

**ALGOMA PRESBYTERY
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

August 14, 2008

**EXECUTIVE MEETING
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Algoma Presbytery Executive met on Thursday, August 14, 2008 at Larry Burton's camp, St. Joseph Island at noon. The meeting was led by Chair Rev. Doreen Sproule and a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE:

Ordered Ministry: Doreen Sproule, Jan Schenell, Larry Burton, Norine St. Jean
Laity: Leone Hamilton, Norma Orr, Wilma Oliver, Rhea McAdam

OPENING: Chair Doreen Sproule read Opening Devotions.

MINUTES: Moved, seconded and carried that Algoma Presbytery approves the Executive Minutes of June 16, 2008 as amended.

CORRESPONDENCE: None presented

EDUCATION & STUDENTS REPORT – Wilma Oliver

Jane Graham and Norine St. Jean will be added to John Porter's (Thessalon) advisory team. On St. Joseph Island, Eun Joo Park's supervisory committee will consist of Jan Schenell, Leone Hamilton, Clare Walker and Phil Miller.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION REPORT – Norine St. Jean

We have had no meetings since the spring. However, I have asked the Thessalon Trustee Committee to send the finance committee an update on their transactions of selling their manse. They had been advised to follow specific protocol as outlined in our UCC manual, as well as the Trustees handbook. Unfortunately, I could not get an answer at any of the 3 numbers I called all members on the committee. I sent an email to Thessalon's Presbytery reps asking if they could have someone from the committee contact me regarding this update. East Korah Maxwell sent me an email requesting permission to sell their manse and also for the protocol to follow. I responded to their request immediately, and expect we will have some documentation brought to the Exec meeting. Our treasurer, Phil Miller, is away but has prepared his report for this meeting.

PASTORAL RELATIONS - Leone Hamilton

Supervisors: Jan Schenell has been appointed to Rydal Bank and Leone Hamilton has been appointed for Thessalon. Thom McDonough, Leone Hamilton and Doreen Sproule will assist at First United Church in Wawa. The Anglican church in Wawa is considering how to enter into a shared ministry with First United. The executive archdeacon will visit

Wawa on October 10 at 1 p.m. to enter into discussions.

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Moved, seconded and carried: Be it resolved Rev. Laurie Milito be appointed to the Central (Sault Ste. Marie) pastoral charge as a fulltime (40 hours) ordained United Church minister from July 1, 2008 to November 23, 2011.

FAITH FORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Camp McDougall: The executive decided that Camp McDougall board must send representation for all full meetings to keep Presbyters informed and for the June and October executive meetings so that reports can be made in a timely fashion heading into the summer season and for a wrapup update after the season. Blind River provided for 18 campers this summer for the camp.

The water system continues to be a concern and must be examined again. It was decided that someone with the appropriate credentials needs to manage the system, even if it requires paying for the service, due to insurance and liability concerns. Jan reports that she is very impressed with the enthusiasm of the current board members.

Moved, seconded and carried that Algoma Presbytery develops a training program for chaplaincy for Camp McDougall. **To do:** Larry Burton

Communications: The committee will look into particulars regarding the purchase of audio/visual equipment and training.

Celebrations: Marilyn Billings, with her husband Rick, will be invited to the Friday evening supper as she has recently retired. Joyce Mertes will be invited to the Saturday lunch session as she has retired from her stewardship role at Presbytery.

New Business:

- Emmanuel United will offer workshops entitled *United for Peace* this fall. David Guiliano is expected to attend November 3. A committee, led by Larry Burton, will take this visit under consideration.
- Heather McLean requests time on the September agenda and Bev Robinson will also attend to speak about membership. It is expected that she will meet with Church Council on Wednesday.
- Peter Kingsley will visit the executive meeting in October.
- Susan Cameron will visit Algoma Presbytery at the November meeting

NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING: September 19 & 20, 2008 at Willowgrove United Church in Sault Ste. Marie. The next executive meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 16, 2008 at St. Andrew's Church, Sault Ste. Marie.

DOREEN SPROULE, CHAIR

RHEA McADAM, SECRETARY