

Covenant Commission
Antler River Watershed Regional Council
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Holding and Encouraging Communities of Faith
Minutes of Meeting of September 1, 2021

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

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

Staff Support: Linda Gray, Contract Admin Assistant, Rev. Judith Fayter, Minister, Congregational Support & Mission, jfayter@united-church.ca

Present: Marie Santos, Jim Evans, Andi McKillop, Mark Perry, Greg Simpson, Jeff Smith, Judith Fayter, Linda Gray

Regrets: Adam Kilner, Jeff Smith, Dave Whiting

Absent:

Welcome and Constitute Meeting: The meeting was constituted and opened by Marie Santos at 9:30 a.m. when quorum was achieved.

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 in prayer.

Corresponding Member(s):

MOTION by Jim Evans/ Andi McKillop that Linda Gray be made corresponding member(s) for this meeting.

MOTION

CARRIED

Approval of Agenda be accepted as amended.

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

MOTION

CARRIED

Consent Docket:

- 1. **Approval of Previous Minutes** Not available. Linda Gray will follow up.
- 2. **Pastoral Charge Supervisors & Companions**
 - a. Appoint Louise Hall as pastoral charge supervisor for Port Lambton United Church, Port Lambton, effective September 1, 2021.

3. **Annual Reports**

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

n/a	
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4. **Self Assessments** to be received with thanks

n/a	
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5. **Community of Faith Profiles** to be received with thanks

<u>Norwich United Church</u>	
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MOTION by Greg Simpson/ Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the consent docket as amended.

MOTION

CARRIED

Added to the Consent Docket

- 1. Bethel Maidstone United Church is approved to call/appoint a minister up to Category F for 20 hours.

New Business

1. **London Road West, Sarnia**

MOTION by Greg Simpson/ Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the appointment of Louise Hall as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to London Road West United Church, Sarnia, effective 4 October 2021.

MOTION

CARRIED

2. Norwich United Church

MOTION by Andi McKillop/ Jim Evans that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the Shared Ministry Agreement between Norwich United Church and KTV United Church (Horseshoe Falls Region) signed 2 August 2021.

MOTION

CARRIED

3. Property Transaction: Port Lambton United Church

MOTION by Mark Perry/ Greg Simpson that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request of Port Lambton to rent their manse for \$2400.00 per month plus utilities, on a yearly lease, with proceeds of the rental to be placed in the Manse Fund of the pastoral charge.

MOTION

CARRIED

4. Use of Restricted funds

MOTION by Jim Evans/Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request of Wyoming United Church to use money from their Manse Fund in the amount of approximately \$27,500.00 to cover the cost of a new boiler for the Church.

MOTION

CARRIED

Other Business:

1. Reports

Executive Report: No report

Communities of Faith in transition

2. Discussion:

North Nasouri – minister long term disability

Trinity Glenco – Anglican church

Oxford Centre

Next Meeting: October 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Worship by: Jim Evans

Marie Santos thanked Mark Perry for reviewing of annual reports. Will talk about this further in the fall, how to approve and follow up on those that have not been sent. With the agenda complete Marie Santos called the meeting to a close and wished everyone well.