

Covenant Commission
Antler River Watershed Regional Council
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Holding and Encouraging Communities of Faith

Place/Time: Zoom Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Roster: Greg Simpson (DLM, Chair), Jim Evans (OM), Adam Kilner (OM), Andi McKillop (L), Mark Perry (OM), Dave Whiting (L)

Staff Support: Rev. Lynne Allin, Minister, Congregational Support & Mission, lallin@united-church.ca; Pretima Kukadia, pkukadia@united-church.ca

Present: Greg Simpson, Andi McKillop, Mark Perry, Lynne Allin, Pretima Kukadia

Regrets: Adam Kilner (on leave), Jim Evans (on leave), Dave Whiting

Absent:

Welcome and Constitute Meeting: Greg Simpson welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting was then constituted and opened.

Acknowledging the Land: Territorial lands are acknowledged on behalf of the Covenant Commission by Greg Simpson:

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: Andi McKillop presented worship. An email signature He / Him / Human Bible reading from John 3:8, John 3:10, Love one another ... You are perfect in the eyes of God.

Quorum

MOTION by Andi McKillop / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council accede that members of the commission who are on leave will not be counted for quorum.

MOTION

CARRIED

Consent Docket

1. **Previous Minutes:** Approval of Previous Minutes of July 6, 2022 be accepted as circulated.
2. **Pastoral Charge Supervisors & Companions**

- a. Sue Browning as pastoral charge supervisor for Suburban Pastoral Charge, effective July 12, 2022.
- b. George Bozanich as pastoral charge supervisor for Riverside United Church, Windsor effective September 23, 2022.
- c. Accept Resignation of Wanda Winfield as pastoral charge supervisor for Charing Cross pastoral charge effective September 12, 2022.

3. Annual Reports

The Covenant Commission receives the following communities of faith 2021 Annual Reports with thanks:

Comber St. Andrew’s United Church	Drumbo Willis United Church
Strathroy United Church	

4. Self Assessments to be received with thanks

Strathroy United Church	
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5. Community of Faith Profiles to be received with thanks

Strathroy United Church	
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6. Email Poll from July 20, 2022 to be recorded in the minutes

MOTION by Greg Simpson / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the SALE of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is PT LT 7, CON 3, WEST COMMUNICATION ROAD (HARWICH) AS IN HA237B “DESCRIPTION IN HA237B MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN FUTURE” HARWICH, and the municipal address of which is 19145 Erieau Road, Blenheim Ontario N0P 1A0, pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Fourth Line United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as trustees, dated the 18th day of July, 2022, and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:

The purchaser being John Nemeth and Wendy Nemeth, for the sale price of \$180,000.00, with a deposit of \$10,000, with a balance due of \$170,000. Sale conditions require the lighting in the sanctuary to be repaired. Terms of sale are cash, as is, where is. Closing date is August 19, 2022.

(2) After a successful sale completion, the disposition of the proceeds arising from said sale will be reviewed and presented based on Antler River Watershed Regional Council guidelines.

The said Real Property referred to in the above resolution is within the bounds of Antler River Watershed Regional Council, and is held by the Trustees of Fourth Line United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada and part of the Cedar Springs Pastoral Charge, in trust for Fourth Line United Church] as a part of The United Church of Canada...

MOTION

CARRIED

7. Email Poll from August 11, 2022 to be recorded in the minutes

MOTION by Mark Perry / Dave Whiting that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consents to the to the Lease of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is 135 Wellington St., St Thomas, and the municipal address of which is 135 Wellington St., St Thomas, ON, pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Central United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as Licensor, and Our Place Respite Inc., as Licensee, dated the 17th of July, 2022.

MOTION

CARRIED

End of Consent Docket -----

MOTION by Mark Perry / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the consent docket as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

Review of Annual Reports – Discussion – tabled to next meeting. A chance to review best practices and other regional council practices.

New Business

1. Zion United Church: August 31, 2022 Disbanding Date

MOTION by Andi McKillop / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council set the disbanding date for Zion United Church, Rural Pastoral Charge as August 31, 2022 with thanks for their faithful ministry.

MOTION

CARRIED

2. Forest United Church: Community of Faith Profile

MOTION by Andi McKillop / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the Community of Faith Profiles for Forest United Church and their request to seek a call/appointment for a full-time minister (40 hours per week) up to Category F.

MOTION

CARRIED

3. Ailsa Craig United Church: Community of Faith Profile

Discussion around the financial feasibility of the position continuing, for the student minister, among the three-point pastoral charge with differing plans of continuing.

MOTION by Mark Perry / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council **table the Community of Faith Profile for Ailsa Craig United Church** and their request to seek an appointment for a part-time student minister (20 hours per week), Step 1, for a one-year appointment, pending submission of a financial plan to be submitted to the commission to be reviewed.

MOTION

Tabled

4. **Siloam, First-St. Andrew`s and Metropolitan United Churches:** Community of Faith Profile **MOTION** by Andi McKillop / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the collaborative ministry agreement for a shared Youth and Young Adults Ministry position created September 2021.

MOTION

CARRIED

Other Business

1. **Executive Report: Greg Simpson / Dave Whiting**
Craft a one-sentence description of what the commission does.
2. **Congregational Support & Mission Report: Lynne Allin**
 - Consider whether or not the congregation needs to approve the financial viability worksheet for a supply position. Request financial viability and position description?
 - Consider what you would like to do for the ARWRC Orientation Meeting September 7 at Siloam United Church from 10 am to 3 pm
 - Consider what you would like to put in the ARWRC workbook for the Fall Gathering (accountability i.e. what work of the commission would we like to highlight?) and 20 minute educational opportunity
 - Consider requesting that the Executive amend the property policy to raise the amount for a major asset/renovation to 200,000 or 50% of net income to reflect inflation.
 - Monday, September 12 from 4 – 6 pm St. Luke`s United Church in Sarnia is hosting an Open House
 - *Hybrid Hope, Church of the Future* book recommendation

Next Meeting: September 7, 2022 at Siloam United Church 9:00 a.m.

Worship by: Name

MOTION by Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council having concluded its business, be adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

MOTION

AGREED