

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

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**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), Dave Whiting (L)

**Staff Support:** Rev. Judith Fayter, Minister, Congregational Support & Mission, [jfayter@united-church.ca](mailto:jfayter@united-church.ca); Linda Gray, Contract Admin. Assistant

**Present:** Marie Santos, Jim Evans, Adam Kilner, Andi McKillop, Mark Perry, Greg Simpson, Dave Whiting, Judith Fayter, Linda Gray

**Welcome and Constitute Meeting:** Chair, Marie Santos welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting was then constituted and opened by Marie Santos.

**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:** Greg Simpson presented worship. We are living in a time when new information comes upon us frequently. Maji saw a new thing brought curiosity and gifts. I hope I can be more like a Maji than King Herod whose response was less respectful. We live our lives encountering new information, lots of new stars in lots of ways. King Herod didn't see it until the Maji brought it to his attention. Epiphany story. My hope is that we can take a bit of the Maji with curiosity rather than fear like Herod. Herod was upset and all of Jerusalem with him. How we deal with new News we could use a bit of Epiphany..... Be more like the Maji rather than Herod. Isaiah 60: 1 Arise, shine! Greg then led the group in prayer.

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** by Mark Perry/ Greg Simpson that the agenda be accepted as amended.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED.**

**Consent Docket:**

1. **Approval of Previous Minutes** of December 1, 2021 be accepted as circulated.
2. **Confirmation of email vote**

The following motion was passed by the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council on December 15, 2021.

**MOTION** by Dave Whiting / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the asset disbursal of Net Funds as requested by Vanneck United Church, Ivan Pastoral Charge including the 33% portion that the Community of Faith may direct in disbanding.

3. **Pastoral Charge Supervisors & Companions**
  - a. Appoint Susan Cameron as pastoral charge supervisor for Colborne United Church, London, retroactively to December 1, 2021.
4. **Use of Restricted funds: Providence United Church (Sprucedale Providence PC) Chatham**

that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request to use restricted funds from the Manse Fund, in the amount of \$13,020.58 by Providence United Church (Sprucedale Providence Pastoral Charge) to meet payroll costs from January to June 2021 inclusive.

**MOTION** by Dave Whiting/ Greg Simpson that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the consent docket as amended.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED.**

**New Business**

1. **Central St. Thomas United Church**

**MOTION** by Mark Perry/ Dave Whiting that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the Community of Faith profile for Central St. Thomas United Church and their request to seek a call/appointment for a full time (40 hours per week) equivalent minister, up to Category F.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED.**

Judith noted they may need a shared use agreement.

2. **Foldens United Church**

**MOTION** by Jim Evans / Greg Simpson that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the Community of Faith profile for Foldens Pastoral

Charge and their request to seek a call/appointment for 1/6<sup>th</sup> time, to be in a Shared Ministry with Beachville (Sweaburg) Pastoral Charge.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED.**

**3. Shared Ministry Agreement: Foldens United Church Beachville Pastoral Charge**

**MOTION** by Jim Evans / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approves the Shared Ministry Agreement between Foldens United Church and the Beachville Pastoral Charge, as submitted.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED.**

**4. Property: St. Luke's United United Church, Sarnia**

**MOTION** by Greg Simpson/ Dave Whiting that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request of St. Luke's United Church, Sarnia, to proceed with Phase 2 of their building refurbishment, in accordance with the submitted document, "St. Luke's United Church—Refurbishing Project 2021".

**MOTION**

**CARRIED.**

**5. Disbanding Date: West Lorne United Church**

**MOTION** by Greg Simpson/ Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council sets the official disbanding date of West Lorne United Church of December 31, 2021, all funds having been disbursed and other disbanding steps completed.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED.**

**Other Business:**

**1. Reports**

Executive Report: Marie Santos reported. No executive meeting was held in December 2021 due to the Tri-Regional Executive meeting at the end of November 2021.

Staff report: Judith Fayter provided updates on various congregations.

January 25<sup>th</sup> there is meeting with Anglican and United church people doing the job Judith does called "Daring to Share" which she is attending. Also one in March for members of congregations who might want to see this.

Ravenswood is looking at disbanding.

Oxford Centre sale is all done. Waiting on final disbursement.

Curries have final disbursement waiting on one thing from Cheryl-Ann

Seeking a pastoral charge supervisor for College Avenue United Church, Woodstock

Ailsa Craig needs someone to attend a meeting with them. Three points of the pastoral charge together and have a discussion. Have pastoral charge supervisor call a meeting with them. Judith will have a conversation with Jim Haupt about that.

**2. Discussion:**

Jim Evans noticed that after the commission approved College Ave profiles in December that nowhere in the profile did the issue of the community of faith being a covenanting community appear. Seems to be missing. Pastoral Charge supervisor to address it when Judith finds one.

Adam reported that Central, Dunlop is moving along as one amalgamates as best as they can in a pandemic. Somehow it has been miraculous that we are sailing along smoothly!

Andi McKillop had some questions that she sought wisdom from the commission members. Discussion followed and Andi will be in touch with Diane Blanchard.

Linda Gray let the group know that this was her last meeting with them.

**Next Meeting:** February 2, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

**Worship by:** Jim Evans

Marie declared the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.