

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, Andi McKillop, Lynne Allin, Pretima Kukadia-Kinting

Regrets: Jim Evans, Mark Perry, Judith Fayter,

Absent: Adam Kilner, Mark Marshall

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 Lynne Allin, *Bible Gateway* - "How are you?" Checking in with communities of faith. Pieces from the *Song of Faith*.

Opening Motions:

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Tom Brunt / Deb Ellacott that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Approval of Previous Minutes:

MOTION by Tom Brunt / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 06-03-2020 as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Tom Brunt that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 06-26-2020 as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Business Arising

1. Check in with communities of faith. Meetings are scheduled for July 13, 7pm and July 14, 1pm. Commission members are asked to participate as they are able. Is someone willing to lead a brief worship at the beginning of each meeting?
With Horseshoe Falls' meetings, low turnout, mostly ministry personnel.

New Business

2. Pastoral Charge Supervisors

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Tom Brunt that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Rev. Doug Peck as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to **Hickson United Church**.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Andi McKillop / Deb Ellacott that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Rev. Ken Jackson as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to **Richwood United Church**.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Andi McKillop / Tom Brunt that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Rev. Dave McKane as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to **First St. Andrew's United Church, London** effective July 1, 2020.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Andi McKillop / Deb Ellacott that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Rev. Diane MacPherson as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to **St. Paul's United Church, Aylmer**, effective July 1, 2020.

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CARRIED

MOTION by Tom Brunt / Andi McKillop that that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Mary Ann Silverthorn as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to **Beachville Pastoral Charge** effective June 9, 2020.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Andi McKillop that that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Rev. Robin Sherman as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to **Emmanuel United Church, Windsor** effective July 1, 2020.

MOTION

CARRIED

3. Profiles and Living Faith Stories

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Tom Brunt that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council receive with thanks the profile and living faith story of **St. Luke's United Church in Sarnia.**

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CARRIED

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council receive with thanks the updated profile and living faith story of **Central United Church in Sarnia.** (with note about restriction on manse fund, organ fund and wording of minister's discretionary fund to not mention members)

MOTION

CARRIED

4. Property Transactions

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the request from **Zion United Church, Rural Pastoral Charge** to spend up to \$2,500 to purchase a historical plaque for the former church property.

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CARRIED

Other Business

1. Insurance Premiums

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Tom Brunt that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the use of funds restricted by presbytery or regional council to pay insurance premiums for 2020 if needed.

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2. Technology Grant

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the technology grant application for **Westminster United Church, Windsor** for the amount of \$1,500, to upgrade sound equipment.

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CARRIED

3. UCC Loan Application

MOTION by Tom Brunt / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council defer approval of the application for a UCC Pandemic Bridging Loan for **Lindsay Road United Church** as they do not meet the criteria at this time.

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CARRIED

Discussion:

July 8, 2020

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1. Technology: Rural Connects, a trial in Thunder Bay, which has one techno-centre, and using this live-streams to other communities of faith in the area. Is another trial in Windsor area. This is using Rocket Sticks through Rogers. For any community of faith, rural or not. Can be as much as \$10,000 in equipment.

Next Meeting: August 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Worship by: Marie Santos

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

MOTION

AGREED

Meeting adjourned 10:15 a.m.