

**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:**

**Absent:** Adam Kilner

**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:** An opening prayer was provided by Marie Santos, Philippians, never worry about anything, God's peace will guide you ...

**Opening Motions:**

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Mark Perry / Deb Ellacott that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Approval of Previous Minutes:**

**MOTION** by Deb Ellacott / Judith Fayter that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 05-06-2020 as amended.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Business Arising**

1. Use of manse funds for payroll beyond June 2020.

**MOTION** by Judith Fayter / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council request that all congregations using manse funds complete and report the form indicating the amount used to the end of June 2020. The Covenant Commission also extends permission for the further use of funds for payroll costs to the end of August 2020.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**New Business**

1. **Pastoral Charge Supervisors.**

**Update on Beachville Pastoral Charge:** We could ask Mary Anne Silverthorn to find out if she is willing, or possibly Mark Marshall might step in if needed.

**MOTION** by Jim Evans / Deb Ellacott that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council call a congregational meeting to discuss realignment with the both congregations. This can be handled by a Zoom online meeting or conference call.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

2. **Profiles and Living Faith Stories**

**MOTION** by Jim Evans / Judith Fayter that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the profile and living faith story for **Emmanuel United Church, Windsor** for the purpose of declaring a vacancy for 40 hours per week up to category F.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Deb Ellacott / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the profile and living faith story for **Colborne Street United Church, London** for the purpose of declaring a vacancy for up to 40 hours per week up to category F.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Jim Evans left the meeting.

**MOTION** by Judith Fayter / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the profile and living faith story for **Dorchester United Church**, for the purpose of declaring a vacancy Category B (Order of Ministry) or Category C (Designated Lay Ministry) for 20 hours per week (Cost of Living Group #3).

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Deb Ellacott / Tom Brunt that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the profile and living faith story for **Forest United Church**, for the purpose of offering a provisional call for 40 hours per week up to category F.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

### 3. Property Transactions

**MOTION** by Mark Perry / Deb Ellacott that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is Part Lot 18, Concession 5, in the Township of Norwich (formerly Township of East Oxford), County of Oxford, and the municipal address of which is 465003 Curries Road, RR 4, Woodstock Ontario N4S 7V8, pursuant to an agreement between Kevin Boakes, John McIntyre, Gerry Row, Jim Stephenson, Lori Minler (Pastoral Charge Supervisor), Trustees of **Curries United Church**, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, and Philippe Lehner and Shannon Sepers, dated the 30th day of May, 2020, and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:

Purchaser- Philippe Lehner and Shannon Sepers

Sale Price - \$300,000.00

Deposit - \$10,000.00

#### 1. Conditions

2. The buyer's solicitor has until June 10, 2020 to approve terms of Agreement of Purchase and Sale.
3. The seller may continue to offer the property for sale until the buyer confirms or waives the financing condition. If the seller receives another satisfactory offer, the buyer has 96 hours in which to waive the financing condition.
4. The buyer has until July 31, 2020 to confirm or waive financing. Seller has 180 days following agreement acceptance (approximately December 1, 2020) to complete acquisition of Township property surrounding the water well and to obtain severance of the subject property from the cemetery.

5. The rezoning of church property to residential within 90 days following seller's acquisition of lot addition and severance (approximately February 28, 2021).
  6. The buyer has a further 90 days (approximately May 28, 2021) after fulfillment of all conditions in the agreement of purchase and sale to complete the transaction.
  7. Closing Date - May 28, 2021 or earlier if all conditions have been met.
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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 Curries United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada and part of the Oxford Centre Pastoral Charge, in trust for Curries United Church as a part of The United Church of Canada;
  4. The net assets from the sale will be placed in a restricted fund until the final disbursement of funds as part of the disbanding process for Curries United Church.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

### **Other Business**

#### **St. Paul's United Church, Petrolia:**

The Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council receives the Safety, Intrusion and Unsafe Disruption Policy from **St. Paul's United Church, Petrolia** with thanks for their work on this document. We encourage them to consult with their local fire department to ensure this meets with current fire regulations.

### **Discussion:**

1. Manse funds for moving costs?
2. How can check in with communities of faith at this time?
3. After the first year serving as Covenant Commission what are your thoughts on the following:
  - a. Relationship with communities of faith: JF – this is nimble, decisions can be made as needed, don't need three layers of court for action. MP – this is responsive
  - b. Structure and content of meetings: MP – this structure is responsive.

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- c. Role of Companions: LA – some trained, but not used as much as desired, an extra piece of work in short-term
- d. Role of Commissioners:
- e. Things to change/develop/introduce:
- f. Other thoughts:

**Next Meeting:** July 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Worship by: Lynne Allin

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

**MOTION**

**AGREED**

**Meeting adjourned** 11:15 a.m.