

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 on med leave (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, Mark Perry, Dave Whiting, Lynne Allin, Pretima Kukadia

Regrets: Adam Kilner, Andi McKillop

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: Dave Whiting presented worship. Giving thanks. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians. Give thanks in all circumstances, Heidelberg catechism. Belief in God allows thankfulness in good circumstances and patience in others. Paul says to be thankful in all. Don't have to be thankful for the circumstance, but in the circumstance can still be thankful. It can also be difficult to be thankful when things are going well. Exercise the gift of noticing.

Consent Docket

1. **Previous Minutes:** Approval of Previous Minutes of September 7, 2022 be accepted as circulated.

2. **Pastoral Charge Supervisors & Companions**

Sandra Fogarty at Rural Pastoral Charge, effective starting September 9, 2022.

Appoint Mary Dillon as pastoral charge supervisor for Richards Memorial Pastoral Charge, London, effective September 16, 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

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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.

MOTION

CARRIED

New Business

- 1. **Oxford Centre United Church: (Disbanding Date)**

MOTION by Dave Whiting / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the disbursements of Oxford Centre United Church and consent to the request of Oxford Centre United Church to disband, with a disbanding date of October 31, 2022.

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CARRIED

- 2. **Curries United Church: (Disbanding Date)**

MOTION by Mark Perry / Dave Whiting that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request of Curries United Church to disband, with a disbanding date of October 31, 2022.

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CARRIED

- 3. **Riverside United Church, Windsor: (Community of Faith Profile)**

MOTION by Dave Whiting / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the Community of Faith Profiles for Riverside United Church and their request to seek an appointment of a Intention Interim Minister (40 hours per week) up to Category F.

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CARRIED

- 4. **Cottam 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 Cottam United Church and their request to seek a call/appointment for a full-time minister (40 hours per week) up to Category F.

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CARRIED

5. **Metropolitan and Richards Memorial United Churches, London: (Collaborative Agreement)**

MOTION by Dave Whiting / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the Collaborative Agreement between Metropolitan United Church and Richard's Memorial United Church, effective September 1, 2022

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CARRIED

6. **Victoria Ave and St. Paul's United Churches, Chatham: (Amalgamation Agreement)**

MOTION by Mark Perry / Dave Whiting that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the Amalgamation Agreement between Victoria Ave United Church and St. Paul's United Church, Rural Pastoral Charge effective January 1, 2023, pending approval by both congregations.

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CARRIED

7. **Brinsley United Church (Re-alignment)**

MOTION by Dave Whiting / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the request from Brinsley United Church to re-align the Ailsa Craig Pastoral Charge effective immediately. They will be known as Brinsley United Church, Brinsley Pastoral Charge. All shared assets to be divided as follows: 45% Ailsa Craig United Church, 28% Brinsley United Church, 27% Carlisle United Church.

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CARRIED

8. **Carlisle United Church (Re-alignment)**

MOTION by Mark Perry / Dave Whiting that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the request from Carlisle United Church to re-align the Ailsa Craig Pastoral Charge effective immediately. They will be known as Carlisle United Church, Carlisle Pastoral Charge. All shared assets to be divided as follows: 45% Ailsa Craig United Church, 28% Brinsley United Church, 27% Carlisle United Church.

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9. **Strathroy United Church (Lease)**

MOTION by Dave Whiting / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the updated lease agreement between Strathroy United Church and The Stepping Stone.

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CARRIED

10. Cottam United Church (Property Transfer)

MOTION by Mark Perry / Dave Whiting that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the transfer of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is Victor Lane, Kingsville, Ontario, and the municipal address of which is 61 Belleview Drive, Cottam, Ontario pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Cottam United Church a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as Transferee, and Cottam Solar Limited, as Transferor, dated the 4th day of October, 2022, and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between Cottam United Church and Cottam Solar Limited dated 4th day of October, 2022.

2. the said Real Property to be held by the Trustees of Cottam United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada and part of the Cottam Pastoral Charge, in trust for the use and benefit of the congregation of Cottam United Church as a part of The United Church of Canada.
3. The Real Property referred to in the above resolution is within the bounds of Antler River Watershed Regional Council.

MOTION**CARRIED****Other Business****1. Fall Gathering report? Written report with a video ‘talking to people with education in mind.’**

Use an outline based on Horseshoe Fall’s report. Horseshoe Falls used a quiz with multiple choice answers. Feature resources, website, CoF Profile. Written report due Monday 17. Following week Monday 24 video due.

2. Covenanting with the regional council.**3. Affirm priorities.****4. Supply positions.****5. Executive Report: Greg Simpson**

To take to Executive (starting at 10 am, Fall Gathering planning meeting this afternoon) - As of January 1, e.g. raise major asset limit from 150 to 200? Does this need Executive approval. Please check on time on agenda, when and how long.

Had voted at August meeting to require Financial Viability if looking for supply position. Other two regions do not require this.

6. Congregational Support & Mission Report: Lynne Allin

(Erie St.) Covenanting Service – A covenanting service is a celebration. Communities are already in a covenanted relationship with regional council. A service if in a new

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congregation named, or collaborated, etc.?? CoF is more excited with covenanting with new minister, not as much as with regional council. Is this too much?

A Lay Representative gathering?

Disbanding Care Team –

Kent discussions –

Having conversations re. What's Happening with congregations (south of the 401), with Bruce Cook and Eric Skillings, with Andi McKillop? November 21

Letter went out re. new in-house insurance plan. In Dropbox if wanting to share with congregations.

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

Worship by: Lynne Allin

MOTION that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council having concluded its business, be adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

MOTION

AGREED