

“Why” of Region 7

HOLDING AND ENCOURAGING COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

Region 7 Transition Commission Chair: Joyce Payne

Staffing (Shared staff)

Assessment Budget	
1 FTE Pastoral Relations Minister	Portfolio: working with congregations to resource decisions
1 FTE Congregational Support Minister (would be shared only with Region 9)	Portfolio: mission planning & support, congregational crises/nurture, support congregations.
1 FTE Pastoral Support Minister	Portfolio: a minister for ministers provide pastoral support for ministers, resourcing mp gatherings etc.
1 FTE Administrative Support	Web skills required.

M&S Budget	
1 FTE Indigenous Support Minister (& Intercultural Ministry?)	Tbd if Intercultural Ministry would be part of this portfolio.
1 FTE Faith Formation Minister	Portfolio: Recruit and resourcing of leadership for children, youth, young adults, seniors’ ministries, lifelong learning including UCW.
1 FTE Justice and Right Relations Minister	Portfolio: Issues around race relations/LGBTQ/refugees. Issues of equity & access.
1 FTE Administrative Support	Provide support to above.

Notes around staffing

Note at joint Transition Commissions meeting on August 8, this is a 24 month experiment and an intentional evaluation is built in. So that in two years will review choices made and see what has worked and what hasn’t.

Goal of all positions is building capacity not dependence.

Staff must be willing to travel and willing to learn technology/electronic skills.

There will be an expectation that every second Monday, staff work out of the regional council office for team building/updates in the morning and in the afternoon C-A will meet with 2 staff. Will probably ask staff to track time more closely.

Also this fall, staff not known in a particular jurisdiction will need to get themselves there, so that they are a more familiar name as of January 1.

Communication strategy

- Region 7 newsletter. To include the “Why”, the names of Region 7 transition commissioners, the link to the M&S grant form, some decisions made to date, priorities.
- This fall make presentations to Presbyteries to outline what is happening, what the Commission is working on.
- Magnets with the “why” and a contact phone number

Fall Region 7 Meeting

Discussion deferred. No consensus on whether or not a fall gathering of Region 7 should be held.

Spring 2019 Meeting

Majority agreed that a “separate, but together” meeting with Regions 8 & 9 would be preferable. Each region to meet singly, but come together for worship, ordinations, etc. Date suggested: the traditional Conference Annual Meeting date of the last weekend in May. The UNIFOR Family Education Centre in Port Elgin has been booked (tentatively) for that weekend.

It was felt a visit/tour of the facility would be helpful – suggested date August 2.

Upcoming Dates

August 2	10:30 a.m.	UNIFOR Family Education Centre
August 8	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Stone Ridge Inn, London Regions 7, 8, 9 – to finalize staffing
Sept. 5	10:30 a.m.	St Andrews, London
Oct. 3	10:30 a.m.?	Location ?
Nov. 29-30	Time tbd	Stone Ridge Inn, London Regions 7, 8, 9 – check-in leading up to Jan. 1/19