

Covenant Commission
Antler River Watershed Regional Council
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Holding and Encouraging Communities of Faith
Minutes of meeting of August 4, 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. Judith Fayter, Acting Minister, Congregational Support and Mission, Antler River Watershed Regional Council, jfayter@united-church.ca,

Present: Marie Santos, Andi McKillop, Mark Perry, Jeff Smith, Dave Whiting, Judith Fayter,

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

Absent: n/a

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: Marie Santos led the members in prayer.

Opening Motions:

Corresponding Member

MOTION by / that be made corresponding member for this meeting.

MOTION **CARRIED**

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Mark Perry / Jim Evans that the agenda be accepted as amended with addition to consent docket.

MOTION **CARRIED**

Business Arising: none

Consent Docket:

1. Approval of Previous Minutes NOT AVAILABLE. of July 7, 2021 be accepted as **Circulated/Amended**.
2. Dunlop Central United Church – Request for adherent, Rev. Don Lockett, to be able to serve on the Council in an elected, voting position be approved.
3. Approve the Technology Grant Application from Mount Brydges United Church for \$1,500.00
4. **Pastoral Charge Supervisors & Companions**
 - a. Approve appointment of Mary Anne Silverthorne as Pastoral Charge Supervisor of Peace Pastoral Charge effective July 25, 2021
 - b. Approve appointment of Louise Hall as Pastoral Charge Supervisor of Port Lambton Pastoral Charge effective August 4, 2021.

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

MOTION

CARRIED

New Business

1. **Peace United Church**

MOTION by Jeff Smith / Dave Whiting that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council receive the financial documents submitted by Peace United Church and approve their request to pursue a half-time Supply Minister from September to December, 2021.

MOTION

CARRIED

2. **Metropolitan United Church Renovation Project**

MOTION by Mark Perry / Jeff Smith that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the request of the Board of Trustees for Metropolitan United Church to proceed with the sanctuary renovations at an estimated cost of \$1 million, as outlined in the submitted documents.

MOTION

CARRIED

3. **Silom United Church Use of Restricted funds**

MOTION by Jeff Smith / Dave Whiting 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

Choose an item

4. Shiloh-Inwood Pastoral Charge

MOTION by Dave Whiting/Jeff Smith that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Region approve the Financial Viability Report of Shiloh-Inwood pastoral charge for the purpose of seeking an appointment for part-time (8 hours per week) ministry.

MOTION

CARRIED

5. Community of Faith updates

Judith Fayter updated

Cobourne Street United Church minister is retiring at the end of October 2021

Dave Whiting gave regrets for September 1st meeting.

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

Worship by: Marie Santos

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

MOTION

AGREED

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

