

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

Approved Minutes
Thursday, September 17th 2020
10am 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, Pat Whitton, Glenda McMillan, Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Kathy Douglas, Ruthanna Mack

Regrets: Dawn Jones, Patricia Mack, Dave Jagger

Absent:

Welcome and Constitute Meeting: Richard

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.

Opening Worship: Richard opened with Prayer.

Business Arising

1. Mission Support Grants:
 NB: Richard and Glenda reminded folks of a conflict of interest as far as discussing Camps.

Discussion followed around how to allocate funds to the camps and other applicants.

MOTION: Pat Whitton/Carey Wagner that the ARW Mission and Discipleship Commission inform the ARW Executive that the 2021 Mission Support Grants have been decided as follows:

no.	Applicant	Grant Approved
1	Grand River Resource Centre	4000
2	Ridgetown Campus Chaplaincy Program (RCCP)	5000
3	Kenesserie Camp	15000
4	London Community Chaplaincy	12500
5	Mitchell Resource Centre	4000
6	Pearce Williams	20000
7	Camp Kee-Mo-Kee	10000
8	ELUCO	12500
9	Lambton Centre	12500
10	Five Oaks	9750
11	Downtown Mission	40000
12	Skylight Festival	4750
13	Camp Tanner	10000
	TOTAL	160000
MOTION		CARRIED

Ruthanna to email the HF Supplementary Grant letter to Richard.

For next year’s Mission Support applications, it was suggested that Commissioners liaise with one or two applicants to get more information about each agency. Glenda volunteered to be in touch with the Grand River Educational and Spiritual Resources Centre.

Carey suggests a 15 min chat with an applicant at an M&D meeting for info purposes (suggestion to be included in the letter).

New Business

1. Affirm Network: Diane MJ let folks know that we need a representative for the Affirm Network work that will take place on September 22, and further training on Oct. 2nd. The rep would also need to be present for the ARW Fall Gathering.
2. Carey provided the following information regarding the Social Justice Network for ARW:

Cry for Hope <https://unjppi.org/cry-for-hope.html>

On July 1, 2020, Kairos Palestine and Global Kairos for Justice, a broad network of allies including Palestinian Christians and international friends of Kairos Palestine, issued Cry for Hope, an urgent call to end the oppression of the Palestinian people. The call has been endorsed by thousands of church leaders, organizations and solidarity groups, including Canadian Friends of Sabeel (CFOS) and United Network for a Just Peace in Palestine & Israel (UNJPPPI). It invites individuals to sign the call also. See the website <https://unjppi.org/cry-for-hope.html> and sign the call <http://chng.it/96Lmk4xGFg>

EKOS Survey 2020 <https://unjppi.org/survey-2020.html>

UNJPPPI, IJV (Independent Jewish Voices) and CJPME (Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East) collaborated with EKOS to do a survey on Canadian's opinions about Canadian foreign policy regarding Palestine and Israel. The survey was conducted in early June and the first report of the results was released on June 16. <https://unjppi.org/survey-2020.html>
The Press Release of Part 2 of the report will be live on the website and sent to the UNJPPPI mailing list on Wednesday, September 16 at 11:00 am.

Canada, Stand Up for Children's Rights

A parliamentary e-Petition calling on Canada to appoint a Special Envoy to monitor and report on the human rights of children in the Occupied Palestinian Territories is open for signing.

This campaign is sponsored by the United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel (UNJPPPI) and Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East (CJPME). Please help us by adding your name to Petition e-2667, which was sponsored by MP Paul Manly. The petition closes for signatures on November 3, 2020, at 1:08 p.m. (EDT). For more information, go to <https://unjppi.org/childrens-rights.html> CLICK HERE to sign

https://www.cjpme.org/childrensrights?utm_source=UNJPPPI+Mail+list&utm_campaign=ce79d3bd3a-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_08_26_03_00&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3ebd6591af-ce79d3bd3a-30206237

3. Social Justice Network of Ontario: a rep is needed from ARW for that Network: If you know someone who'd be interested – email Carey: cgwagne@sympatico.ca
4. Legacy fund proposal from ARW Executive: See second attachment
5. Thank you to Pat for her year of service on the Commission but also the years of service to presbytery and the church in general.

Richard offered a closing Prayer.
Pat offered a motion to adjourn.

Future Meetings: Suggested - Tuesday, December 15, 2020; Tuesday, March 16, 2021
(March Break); Tuesday, June 8, 2021; Tuesday, September 14, 2021