

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

Place/Time: Siloam United Church, 1 pm.

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

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

Present: Greg Simpson, Mark Perry, Dave Whiting, Lynne Allin

Regrets: Pretima Kukadia (vacation), Andi McKillop

Absent: Adam Kilner

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: Worship was held earlier in the morning.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Dave Whiting / Mark Perry that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Consent Docket

1. **Previous Minutes:** Approval of Previous Minutes of August 17, 2022 be accepted as circulated.
2. **Pastoral Charge Supervisors & Companions**
 - a. Cheryl Ann Bolton appointed to New Vision United Church, St. Thomas effective August 19, 2022 to cover a medical leave.
 - b. Lynne Allin to Riverside United Church, London September 1-31, 2022.
 - c. Catherine Tovell to Riverside United Church, London effective October 1, 2022.

- d. Eric Skillings to Charing Cross Pastoral Charge, effective September 13, 2022.
- e. Richard Dalton to Essex Pastoral Charge, effective September 1, 2022.
- f. Lexie Chamberlain to Tecumseh Pastoral Charge, effective September 1, 2022 to cover a sabbatical.
- g. Kenji Marui to Walpole Island Pastoral Charge, effective September 1, 2022.

3. Annual Reports

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

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4. Self Assessments to be received with thanks

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5. Community of Faith Profiles to be received with thanks

Brinsley United Church	
Carlisle United Church	

6. Approve the request from Carlisle United Church for re-alignment of the Ailsa Craig Pastoral Charge.

7. Confirmation of Email Vote of August 22, 2022.

MOTION by Mark Perry / Andi McKillop that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council affirm the email vote of August 22, 2022 and approve the Community of Faith Profiles for **Ailsa Craig United Church** and their request to seek a call/appointment for a student, up to step 2 for 20 hours per week for a one-year appointment to be renewed based on their ability to meet expenses.

End of Consent Docket -----

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

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CARRIED

New Business

1. Richwood United Church:

MOTION by Dave Whiting / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the collaborative ministry agreement between Richwood United Church and St. Paul's United Church, Paris in Horseshoe Falls Regional Council, pending congregational approval.

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CARRIED

2. Mount Brydges United Church: Community of Faith Profile

MOTION by Mark Perry / Dave Whiting that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the Community of Faith Profiles for Mount Brydges **United Church** and their request to seek a call/appointment for a part-time minister (30 hours per week) up to Category F.

MOTION

CARRIED

3. Parkhill United Church: Request to pursue sale of property

MOTION by Dave Whiting / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request from Parkhill United Church to pursue the sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is as follows: Parking Lot: PT LTS 5 & 6, E or Pearl Street, PL 222, PT 2, 33RI770 and church site: LTS 7 & 8, E of Pearl Street, PL 222, Municipality of North Middlesex, pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of the Parkhill United Church [Parkhill United Church congregation "Ausable Pastoral Charge", a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as sellers, and Society Pius X (Ontario), as purchaser. This sale would include all properties as outlined above, which includes all pews, light fixtures, stoves, fridge and tables and chairs. Any negotiated sale agreement shall include the condition that the agreement must be approved by the Antler River Watershed Covenant Commission. The proceeds from the sale to be invested in a restricted account with interest available to the congregation, and use of principle requiring discussion and consent from the Antler River Watershed Covenant Commission.

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CARRIED

4. Central United Church, Windsor: Request to pursue sale of property

MOTION by Mark Perry / Dave Whiting that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request from Central United Church, Windsor

- (1) to listing for sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is Part Lots 3 and 4, Block 1, Plan 256, Windsor, Parts 2 to 6, 12R-6038, Windsor, and the municipal address of which is 628 Ouellette Avenue, Windsor, for the amount of \$465,000., as is, with the licence agreement intact pursuant to notifying Cencourse Project Inc. and New Canadians' Centre of Excellence Inc. of the intention to sell as per the agreement on title;
- (2) to offering the property at the stated price to three prospective buyers who have expressed interest. If an Offer to Purchase is not forthcoming within 30 days of regional

council approval, the Trustees will submit a formal listing agreement with a recommended agent and commission;

(3) to securing regional council approval for final sale and to provide a period of fourteen days for the same;

(4) to the following disposition of the proceeds arising from the transaction:

The net proceeds after legal and closing costs to be invested as restricted funds with the interest available for congregational use. Any draw on the net proceeds would require prior approval of Antler River Watershed Regional Council.

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5. St. Luke's United Church: Grant Application

MOTION by Dave Whiting / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the application from St. Luke's United Church, Sarnia for a Church Modernization and Improvement Grant of \$5,000 to repair the church roof.

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Other Business

1. Executive Report: Greg Simpson / Dave Whiting

Report - none

2. Congregational Support & Mission Report: Lynne Allin

Report

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Amalgamation

PCS

National Assessment

Insurance

Lay reps

Next Meeting: October 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Worship by: Dave Whiting

MOTION that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council having concluded its business, be adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

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CARRIED