

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, Judith Fayter, Adam Kilner, Mark Marshall, Mark Perry, Lynne Allin

Regrets: Pretima Kukadia-Kinting

Absent: Andi McKillop, Jim Evans

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 Adam Kilner.

Opening Motions:

Approval of Agenda:

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

MOTION

CARRIED

Approval of Previous Minutes:

MOTION by Mark Perry / Adam Kilner that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 08-19-2020 as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Business Arising

1. **1st item:** Technology Proposal

Moved by Deb Ellacott / Judith Fayter that the covenant commission recommends the executive designate \$5000 for the rental of equipment from General Council for congregations wanting to run a trial of the Rural Connect system.

2. **2nd item:** Annual Reports

New Business

Update on travel and meetings for regional council staff and volunteers

Update on commission budget and unused funds: Discussed the possibility of preparing an information package for congregations to be mailed out in November 2020. Cost of postage would be covered by the funds designated for mileage.

3. Pastoral Charge Supervisors

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Tom Brunt that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Louise Hall as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Central United Church in Sarnia for August 18, 2020 for a meeting of the governing body.

MOTION

CARRIED

4. Profiles and Living Faith Stories

5. Property Transactions

Other Business

Update: Appin Building Sale

Discussion: Annual Meeting – Members of the Covenant Commission will make a recording introducing themselves and stating why they are passionate about congregations. Adam Kilner will put the recordings together into a video to share at the annual meeting.

6. **MOTION** by Judith Fayter / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council extend the use of restricted funds for payroll, if needed, until December 31, 2020. Congregations are to complete the reporting form and send it to Lynne Allin, Minister Congregational Support and Mission, by December 31, 2020.

MOTION

CARRIED

For Information:

September 2, 2020

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Covenant Commission Terms finishing 2020: Tom Brunt, Judith Fayter. Staying on until Fall Regional Council Meeting.

Terms finishing 2021: Deb Ellacott, Jim Evans, Mark Marshall, Andi McKillop

Terms finishing 2022: Marie Santos, Adam Kilner, Mark Perry

Next Meeting: October 7, 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

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.