

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

Minutes

Zoom Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Roster: Tom Brunt, Deb Ellacott, Jim Evans, Judith Fayter, Adam Kilner, Mark Marshall, Andi McKillop, Emmanuel Ofori, Mark Perry, Marie Santos

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

Present: Deb Ellacott, Jim Evans, Marie Santos

Regrets: Mark Perry

Absent: Adam Kilner (on leave), Tom Brunt, Judith Fayter, Mark Marshall, Andi McKillop, Emmanuel Ofori (The ability to phone-in was unavailable on this call)

Welcome and Constitute Meeting: Marie opened the meeting.

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

Opening Worship: Lynne provided worship.

Opening Motions:

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Jim Evans that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Approval of Previous Minutes:

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 06-12-2019 as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Jim Evans / Deb Ellacott that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 07-15-2019 as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 07-30-2019 as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Business Arising

Additional details about the listing of Central United Church in Sarnia to be recorded for information

- CUSHMAN & WAKEFIELD SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO, as brokerage, dated the 25th day of June, 2019,
- Exclusions: the pipe organ may be excluded at the Seller's option
- Commission: In consideration of the Listing Brokerage listing the Property for sale, the Seller agrees to pay the Listing Brokerage a commission of 6% of the sale price of the Property.
- Possession Date: TBO
- Listing Period: July 1, 2019 to November 30,2019

New Business

1. Pastoral Charge Supervisors

- a) MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the appointment of Louise Hall to act as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Central United Church in Sarnia on July 23, 2019 as Rev. Doug Wright was unavailable.

MOTION

CARRIED

- b) MOTION by Jim Evans / Deb Ellacott that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Rev. Michelle Down as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Central United Church in St. Thomas, as well as continuing in her role as liaison.

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CARRIED

- c) MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Eric Skillings as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Blenheim United Church.

MOTION

CARRIED

2. Community of Faith Profiles

- a) MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the profile and living faith story of Central United Church in St. Thomas.

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CARRIED

- b) MOTION by Jim Evans / Deb Ellacott that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the profile and living faith story of St. John’s Botany United Church, part of the Rural Pastoral Charge.

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CARRIED

- c) MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the profile and living faith story of Zion United Church, part of the Rural Pastoral Charge.

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CARRIED

3. Property Transactions:

- a) MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council gives its consent

- 1) to the listing for sale by tender of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is Lot 19, Con. 13 Harwich, and the municipal address of which 10911 Pinehurst Line in Chatham-Kent N7M 5J3, pursuant to an agreement between the Board of Trustees of Zion United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as seller, and Lindsey Anderson of the Anderson Law Group, Chatham, dated July 29, 2019, and subject to regional approval, the terms of which are as follows:

- Listing by tender with a reserved bid of \$85,000.
- Lindsey Anderson (of Anderson Law Group) will be the Real Estate lawyer for Zion United Church and will prepare and advertise the property for tender and the closing date and time for bids; will set up appointments to view the property with perspective bidders; if necessary, upon the close of tenders, negotiate prices with perspective bidders.
- Closing date requested is Friday, September 13, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

- 2) to the following disposition of the proceeds arising from the transaction: The net proceeds from the sale of the property will be kept in a restricted fund, pending the decision of the congregation to either disband or amalgamate. Distribution of funds following this decision will be made in consultation with the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council, and in keeping with the Region’s property policy.

MOTION

CARRIED

Items for Discussion/Information:

1. A new resource for property transactions is now available in the Dropbox and will be available on the website. The resource for disbanding is complete. A resource on amalgamation is being prepared.
2. A List of Licensed Lay Worship Leaders has been put together by Diane Blanchard. It is in the Dropbox. Please review it and pass along any updates.
3. List of Pastoral Charge Supervisors is being developed. It is in the Dropbox. Please review it and pass along any updates.
4. Lynne has compiled a list of Covenant Commission Companions from the Expressions of Interest. It is available in the Dropbox. More companions are needed. They do not need to be elected representatives from a community of faith. Please invite those with an interest/experience with issues related to the covenant commission mandate. We will discuss training during the September meeting.
5. Set a regular time for a short weekly meeting, if needed, for time sensitive property matters.

Next Meeting: 09-04-2019 Union United Church

Worship by: Marie

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve adjournment.

MOTION

CARRIED