

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

Approved Minutes
Tuesday, September 15, 2020
10 am via Zoom

Roster:

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Staff Support: Diane Matheson-Jimenez (Minister, Social Justice)

Kathy Douglas (Minister, Faith Formation)

Ruthanna Mack (Admin Support)

Dave Jagger (Stewardship and Gifts Officer)

Present: Richard Auckland (Chair), Carey Wagner, Jim Haupt, Robert Harris, Glenda McMillan, Pat Whitton, Kathy Douglas, Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Ruthanna Mack

Regrets: Dawn Jones, Patricia Mack, Dave Jagger

Absent:

Welcome and Constitute Meeting:

Acknowledging the Land: We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional territory of a number of First Nations and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. We seek a new relationship with the Original Peoples of this land, one based in honour and deep respect.

Worship: Richard suggested that the group members share where they were, what is happening around opening in their home church and one thing that they are doing to break up the COVID-19 Routine.

Opening Motions:

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Carey Wagner /Glenda McMillan that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

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Approval of Previous Minutes:

MOTION by Robert Harris / Carey Wagner that the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of 05-13-2020 as amended.

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Business Arising

1. Carey Wagner: The Social Justice Network (ARW) is continuing to meet
The Social Justice Network of Ontario is meeting on Thursday. Carey had nothing to report currently.
2. Diane Matheson-Jimenez: 1. Social Justice Network of Ontario is focussing on Guaranteed Basic Income. Also, there is a Vigil planned in Toronto.
2. The situation for children living in occupied Palestine gets a little bleaker every day. It's becoming more and more common for Palestinian children to be arrested for things like throwing rocks (some of them may have, but most didn't. And throwing rocks isn't illegal) While incarcerated in military prisons, awaiting trial in military courts, they are being beaten and psychologically abused. UNJPPI wants to petition the Canadian government to appoint a special envoy to monitor the rights of Palestinian children and engage in a widespread educational campaign to reach as many Canadians as possible. They hope this work will be wrapped up in November.
3. Camp meeting with Consultants: The Consultants met with camps on June 14, but since there was to be no camping offered for this 2020 season the work of the Consultants was postponed until the summer of 2021

New Business

1. Kathy reminded the Commission that the Kitchen Sink seminars and Woodland Cultural Centre virtual tours, both of which the Commission allocated funds, were handled via email. To date: the Woodland Cultural Centre tours are sold out and a waiting list has been started for a possible 3rd tour.

2. MOTION: Carey Wagner/Jim Haupt that ARW M&D Commission allocate \$350 to the Kitchen Sink series of webinars to cover honoraria for the leadership.

Motion: Carried

3. Nominating a Chair for ARW M&D Commission going forward:
MOTION: Pat Whitton/ Carey Wagner that the ARW M&D Commission appoint Richard Auckland as the chair for 2020-2021 term.

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4. Mission Support Grant Allocations:
The total grant monies that the ARW Mission and Discipleship Commission has to work with is \$160,000.

The ARW named priorities are as follows: Social Justice (including living out our Affirm Mandate), Camps/Youth, and Living into Right Relations
Diane MJ suggested that the Commission keep in mind ways that we can support agencies other than just granting money. Also, she suggested that dream about things being different in the future as we receive less and less M&S monies.

Glenda and Richard declared a conflict of interest where camps are being considered.

The Commission reviewed the applicants one by one deciding whether some funds should be allocated, leaving the actual amounts to be decided at the September 17th meeting.

Richard closed with a prayer.

Glenda offered a motion to adjourn.

Next Meeting: 09-17-2020 via Zoom 10am