

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

New Vision United Church St. Thomas, 10 AM

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, Adam Kilner, Mark Marshall (by phone), Mark Perry, Judith Fayter (arrived 10:45)

Regrets: Andi McKillop, Tom Brunt, Marie Santos (Chair)

Absent: Emmanuel Ofori (Ghana)

Welcome and Constitute Meeting:

Lynne welcomed the members and constituted 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

Opening Motions:

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Mark Perry / Jim Evans that the agenda be accepted as amended.

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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 10-03-2019 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 10-30-2019 as circulated.

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CARRIED

Business Arising

1. Update on Glencoe/Appin – wanting to sell their building. Discussion on these points.
2. Update on St. Thomas Sanctuary – Discussion on these points: Once a partnership with a congregation is established they can apply for grants and issue receipts for donations. This is the type of innovative ministry we want to support.

Lynne will have a conversation with Sanctuary to share this. Jim will talk to neighbouring congregations to find out if they are interested in partnering.

New Business

Profile Approval:

MOTION by Judith Fayter / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve Merlin-Fletcher’s profile and living faith story for the purpose of entering into search, recognizing that they need to work with a liaison to establish the category and hours of ministry they can support.

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CARRIED

MOTION by Jim Evans / Judith Fayter that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve St. Andrew’s St. Thomas’ profile and living faith story for the purpose of entering search.

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CARRIED

Pastoral Charge Supervisors:

Lynne advised that a PC Supervisors and Covenant Commission Companions training event will be held in London at the former Fairmont United Church.

1. **MOTION by Judith Fayter / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Rev. Deana Gibson as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Dunlop United Church to cover the vacation of Rev. Adam Kilner.**

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CARRIED

2. **MOTION by Jim Evans / Mark Marshall that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Lynne Dunlop as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Eastwood United Church for October 17, 2019**

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CARRIED

3. **MOTION by Jim Evans / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Jo Ann Silcox as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Dorchester United Church**

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CARRIED

4. **MOTION by Mark Perry / Mark Marshall that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Lloyd Bennett as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Princeton/Etonia United Churches starting January 1, 2020.**

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CARRIED

5. **MOTION by Jim Evans / Judity Fayter that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Rev. Karlene Brown-Palmer as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Norwich United Church starting January 1, 2020.**

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CARRIED

6. **MOTION by Mark Marshall / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Lynne Dunlop as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Otterville United Church starting January 1, 2020.**

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CARRIED

7. **MOTION by Mark Perry / Adam Kilner that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Doug Wright as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Watford and Wyoming United Churches starting December 1, 2019.**

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CARRIED

Disbanding:

8. **MOTION by Mark Marshall / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the request from Eastwood United Church to disband as of December 31, 2019. Details regarding disbursement of their remaining assets to be forthcoming.**

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Property Transactions:

- 9. MOTION by Jim Evans / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the request of the Board of Trustees of St. Paul's United Church, Tillsonburg, at the direction of the governing body of St Paul's United Church, to sell (1) to the sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is [LT888-890 PL500 Town of Tillsonburg County of Oxford], and the municipal address of which is 38 Ridout St. West, Tillsonburg ON, pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of St. Paul's United Church Tillsonburg, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as owner, and Paulo M Demelo and Ana C Demelo as buyer, dated the 15th day of November, 2019, and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:**

Details of sale:

Selling price: \$339,000.00

Buyers: Paulo and Ana Demelo

Buyers agree to assume the current tenants and lease.

Conditions:

For the Buyer:

1. Sale of home (263871 Prouse Rd., Mt. Elgin) - currently listed at \$985,000.00
2. Financing
3. Insurance
4. Home inspection

The buyer has until 9:00 p.m. Friday November 15. 2019 to fulfil these conditions.

For the Seller:

1. Seller may continue to market the property and, if another offer which is satisfactory to the seller is received, the buyer has 48 hours to waive the above conditions.
2. Upon all other conditions being met the seller has five days to receive approval from the United Church of Canada to complete the sale. That will take until November 20th.

Title Search Date: November 20, 2019

Closing Date: November 29, 2019

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CARRIED

10. MOTION by Mark Perry / Adam Kilner that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the sale of (1) to the sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is Lot 19, Con. 13 Harwich, Chatham-Kent, and the municipal address of which is 10911 Pinehurst Line in Chatham-Kent, pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Zion United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as vendor, and Dan Warrener, as purchaser, dated the 29th day of October, 2019, and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:

- (1) Dan Warrener as purchaser, sale price \$60,000 with an immediate non-refundable deposit of \$10,000 and the balance due upon closing, the purchaser has indicated that there would be no conditions attached to his offer, and the closing date would be the 15th day of November 2019.
- (2) to the following disposition of the proceeds arising from the transaction: the disposition of proceeds will remain the same as in our September 19, 2019 request.
- (3) The Real Property referred to in the above resolution is within the bounds of Antler River Watershed Regional Council; The said Real Property is held by the Trustees of Zion United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada and part of the Rural United Pastoral Charge, in trust for Zion United Church as a part of The United Church of Canada;

There needs to be a reasonable market value and go through a reasonable listing process, and be responsible of the property of the UCC

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CARRIED

MOTION by Mark Perry / Adam Kilner that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council instruct the trustees of Zion UC rural PC to list their building for sale at market value with a licensed real estate agent.

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MOTION by Adam Kilner / Judity Fayter that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council instruct the trustees of St. John's Botany of Rural PC to arrange for a building inspection by a certified building inspector and consult with their insurance provider regarding ongoing use of the building and report the findings to the Commission by November 19, 2019.

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Other Business:

11. MOTION by Jim Evans / Judity Fayter that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the name change for Brown's United Church to Browns United Church by removing the apostrophe.

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Mark Marshall and Adam Kilner left the meeting.

Discussion of the following:

Frome United Church – Mary Johann is the Pastoral Charge Supervisor. Will seek clarifications on their future plans.

Best Practices and Guidelines for sale of property to include receiving three letters of opinion on the value of property prior to listing.

Assessment Fees policy for disbanding communities of faith: Direction from Executive.

Review of Regional Gathering November 2, 2019: it was concise and enjoyable.

Liturgy for Mutual Covenant with CoF: Modified liturgy from WOW for Antler River Watershed.

Social Justice Speaker Series Proposal: Dan Lang, from Eglinton St. George in Toronto, is interested in supporting congregations who would like to host a speaker series. Material in Dropbox.

Training for Companions: November in Fairmont, London, one to be held in the southwest of the region in 2020.

Ministry Sharing Workshop: Lynne is seeking suggestions for host congregations.

Next Meeting: 12-04-2019 Zoom

9:00 am

Worship by: Judith Fayter

MOTION that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council having completed its business, be adjourned.

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