**Executive**

**Antler River Watershed Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

 ***Holding and Encouraging Communities of Faith***

**AGENDA ARWRC Executive Meeting** November 17, 2021 5pm, via Zoom

**Roster:** Jane Van Patter (President), Karlene Brown-Palmer, Doug Cameron (Treasurer), Richard Auckland, Richard Dalton, Elizabeth Dunn, Lorna Gardner, Deanna Gibson, Louise Hall, Brenda MacMain, Kenji Marui, Bill Rothernel, Marie Santos, Diane Skomash

**Staff Support:** Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, Executive Minister

Sue Duliban, Executive Assistant

**Present:** Jane Van Patter (President), Karlene Brown-Palmer, Doug Cameron (Treasurer), Richard Auckland, Richard Dalton, Elizabeth Dunn, Louise Hall, Brenda MacMain, Kenji Marui, Bill Rothernel, Marie Santos, Diane Skomash

**Regrets:** Lorna Gardner, Deanna Gibson

# Welcome and Constitute Meeting (President Jane):

# I constitute this meeting in the name of Jesus Christ, as the one true head of the Church and by the authority vested in me by the Antler River Watershed Regional Council for whatever business may properly come before it.

# Acknowledging the Land

# Opening Worship Richard Auckland shared his powerpoint deck about land acknowledgement, what are folks’ experiences in their communities of faith, how has it evolved, is it regular.

# Opening Agreements

## Consent Docket **MOTION**  Richard Auckland / Richard Dalton Acceptance of the Consent Docket. **MOTION CARRIED**

# Business Arising

Jane thanked all 3 commissions for phenomenally good reports at the ARWRC meeting.

1. Commission Reports
2. Covenant (Marie Santos) Written report received for information.
3. HR (Louise Hall) Written report received for information. Appointments/calls go to the newsletter, does not have to come to exec. Asking now that liaisons be given copy of community of faith’s life story. A frustration is that it is not clear if liaisons have access to ChurchHub.
4. M&D (Richard Auckland) Last met in September. Meeting next in December. Met with Chairs of all 3 regions M& D Commissions. Discussed several items including a standardized agenda/minute form

Question around all the various funds/grants available and our responsibility for granting/reviewing applications/amount available, etc.

Streamlining Mission Support Grant process as there is a lot of hand holding with applicants and chasing down people to apply/reminding them. It is time consuming for staff. Holding applicants accountable for submitting complete applications, on time is a must. CA’s suggestion for those who submit lacking materials. “Thank you for your application. Please review the checklist and ensure you have submitted all documentation”. Or Your application is incomplete. Please send the missing documents”.

We have a lack of Resource Pool people. Our pool is shallow. How do we promote ourselves to get new members? Note: Will be discussed at Tri-Executive meeting in November.

**New Business**

# Proposal 1: Effective Date for New Funds

 **MOTION**: Louise Hall / Marie Santos

 ARWRC Executive declares that the effective date for the formation of new funds was January 1, 2021. **CARRIED.**

# Proposal 2: London Conference Closing and Legal Fund

**MOTION:** Kenji Marui / Doug Cameron

ARWRC Executive agrees to:

1. Transfer the remaining balance of the fund to the General Council to hold in trust pending the resolution of this legal matter;
2. Request that the General Council divide any balance remaining after the matter is concluded according to the request of London Conference:

75% to Antler River Watershed Regional Council

 18% to Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council

 7% to Canadian Shield Regional Council.

 **CARRIED**

1. Passed at ARWRC Fall Meeting: Proposal 6: Protecting Incumbent Ministry Personnel: next steps - done.
2. Tri-Executive

Discussion Topic: regional council recruitment & engagement (choose a question to discuss in regional council breakout room, then share with entire group)

• How to communicate that the regional council structure is working and there is more engagement (ARW)

• Nominating Committee for exec & commissions?

• recruiting (engaging?) congregational representatives (ARW)

• Populating resource pools (WOW)

• Regional council covenanting (slow uptake currently)

• How to change reg council reps from spectators to participants (WOW)

**Reminders**

1. Tri-Executive Nov. 26 & 27
2. No meeting in December
3. Confirm Executive meetings: second Wednesday of the month, 5:30 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 5:30 pm