

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

Regrets: Deb Ellacott

Absent: 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 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 Mark Perry, agents of your kingdom.

Opening Motions:

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Jim Evans / Mark Perry that the agenda be accepted as amended.

MOTION

CARRIED

Approval of Previous Minutes:

MOTION by Andi McKillop / Tom Brunt that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 07-08-2020 as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Business Arising

1. **Annual Reports:** Assigning groups of annual reports to commission members for review, e.g. budget, governing body, warning signs. Lynne Allin will provide a checklist.
2. **Rural Connects:** Program of a hub church, several congregations can be connected in live stream and real time, do joint choirs, cost is about \$9,000 for equipment for hub church. Provides new opportunities for collaborative ministry. Will consider seeking funds to assist congregations wishing to explore this option. Will invite John Neff to share information with the commission.
3. **Re-opening:** There will be many variations and some will open in September and we'll wait and see how it goes. The checklist has been helpful for many congregations.

New Business4. Pastoral Charge Supervisors

MOTION by Mark Perry / Judith Fayter that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint **Brenda Mac Main** as the Pastoral Charge Supervisor for **London Road West**, Sarnia effective July 15, 2020.

MOTION**CARRIED**

5. **MOTION** by Judith Fayter / Mark Perry that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint **Wendy Milliken** as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for **Dunlop United Church** on August 5, 2020 while minister, Adam Kilner is on holidays. Adam Kilner abstained from this vote.

MOTION**CARRIED**

6. **MOTION** by Adam Kilner / Tom Brunt that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council accept the resignation of Rev. **Karlene Brown-Palmer** as pastoral charge supervisor for **Norwich United Church** effective August 7, 2020.

MOTION**CARRIED**

MOTION by Jim Evans / Adam Kilner that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint **Lynne Allin** as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for **Norwich United Church** for August 10th.

MOTION**CARRIED**7. Profiles and Living Faith Stories

MOTION by Jim Evans / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the profile and living faith story for **Calvary United Church** in London for the purpose of declaring two vacancies, one 40 hours, one 20 hours both up to category F.

MOTION**CARRIED**

MOTION by Jim Evans / Adam Kilner that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the community of faith profile for **Richwood United Church** and agree with the recommendation that Richwood United Church is viable to call/appoint a minister up to Category F for up to 14 hours per week and ask the Human Resources Commission to appoint a liaison.

MOTION

CARRIED

8. Property Transactions

MOTION by Jim Evans / Judith Fayter that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the listing of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is Part Lot 13, Concession 4, in the Township of Norwich (formerly Township of East Oxford, County of Oxford, designated as PART 3 on Reference Plan 41R-4546, and the municipal address of which is 714581 Middletown Line, RR4, Woodstock, Ontario N4S 7V8, pursuant to an agreement between John Atkinson, David Armstrong, Don Durham and Graham Wallace, Trustees of **Oxford Centre United Church**, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as seller, and Hewitt Jancsar (Peak Realty Ltd.), as Realtor, dated the 16th day of January 2020, and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:

- Listing Agents – Dean S. Jancsar (Sales Representative) and Joan Hewitt-Jancsar (Broker) from Peak Realty Ltd.
- Commission Rate – 4.5% Total, offering 2.0% to the Cooperating Brokerage
- Asking Price - \$339,000
- Proposed Possession Date – 120-150 days, dependant on Cemetery Closing and Severance
- The Real Property referred to in the above resolution is within the bounds of Antler River Watershed Regional Council;
- The said Real Property is held by the Trustees of Oxford Centre United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada and part of the Oxford Centre Pastoral Charge, in trust for Oxford Centre United Church as a part of The United Church of Canada;
- Net proceeds from the sale will be placed in a restricted fund with interest available to the congregation and principle available for ministry initiatives with consent by Antler River Watershed Regional Council.

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Other Business

9. **MOTION** by Mark Perry / Tom Brunt that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoints Rev. **Carol Ferguson** as a companion to **Courtright-Sixth Line Pastoral Charge** effective July 13, 2020.

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10. **MOTION** by Jim Evans / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoints **Judith Fayter** as a companion to **Central and Dunlop United Churches** to assist with their nesting and amalgamation agreements. Adam Kilner and Judith Fayter abstained from this vote.

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11. **MOTION** by Name / Name that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approves the constitution for **St. Paul's United Church** in Tillsonburg. This is being tabled.

For Information:

12. <https://mailchi.mp/bbb32471a4b5/summer-newsletter-from-ucrmn-1889165?e=a86b2f512a>.

Next Meeting: September 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Worship by: Adam Kilner

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

MOTION

AGREED

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.