



## ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED REGIONAL COUNCIL

### OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

*Holding and Encouraging Communities of Faith*

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### The Antler River Watershed Mission & Discipleship Commission

**Here to help deepen faith, strengthen witness and offer ways of serving our communities and the world**

The Mission & Discipleship Commission (M&D C) is dedicated to helping communities of faith with resources, guidance and support enabling communities of faith to do the best ministry possible in their communities.

Our mandate includes working in right relations with Indigenous partners, and supporting Affirming and strengthening relationships everywhere in our churches and world.

#### **Antler River Watershed, Mission and Discipleship Commission Membership**

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#### **Mandate**

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- a) Social justice initiatives and outreach and living out the Affirming mandate;*
- b) living into right relations and Indigenous justice;*
- c) support for ministry with children and youth;*
- d) youth events;*
- e) camping ministries;*
- f) chaplaincy;*
- g) living into the call to become an inter-cultural church;*
- h) U.C.W. and local A.O.T.S.;*

- i) research and promotion of study resources;*
- j) refugee work;*
- k) white privilege;*
- l) provide support for communities of faith to become an Affirming ministry; along with other important possibilities.*

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### **Support and Benefits for regional volunteers as they serve the church**

- 1) Training to cover the role chosen and to improve use of technology;
- 2) Opportunity to develop skills that will strengthen the life of the representative's home community;
- 3) Opportunity to develop leadership skills;
- 4) Opportunity to deepen and widen relationships across the church;
- 5) Opportunity to learn from one another.

### **Membership**

Minimum of 7 members and a maximum of 12 members, at least one-third of total membership to Regional Council, one of whom serves on the Executive.

### **Meetings**

Normally monthly, September to June to ensure timely action on requests from communities of faith. At least 50% of the meetings will be electronic. We use a platform called ZOOM and the staff will call.

If you wish to be a part of this commission, please contact any of the staff or members of the commission leadership in the directions of M&DC. Volunteers provide leadership by researching information the same. This covers a wide variety of roles.