

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, Jim Evans, Judith Fayter, Adam Kilner, Mark Marshall, Andi McKillop, John Neff, Mark Perry, Lynne Allin, Pretima Kukadia-Kinting

Regrets:

Absent:

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:

We are gathered this morning to worship on traditional lands. We recognize and deeply appreciate the historic connection to this ground we worship on. We also recognize the contributions of the Metis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made to our country. As settlers, this recognition must be clearly connected to our commitment to make the promise and the challenge of the Truth and Reconciliation real in the community in which we live and worship. We are grateful to the Creator for this time and this place.

Opening Worship: A worship was provided by Jim Evans, if one part of the body is hurting, then all parts are. "We rise again ... in the faces of our children." Victims of Portapique to Enfield, NS.

Opening Motions:

Corresponding Members:

MOTION by Adam Kilner / Mark Marshall that John Neff be accepted as a corresponding member. Circulated/Amended

MOTION

CARRIED

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Jim Evans / Tom Brunt that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Business Arising:

1. Covid-19 Update

United Church Pandemic Response Bridging Loans

- Covenant Commission is required to determine criteria for approving applications
- Consideration to be based on need and viability
- Need to define how need and viability will be measured
- Discuss process for reviewing applications

MOTION by Name / Name that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council will consider applications for the United Church Pandemic Response Bridging Loans based on the receipt of all necessary documentation, and demonstration of need and viability. Need shall be determined by the documents submitted and measured by the ability of this loan to sustain ministry for congregations employing ministry personnel during the Covid-19 pandemic. Vitality will be assessed primarily on the ability of a congregation to balance their budget prior to the pandemic, indications that they will be able to do so again in the near future, are able to repay the loan, and make a faithful commitment to continuing their ministry, as described in their living faith story, until December 31, 2022.

MOTION

Choose an item

Request for Changes in Ministry Personnel i.e. layoffs/changes in hours

- Discuss approval process and relationship with Human Resources Commission

MOTION by Name / Name that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council will consider requests to make temporary changes in pastoral relations due to the Covid-19 pandemic, based on the receipt of all necessary documentation, and demonstration of need. Need shall be determined primarily by a review of the documents submitted to determine the resources available to the congregation, and actions taken to encourage stewardship, access Federal and The United Church of Canada supports, and reduce expenses.

MOTION

Choose an item

Appoint Pastoral Charge Supervisors

- In the case of a provisional call, option to appoint the candidate as Pastoral Charge Supervisor.
- In the case of a lay off, there will be a need to appoint a Pastoral Charge Supervisor.

New Business:

1. Property Transactions

MOTION by Adam Kilner / Tom Brunt that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the change in the closing date for the sale of **Appin United Church** to July 20, 2020.

MOTION

CARRIED

Other Business:

Next Meeting: April 29, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Worship by: Deb Ellacott

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

MOTION

AGREED

Meeting adjourned 10:20 a.m.