

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

Place: Zoom Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Roster: Olav Kitchen (OM, Chair), Paul Browning (OM), Jim Drummond (L), Carol Ferguson (OM), Louise Hall (L), Norm MacPherson (L), Mary Anne Silverthorn (L), Kerry Stover (OM), Tracy Wygiera (L)

Staff Support: Rev. Diane Blanchard, Pastoral Relations Minister dblanchard@united-church.ca
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Present: Olav Kitchen, Paul Browning, Carol Ferguson, Louise Hall, Norm MacPherson, Mary Anne Silverthorn, Kerry Stover, Tracy Wygiera, Diane Blanchard, Pretima Kukadia

Regrets: Jim Drummond

Absent:

Welcome and Constitute Meeting: Chair, Olav Kitchen, welcomed everyone to this meeting of the Human Resources Commission of Antler River Watershed Region.

Acknowledging the Land: Territorial lands were acknowledged on behalf of the Human Resources Commission by Olav Kitchen: “We begin this meeting by acknowledging the Indigenous Peoples of all the lands that we are on today. While we meet today on a virtual platform, we acknowledge the importance of the lands, which we each call home. We do this to reaffirm our commitment and responsibility in improving relationships between nations and to improving our own understanding of local Indigenous peoples and their cultures. From coast to coast to coast, we acknowledge the ancestral and unceded territory of all the Inuit, Métis, and First Nations people that call this land home. We acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and try to move forward in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration. Rooted in these places, as a diverse gathering of God’s people, we move into a space of prayer.”

Opening Worship: Carol Ferguson provided worship: Act 11:1-10 – What is less stigmatized now? Mental health, mental health resources were used in some worship services on Sunday. Carol shared a prayer from Dr. Tom Reynolds.

Opening Motions

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION that the agenda be accepted as amended.

MOTION

AGREED by CONSENSUS

Approval of Previous Minutes:

MOTION that the Human Resources Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of April 12, 2022 as circulated.

MOTION

AGREED by CONSENSUS

Unfinished Business

1. Thamesville United Church, Grace Eun Kyung Lee

MOTION that the Human Resources Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council agree to the motion from Thamesville United Church in the letter to waive the full 90 days' notice from Grace Eun Kyung Lee to allow an end date of June 30, 2022.

MOTION

AGREED by CONSENSUS

Tracy Wygiera abstained from the vote.

New Business

1. Consent Docket

Request for Change of Pastoral Relations

Approval of Open Positions

Appointment of Liaisons

Trinity / Mt. Zion – Diane Blanchard for now

Thamesville – Barbara Robbins

Rural Pastoral Charge –

Suburban Pastoral Charge (Talbotville) – Kerry Stover

Renewal of appointments

That the Human Resources Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council accede to the request of Trinity United Church, Wallaceburg for the appointment of Sharon Campbell Rayment, candidate, full-time, 40 hrs/week from 22.02.03 to 22.06.13 according to the terms of the Record of Appointment agreed to in Churchhub on 22.03.08.

That the Human Resources Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council accede to the request of Wesley-Knox United Church, London for the second supply appointment of Abiel Khalema, OM-R, full-time, 40 hrs/week from 22.06.01 to 22.11.30 according to the terms of the Record of Appointment agreed to in Churchhub on 22.04.27.

Approval of new appointments

Approval of VAM application

That the Human Resources Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the application of Karen Low to become a Volunteer Associate Minister at First-St. Andrew's for 22.05 to 27.05 or sooner if there is a change of ministry personnel.

Request for License to Administer the Sacraments

That the Human Resources Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council accede to the request of the Official Board of Courtright-Sixth Line Pastoral Charge to grant a license to administer the sacraments to Gabrielle Heidinger Baerg, candidate, for the duration of her appointment with them.

Receive for Information

Approval of Consent Docket

MOTION that the Antler River Watershed Human Resources Commission approve the consent docket as amended.

MOTION

AGREED by CONSENSUS

2. Reports

Pastoral Relations Minister: Diane Blanchard

Licensed Lay Worship Leader Resource Team: Mary Anne Silverthorn

All interviewing updated, 14 LLWLs attending Spring Meeting for recognition: Betty Stirling, Joe Simpson, Robert Karn, Ruth Pilbeam, Herb DeJong, Jim Stirling, Susan Anderson, Susan Scaman, Lee Humphrey, Dawn Jones, Richard Dalton, Tracy Wygiera, Neil Fotheringham and Lillian Rowe. 15 virtually attending: Catherine Walton, Ian Philips, Celia Orth, Cheryl Buchner, Dorothy-Ann Foster, Gabriella Cutler, Lois Marley, Lynne Dunlop, Roy Dusten, Pat Switzer, Teresa van Rees, Doris Van Den Eeckhout, Pat Whitton and Tom Saul. 11 LLWLs have sent regrets. Tippetts almost completed for Spring Meeting. Will be nice to have a blessing service for them in their pastoral charge.

Executive Committee Report: Louise Hall

Anti-bullying, and meaning of 'mission'

Oct 28 and 29 set for Fall Meeting

A tri-regional will be held in November for executive

The 2023 Spring Meeting is set for May 12 and 13, in-person

United Fresh Start Report: Diane Blanchard

Scheduled for week of June 20 - 23 at Five Oaks. Paul Browning will fill out an application.

New Business

1. Diane holding the Liaison Meeting on May 17.

Beachville Pastoral Charge (Sweaburg and West Oxford) interested in making their approved position an SME position.

MOTION that the Human Resources Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council accede to the request from Beachville Pastoral Charge to modify the position description for a minister, part-time, 20 hrs/wk to allow for this position to be an SME site, fulfilling all requirements.

MOTION

AGREED by CONSENSUS

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 07, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. by Zoom.

Worship/Closing Prayers: Louise Hall.

(Rotating List: Paul Browning, Jim Drummond, Carol Ferguson, Louise Hall, Norm MacPherson, Mary Anne Silverthorn, Kerry Stover, Tracy Wygiera, Olav Kitchen)

Closing Prayer: offered by Carol Ferguson.

Adjournment:

MOTION that the Human Resources Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council having concluded its business, be adjourned.

MOTION

AGREED

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.