

ALGOMA PRESBYTERY
of The United Church of Canada

October 21, 2010

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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Algoma Presbytery Executive met at 12 noon on Thursday, October 21, 2010 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, Phil Miller, Eun-Joo Park, Betty Pretty, Helen Smith

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

Regrets: Fred Bright, Larry Burton, Rolly MacLean, Marnie McDonough,
Doreen Sproule

Guest (by phone): Rev. Heather McLean, Acting Executive Secretary, London Conference

OPENING

At 12:10 p.m., Chair Nancy Ferguson 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."* Betty Pretty then offered a prayer story.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was consensus that the agenda be adopted as printed.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved, seconded and carried that the Presbytery Executive minutes of June 24, 2010 be approved. (There were two abstentions.)

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

- The Presbytery-wide PD Day Bible Camp held at Willowgrove United Church on October 1 was very successful. People from several different churches were involved, and some of the children who attended are asking when the next event will be held.
- The Committee is still in the process of amending the Observer subscription list, which will be brought to the November Presbytery meeting for approval.

Finance and Administration: Phil Miller, Treasurer

- At the moment, there is \$25,137 in the bank; it is expected that Presbytery will finish the year with a \$15,000 surplus.
- In response to a query from one of its members about mileage claims related to Conference attendance, the Executive requested that the Treasurer and Secretary draft a distribution/communication process to be considered at the January 2011 meeting.

Nominations: Helen Smith

- Wilda Rykman has indicated a willingness to let her name stand for Presbytery Chair for the term after the next; in the meantime, Helen asked the Executive to consider folks in their home congregations for this position.
- Fred Bright is speaking with someone about the role of Treasurer, and will let Helen know the outcome within a week or so.
- Regarding the vacancy on the Church Extension Council, Phil will advise Helen what gifts and skills a person would require to fill the position and Helen will bring a nomination to the Presbytery meeting in November.
- **Moved, seconded and carried** that the Pastoral Care and Oversight Committee be directed to name a Presbytery contact from their committee for the Conference Archives Committee.

Outreach: Heddys Stevenson

- Overseas personnel Karen and Bill Butt were warmly received by several pastoral charges within the Presbytery.
- There has not been as much interest in the visit by Rob and Keiko Witmer from Japan, probably because of the timing. Heddys will be calling some of the churches that did not host an event with the Butts. The Witmers will be leading worship at Central United on November 14, and may be in Echo Bay on the 17th. They will be leaving Algoma on the 18th.

Pastoral Oversight: Rolly MacLean – No report.

Pastoral Relations: Leone Hamilton

- The one-year appointments at Iron Bridge and Blind River are going well.
- Paperwork for the Wawa appointment will come to the November Presbytery meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS**Human Rights Tribunal Attendance**

Nancy Ferguson, Phil Miller and Leone Hamilton are required to attend the December 2 hearing in Sudbury, along with Don Mitchell, Bob Plant and Jane Graham from the St. Andrew's Blind River Pastoral Charge.

Covenanting for Life in Creation Program

The package of information was passed to the Faith Formation and Communications Committee; Outreach has expressed an interest in working with Faith Formation and will be sent the material.

Developing Congregational Guides for Accessibility

London Conference is offering a 'train the trainers' session on Saturday, November 13 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at Riverside United Church in London. Three or four representatives with facilitation skills from each Presbytery are being invited to attend this meeting in order to lead workshops in their own locations early in 2011 to help congregations meet the 2012 deadline for compliance. Pastoral Oversight Committees are asked to add this requirement of accessibility

training to their checklists when they do their oversight visits. Clare Walker advised that Algoma already has a skilled trainer in Dorothy Macnaughton, whom she is prepared to approach about doing local 'train the trainer' sessions. Chair Nancy Ferguson will have further conversation with London Conference about this creative training possibility.

Items from Heather McLean

- By the end of October, a letter will be going out to Incorporated Ministries and Presbyteries updating them on the work done so far.
- Conference is requesting that, at our April Presbytery meeting, a block of time be set aside to discuss/learn about major issues that will come up at the Annual Meeting in May, for example the budget.
- Conference is asking Presbyteries for feedback regarding retirees' recognition – where should it happen? At Conference? At the Presbytery level? Within the Pastoral Charge?
- There will be no child care provided at the London Conference Annual Meeting because of the duty of care requirements.
- No date has been set for David Woodall's trial, which will likely take place in 2011. We continue to pray for all involved.

Planning Tasks

- The proposed agenda for the November Presbytery meeting was reviewed and suggestions made for alterations.
- Dates, locations and program ideas for next year's meetings were discussed. It was confirmed that East Korah Maxwell will host the February 18 and 19, 2011 meeting of the Full Court.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved, seconded and carried that the meeting of Algoma Presbytery Executive adjourn at 2:34 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next Presbytery Executive meeting will take place January 20, 2011 at noon at St. Andrew's United Church, Sault Ste. Marie.

Nancy Ferguson, Chair

Ailsa Hanson, Secretary

Appendix A

Correspondence

Received since September 19, 2010

From	Topic	Action
Rev. Maya Landell, President, London Conference	Thanks	To Executive in October and file
Rev. Heather McLean, Acting Executive Secretary	Presbytery Minutes	To Executive in October and file
Rev. Heather McLean	Highlights of London Conference Minutes	To Executive in October and append to minutes
Diane Marshall, Chair of Board, Central United	Pastoral Oversight Visit	To file

For the Presbytery Executive for Information/Minutes – October 2010

Heather McLean, Acting Executive Secretary updated us about the following:

1. Highlights from the Sept 15, 2010 Conference Executive meeting:
 - Betsy Exley, new Faith Formation, Youth and Young Adult Minister, beginning Jan 1, 2011
 - Update on Incorporated Ministries – letter to IMs and Presbyteries later in October with update on this work
 - Annual Meeting – request to provide agenda time at Presbytery's meeting prior to May's annual meeting to discuss/learn about conference budget/other important items.
 - Retirees recognition to Presbytery?
 - No child care starting in 2011 at annual meeting due to duty of care standards
 - Be aware of bus travel into US requiring proper ID and medical insurance coverage for delegates to annual meeting
 - Identify individuals who will take the trainers training for accessibility/disability training
2. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL CONGREGATIONS AND THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA: Accessibility Training:
 - With Bev Robinson's help, Kathy Nantais will take the lead in offering training to the "chosen trainers" for the accessibility/disability training – **November 13, 2010 from 1:30pm to 4pm at Riverside United Church in London.** Then it is expected that these trainers will lead a workshop early in the new year in order to help congregations meet the deadline of 2012
 - We are suggesting that pastoral oversight add this requirement of accessibility training to their check list when they do their oversight visits
 - Judith Gilliland will be the conference staff person to carry this forward into 2011

Encouraging Effective Leadership: Friday November 5, 2010

- An all clergy day-away presented by London Conference staff, Best Western Stoneridge Inn, 9:30am to 3pm

Looking Ahead to Retirement:

- Pre-retirement seminar – Tuesday, Nov 16, 2010 , Lambeth UC. From 10am to noon.

The Hope Book – has not been sent to each pastoral charge. The Hope Book is the London Conference alternative gift catalogue where mission and gifts come together.