

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

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, Andi McKillop, Mark Perry, Jeff Smith, Dave Whiting, Lynne Allin

Regrets: Deb Ellacott, Adam Kilner, Pretima Kukadia-Kinting,

Absent: 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 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: Dave Whiting

Opening Motions:

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Mark Perry / Andi McKillop that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Approval of Previous Minutes:

MOTION by Andi McKillop / Dave Whiting that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 02-03-2021 as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Business Arising:

New Business:

1. Staff Report: Lynne Allin

- Re-opening considerations – suggestion that we remind congregations of their responsibilities for following guidelines.
- Webinars to be created.
- Recruiting volunteers.
- Property Transactions and Resources as a Newsletter theme for 2021.
- Possible retreat for Covenant Commissions.

Executive Report: Marie Santos

Executive would like commission members to take Racial Justice trainings.

Are there items that the commission would like to see included in the June 12th regional council meeting? Please let Marie know.

Dates for upcoming regional council meetings: Senator Sinclair May 28, Affirm Celebration June 6th and Regional Council Meeting June 12th.

2. Pastoral Charge Supervisors

MOTION by Mark Perry / Jeff Smith that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Rev. Marilyn Townsend-Smith as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for London Road West Pastoral Charge, Sarnia starting 02-05-2021.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Mark Perry / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Rev. Greg Brawn as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Komoka United Church starting 03-03-2021.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Jeff Smith / Dave Whiting that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Rev. Lynne Allin as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Norwich United Church starting 03-09-2021.

MOTION

CARRIED

Other Business:

3. Discussion Topics

Pastoral Charge Supervisors – Marie Santos, Jeff Smith will be part of a task group to discuss this with the other Covenant Commissions.

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Oversight of Communities of Faith – how will this be managed – Lynne to send Marie a list of pastoral charges for the creation of a spreadsheet.

Lay-led Congregations – thoughts on how they fit under the umbrella of UCC. More discussion in coming months.

Next Meeting: April 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Worship by: Jeff Smith

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

MOTION

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

United Property Resource Corp Video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJUd4ZdbH-s>