

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

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, Tom Brunt, Deb Ellacott, Judith Fayter, Mark Marshall, Mark Perry, Lynne Allin, Pretima Kukadia-Kinting, Andi McKillop (arrived later)

Regrets: Adam Kilner, Jim Evans

Absent:

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

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: A short prayer was provided by Lynne Allin.

Opening Motions:

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Tom Brunt / Judith Fayter that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Approval of Previous Minutes:

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Tom Brunt that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 01-15-2020 as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Mark Marshall / Judith Fayter that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 01-29-2020 as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Business Arising

Discussion re: Covenanting Symbols – certificate circulated, possibly with a frame.

MOTION by Tom Brunt / Judith Fayter that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council purchase certificate frames to commemorate covenanting services.

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

Pastoral Charge Supervisors

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Mark Marshall that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Deanna Gibson as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Wallaceburg, effective immediately.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Mark Perry / Deb Ellacott that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Diane Blanchard as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Foldens United Church and Sweaburg United Church, for February 4th meetings.

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion: Proposal for hiring people to co-ordinate Pastoral Charge Supervisors: to find pastoral charge supervisors in an area that are willing and able, and would be aware of local personnel. Eric Skilling, Louise Hall, Diane Macpherson

MOTION by Judith Fayter / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional hire 2 to 4 people to recruit pastoral charge supervisors at \$20/hr.

MOTION CARRIED

Community of Faith Profiles and Living Faith Stories

Property Transactions

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Tom Brunt that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council give its consent:

- (1) To the sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is Plan 168, Block D, lots 4,5,6,12,13,14 Municipality of Southwest Middlesex, County of Middlesex, Ontario, and the municipal address of which is 86 Wellington Ave, Appin, Ontario, N0L

1A0, pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of **Trinity United Church, Appin** a congregation of the United Church of Canada , as vendor, and St. Gregorios Jacobite Syriac Orthodox Church London, as purchaser, dated the 1st day of February, 2020, and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:

Purchaser	St. Gregorios Jacobite Syriac Orthodox Church London
Sale Price	\$276,000.00
Deposit	\$10,000.00
Balance	\$266,000.00
Conditions	As per listed in Agreement of Purchase and Sale
Closing Date	May 28/2020

(2) After the sale of property the proceeds will be invested in a restricted fund.

(3) The said Real Property is held by the Trustees of Trinity United Church, Appin, a congregation of the United Church of Canada and part of the Glencoe/Appin Pastoral Charge, in trust for Trinity United Church, Appin as a part of The United Church of Canada:

MOTION

CARRIED

Other Business

MOTION by Mark Marshall / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request from Port Lambton United Church to appoint Sharron Frye, an adherent, to the Session.

MOTION

CARRIED

Correspondence was received from the Boards of Foldens United Church and Sweaburg United Church advising Rev. Cordell Parsons that they are relieving him of his duties for the remaining months of his appointment to June 30, 2020. This follows meetings of the governing bodies held on February 4, 2020. Correspondence was also received from West Oxford United Church indicating that they were resigning from all joint committees to explore their options.

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Judith Fayter that in light of correspondence received from West Oxford U.C., Sweaburg U.C. and Foldens U.C., the Covenant Commission dissolves the ministry sharing operating as the Olde West Oxford Cluster effective immediately.

MOTION

CARRIED

Discussion

New Information and Asset Disbursement Form: the form to be completed and needs regional approval before assets can be disbursed and approval for final closing of a pastoral charge.

Regional Gathering in March: Tentatively March 11 and 12 in Comber and Strathroy.

Next Meeting: March 4, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. by Zoom

Worship by: Adam Kilner

MOTION by Deb Ellacott that having concluded its business, the meeting is adjourned.

MOTION

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned 10:10 a.m.