

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

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St Andrew's United Church, Chatham, 10 AM

**Roster:**

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

**Present:** Jim Evans, Judith Fayter, Andi McKillop, Mark Perry, Marie Santos

**Regrets:** Mark Marshall, Deb Ellacott, Tom Brunt

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

**Welcome and Constitute Meeting:**

**Acknowledging the Land:**

**Opening Worship:** Led by Jim Evans

**Opening Motions:**

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Judith Fayter / Mark Perry that the agenda be accepted as amended.

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CARRIED

Approval of Previous Minutes:

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Judith Fayter that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 09-04-2019 as circulated.

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CARRIED

MOTION by Mark Perry / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 09-19-2019 as circulated.

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**Business Arising**

1. Update on Sanctuary new ministry plans in St Thomas.
2. Update on training resource pool

**New Business**

Discussion regarding the recruitment, training and role of Companions.

Pastoral Charge Supervisors

1. MOTION by Mark Perry / Judity Fayter that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Kim Gilliland (OM) pastoral charge supervisor for Merlin Fletcher Pastoral Charge effective Sept 5, 2019

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2. MOTION by Judith Fayter / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Joyce Payne pastoral charge supervisor for Wesley Knox Pastoral Charge, London for one meeting August 28, 2019.

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3. MOTION by Mark Perry / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Louise Hall pastoral charge supervisor for Central United church in Sarnia for one meeting October 20, 2019.

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4. MOTION by Jim Evans / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Paul Rodey pastoral charge supervisor for Kingsville Epworth Pastoral Charge effective immediately.

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Profiles and Living Faith Stories

5. MOTION by Judith Fayter / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the profile and living faith story of Essex United Church.

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6. MOTION by Jim Evans / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the profile and living faith story of Dundas Street United Church in Woodstock to enter into a search for ministry personnel.

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Property Transactions

7. MOTION by Mark Perry / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the sale of certain Real Property, 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, and the municipal address of which is 220 George Street, Sarnia, Ontario, pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Central United Church, Sarnia, Ontario, a

congregation of The United Church of Canada, as seller, and [other party], as purchaser, dated the 31st day of July, 2019, and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:

**the purchaser**, Harshad Metha (in Trust)

**the sale price**, \$295,000.00

**the deposit**, \$10,000.00 on acceptance and a further \$15,000.00 upon removal of conditions of

(1) Arranging Financing (2) Viewing and Approving the Engineer Report and the Phase I Environmental Report within 30 Business Days (on or before November 5, 2019) from the date of Acceptance.

**the balance due**, on closing, \$270,000.00 less Adjustments, Broker Commissions and Legal Fees **the terms of any conditions, warranties,**

That the offer is conditional for 14 days from the date of acceptance hereof upon the Seller obtaining the approval of the United Church of Canada, Antler River Watershed Regional Council

The Buyer acknowledges that it is buying the property "As-Is".

In the event that any organ or other furniture is removed, it shall be done in a workmanlike manner and any void shall be filled.

**the scheduled closing date**, March 19, 2020

(2) to the following disposition of the proceeds arising from the transaction: To be held in trust to cover closing costs associated with the sale of the property and payment of costs associated with the disbanding of Central United Church, Sarnia Ontario, Congregation. Surplus funds will be transferred to a new congregation in the case of an amalgamation or to the United Church of Canada as directed by the Antler River Watershed Region Regional Council;

3. The Real Property referred to in the above resolution is within the bounds of Antler River Watershed Region Regional Council;

The said Real Property is held by the Trustees of Central United Church, Sarnia, Ontario, a congregation of The United Church of Canada and part of the Central United Church, Sarnia, Ontario Pastoral Charge, in trust for Central United Church, Sarnia, Ontario as a part of The United Church of Canada;

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8. MOTION by Andi McKillop / Judity Fayter that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the revised purchase price for Zion United Church, part of the Rural Pastoral Charge. The property was listed for sale by tender with a reserved bid of \$85,000. The closing date for tenders was September

13, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. with the tenders being received by Lindsey Anderson (Anderson Law Group). The Trustees and two members of Zion's Official Board met on September 16, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at Ms. Anderson's Wallaceburg office. Four tenders were submitted. The bids were as follows: \$5,000 from Pamela Clarke, \$33,500 from Warrener Properties Inc., \$95,000 from Brad Youlton and Scott Zimmer, and \$135,000 from Anita Brinkman.

Revised Terms: The terms of the sale include Anita Brinkman of Burlington as purchaser, the sale price of \$100,000 plus HST, the deposit of \$5,000, a balance due of \$95,000. This is conditional on Anita Brinkman waiving the building inspection. The closing date will remain as October 30, 2019.

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9. MOTION by Andi McKillop / Judity Fayter that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the request from Zion United Church, Rural Pastoral Charge, 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 account held by the Trustees. The decision of the congregation is to disband as of December 31, 2019. The congregation suggests that 33% of the funds be directed in this manner: 35% to Kenesserie Camp, 35% to Victoria Avenue United Church's Outreach Programs, 10% to St. Paul's United Church, 10% to Turin United Church, and 10% to Emmanuel College. 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 and in pursuance of the said resolution, we hereby apply to Antler River Watershed for its consent to the Listing.

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10. MOTION by Jim Evans / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council affirm the decision of Zion United Church, Rural Pastoral Charge to disband effective December 31, 2019.

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11. MOTION by Jim Evans / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the sale of certain Real Property of Glencoe United Church the legal description of which is Lots 17 & 18, 34PL288; S/T MW66751; Municipality of Southwest Middlesex and the municipal address of which is 180 Main Street, Glencoe ON , pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Trinity United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as SELLER, and Steven Basil Mishos, as BUYER, dated the 27th day of September, 2019, and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:

1. Purchaser: Steven Basil Mishos
2. Sale Price: \$275,000
3. Deposit: \$20,000
4. Balance Due: \$255,000

Conditions: (a) Consent of the Antler River Watershed Regional Council, United Church of Canada on or before October 4, 2019, and (b) a satisfactory "Due Diligence" review of the subject property conducted by the BUYER on or before October 11, 2019  
Scheduled Closing Date: November 22, 2019

- (1) to the following disposition of the proceeds arising from the transaction: the proceeds of the sale, net of realtor and legal fees, to be deposited in (a) an investment account #20685657 managed by Frontier Capital Funds in the name of Trinity United Church and (b) an existing account with Manulife Bank Advantage #1329345 that holds some funds from the sale of the church manse.

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12. MOTION by Jim Evans / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve a ten year lease agreement between Carlisle United Church located at 19 Falkirk Street, North Middlesex, Ontario, N0M 1P0, and the *Presbyterian Church Heritage Centre* (also known as PCHC). The details of which are appended to these minutes.

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### Other Business

1. MOTION by Mark Perry / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the draft Covenant of Mutual Agreement and refer it to the ARW executive for consideration.

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2. MOTION by Jim Evans / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council will honour all agreements made between communities of faith and presbytery regarding the use of funds from the sale of property prior to 2019.

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3. MOTION by Mark Perry / Judy Fayter that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council establish the following property policy:

October 3, 2019

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In general, the net proceeds from the sale of real property and/or major asset shall be invested in a restricted fund with the interest to be used at the discretion of the community of faith. The community of faith may also submit proposals to the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council, at any time, requesting access to the restricted funds for a specific ministry initiative.

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**Next Meeting:** 11-06-2019 New Vision St. Thomas

Worship by: Judith Fayter