

**Covenant Commission**  
**Antler River Watershed Regional Council**  
**OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
*Holding and Encouraging Communities of Faith*

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Zoom Meeting: July 15, 2019 10 AM

**Roster:**

**Staff Support:** Pretima Kukadia-Kinting, Administration, Communication, Records  
Rev. Lynne Allin, Minister, Congregational Support and Mission

**Present:** Tom Brunt, Deb Ellacott, Mark Perry, Marie Santos, Andi McKillop

**Regrets:** Mark Marshall

**Absent:** Jim Evans, Judith Fayter, Adam Kilner, Emmanuel Ofori

**Welcome and Constitute Meeting:**

**Acknowledging the Land:** by Marie Santos

The United Church of Canada acknowledges that its buildings and ministries, from coast to coast are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples.

**Opening Worship:** by Marie Santos

Lord, you have entrusted us as members of the Covenant Commission of the Antler River Watershed region of the United Church of Canada to this work. Please guide our hearts as we make our decisions. We seek you first in all we do together. We give you our talents, knowledge, and strengths to this work. May we always be mindful of dealing with one another with respect, humility, patience, and open-mindedness. We confess that we are nothing without you. And we trust in you completely, for without trust we cannot accomplish anything. Amen.

**Opening Motions:**

Approval of Agenda:

**MOTION** by Mark Perry / Deb Ellacott that the agenda be accepted, with additions by Lynne Allin.

**Motion was carried.**

Approval of Previous Minutes:

**MOTION** by Andi McKillop / Deb Ellacott that the minutes of June 12, 2019 be deferred to the next meeting until proper legal wording around listing of properties and sale of properties is amended.

**Motion was carried.**

### **Business Arising**

1. Property Disposal
  - a. Glencoe United – Details on Right to List Approved March 2019. Was 120,000 and now asking price has increased to 249,900 thousand. Received for information. Royal LePage is listing agent.

### **New Business**

1. **MOTION** by Deb Ellacott / Tom Brunt that we approve Darrow Woods as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Essex United Church and Mark Perry for Komoka United Church.

**Motion was carried.**

2. Permission to List Property for Sale
  - **Central United Sarnia**
    - (1) To authorize the Board of Trustees of Central United Church, Sarnia, Ontario to list the church building for sale, the legal description of which is Lot B N/S George, Pts 1,2,3 N/S George Plan 19; Pt Lots 99-100 E/S Emeric Street Plan; 14 Pt Lot 100 W/S Richard Plan 14; As in Sarnia SA88999 the street address is 220 George Street, Sarnia, Ontario the terms of which are as follows:

List price: For Fair Market Value based on three estimates and not below the sale price of \$369,000.00

(2) Net proceeds to be held in trust with the interest only available for use. Any draw on the principal will require the prior approval of Antler River Watershed Regional Council.

(3) The said Real Property to be held by the Trustees of Central United Church, Sarnia, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, in trust for the use and benefit of the congregation of Central United Church, Sarnia as a part of The United Church of Canada.

(4) The Real Property referred to in the above resolution is within the bounds of Antler River Watershed Regional Council;

(5) The said congregation and pastoral charge are subject to the oversight of Antler River Watershed Regional Council.

**MOTION by Mark Perry / Deb Ellacott that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the request from Central United Church, Sarnia to list their property for sale not below the sale price of \$369,000, net proceeds to be held in trust, with interest only available for use.**

**Motion was carried.**

3. Approval of Closing Date Change for Sale

• **St. Paul's Tillsonburg - Manse**

That Antler River Watershed covenant Commission approve the request of the Board of Trustees of St. Paul's United Church, at the direction of the governing body of St Paul's United Church, to change the closing date for the sale of the property described as 38 Bidwell Street West Tillsonburg, Ontario and legally described as LT888-890 PL 500 Town of Tillsonburg, County of Oxford. Pursuant to an agreement between the Board of Trustees of St. Paul's United Church, Tillsonburg, ON, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as Seller, and, Aimee D. Horkoff and Joel G. S. Horkoff as Buyer, as approved by Oxford Presbytery. Purchase price: \$300,000

- a. The change is needed to fulfill the conditions of: Approval of Severance by the Seller fulfilling the requirements of the Ontario Building Code fire protection. A fire door is on order.
- b. Closing date: August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with possible extension to September 30, 2019 if required to meet above condition

The parties couldn't meet the first closing date, but the buyer is good with change of closing date extension to between August 15 to September 30, 2019.

- MOTION** by Mark Perry / Deb Ellacott that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the request of the Board of Trustees of St. Paul's United Church, at the direction of the governing body of St Paul's United Church, to change the closing date for the sale of the property described as 38 Bidwell Street West Tillsonburg, Ontario and legally described as LT888-890 PL 500 Town of Tillsonburg, County of Oxford. Pursuant to an agreement between the Board of Trustees of St. Paul's United Church, Tillsonburg, ON, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as Seller, and, Aimee D. Horkoff and Joel G. S. Horkoff as Buyer, as approved by Oxford Presbytery. Purchase price: \$300,000
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**Motion was carried.**

4. Community of Faith Profile information:

- Hebron United Church – to enter into search for ministry personnel
- Central United Sarnia – to enter into search for ministry personnel
- Courtright-Sixth Line Pastoral Charge – to enter into search for ministry personnel
- London Road West United Church – to enter into search for ministry personnel
- Grace United Sarnia – to enter into search for ministry personnel

- MOTION** by Tom Brunt / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the profiles for Hebron, Central in Sarnia, Courtright-Sixth Line, London Road West and Grace United Church, Sarnia.

**Motion was carried.**

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Carlisle United Church in Ailsa Craig is in conversation with the Presbyterian Church to lease a portion of their sanctuary for a museum.

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY - Central United Church, St. Thomas – profiles have been completed but not yet reviewed.

**Next Meeting:** 08-07-2019 10 am ZOOM meeting

Worship by: Lynne can bring a prayer

September 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Union United Church 10 am. This will be a longer meeting to discuss policies, goals and procedures. Mark Perry will arrange for lunch.

**MOTION by Andi McKillop / Tom Brunt that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council be adjourned.**

**Motion was carried.**