

**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); Pretima Kukadia, [pkukadia@united-church.ca](mailto:pkukadia@united-church.ca)

**Present:** Marie Santos, Jim Evans, Andi McKillop, Mark Perry, Greg Simpson, Dave Whiting, Judith Fayter, Pretima Kukadia

**Absent:** Adam Kilner

**Regrets:**

**Welcome and Constitute Meeting:** 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:** Jim Evans presented worship. Luke Chapter 5, 1-11. Jesus talked to the crowds from the boat. Jesus spoke before from synagogue, now informally from boat.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Jim Evans abstained from the vote.

**Consent Docket:**

**1. Pastoral Charge Supervisors & Companions**

- a. Appoint Arthur Hiley as pastoral charge supervisor for St. Paul's United Church, Aylmer, effective March 1, 2022.
- b. Appoint Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa as pastoral charge supervisor Central United Church, Windsor, effective January 24, 2022.

- c. Appoint Paul Vollick as pastoral charge supervisor for Melville United Church, Ivan, effective February 2, 2022.
- d. Appoint Mary Anne Silverthorn as pastoral charge supervisor for College Avenue United Church, Woodstock, effective February 2, 2022.

**2. Annual Reports**

The Covenant Commission receives the following communities of faith 2020 annual reports with thanks:

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**3. Self Assessments** to be received with thanks

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**4. Community of Faith Profiles** to be received with thanks

Dunwich United Church	
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**MOTION** by Mark Perry / Greg Simpson that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the **consent docket as amended**.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Jim Evans abstained from the vote.

**Removed from/Added to the Consent Docket**

**1. Approval of Minutes** of January 5, 2022

**MOTION** by Andi McKillop / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council delay approval of previous minutes of January 5, 2022 until the next meeting.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Jim Evans abstained from the vote.

**2. Use of Restricted funds Newark United Church**

**MOTION** by Mark Perry / Greg Simpson that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council receive with thanks notification by Newark United Church of the use of restricted funds from March to June 2021, as previously authorized by the Covenant Commission.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Jim Evans abstained from the vote.

**New Business****1. Ravenswood United Church Disbanding Date**

**MOTION** by Andi McKillop / Dave Whiting that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request of Ravenswood United Church to disband, with a disbanding date of February 10, 2023.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Jim Evans abstained from the vote.

**2. North Nissouri United Church Disbanding Date**

**MOTION** by Dave Whiting / Greg Simpson that the work of disbanding being completed, the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council authorizes the disbanding of North Nissouri U.C. effective December 31, 2021.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Jim Evans abstained from the vote.

**3. Community of Faith Profile Rural United Pastoral Charge**

**MOTION** by Greg Simpson / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the Community of Faith Profiles for Rural United Pastoral Charge (St. Paul's UC; Turin UC; St. John's Botany UC) and their request to seek a call/appointment for a full-time minister (40 hours per week) up to Category F.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Jim Evans abstained from the vote.

**4. Community of Faith Profile: Colborne Street United Church**

**MOTION** by Dave Whiting / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the Community of Faith Profile for Colborne Street Pastoral Charge and their request to seek a call/appointment for a full-time minister (40 hours per week) up to Category F.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Jim Evans abstained from the vote.

**Other Business:****1. Executive Report: Marie Santos**

Marie reported that ARWRC Executive approved the request of the Oxford Legacy Fund to reimburse Rev. Dr. Jessica Hetherington \$800 for two more sessions of EcoTheology in 2022 and reimburse Rev. Margaret Murray for expenses of \$269.52 for CONNECTIONS 2021 costs.

M&D Commission suggested that “Mission” has a negative connotation with our Indigenous neighbours. Executive agreed to have a discussion regarding this. Please think about wording, and bring proposals to the regional council.

ARWRC Executive approved a proposal regarding remaining property which will follow the regional council Property Policy with clarification of the disbursement of the percentage normally directed by the congregation and will be reflected in the Governance Handbook and Property Policy.

Dates of Spring 2022 AWRC meeting is June 9th, 10th, and 11<sup>th</sup>.

## 2. **Report: Judith Fayter**

The United Church’s Emergency, interest-free COVID loans extended through end of December 2023.

Dunwich needs a pastoral charge supervisor from March 1, financial viability in between treasurers, not looking at a call right now – Mark Perry?

Judith took part on January 25<sup>th</sup> (will again on March 8) of a sharing between Anglican and United Church ministry sharing, mostly UCC attended.

A group of churches in Essex discussing possibilities of ministry-sharing.

UCC Lay-led congregation talks are continuing.

Greg Simpson also sat in on talks on January 25<sup>th</sup> (held/accessed through United-in-Learning Daring to Share) – Glencoe United Church is working on toolkit #9.

Diane Blanchard shared her sabbatical report on Intercultural Ministry at another meeting – very interesting, UC of Christ has several programs geared for congregations – how to help ministries and churches be successful, by being more open to language, accent, culture ...

World Council of Churches baptismal wording is, “I baptise you in the name of the father, the son and the holy spirit.”

## 3. **Annual Reports**

A deadline to submit annual reports to the Covenant Commission is needed. This is a revision of website toolkit #11 Annual Reports. Communication of new deadline will be through newsletter.

Send us a digital copy by 3 weeks after your annual meeting or by the deadline of June 15, 2022.

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

**Worship by:** Judith Fayter

**Marie Santos declared the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.**