

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

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April 14, 2021 4 pm, via Zoom

**Roster:** Jane Van Patter (President), Karlene Brown-Palmer, Doug Cameron (Treasurer), Richard Auckland, Richard Dalton, Elizabeth Dunn, Lorna Gardner, Deanna Gibson, Doreen Hewitson, Brenda MacMain, Kenji Marui, Bill Rothernel, Marie Santos, Diane Skomash

**Staff Support:** Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, Executive Minister  
Sue Duliban, Executive Assistant

**Present:** Jane Van Patter (President), Karlene Brown-Palmer, Doug Cameron (Treasurer), Richard Dalton, Elizabeth Dunn, Deanna Gibson, Doreen Hewitson, Brenda MacMain, Bill Rothernel, Marie Santos, Diane Skomash

**Regrets:** Lorna Gardner, Kenji Marui, Richard Auckland

**Welcome and Constitute Meeting (President Jane)**

I constitute this meeting in the name of Jesus Christ, as the one true head of the Church and by the authority vested in me by the Antler River Watershed Regional Council for whatever business may properly come before it.

**Acknowledging the Land (President Jane)**

**Opening Prayer (President Jane)**

(When executive reconvenes following the June regional council meeting, members will take turns leading worship and acknowledging the land at subsequent meetings)

**Checking In: Follow-up conversation to Racial Justice Training - Session 2, 3**

*What has stayed with you? What are some of the takeaways that can be applied to our work as an Executive and the work of the Regional Council as a whole?*

Input from Executive:

Given a different way of looking at scripture and meanings of what reading.

Weighing the words that I use, more aware of personal privilege and of people around me and how they take advantage of that privilege. (Doreen)

For information: reading slides during the training is an accommodation strategy for those with visual impairment.

Thought provoking in terms of needed lots of time to let what was learned sink in.

Thought provoking content. Some disappointment so far in integrating what is being learned with work done as a regional council

Cheryl-Ann added, how can we better integrate learning with practice? Something for executive to consider. Sense the program itself is not where we will have that experience, but will give tools to do so.

Brenda MacMain noted that when conversation begins with executive, hope the intention is to have all the voices at the table rather than executive work it out all on their own. Conversation is so important, strongly feel there needs to be lots of conversation. Suggest and encourage that it be determined as to how that can happen.

Question asked, in the corporate sense, what should the executive be addressing. Cheryl-Ann suggested executive think about how we look at where we put our energy and what we are making a priority. Don't have clear strategy. How to look at insuring the regional council has diverse voices to enrich decision making. How do we move from individual to our life together.

President Jane suggested she could see dedicating time to just working on this, sharing thoughts and ideas and how will put things into practice.

#### Opening Agreements

Consent Docket

**MOTION** Marie Santos / Bill Rothernel

Acceptance of the Consent Docket.

A. Enabling Actions

1. That the Agenda be adopted as circulated.
2. That the minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting be approved as distributed.
3. That motions and proposals be written and given to the Secretary.

B. Antler River Watershed Regional Council (7) Omnibus motion – April 14, 2021

That the **Antler River Watershed Regional Council (7)]** Executive take the following actions:

a. Camp Kee-Mo-Kee

...based on the guidance received from General Council Staff, pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the revised bylaws dated March 9, 2021 of the incorporated ministry known as Kee-Mo-Kee Campsite of The United Church of Canada.

*This is based on the members resolution of March 9, 2021 and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada incorporated ministries policy.*

b. Camp Kee-Mo-Kee

...approve the Camp Kee-Mo-Kee [2021-2022] Board of Directors

Mary Ann Hodge  
Leslie Manning  
Ross MacDonald  
Ron Nakamura  
Doug Kinchen  
Kaylyn Ardiel  
Lisa Vizniowski  
Grace Merrifield  
Tim Lindsay  
Pam Wales  
Don Ardiel

*This is based on the 2021 board member approval form, contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries Policy.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

## Business Arising

### 1. Commission Reports

President Jane noted that she invited herself to all 3 commission meetings for this month, to learn more about the commissions and their work. Very impressed and inspired by the dedication and faithfulness and the tremendous work being done by everyone at those meetings.

#### 1.1. Covenant Commission (Marie Santos)

Lynne Allin is on medical leave. John Neff, the Western Ontario Waterways Minister Congregational Support and Mission, is covering routine items and commission meetings. Cheryl-Ann will help with any unexpected pastoral situations. Hoping to have focused property newsletter in June.

#### 1.2. Human Resources Commission (Doreen Hewitson)

The HR commission has been reviewing their mandate. Would like to reach out to the Asian community of faith in ARW. President Jane noted that she has reached out to the congregation in Windsor and hopes to hear back from them.

The commission has done a really good job of equipping and supporting Licenced Lay Worship Leaders. Recently re-licenced 2 LLWLs and one new LLWL. Will be repeating United Fresh Start programming. Will be reviewing pulpit supply policy. Next meeting May 11.

Query from C-A, is the commission planning a service to recognize LLWLs? Commission wants to wait until something can be done in person, at a central location, with a learning opportunity included. Note: President Jane would need to be involved in the service.

#### 1.3. Mission & Discipleship Commission (written report submitted).

The Executive **agreed** to receive the written report of the Mission & Discipleship Commission submitted by Richard Auckland.

## New Business

### 1. Proposal 1: TRC 101

**MOTION** Doreen Hewitson / Brenda MacMain

The Executive authorizes a budget of \$1,000 from the Regional Council Meeting budget for educational events focused on preparation for the May 28, 2021 event with Honourable Mr. Sinclair.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## Continuing Priorities

### 1. Regional Council Meetings: Planning team update

Next planning meeting April 20. Site visit pending – was scheduled for April 19, but cancelled due to stay at home order.

The General Secretary will be preaching at the Celebration of Ministry Service.

Suggestions for an Equity Monitor were provided to President Jane by staff Therese Samuel and Diane Matheson-Jimenez and President Jane is waiting to hear back.

A spring meeting newsletter will be sent out in the next few days. Includes meeting dates/times, registration form link, expression of interest info & link to form, GC commissioner info, and link to form.

President Jane acknowledged that Richard Dalton and Bill Rothernel's terms on Executive have concluded. She expressed her appreciation and thanks for their service and work, on behalf of the Executive and the ARW Regional Council.

2. Save the date (For information)

- Racial Justice Training next session: April 21
- May 28 (tri-regional) Honourable Murray Sinclair
- June 6 (tri-regional) Affirm service of celebration

Next meeting: No May Executive meeting. July or August meeting only if required, at the call of the chair.

Benediction: President Jane

Meeting adjourned.