**Executive**

**Antler River Watershed Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

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

September 7, 2022, 1 p.m., in person at Siloam United Church, London and via zoom

**Roster:** Jane Van Patter (President), Abiel Khalema (President Elect), Richard Auckland, Karlene Brown-Palmer, Doug Cameron (Treasurer), Richard Dalton, Louise Hall, Brenda MacMain, Kenji Marui, Bill Rothernel, Greg Simpson, Diane Skomash, Sandra Stock

**Present:** Jane Van Patter (President), Abiel Khalema (President Elect), Richard Auckland, Doug Cameron (Treasurer), Richard Dalton (via zoom), Louise Hall, Kenji Marui, Diane Skomash, Greg Simpson, Sandra Stock

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

**Regrets:** Karlene Brown-Palmer, Brenda MacMain, Bill Rothernel

# Welcome, Constitute Meeting, Introductions (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.

# Members of the Mission & Discipleship Commission joined the Executive for the discussion of the Mission Support Grants/Minister Social Justice position .

# Opening Agreements

# Consent Docket

## **MOTION:** Kenji Marui / Abiel Khalema

## That the Consent Docket be accepted.

A. Enabling Actions

1. That the Agenda be adopted as amended.
2. That the minutes of the meeting of June 15, 2022 be approved as distributed.
3. That motions and proposals be written and given to the Secretary.

B. Correspondence Received

1. Receive resignation letter of Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Minister Social Justice
2. Pearce Williams Summer Camp & Retreat Facility Application for Capital Assistance Camp Grant

Antler River Watershed Regional Council Executive supports the Pearce Williams Summer Camp & Retreat Facility Application for a Capital Assistance Camp Grant in the amount of $4,000.00.

1. Lambton United Church Centre Application for Capital Assistance Camp Grant

Antler River Watershed Regional Council Executive supports the Lambton United Church Centre Application for a Capital Assistance Camp Grant in the amount of $4,000.00.

4. Investment in Leadership Fund Application submitted by Andrew Gilliland

Antler River Watershed Regional Council Executive approves an Investment in Leadership Fund grant to Andrew Gilliland in the amount of $500.00 to assist with costs associated with attendance at an EQHR course in Maryland, November, 2022.

(Note: Investment in Leadership Fund grants are limited to one-third of the associated costs, to a maximum of five hundred dollars. Total estimated cost of the course is $2,499 Cdn.)

C. Antler River Watershed Regional Council (7) Omnibus motion – September 7, 2022

That the Antler River Watershed Regional Council (7) Executive take the following action(s):

a) East London United Church Outreach (ELUCO)

…pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the East London United Church Outreach (ELUCO) 2022-2023 Board of Directors

Sharon Ashton

Sandra Bendall

Ruth Campbell

Janice Elliott

Debbie Gillingwater

Elma Johnston

Carol Langford

Ann MacPhail

Frieda Owen

Linda Petronis

Judy White

Sara Willems

Bonita Wright

This is based on the draft AGM minutes of June 22, 2022, the 2022 board member approval form, contact list provided, and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries Policy.

b) The United Church Downtown Mission of Windsor Inc.

...pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve The United Church Downtown Mission of Windsor Inc. 2022-2023 Board of Directors

Abram Banman

Dolph Barsanti

Burcu Bayraktar

Catherine Collins-Barker

Jason Conrad

Kenneth Gray Jr.

Sandor Kapasi

Tanya Kelly

Michele McGregor

Kristine McInnis

Keith Rivard

Anna St. Antoine

Amy Visser

This is based on the draft minutes of the 39th Annual Meeting of April 27, 2022, the 2022 board member approval form, contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries Policy.

## **CARRIED**

# Business Arising

1. Commission Reports
2. Covenant Commission: Commission chair Greg Simpson noted that the commission does have quorum, but it is better to have more voices at the table. Executive was asked to think about possible members and provide any names to Greg Simpson. Pastoral charge supervisors are also needed.
3. Human Resources: Louise Hall referred the executive to her written report of June 7th.
4. Mission & Discipleship: Currently working on Mission Support Grants.
5. UCW: President Jane introduced Sandra Stock, who will serve on Executive as the newly designated UCW representative.

**New Business**

1. Minister, Social Justice: continue with a staff position or preserve grants to other ministries.

Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa referred the executive and Mission & Discipleship Commission to the outline provided, “M&S Background”. Noting, from the outline, that anticipating that the 2023 grant will be reduced by 10%, the Executive needs to select an option:

To preserve grants (not filling the position of Minister, Social Justice)

$216,000

-68,000 (rounded up)

$148,000 ($12,000 reduction in amount available for grants from 2022)

To preserve staff resources (fill the position of Minster, Social Justice)

$216,000

-88,000 (rounded up)

$128,000 ($32,000 reduction in amount available for grants from 2022)

As this is a shared position, if the Executives of the three regional councils make different decisions, further discussion will need to occur.

There was lengthy discussion of the issue and options presented. The Mission & Discipleship Commission left the meeting to allow the Executive to discuss further. It became apparent that, while some felt preserving the staff position is important and needs to be supported going forward and others felt that grants should be preserved, there was no definitive preference receiving a majority of support.

It was agreed to postpone making a decision. Input from the two other regional councils as to their decision was determined to be an important consideration.

Richard Auckland, chair of the M&D Commission, advised that when the commission meets to review grant applications they will work with both amounts. Whatever decision is made, the commission will be ready to go ahead with approvals.

Richard Auckland left the Executive meeting.

1. Appoint a second Antler River Watershed RC representative to the Staff Support Committee.

**MOTION:** Louise Hall / Diane Skomash

That Bruce Cook be appointed the Antler River Watershed Regional Council staff support committee representative.

**CARRIED**

It was noted that the term for a staff support committee representative is 3 years, renewable once.

1. Anti-Racism Workshop, February 2023 (tri-regional) (Proposal 1)

**MOTION**: Louise Hall / Diane Skomash

That the ARWRC Executive agrees to cover one-third of the cost of two workshops open to United Church members who have completed the four sessions of racial justice training:

1. With Salem Debs on February 7, 2023
2. With United Church theologians on March 7, 2023

Total anticipated cost $7,500—ARW’s share $2,500.

**CARRIED**

1. St. Paul’s, Sarnia: property development (Proposal #2)

Background to this proposal and some of the difficulties being faced by St. Paul’s was provided by Greg Simpson, Chair of the Covenant Commission.

**MOTION**: Doug Cameron / Greg Simpson

That the ARWRC Executive

1. Approve the attached agreement “Agreement Concerning Holding of Registered Title to Property” between the General Council of The United Church of Canada and Antler River Watershed Regional Council of The United Church of Canada
2. Direct the Executive Minister to fulfill the terms of the same
3. Confirm that the income from redevelopment will be distributed according to the property policy as at September 7, 2022 with 33% to be directed to United Church ministries chosen by St. Paul’s United Church, Sarnia and approved by the Covenant Commission prior to disbandment.

**CARRIED**

Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa noted that St. Paul’s needs to decide if any of their designated recipients cease to exist, does the balance go to other recipients or back to regional council. Greg will inform St. Paul’s that this decision needs to be made. Also noted that the church can’t disband until a disbursement plan is in place. Greg will follow-up with Lynne Allin, Minister Congregational Support and Mission.

The agreement has been endorsed by executive, however Cheryl-Ann will check to see if the congregation needs to disband prior to an agreement being signed.

**Ongoing**

1. ARWRC Fall 2022 Meeting: October 28-29, online only

Agenda to include

Budget

Report from GC commissioners

Commissions were reminded that an accountability report is needed and are encouraged to do a video as well as a written report. Written is accountability to the regional council and a live or video report can be an educational opportunity.

In memoriams, community of faith life cycle changes, retirees

*Next meeting: October 12, 2022, 10 am, zoom*