

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), Deb Ellacott (L), Jim Evans (OM), Adam Kilner (OM), Andi McKillop (L), Mark Perry (OM), Jeffrey Smith (OM), Dave Whiting (L)

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, Adam Kilner, Andi McKillop, Mark Perry, Dave Whiting, Pretima Kukadia-Kinting, Lynne Allin

Regrets: Jeff Smith

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 Deb Ellacott.

Opening Motions:

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Andi McKillop / Jim Evans that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Approval of Previous Minutes:

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Adam Kilner that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 10-07-2020 as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Business Arising

1. Thank you to Lynne Allin, Judith Fayter, and the members of the commission for their participation in the presentation for the Fall Regional Council meeting.
2. Introductions from members, with welcome to new members Dave Whiting and Jeffrey Smith.

New Business

3. Update on South Caradoc United Church: destroyed by fire on Saturday night. Had vandalism recently. Had not been meeting since pandemic, were considering disbanding. Filed an insurance claim right away. Richard Golden has offered to be Pastoral Supervisor as of Sunday. Minister connected with Mt. Elgin Residential School traditionally. May arrange de-consecrating.
4. Update on West Oxford United Church: was part of Olde Oxford Cluster, met with congregation in August, suggested fill vacancies on council, and decide on remaining with Beachville United Church. Joan requested help with congregational meeting November 21st with Mary Anne Silverthorn.

5. Pastoral Charge Supervisors

MOTION by Jim Evans / Mark Perry that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint **Louise Hall** as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for **Central United Church** in **Sarnia** for October 20, 2020.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Mark Perry / Deb Ellacott that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint **Rev. Marilyn Townsend-Smith** as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for **St. Paul's Petrolia** Starting October 22, 2020.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Adam Kilner / Andi McKillop that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint **Pam Wilcox** as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for **Wellburn Pastoral Charge** to cover a leave of absence.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Adam Kilner / Deb Ellacott that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council affirm the email vote approving **Richard Golden** as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for **South Caradoc Pastoral Charge** effective November 1, 2020

MOTION

CARRIED

6. Profiles and Living Faith Stories

MOTION by Mark Perry / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the profile and living faith story for **Sweaburg**

United Church for the purpose of declaring a vacancy for 10 hours/week, category F with the understanding that they will continue to explore collaborative ministry options. Approved pending clarification re. number of members/households/adherents.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Mark Perry / Deb Ellacott that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the profile and living faith story for **Thamesville United Church**.

MOTION

CARRIED

Other Business

7. Disbanding – Appin United Church

MOTION by Adam Kilner / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council receive the notice that **Appin United Church** has ceased to worship, gives approval for the congregation to disband, and consents to their recommendation that 33% of the total closing assets be disbursed as follows, if funds allow: \$20,000 to Camp Kee Mo Kee; \$20,000 to Pearce Williams Camp; \$20,000 to Melbourne United Church; balance of funds to Trinity United Church, Glencoe. The date of disbanding to be set when the process is complete.

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8. Disbanding – Curries United Church

MOTION by Deb Ellacott / Adam Kilner that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council receive the notice that **Curries United Church** held its final worship service September 27, 2020 and gives approval for them to disband. Details regarding disbursement of funds and a date of disbanding to be decided.

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9. Disbanding – West Lorne United Church

MOTION by Mark Perry / Deb Ellacott that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request that **West Lorne United Church** cease to worship and begin the disbanding process. The date of the final service to be set by the congregation.

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10. Governance – St. Paul's United Church, Tillsonburg

November 4, 2020

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MOTION by Andi McKillop / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approves the constitution for **St. Paul's United Church, Tillsonburg**, pending approval by the congregation.

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For Information:

Next Meeting: December 2, 2020 at 9:30 am

Worship by: Marie Santos

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

MOTION

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.