

Covenant Commission
Antler River Watershed Regional Council
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Holding and Encouraging Communities of Faith
Minutes of meeting of July 7, 2021

Place/Time: Zoom Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Roster: Marie Santos (L, Chair), Deb Ellacott (L) Jim Evans (OM), Adam Kilner (OM), Andi McKillop (L), Mark Perry (OM), Greg Simpson (DLM), Jeff Smith (OM), Dave Whiting (L)

Staff Support: Pretima Kukadia-Kinting, Admin Assistant, pkukadia@united-church.ca Rev. John Neff, Congregational Mission & Support Minister, Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council, jneff@united-church.ca Rev. Judith Fayter, Acting Minister, Congregational Support & Mission, Antler River Watershed Regional Council jfayter@united-church.ca

Present: Marie Santos, Deb Ellacott, Adam Kilner, Andi McKillop, Greg Simpson, Jeff Smith, Dave Whiting, Judith Fayter, Pretima Kukadia-Kinting, John Neff, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa

Regrets: Jim Evans, Mark Perry

Absent:

Welcome and Constitute Meeting: The meeting was constituted and opened by.

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: Marie Santos presented worship.

Opening Motions:

Corresponding Member(s)

MOTION by Andi McKillop/ Jeff Smith that John Neff, Minister for Congregational Support and Mission, Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council, and Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, Executive Minister, be made corresponding members for this meeting.

MOTION

CARRIED

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Andi McKillop/ Jeff Smith that the agenda be accepted as amended.

MOTION

CARRIED

Consent Docket:

1. Approval of Previous Minutes of June 2, 2021 be accepted as circulated.
2. Pastoral Charge Supervisors & Companions
 - a. Appoint Carol Ferguson as pastoral charge supervisor for Erie Street United Church, Ridgetown, effective June 3, 2021.
 - b. Appoint Mary Anne Silverthorn as pastoral charge supervisor for Peace United Church, Plattsville, effective August 1, 2021.
 - c. Appoint Mary Dillon as pastoral charge supervisor for Browns United Church, for meetings on June 23 and June 28 while current PCS, Pam Wilcox, is unavailable.

3. Annual Reports

The Covenant Commission receives the following communities of faith 2020 annual reports with thanks:

Trinity United Church, Ingersoll	
----------------------------------	--

4. Self Assessments to be received with thanks

5. Community of faith profiles to be received with thanks

- a. receive the financial statements and financial viability worksheet and table approving the recommendation for Ilderton UC for a short-term supply appointment up to category ___ for 20 hrs. (awaiting recommendation on category)
- b. receive the CoF Profile and self Assessment and table approving the recommendation from Bethel-Maidstone UC to call/appoint a minister up to category __ for __ hrs. (awaiting recommendation)

MOTION by Jeff Smith/ Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the consent docket as amended.

MOTION

CARRIED

Removed from the Consent Docket

1. Removed - Dunlop Central United Church – Request for adherent, Rev. Don Lockett, to be able to serve on the Council in an elected, voting position.
2. Added - Forest United Church – Received Report of use of restricted funds of \$33,234.59 prior to July 1, 2021.

New Business

1. **Vanneck United Church** is part of Ivan Pastoral Charge. They are ready to disband. Received advice that they need to dig a well to improve water quality and ability to sell.

MOTION by Dave Whiting/ Jeff Smith that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council receive the notice that Vanneck United Church had held its final worship on December 2, 2020 and the Commission gives approval for them to disband and effective date is to be advised later.

MOTION

CARRIED

2. **Property Transaction: Vanneck United Church**

MOTION by Andi McKillop/ Greg Simpson that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to authorize the Board of Trustees of Vanneck U.C. to enter into a private sale with Larry Weatherhead and Diane Weatherhead for the property legally described as Part Lot 20, Concession 8., Designated as Part 1 on Plan 33\$414, Municipality of Middlesex Centre, County of Middlesex being the whole of PIN 09668-0024 for the amount of \$400,000 to close September 1, 2021.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION AMENDED by Dave Whiting with approval of Andi McKillop to correct Plan to 33R414 and include notation that two stained glass windows to be removed and replaced with clear glass at cost of seller.

MOTION

CARRIED

3. Don Lockett at **Dunlop United Church**

MOTION by **Name/ Name** that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve adherent, Rev. Don Lockett, to be able to serve on the Council in an elected, voting position.

MOTION

TABLED

Postpone action, table this motion. Judith will follow-up. Don Lockett can become a member of the congregation

4. **Renovation Project**

MOTION by Jeff Smith/ Greg Simpson that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to authorize St. Luke's United Church, Sarnia to begin sanctuary refurbishment project.

MOTION

CARRIED

5. **Use of Restricted funds**

MOTION by Greg Simpson/ Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council table consent to authorize the Wellburn Pastoral Charge to use restricted funds from the sale of manse to pay the balance of the United Church Annual Assessment from 2019/2020/2021 of \$10,662 and follow up with Wellburn to receive a financial liability worksheet.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Greg Simpson/ Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to authorize the Siloam United Church Board of Trustees to advance to the Siloam Operating Account \$30,000 from its Non-Designated fund for assistance with payroll and insurance obligations in 2021 on the condition that any surplus to the budget at the end of 2021 will be repaid to the Non-Designated fund up to \$30,000.

MOTION

CARRIED

Other Business:

1. **Zion Cemetery, Lambton County**

Transfer to the Township request to be handled by Executive Minister, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa.

2. **Discussion:**

Status of Rev. Lynne Allin and possible supply

2020 Annual Reports

Pastoral Charge Supervisor check-in

Updating of Motion Tracker

Next Meeting: September 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Worship by: Marie Santos

July 7, 2021

CC 21-32

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

MOTION

AGREED

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

