**Executive**

**Antler River Watershed Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

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

**AGENDA**

January 12, 2022, 5:30 pm, 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), Doug Cameron (Treasurer), Richard Auckland, Elizabeth Dunn, Lorna Gardner, Deanna Gibson, Louise Hall, Brenda MacMain, Kenji Marui, Bill Rothernel, Diane Skomash

**Regrets:** Karlene Brown-Palmer, Richard Dalton, Marie Santos

# Welcome and Constitute Meeting (President Jane):

# Welcome to new year! 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 (President Jane)

**Opening Worship:** Check-in with everyone re: Christmas/New Year's. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa opened the meeting with prayer.

# Opening Agreements

## Consent Docket

## **MOTION**  Deanna Gibson / Brenda MacMain : Acceptance of the Consent Docket.

A. Enabling Actions

1. That the Agenda be adopted as circulated.
2. That the minutes of the meetings of November 17 and November 27, 2021 be approved as distributed.
3. That motions and proposals be written and given to the Secretary.

B**.** Correspondence received

1. Oxford Legacy Fund requests

1. That the ARWRC Executive approve the request of the Oxford Legacy Fund to reimburse Rev. Dr. Jessica Hetherington $800 for two more sessions of EcoTheology in 2022.
2. That the ARWRC Executive approve the request of the Oxford Legacy Fund to reimburse Rev. Margaret Murray for expenses totalling $269.52 for CONNECTIONS 2021 costs.  **CARRIED**

# Business Arising

1. Commission Reports
2. Covenant: No report.
3. Human Resources (Louise Hall): Regular business of the HR Commission continues. Suggestion made that lay folks might wish to have an online gathering, similar to the online clergy chats, as lay folk are facing many of the same issues. It was agreed that this is a subject that needs more thought.
4. M&D: Written report received. Richard Auckland reviewed his report verbally, noting the committee met on December 7and reviewed applicants for funds from the Region and deferred decisions on those until January 11 when they are to meet again. Richard also noted, as something to think about, that several individuals have raised as a concern the negative connotation that “Mission” has with our Indigenous neighbours. The commission’s understanding is that this is being or should be reviewed at a higher level as impacts the United Church. Cheryl-Ann suggested this would be a great thing to have a conversation about, think about wording, bring proposals to the regional council. Brenda MacMain suggested that when the conversation is being held, representation from the Ontario/Quebec Native Ministries group would be excellent.

**New Business**

# Proposal 1: Remaining Property

**Motion:** Doug Cameron / Richard Auckland

That ARWRC Executive

# Assigns responsibility for *remaining property* (as per the definition in The Manual) to the Executive;

# Confirms that the disposition of *remaining property* will follow the regional council Property Policy with clarification of the disbursement of the percentage normally directed by the congregation determined on a case by case basis;

# Agrees that the Governance Handbook and Property Policy will be amended to reflect the same. CARRIED

# Other Business

1. Dates for Spring 2022 AWRC meeting: June 9, 10, 11 (for information). Save the dates, on website and in newsletter

Planning team to consider what part of the meeting to do in person, what to do online. Possibly hybrid: with business online and community building/worship in person.

Next meeting: February 9, 2022, 5:30 pm, zoom