

**Covenant Commission**  
**Antler River Watershed Regional Council**  
**OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
*Holding and Encouraging Communities of Faith*

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**Place/Time:** Zoom Call 9:30 a.m.

**Roster:** Marie Santos (L, Chair), Deb Ellacott (L), Jim Evans (OM), Adam Kilner (OM), Andi McKillop (L), Mark Perry (OM), Jeff 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:**

**Absent:** Jeff Smith

**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 Marie Santos: Advent during COVID. How do we celebrate, with our families? We need to live as people of hope ... Prayer for hope ...

**Opening Motions:**

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Approval of Previous Minutes:**

**MOTION** by Mark Perry / Deb Ellacott that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 11-04-2020 as circulated.

**MOTION****CARRIED****Business Arising**

1. Lynne Allin
  - a. West Oxford UC Congregational Meeting: were asked by community of faith to hold the meeting, filled positions for board, and voted to remain part of pastoral charge – need to complete profile and living faith story
  - b. Discussions promoting Collaborative Ministry: Several congregations are exploring this option.
  - c. Covenanting with congregations has been set aside due to pandemic. Need to bring this up. Suggestion that the Covenant Commission produce a video to remind congregations that they are in a relationship with the regional council and we look forward to celebrating this in the future.
  - d. Information re: disbanding congregations and process. Opportunity to work with the United Property Resource Corporation to explore ways to support disbanding congregations.
2. Pretima Kukadia-Kinting  
Confidentiality Covenants, please forward if you didn't last year. Dropbox: notify Pretima if email needs to be changed. Zoom link is the same every meeting.
3. Annual Meeting/Report Info packs: Will be updated and ready to send at the end of this week.
4. Payment for Pastoral Charge Supervisors: The receiving congregation has an expense related to having supervision. There are different policies in place across the UCC. Related questions include whether police record checks, boundary and racial justice training should be required for pastoral charge supervisors as they are in a position of authority. Will come back to this at another meeting.

**New Business**5. Pastoral Charge Supervisors

**MOTION** by Adam Kilner / Deb Ellacott that Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Rev. **Annalee Kerr** as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for **Glencoe United Church** starting November 24, 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 **Erie Street United Church, Ridgetown** for the purpose of declaring a vacancy for full-time up to category F.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Deb Ellacott abstained from the vote.

**Other Business**

7. Tracking Information

Discussion: How do we wish to process and track the information being collected on annual reports, loan reporting etc.?

Are we getting all the reports of COVID financing? Self assessments? How do we start to manage these processes (in the new year)?

Do we wish to extend use of restricted funds to June of 2021? Government subsidies are extended to June 2021.

**MOTION** by Jim Evans / Adam Kilner that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council extend the use of funds restricted by regional council or presbytery if needed for payroll and insurance expenses until June 30, 2021.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Next Meeting:** January 6, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

**Worship by:** Jim Evans

**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.