

ALGOMA PRESBYTERY
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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EXECUTIVE MEETING

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Algoma Presbytery Executive met on Thursday, June 26, 2008 at John Wesley United Church, Sault Ste. Marie at noon. The meeting was led by Chair Rev. Doreen Sproule and a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE:

Ordered Ministry: Doreen Sproule, Jan Schenell, Phil Miller, Betty Pretty, Larry Burton, Thom McDonough

Laity: Leone Hamilton, Norma Orr, Clare Walker, Wilma Oliver

Guest: David Woodall

OPENING: Chair Doreen Sproule read Opening Devotions.

MINUTES: Moved, seconded and carried that Algoma Presbytery approves the Executive Minutes of March 20, 2008 as amended.

CORRESPONDENCE: None presented

PASTORAL CARE & OVERSIGHT – Thom McDonough

► The Goulais River pastoral charge has received their copies of the report of the PCOC visit. It will be posted on the Algoma Presbytery website.

► John Wesley's pastoral charge will receive their report for comment before coming before Presbytery.

► A team is ready to visit Echo Bay pastoral charge in early fall.

► Annual reports are now being reviewed by PCOC teams. Summaries will be presented to Presbytery prior to sending in to London Conference.

EDUCATION & STUDENTS REPORT – Wilma Oliver

Jana Howson: Jana has just completed one intensive first-year course at Emmanuel and will be taking two others in July. She is nearing completion of her first year courses. The E&S committee had our annual interview with Jana just this week. She is doing well. Still very actively involved in the work and life of the Lutheran church she and her husband attend in Illinois. It is their plan at this point to return to Canada to live in the summer of 2009 and she will continue her education full time at Emmanuel in the fall of 2009. We are very pleased with her progress.

Rev. Eun Joo Park: Eun-Joo continues her ministry at the St Joseph Island pastoral charge. She is at Step 5 of the Admission Process for Admission of Ministers From Another Denomination. Her educational supervision team is being assembled.

Rev. Dr. John Porter: John continues his ministry in the Thessalon pastoral charge. John has completed his discernment year with his appointment advisory team. The E&S committee met with John this week and the E&S committee of Algoma Presbytery recommends to Algoma Presbytery that John E. Porter be recognized as eligible to continue in the Admissions process. John is ready to continue the process and will be entering Step 5 of the Admissions process as well. At this time also I would like to ask that Presbytery by action here today on the advice of the E&S committee confirm the status of John Porter for Admission for Ordained Ministry in the United Church of Canada.

Moved, seconded and carried: That Algoma Presbytery, on the advice of its Education and Students committee, which has reviewed the report of the Appointment Advisory Committee for John Porter, does recognize him as eligible to continue in the Admission process.

I wish to give notice of my resignation as chair of this committee as of the September Presbytery and am happy to inform you that Helen Smith has agreed to take over the chair of the Education and Students committee.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Treasurer's report: Phil Miller

- ▶ Church Extension Council, Camp McDougall and Algoma Presbytery are now all accountable to Conference.
- ▶ The \$2 million denominational self insurance program will not be going forward.
- ▶ Payroll will be centralized. Eventually, everyone must get on board. Benefits of this system include good employee practises and good relations, forms filled out properly, clergy getting paid on time.
- ▶ M & S forms will be done centrally.
- ▶ Property – when a church is sold, the assets are used for the benefit of the United Church. The Presbytery would be trusted to decide how to disperse funds for the benefit of the Presbytery.
- ▶ An archive fund will be established.
- ▶ Central church will celebrate its 150th anniversary.
- ▶ Re: mileage to AGM for presbyters: Conference does not pay mileage per se but an amount was sent for some reimbursement.

PASTORAL RELATIONS - Leone Hamilton

Moved, seconded and carried: Be it resolved Rev. Dr. John Porter be appointed to the Thessalon pastoral charge as a fulltime (40 hours) ordained supply (non-United) minister from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 with the following considerations:

Salary	\$37,686.00 (category "F")
Housing	12,000.00
Telephone	600.00
Study/books	<u>1,400.00</u>
Total	\$51,686.00

Notes: Mileage at .39 per km as logged with a one-month vacation (5 Sundays)
This is a re-appointment so no new police check is required.

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 November 24, 2008 to November 23, 2011 under the following conditions:

Salary	\$42,500.00 (category "D")
Housing	12,600.00
Telephone	620.00
Study/books	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total	\$ 56,920.00

Notes: Mileage at .39 per km as logged with a one-month vacation (5 Sundays)

Moved, seconded and carried (one abstension): Be it resolved Rev. Betty Pretty be appointed to the East Korah Maxwell pastoral charge as a part-time (30 hours) retired ordained United Church minister from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 under the following conditions:

Salary	\$28,264.50 (category "F")
Housing	9,000.00
Telephone	648.00
Study/books	<u>900.00</u>
Total	\$ 38,812.50

Notes: Mileage at .39 per km as logged with a one-month vacation (4 Sundays)

This is a re-appointment so no new police check is required.

Moved, seconded and carried: Be it resolved Rev. Eun-Joo Park be appointed to the St. Joseph Island pastoral charge as a fulltime (40 hours) ordained (non-United) minister from August 1, 2008 to July 31, 2009 with the following considerations:

Salary	\$33,533.00 (category "C")
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Telephone	294.00
Study/books	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total	\$35,027.00

Notes: Mileage at .39 per km as logged with a one-month vacation (5 Sundays)

This is a re-appointment so no new police check is required.

FAITH FORMATION REPORT

UCW report for June 2008: Clare Walker, co president

► Twenty-six ladies travelled to Wawa for our spring gathering on May 3. We had a very pleasant meeting with the ladies there with a theme of sharing meals. We studied scripture passages of meals that were shared and enjoyed a skit of Mary & Martha preparing for Jesus coming to dinner.

► Our September gathering is to be an evening mid-week meeting on September 10 at Harmony/St Marks Church on St Joseph Island, with Helen Smith as our guest speaker, sharing her experiences from the event she attended in Victoria earlier in the new year.

Camp McDougall report for June 2008: Rob McCutcheon, past chair

► water system now installed, few problems encountered. The waterline is wearing out and needs repairs. A new pump is needed. The Board has applied for a Capital Assistance grant of \$4,000.

Moved, seconded and carried: Be it resolved that Algoma Presbytery approves the application from Camp McDougall for this grant.

► A step-by-step manual is in the works, explaining how to operate and maintain the water system. This will be used for training purposes with one person in charge.

► There was a great response to the tee shirt fundraiser. They needed \$2,500 to pay for the shirts and raised \$2,800.

► There is approximately \$2,260 in sponsorship funding.

► HRDC summer student grants approved 5 job positions to a maximum of \$19,490. The Board has submitted for a subsidy from MNDM for 8 positions of \$2/hour.

► One hundred and fifty registrations have arrived so far.

► The Algoma Presbytery assessment of \$7,500 has arrived. The Board will request \$7,500 in mid July and \$5,000 in September for a total of \$20,000.

► Telephone and high speed internet services were connected.

► Meeting with CRA trust examiner on June 24 to review

► 2007's audit with Grant Thornton not initiated yet.

► Bank statement \$20,240.09 with \$42,479.09 actual bank balance to June 20/08.

Old Business:

- Discussion continues regarding Presbytery meetings. People who work need to be accommodated. These meetings need to be more than just reports from committees. It was decided that reports will be posted on the website and only those matters that require voting will be discussed at the Presbytery meetings. The Secretary will remind committee chairs about deadline to get their reports on the website. An educational component is needed for meetings. Time is needed for in depth discussion. Friday afternoon could be used for clergy and those interested in continuing education. The September meeting will begin with grace at 5:30 p.m. followed by supper. An evening session will follow from about 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday's session will start at 9 a.m. to some time in the afternoon.

New Business:

- The nomination committee should start thinking about a vice chair.
- The next AGM and General Council meetings will take place in Windsor, Ontario at the Hellenic Center, from May 21 to May 24.

NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING: September 19 & 20, 2008 at Willowgrove United Church in Sault Ste. Marie.