

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

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*APPROVED MINUTES*

*January 11, 2022 - 10 am – 12 pm*  
*via Zoom*

**Roster:** Richard Auckland (Chair), Cheryl Bolton, Robert Harris, James Haupt, Glenda McMillan, Linda Badke, Tabitha Carey.

**Staff Support:** Diane Matheson-Jimenez - Minister, Social Justice

Kathy Douglas - Minister, Faith Formation

Thérèse Samuel – Minister for Right Relations and Social Justice

Dave Jagger - Stewardship and Gifts Officer

Michele Petick-Administration

Ruthanna Mack-Administration

**Present:** Richard Auckland (Chair), Robert Harris, James Haupt, Glenda McMillan, Linda Badke, Tabitha Carey, Cheryl Bolton, Vanessa Shuttleworth Spence (Guest)

~~Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Kathy Douglas, Thérèse Samuel, Dave Jagger, Michele Petick,  
Ruthanna Mack~~

**Agenda**

- 1) Acknowledgement of the Land/Territory** We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional territory of a number of First Nations and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. This Land known as Antler River Watershed, was once settled by the Attawandaron Peoples. Later the Algonquin, the Anishinabe, the Lenne-Lenape and the Haudenosaunee Peoples who used their lands as their traditional gathering, hunting and congregating place. Let us also recognize our three closest neighbours from these nations: The Chippewa of the Thames First Nation, The Munsee-Delaware Nation, and the Oneida Nation of the Thames. We seek a new relationship with the Original Peoples of this land, one based in honour and deep respect.

- 2) **Moved by** Glenda/Jim that Vanessa Shuttleworth Spence be made a corresponding member for this meeting, able to speak but not vote.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- 3) **Opening Prayer/Worship;** Richard Auckland led in prayer.

- 4) **Reminder that we share the role of Equity Monitor and Pastoral Presence for our meeting(s)**

- 5) **PRESENTATION: Youth Rally and YAT Forum** (See attached document) *Vanessa Shuttleworth Spence shared that the program would include and provide platform for youth to be seen, heard and active in The UCC. It is in response to clear communication from youth when they are no longer in high school they still wanted to be active. For the young adult event there is no age limit. The intention is for the events to be self-sustaining, no deficit. They need it to be accepted by the church to have a place to put funds, and to apply for grants, etc. Donations would be helpful. A Three-Tier System will provide 3 prices, Tier 1 costing the least amount of money, and Tier 3 most expensive. They are asking for Endorsement from the Regions.*

**Motion** Cheryl/Linda that we endorse concept of Young Adult Forum and Youth Rally. Mover Cheryl, Seconder Linda.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- *There was an expression of a wish that there were "something like that for old folks!"*

- 6) **Approval of Agenda for [January 11, 2022](#)**

MOTION by Glenda/Linda that the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council adopt the agenda as presented/amended.

MOTION

CARRIED

- 7) **Approval of Minutes from [December 7, 2021](#)**

MOTION by Jim/Linda that the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of December 7, 2021.

MOTION

CARRIED

- 8) **Business Arising:**

- a) **Budget Update. C-A Confirmed \$10,000 Available for 2022 Events.**

<i>Fund:</i>	<b>\$ Set Aside (Event/mtg details TBA)</b>	<b>\$ final Approval</b>	<b>\$ Remaining</b>
<b>2022 Events Fund (\$10,000 available)</b>		Some 2022 event funds were approved in a previous meeting, to be confirmed	\$10,000 (less amount to be confirmed)
<b>2022 Meeting Fund (\$ ??? Available)</b>			

- b) **Further discussion and decision(s) regarding 2021 Grant from the Ministry with Youth and Young Adult Fund** – 2 applicants under consideration, one is not eligible; Amount available for 2021 was \$4427.80. *(for 2022 it can be up to 13% of \$34,000)*; Usual application deadline April 1 and Oct.

*C-A Confirmed that any recipient from this fund has to be a faith group within ARW*

- a. Sliver Lake- Not within ARW and no ARW rep on Board of Directors, so It is not eligible for support from this fund.
- b. The Hub- sets up ‘Sub Hubs’, small faith communities. Supported by Trinity United Church in Kitchener, and staff are also seeking funding from Edge and other sources. Adam Cresswell is supervised by and accountable to them. They are asking for \$10,000. There is not a CoF supporting them within ARW, but Adam Kilner is clergy in ARW who sits on their Board of Directors and has led worship for the group. In a sense it represents a vision for church of the future... and so is different from church as we know it, e.g. in its funding and leadership.
- c. First St Andrews, Siloam and Metropolitan UCs: the program is a youth ministry partnership between three churches. The three churches have funded a full-time clergy position, and will be reaching out to youth in the London area. They are asking for \$5000 for programming.

MOTION by Jim/Cheryl that the ARW Mission and Discipleship Commission approve the grants from the Ministry with Youth and Young Adults Fund of \$1000 The Hub (In partnership with Trinity United Church, Kitchener-Waterloo) \$3000 for the youth program through First St Andrews, Siloam and Metropolitan United Churches in London.

MOTION

CARRIED

**Further actions:**

- Invite Adam Cresswell from the Hub to speak at an upcoming ARW M&D meeting.
- Chair Richard will send a letter to each organization letting them know they are receiving this grant. Kathy will provide him with samples of past letters. The letter to The Hub will include explanation that ARW is only able to provide this grant because they have someone from ARW on their Board (Rev. Adam Kilner), and that we have a limited amount of money to allocate from this fund.
- Chair Richard will make note to CA for logic of funding to The Hub

**9) New Business:**

**10) Reports:**

- **ARW Region Social and Ecological Justice Network – No Report.**
- **Kathy – No report**
- **Thérèse**
- **Budget Update and Tracking charts** (included in these minutes above and below) were introduced and discussed.
- **Proposed Right Relations Winter-Spring Events**, budget estimates (knowing that costs can vary)

**Acknowledging the Territory-**

Leader estimate \$250 Elder estimate \$250 Tobacco and Gifts \$60

**Together in Art/ Together in Prayer: Tobacco Tie / Together in Story**

one of the three topics will be chosen

Leader estimate \$250; Elder \$250; Tobacco and Gifts \$60

**Follow-up to TRC Sessions**

Leader Estimate: \$500; Elder \$250; Tobacco and Gifts \$60

Costs will be split between the three regions.

Rounding up, budget request: \$700 from each Regional Council (total \$2100)

MOVED by (Robert/Tabitha) that the ARW Mission and Discipleship Commission *approve the allocation* of \$700 from the Events Budget for three Winter/Spring 2022 Right Relations Events: Acknowledging the Territory; Together in Art or Tobacco Tie or Story Sharing; and a follow-up to the TRC Sessions.

MOVED

CARRIED

Note: These are estimates, and if more funds are required a further request could be made.

- **Coming Out of Exile: a proposed Lent themed series**
  - o Facilitators Rue McDonald and Otis Bell
  - Lenten Themes:
    - 1- Jesus' Baptism: Healing Waters

- 2- Deeper Into the Desert: A Heart to Heart with Fire
- 3- Dancing with the Devil: Becoming the Healer
- 4- Becoming the Teacher: Making Meaning of Suffering
- 5- The Return to Jerusalem: Comin' in the Backdoor -- the Rose Integration/the Labyrinth
- (My take on it is an exploration of Christian Lenten themes within the context of ancestral spiritual traditions and connection to the Earth/Creation)
- A scaled-down proposal: Three live facilitated sessions (beginning, middle, and end of Lent) that will be recorded and available to those who miss the live sessions.
- Weekly scripture and invitations to practice following the outlined content in the initial proposal
- Budget: Our compensation would be \$3000 total (request for costs to be shared among the three regions, so \$1000 each)
- Further consultation with Facilitators Rue and Otis are needed before we can go ahead
- Timeframe might be shifted to summer or late fall 2022
- Diane M-J is the lead on this program

**MOVED** by (Tabitha/Linda) that the ARW Mission and Discipleship Commission *set aside* \$1000 from the Events Budget for Coming out of Exile, which would be held in 2022, with the understanding that this is not final approval and a more complete presentation will be made if it is to go forward.

MOVED

CARRIED

**11) Budget tracking for this meeting (at end of meeting):**

(Note monies being returned or re-allocated are in parenthesis)

<b>2022 Events Expenses or Adjustments Program:</b>	<b>\$ Set Aside</b>	<b>\$ Approved</b>
Winter-Spring Right Relations Events		\$700
Coming out of Exile (Lenten Theme study)	\$ 1000	
<b>2022 Meeting Expenses or Adjustments:</b>	<b>\$ Set Aside</b>	<b>\$ Approved</b>
N/A		

**Next Meetings (10 AM unless otherwise stated)**

**March 1 2022** (8<sup>th</sup> is executive),

**May 10, 2022**

**June 14, 2022** (budget preparation for August),

**September 6 & 8 (if necessary), 2022**

**November 8, 2022**

**December 13, 2022**

**Closing Prayer – Shared prayer: At Richard’s invitation, each shared in response to the prompt: “Something hopeful for in 2022”**

**12) All the business of the meeting having been completed, the meeting was closed by the Chair.**

*Minutes taken by Thérèse Samuel*

*Minutes amended/approved on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022,*

*Chair RA*