

**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, Tom Brunt, Deb Ellacott, Jim Evans, Judith Fayter, Mark Marshall, Andi McKillop, Mark Perry, Lynne Allin, Pretima Kukadia-Kinting

**Regrets:** Adam Kilner

**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 Deb Ellacott, 'Be Kind' everyone has a different reason, don't judge during COVID-19, be patient.

**Opening Motions:**

**Approval of Agenda:**

MOTION by Judith Fayter / Deb Ellacott that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Approval of Previous Minutes:**

MOTION by Mark Perry / Tom Brunt that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 04-01-2020 as amended.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 04-14-2020 as circulated.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

MOTION by Tom Brunt / Judith Fayter that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 04-22-2020 as circulated.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Business Arising:**

**MOTION** by Jim Evans / Mark Perry 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 during the Covid-19 pandemic. Viability 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, until December 31, 2022.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

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

**MOTION** by Jim Evans / Mark Marshall 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**

**CARRIED**

**New Business:**

1. Pastoral Charge Supervisors

MOTION by Mark Perry / Deb Ellacott that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Deanna Gibson as pastoral charge supervisor for **Courtright-Sixth Line Pastoral Charge**.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Andi McKillop that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Christina Crawford as pastoral charge supervisor for **Forest United Church**.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

2. Property Transactions

**MOTION by** Jim Evans / Tom Brunt that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the request from **Curries United Church** to use up to 15,000 from the manse fund to cover costs related to the sale of the church building.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Other Business:**

Discussions

At time of rise of Region Commission members due to end their term (Judith Fayer – will stay until October meeting), we need to reflect on Commission’s work.

Re-opening after COVID-19. What will that look like?

**Next Meeting:** June 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Worship by: Mark Perry

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

**MOTION**

**AGREED**

**Meeting adjourned** 10:05 a.m.