

**ALGOMA PRESBYTERY  
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

**NOVEMBER 21 & 22**

**PRESBYTERY MEETING**

**2007-08**

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The full court of Algoma Presbytery met on Friday, November 21 and Saturday, November 22, 2008 at Echo Bay United Church, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Chairperson Doreen Sproule led the meeting and a quorum was present.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Order of Ministry:** Nancy Ferguson, Thom McDonough, Doreen Sproule, Phil Miller, Janet Norman, Larry Burton, Eun-Joo Park, John Porter, Laurie Milito, Helen Smith, Don White, Jan Schenell.

**Laity:** Anne Jones, Sandy Fulcher, Fred Bright, Verna Lapish, Linda Hedderson, Leone Hamilton, Betty Mills, Bonnie Beaupre, Lavine Livesey, Brian Mundell, Nancy Mundell, Barbara Frasier, Sharon Lane, Wilma Oliver, Elaine Craig, Norma Orr, Heddys Stevenson, Clare Walker, Tom Orr, Kim Evoy, Janet Jones, Diane Marshall, Rhea McAdam.

**Regrets:** Aileen Hadden, Bruce McLeish, Harry Stewart, Nancy Rouble, Judith Rose, Norine St. Jean, Rolly MacLean, Betty Pretty.

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of September 19 & 20, 2008 meeting were approved as amended. Minutes of October 16, 2008 executive meeting were received.

**EDUCATION AND STUDENTS: Helen Smith**

Interviews have taken place with most of the Licensed Lay Worship Leaders (LLWL). Three people still remain to be interviewed, which will take place shortly. A list of the LLWL will be included in the November Presbytery minutes.

At present our only candidate is Jana Howson. Jana has transferred to Emmanuel College and will complete her first year this summer. She intends to register for full time studies in September 2009.

Two requests for discernment have been received and are awaiting further information to be acted upon. More details will be supplied at presbytery.

Education Supervision Teams have been set up and trained for Eun-Joo Park and John Porter. They will report on a semi-annual basis.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TREASURER'S REPORT: Phil Miller**

**Moved, seconded and carried:** Be it resolved that Algoma Presbytery approves the expenditure of up to \$5,000 to support the Presbytery's September 2009 conference on GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans-gendered issues and the church.

**Moved, seconded and carried:** Be it resolved that Algoma Presbytery approves the sale of the Thessalon manse by the Thessalon pastoral charge for \$95,000.

**PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT - Leone Hamilton**

► **Moved, seconded and carried: (3 abstentions)** Be it resolved that Algoma Presbytery approve the appointment of Bonnie Raynor (ordained Anglican) to First United Church, Wawa from December 1, 2008 to November 30, 2010 under the following conditions:

16 hours/week	
Salary	\$13,142.00 (category "B")
Housing	4,800.00
Study/books	480.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,422.00</b>

**Notes:** Mileage at .39 per km; vacation 12 days; study time 9 days

► **Moved, seconded and carried:** Be it resolved that Algoma Presbytery declares a vacancy in the Rydal Bank pastoral charge.

► Given that the visioning process is complete and that the committee has been disbanded and that the process is back with individual charges for implementation, be it resolved that Algoma Presbytery lift the moratorium on call. **Moved, seconded and carried.**

► Given that the visioning process is complete and it is recommended that congregations retain their independent identity but look to share space, be it resolved that Algoma Presbytery change the appointment of Rev. Nancy Ferguson (Emmanuel United Church) to a continuous call.

**Moved, seconded and carried. 1 abstention**

► Some congregations may be discussing partnerships or relationships between certain congregations now that the visioning process has formally ended. The moratorium has served its purpose and we will continue down the road.

**PENSIONS: Don White**

Pensions are being raised. Clyde Taylor passed away...27 years in ministry. Card went out from Presbytery.



**OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT: Heddys Stevenson****World Outreach report: Heddys Stevenson**

► This project will be updated at the April Presbytery meeting in order to give detail on their continuing progress in Mozambique. They surpassed their goal for gardens (\$2,000 per garden) so they can do more than 4 gardens. Children are learning to plant the plants and it is hoped that they can take seedlings back to their villages.

► St. Joseph Island churches raised more than \$1,000 for the gardens.

► If this project is supported in any of our churches, send funds directly to London Conference - make cheques out to London Conference but mark envelope "Mozambique Gardens". Let Heddys know how much is going in from our Presbytery. Bar River church has already raised \$1,000. Heddys will let churches know how to motivate congregations. She also needs to know how much was sent in from Hope Book.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

► more people needed to be on membership committee

► chaplaincy training for Camp McDougall – still in discussion stage – may result in a program that a counsellor/youth being able to deliver it. Guidelines are set out for all new staff at the beginning of the camp season so that all leaders understand what it means to run a Christian camp.

**Moved, seconded and carried:** Camp McDougall Board look at funding a single position to develop a chaplaincy program.

The movie "**For the Bible Tells Me So**" was well supported by Presbyters. Discussions arising from experiencing this movie need to go back to congregations where congregations can learn to become more welcoming and affirming. Questions and issues that arose: What's involved? How are we being welcoming – to include the excluded; prejudice of all kinds (racial, women); abuse of power between people; where do we go from here? – need more open and honest discussion in congregation – more education within congregations so people get comfortable talking about this kind of issue. Lay people need to raise the topic – not just clergy. Show movie in congregations. Movie should be available – from Presbytery?? To show that movie, the congregation already should be at that level of acceptance. The issue needs to be raised. The churches themselves need to be aware that they may be approached since the United Church is welcoming and accepting. Nancy Ferguson will contact other presbyteries (Cambrian) that are affirming and find out how they did it. (Manitou Northwest and Cambrian)

**Moved, seconded and carried:** that Algoma Presbytery begin a process toward becoming a confirming Presbytery.

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

**Moved, seconded and carried:** to extend the Powers of Presbytery to the Executive until the next full meeting.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at noon after lunch and the worship service.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Presbytery meeting will take place on February 20 & 21, 2009 at Emmanuel United Church, SSM.

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DOREEN SPROULE, Chair

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RHEA McADAM, Secretary

## Algoma Presbytery

### Meetings: dates/sites

#### 2009

(● denotes confirmation)

January 15 ●	Central
February 20 & 21 ●	Emmanuel
March 19 ●	John Wesley
April 17 & 18	Thessalon
June 18 ●	Willowgrove
August 20 ●	Bruce Mines
September 18 & 19 ●	St. Andrew's, Sault Ste. Marie
October 15 ●	Desbarats
November 20 & 21	Echo Bay