

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, Deb Ellacott, Jim Evans, Judith Fayter, Adam Kilner, Andi McKillop, Pretima Kukadia-Kinting, Lynne Allin

Regrets: Mark Perry

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 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.

Opening Motions:

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Jim Evans / Adam Kilner that the agenda be accepted as amended.

MOTION

CARRIED

Approval of Previous Minutes:

MOTION by Judith Fayter / Deb Ellacott that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 09-02-2020 as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Business Arising

1. ARW Fall Meeting
 - Receive the resignation of Mark Marshall from the Covenant Commission
 - Video clips to Adam
 - Content for our 30 minutes of time
 - Highlights of things we have done with pictures of congregations profiling part of the role of a congregation. Send to Judith Volume of work living faith story. Purpose of Covenant Commission. Credit the photo and send email for permission
 - Annual Reports: e.g. from Erie Street?
We can see reports and edit reports in Excel? Yes. Will send to communities of faith best practices for annual reports, e.g. terms, etc.
 - Executive meeting \$5,000 towards Rural Connect
2. Judith's last meeting. Will send her notes on annual reports for feedback.

New Business

1. Pastoral Charge Supervisors

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Andi McKillop that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Rev. Jeff Crittenden as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for **Banner United Church** effective September 21, 2020.

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CARRIED

MOTION by Jim Evans / Judith Fayter that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Rev. Diane Macpherson as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for **Dorchester United Church** effective Sept 24, 2020.

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CARRIED

MOTION by Jim Evans / Adam Kilner that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for **Norwich United Church**, effective Sept 23, 2020.

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CARRIED

MOTION by Judith Fayter / Deb Ellacott that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Rev. Wendy Noble as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for **Calvary United Church, London** effective October 16, 2020.

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CARRIED

MOTION by Andi McKillop / Jim Evans that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Rev. Lynne Allin as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for **Norwich United Church**, for September 9th and 17th, 2020.

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MOTION by Jim Evans / Adam Kilner that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Mary Anne Silverthorn as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for **Knox United Church, Embro** starting January 1, 2021 for the purpose of covering a sabbatical.

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CARRIED

MOTION by Adam Kilner / Andi McKillop that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Jack Lovering as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for **Leamington United Church**, effective immediately.

MOTION

CARRIED

2. Profiles and Living Faith Stories

MOTION by Andi McKillop / Deb Ellacott that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the profile and living faith story for **Union United Church** as they begin discussions to address their operating expenses.

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MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Adam Kilner that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the profile and living faith story for **First St. Andrew's United Church, London** for the purpose of declaring a vacancy for a Minister of Worship and Congregational Life up to Category F for 40 hours per week and a Minister of Visitation Services up to Category F for 12 hours per week.

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CARRIED

MOTION by Jim Evans / Adam Kilner that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the profile and living faith story for **Richards Memorial United Church, London** for up to category F for 20 hours per week.

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MOTION by Jim Evans / Judith Fayter that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the profile and living faith story for **Dunlop United Church, Sarnia** as they prepare to enter a nesting agreement with Central United Church, with the provision that they correct their Living Faith Story to remove the reference to the half time ministry position. We also encourage the congregation to reflect on the need for a balanced budget based on income, and to consider a stewardship program.

Adam Kilner abstained from the vote.

MOTION

CARRIED

3. Property Transactions

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council receives and commends the congregation for the pandemic related updates to the lease agreement between **Strathroy United Church** and Stepping Stones.

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CARRIED

Other Business4. Capital Loan – Trinity United Church

MOTION by Adam Kilner / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the request from **Trinity United Church, London** for an additional \$25,000.00 to be added to their Capital Loan # 070715401.

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CARRIED

5. Pandemic Loan – Emmanuel United Church

MOTION by Jim Evans / Deb Ellacott that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the request from **Emmanuel United Church, Windsor** for a pandemic bridging loan.

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DEFEATED

6. Profile Requirement

MOTION by Judith Fayter / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council request that all pastoral charges with a vacancy longer than two years will complete their profile by June 2021.

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CARRIED

7. Disbanding Oxford Centre United Church

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Adam Kilner that, with gratitude for their faithful service, the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council accept the decision of the **Oxford Centre United Church** to begin the disbanding process with June 27, 2021 as the date for their final service. Details regarding disbursement of 33% of total assets to be determined.

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8. Governing Body Dunlop United Church

October 7, 2020

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MOTION by Judith Fayter / Deb Ellacott that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the request that Wayne Archer, an adherent of **Dunlop United Church, Sarnia**, serve as a Member at Large on their governing body.

Adam Kilner abstained from this vote.

MOTION

CARRIED

For Information:

United Property Resource Corporation, looking at new income streams, property management, handling sales, especially with up to 20% of congregations looking at closing (165 Coff, 15% closing = 25/yr). Look further into United Property Resource Corporation as a resource.

Next Meeting: November 4, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Worship by: Deb Ellacott

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

MOTION

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.