

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

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**Place/Time:** Zoom call 9:00 a.m.

**Roster:** Marie Santos (L, Chair), Tom Brunt (L), Deb Ellacott (L), Jim Evans (OM), Judith Fayter (OM), Adam Kilner (OM), Mark Marshall (OM), Andi McKillop (L), Mark Perry (OM)

**Staff Support:** Pretima Kukadia-Kinting, Admin Assistant, PKukadia@united-church.ca  
Rev. Lynne Allin, Minister, Congregational Support & Mission, LAllin@united-church.ca

**Present:** Marie Santos, Deb Ellacott, Jim Evans, Adam Kilner, Mark Marshall, Andi McKillop, Mark Perry, Lynne Allin, Pretima Kukadia-Kinting

**Regrets:** Tom Brunt, Judith Fayter

**Absent:** Emmanuel Ofori

**Welcome and Constitute Meeting:** The meeting was constituted and opened by Marie Santos.

**Acknowledging the Land:**

Territorial lands are acknowledged on behalf of the Covenant Commission 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:** Worship was provided by Lynne Allin.

**Opening Motions:**

Approval of Agenda:

**MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Andi McKillop that the agenda be accepted as amended with 'Shared Regional Agreement between Otterville and Avondale' added.**

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Approval of Previous Minutes:

**MOTION by Jim Evans / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 11/6/2019 as circulated.**

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 11/20/2019 as circulated.**

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 11/21/2019 as circulated.**

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Business Arising**

1. The sale of the St. Paul's United Church manse in Tillsonburg was not completed. It will be listed again.
2. Report on the Companion and Pastoral Charge Workshop held in London at Fairmont on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Was well attended, a good venue.
3. Insurance Report for St. John's Botany United Church: did not require changes be made. We will ask for smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.

**MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council thanks St. John's Botany for the work they have done and directs St. John's Botany United Church to be in compliance with the Trustees Handbook section 56 which states, "the congregation's fire prevention program should include installation and regular maintenance of smoke detectors, fire doors (which should never be blocked open), and fire extinguishers," and remind them of their responsibility to comply with municipal regulations for public use of the building.**

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

The Covenant Commission will check in with St. John's Botany in January.

**New Business**

1. Pastoral Charge Supervisors

**MOTION by Jim Evans / Deb Ellacott the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Don Macpherson as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Central United Church in St. Thomas.**

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION by Jim Evans / Mark Perry the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Jim Haupt as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Ailsa Craig Pastoral Charge.**

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION by Jim Evans / Deb Ellacott the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Adam Kilner as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for St. Luke's Pastoral Charge in Sarnia to cover the minister's leave.**

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Adam Kilner abstained.

**2. Property Transactions**

**MOTION by Mark Perry / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council give approval to the listing of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is Pt Lt 6 Concession 1 East Oxford as in SS36776 except Pt 1, 41R612, P1617, P1417, Norwich Township, County of Oxford, and the municipal address of which is 565739 Towerline Road RR 3 Woodstock, ON, pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Eastwood United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as Trustees, and Peak Realty Ltd., as Realtor, dated the 27 day of November 2019, and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:**

Agent - Dean Janscar

Commission Rate - 4.5%

Asking Price - \$169,900

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

(3) The said Real Property is held by the Trustees of Eastwood United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada and part of the Innerkip Eastwood Pastoral Charge, in trust for Eastwood United Church as a part of The United Church of Canada;

- (4) The net proceeds to be dispersed according to the Antler River Watershed Regional Council Property Policy for disbanding communities of faith, with 33 % of the assets to be allocated as proposed by the congregation of Eastwood United Church:

Innerkip United Church 16.5%  
Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre 6.6%  
Camp Tanner 6.6%  
Operation Sharing 1.65%  
Food For the North (Gifts with Vision) 1.65%

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION by Mark Marshall / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council give consent to the sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is Pt It 6 Concession 1 East Oxford as in 5536776 except Pt 1, 41R612 P1617, P1417 Norwich Township, County of Oxford, and the municipal address of which is 56S739 Towerline Road RR3 Woodstock, On, pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Eastwood United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as Seller, and John William Hicks, as Buyer, dated the 2nd day of December 2019. The terms of which are as follows:**

Sale of property to purchaser John William Hicks  
Purchase price: \$185,000  
Deposit: \$10,000. The balance due: \$175,000,

Conditional on financing by December 11<sup>th</sup> 2019, inspection to confirm oil tank not buried by December 11, 2019, and on approval of Antler River Watershed Regional Council, scheduled closing date: January 10, 2020.

- (2) The real property referred to in the above resolution is in the bounds of Antler River Watershed.
- (3) The said Real Property is held by the Trustees of Eastwood United congregation, a congregation of The United Church of Canada and part of the Innerkip Eastwood Pastoral Charge, in trust for Eastwood United Church Congregation as a part of The United Church of Canada.
- (4) The net proceeds to be disbursed according to the Antler River Watershed Regional Council Property policy, including the request by the congregation that 33 % be distributed as follows:
- Innerkip United Church 16.5%

Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre 6.6%

Camp Tanner 6.6%

Operation Sharing 1.65%

Food For the North (Gifts with Vision) 1.65%

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Other Business**

Amalgamation/Disbanding

**MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Adam Kilner that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council modify the date of disbanding for Eastwood United Church to be set following the sale of the church property.**

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Other

**MOTION by Jim Evans / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the application from Westminster United Church in Windsor for a Technology Grant of \$1127.66.**

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Received for information: Otterville United Church and Avondale United Church are working on a Shared Ministry Agreement.

Consider a meeting of three Covenant Commissions in the new year.

Erik Mathiesen working on assessment paid by a disbanding congregation: in what year? Current or previous year? Can they be prorated if closing in the first quarter, for e.g.? Currently, advice given is: paying for year in which they close.

**Next Meeting:** January 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Worship by: Judith Fayter

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

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**