

Present: Joyce Payne (Chair), Eileen Antone, Grafton Antone, Jim Evans, Louise Hall, Karen Low, Beth Parsons, Robin Sherman, Mary Anne Silverthorn, Sue Duliban (Executive Assistant)

Regrets: Judith Fayter, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa

Worship: Joyce read "The Bible Garden", from the book *Home & Garden Devotions*.

Business

Update on Staff Complement

All staff, with the exception of the Minister, Congregational Support and Mission, Regions 7 & 9, have been appointed. Joyce reviewed the staff list.

- Minister, Congregational Support and Mission, Region 8: John Neff from Northern Waters
- Minister, Faith Formation (All Regions): Kathy Douglas from Huron-Perth Presbytery
- Minister, Pastoral Relations (All Regions): Diane Blanchard from Hamilton Conference
- Minister, Pastoral Support (All Regions): Kevin Steeper from Huron-Perth Presbytery
- Minister, Right Relations & Indigenous Justice (All Regions): Kim Uyede-Kai from Hamilton Conference (Kim consulted with local indigenous leaders before accepting this position.)
- Minister, Social Justice (All Regions): Diane Matheson-Jimenez from Hamilton Conference (Diane is currently on leave welcoming her twin sons.)
- Administrative Assistant, Communications and Records (All Regions): Pretima Kukadia-Kinting from London Conference
- Administrative Assistant, Mission and Hospitality (All Regions): Ruthanna Mack from Hamilton Conference

There was brief discussion regarding how to provide a holistic healing strategy for youth who may be affected by the changes in staff particularly relating to the previous Minister, Faith Formation/Youth & Youth Ministries in London Conference. Possibility of a youth event in the fall was mentioned.

As the Minister for Congregational Support, Regions 7 & 9 position was not filled, a search needs to be undertaken for a suitable candidate.

Motion: Jim Evans/Louise Hall

That the posting and search for the Regional Council staff position of Minister for Congregational Support, Regions 7 & 9 be approved. CARRIED

The posting will be overseen by Human Resources, at Denominational Council.

Region 7 Newsletter

Newly appointed staff and their portfolios, as well as information about the Regional Office, will be the subject of the next Region 7 Newsletter (to be emailed Sept. 5).

What do we want to present to our Presbyteries?

It was agreed that a powerpoint slide show containing the information from the newsletters would be extremely helpful.

Further information, possible talking points:

- Start by saying the Transition Commission is sharing what we know at this time. First steps have been taken in a long list of steps. As we discern our governance, we will be able to share.
- When reviewing staffing, note that some people chose not to transition.
- Asterisked positions in slide show had multiple incumbents. Interviews were held. Interview team asterisked in slide show.
- Note shared costs.
- New Regional staff are staff resource persons.
- Assessments will be 4.5%
- The joint AGM location, dates the space has been booked for, but final dates & details to come.
- Reminder of Mission Support Grants.
- General archives questions can be directed to the Archives Office in Toronto.
- Presbytery secretaries should have received direction from David Allen regarding presbytery files.

It was agreed that questions arising from each Presbytery meeting should be shared with the group.

Upcoming Dates

Oct. 10	10 a.m. (overnight accommodation is available Oct. 9)	Regional Office (Hamilton Conference) Agenda: Governance Regions 7, 8, 9
Nov. 29-30	Time tbd	Stone Ridge Inn, London Regions 7, 8, 9 – check-in leading up to Jan. 1/19