Payroll Service

A note was sent to the Presbytery by the Executive Officer of Human Resources of The United Church of Canada, requesting information about those pastoral charges which have not yet enrolled in the Payroll Service. The request will be passed to the Presbytery Finance and Administration Committee for follow-up and response.

Peter Kingsbury's November Visit

Peter Kingsbury's timetable for the week of November 16 was circulated to the Executive, and will be distributed to all Presbyters.

Agenda for November Presbytery Meeting

The draft agenda was reviewed.

Because of time constraints, discussions of **Program Ideas for February Presbytery Meeting** and the **2010 Presbytery Meeting Schedule** were deferred.

- **Moved and carried** that the meeting of Algoma Presbytery Executive adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next Presbytery Executive meeting will take place January 21, 2010 at St. Andrew's United Church in Sault Ste. Marie.

Nancy Ferguson, Chair

Ailsa Hanson, Secretary

Appendix A

CORRESPONDENCE

Received since September 18, 2009

From	Topic	Action
Huntington University	Honorary Degrees & Fellowship Nominations	Forwarded to Presbytery
General Council Office	News Release: UC Response to Recent Media Coverage	Forwarded to Presbytery
Peter Kingsbury	"A Day Away"	Forwarded to Ministry Personnel
Bishop Robert Hoshibata	Rev. K. Hewitt/Blind River	On file
London Conference	Walk the Talk Youth Outreach Event	Forwarded to Presbytery
Lisa Di Veto	Legacy Gift Bulletin Insert	Forwarded to Presbytery
London Conference	Racialized Youth Consultation	Forwarded to Presbytery
London Conference	OCNA's 2009 Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Awards	Forwarded to Presbytery
Curtis Marwood	KyotoPlus Urgent Action	Forwarded to Presbytery
Virginia Morato, Financial Services	General Insurance Plan for UCC (UCC Protect)	Forwarded to Chair, Finance and Administration
Alan Hall, HR	Pastoral Charge Payroll Service	On file
London Conference	Copies of Sept. Bridge	On file
East Korah Maxwell UC	Presbytery Representative	On file
Peter Kingsbury	Peter Tucker	To Pastoral Relations
London Conference	Training re. Maintaining Charitable Status	To Presbytery
Peter Kingsbury	Status of Donald McKay	To Pastoral Relations
Appeal Committee, London Conference	Appeal	On file
Matthew Stevens	Communities of Faith in Mission	To Presbytery
Emmanuel UC	Speakers' Series	To Presbytery
London Conference	November Rally Youth Event	To Presbytery
Peter Kingsbury	Exit Interview Resources	To Pastoral Oversight and Pastoral Relations
General Council Office	New Release: Giving Thanks for Abundance	To Presbytery
Matthew Stevens	Canadian Council for Refugees Fall Consultation	To Presbytery
GC40	Summary of Decisions at General Council 40	On file
London Conference	Info. Package	On file

