

**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, Jim Evans, Andi McKillop, Mark Perry, Jeff Smith, Dave Whiting, Lynne Allin, Pretima Kukadia-Kinting

**Regrets:** Deb Ellacott, Adam Kilner

**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 share. 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 communities in which we live and worship. We are grateful to the Creator for this time and this place.

**Opening Worship:** Mark Perry reading from 'The Blessings of Daylight'.

**Opening Motions:**

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Approval of Previous Minutes:**

**MOTION** by Mark Perry / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 01-06-2021 as circulated.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Business Arising:**

1. **MOTION** by Mark Perry / Jeff Smith that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Lynn Mclary as a companion to Vanneck United Church to assist as they consider options related to amalgamation.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**New Business:**

Staff Reports: Lynne Allin

John Neff away until mid-February. Hold him in our prayers.

Commissions will have two dedicated newsletters per year to be used to highlight specific topics.

Commissions are invited to imagine ways to use the newsletter to inspire, engage and spark conversation rather than simply highlighting the work they do.

Requests for support from congregations remains very high. Plan is to create recorded webinars on common topics. Also need to recruit and train resource pool.

Consider who might co-ordinate review of congregations.

Meeting with Covenant Commission chairs and Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa to discuss possible role for UPRC.

Can borrow from investments up to the threshold of 50%.

Executive: Marie Santos

Executive would like commission members to take Racial Justice trainings. Next one is March 27 on United-in-Learning. Executive may organize one specifically for commissions.

2. Pastoral Charge Supervisors

**MOTION** by Jim Evans / Jeff Smith that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Kim Gilliland as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Epworth United Church, Kingsville starting 01-25-2021.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Dave Whiting / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Colin Swan as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Merlin Fletcher Pastoral Charge starting 02-01-2021.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

3. Profiles and Living Faith Stories

**MOTION** by Jim Evans / Jeff Smith that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the profile and living faith story of Leamington United Church for the purpose of declaring a vacancy for full-time up to category C.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

4. Property Transactions

**MOTION** by Mark Perry / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the listing for sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is Lot 3-5 BLK SPL 103, Aldborough Township, Municipality of West Elgin, and the municipal address of which is 273 Graham Road, West Lorne, Ontario, pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of West Lorne United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:

- To list the property with Andy Sheridan, an agent with Elgin Realty Limited. The list price to be approximately \$259,900.00 based on an appraisal value of \$272,000.00. with the condition that the sale requires approval by the Antler River Watershed Regional Council and that 14 days notice is required for approving any offer.
- The proposed possession date to be determined in accordance with the official date of the last worship service.
- The net proceeds to be disbursed according to the Antler River Watershed property policy.
- 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 West Lorne United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada and part of the West Lorne Pastoral Charge, in trust for West Lorne United Church as a part of The United Church of Canada.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Other Business:**5. Constitution: Lambeth United Church

**MOTION** by Jeff Smith / Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approves the constitution for Lambeth United Church, Lambeth.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

6. Discussion – Pastoral Charge Supervisors

Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council, Kate Crawford, worked on this already. Determine policy: payment, what costs does the commission cover, e.g. police checks for

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lay people, possibly starting in the fall to include in next year's budget (post-pandemic), set up a sub-committee to administer supervisors similar to HRC's LLWL Resource Team.

Jeffrey Smith will look at turning the document into a policy paper, along with Marie Santos.

**Next Meeting:** March 3, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

**Worship by:** Dave Whiting

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

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.