

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

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*Minutes*

Union United Church, St. Thomas 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:** Tom Brunt, Deb Ellacott, Jim Evans (arrived 11 a.m.), Judith Fayter, Mark Marshall,  
Mark Perry, Marie Santos

**Regrets:** Andi McKillop, Emmanuel Ofori

**Absent:** Adam Kilner (on leave)

**Welcome and Constitute Meeting:**

Mark Perry welcomed us to Union United Church. 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:** Marie provided worship.

**Overview and Discussion of the Covenant Commission Mandate:**

Discussion was around shaping the Covenant Commission work and policies.

**Lunch**

**Opening Motions:**

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Mark Marshall / Tom Brunt that the agenda be accepted as amended.

MOTION

**CARRIED**

Approval of Previous Minutes:

MOTION by Judith Fayter / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 08-07-2019 as circulated.

MOTION

**CARRIED**

**Business Arising**

1. Update on sale of manse for St. Paul's United Church in Tillsonburg, and new listing

Whereas the agreement of purchase and sale dated the 9th day of December 2018, and accepted the 10th day of December, 2018 between the Trustees of St. Paul's United Church, Tillsonburg, a congregation of the United Church of Canada and Aimee D. and Joel S. Horkoff, concerning the property known as 38 Ridout Street West, Tillsonburg, Ontario is now null and void, be it resolved that St. Paul's United Church Council hereby directs the Trustees of St. Paul's United Church to re-list said property for sale with agent Bonnie Mudge of RE/MAX TRI-COUNTY REALTY, INC., Brokerage, Tillsonburg, with a commission rate not to exceed four percent (4%) and a listing price of 339,900.

MOTION by Mark Marshall / Deb Ellacott that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to re-list said property for sale with agent Bonnie Mudge of RE/MAX TRI-COUNTY REALTY, INC., Brokerage, Tillsonburg, with a commission rate not to exceed four percent (4%) and a listing price of 339,900.

MOTION

**CARRIED**

**New Business**

1. MOTION by Tom Brunt / Judy Fayter that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the appointment of Tom Hiscock to act as pastoral charge supervisor for First United Church, St. Thomas on July 8, 2019.

MOTION

**CARRIED**

2. MOTION by Jim Evans / Tom Brunt that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Joanne Silcox as acting pastoral charge supervisor for Dorchester United Church and White Oaks United Church while Herb Summers is unavailable.

MOTION

**CARRIED**

3. MOTION by Jim Evans / Mark Marshall that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Lori Minler (DLM) as pastoral charge supervisor for Oxford Centre/Curries effective October 1, 2019.

MOTION

**CARRIED**

4. MOTION by Mark Perry / Mark Marshall that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Chris Matheson (OM) as pastoral charge supervisor for Innerkip/Eastwood effective October 1, 2019.

MOTION

**CARRIED**

5. MOTION by Judith Fayter / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the dispersal of funds at the disbanding of St. Paul's United Church in Windsor according to the Antler River Watershed property policy, with the congregation proposing that 33% be divided as follows: 26.32 % Windsor Downtown Mission, 28.93% Windsor Youth Centre, 42.12% Gesstwood Camp and 2.63% to Mission and Service.

MOTION

**CARRIED**

Other Business:

1. MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council set a deadline of 4 pm on the Friday preceding a regular meeting date for the addition of items to the agenda.

MOTION

**CARRIED**

2. MOTION by Tom Brunt / Judity Fayter that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council will meet each month on the first Wednesday and several members will be available every other Wednesday at 9 am for time-sensitive matters.

MOTION

**CARRIED**

3. MOTION by Jim Evans / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve monies for training events to be organized by staff.

MOTION

**CARRIED**

4. MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council agrees that staff will give consent for property listings with approval by the commission happening at the next scheduled meeting.

MOTION

**CARRIED**

5. MOTION by Mark Perry / Judity Fayter that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council agrees that staff will arrange for pastoral charge supervisors with approval by the commission at the next scheduled meeting.

MOTION

**CARRIED**

**For information:** There is interest in establishing a new community of faith in St. Thomas. Information has been provided regarding the necessary information needed for such a proposal.

All commission members are asked to send contact information including phone numbers to Pretima.

September 4, 2019

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**Next Meeting:** 10-02-2019 St Andrew's United Church, Chatham 10am

Worship by: Jim Evans

MOTION by Jim Evans / Mark Marshall that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council be adjourned having concluded its business.

MOTION

**CARRIED**