

Congregational Support Commission
Antler River Watershed Regional Council
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Holding and Encouraging Communities of Faith

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

Roster: Greg Simpson (DLM, Chair), Judith Fayter (OM), Adam Kilner (OM), Andi McKillop (L), Mark Perry (OM), Carey Wagner (DM), Dave Whiting (L)

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

Present: Greg Simpson, Judith Fayter, Adam Kilner, Andi McKillop, Mark Perry, Carey Wagner, Lynne Allin, Pretima Kukadia

Absent: Dave Whiting

Regrets:

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 Congregational Support 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: Mark Perry presented worship. This is Holy Week. John's Gospel for today, Listen for the Word of God. We know how the story turns out, the betrayal trial, crucifixion, resurrection. Book: How to lead when you don't know where you're going? A season of transition. Disciples will be Apostles. People on the inside don't always see what's coming. We're in a church of transitioning between the church of the 20th century and the church of today.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Judith Fayter / Carey Wagner that the agenda be accepted as amended.

MOTION

CARRIED

Consent Docket

1. **Approval of Minutes** of March 1, 2023 and March 29, 2023 be accepted as amended.

2. Appointment of Pastoral Charge Supervisors & Companions

- a. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa to Hickson United Church for April 16, 2023 for their annual meeting.

3. Annual Reports

The Congregational Support Commission receives the following communities of faith 2022 Annual Reports with thanks:

Camlachie United Church	Trinity United Church, Wallaceburg
Stratfordville United Church	Avondale United Church
Bedford United Church	Belmont United Church
Bothwell-Wabash United Church	Brigden United Church
Brooksdale United Church	Burgessville United Church
Colborne St. United Church	Calvary United Church, London
College Ave United Church	Courtright-Sixth Line Pastoral Charge
First United Church	Forest United Church
Roseland Trinity United Church	St. Andrew’s United Church, St. Thomas
St. Andrew’s United Church, Chatham	Strathroy United Church
Trinity United Church, Ingersoll	Westminster United Church, Thamesford
Browns United Church	Central United Church, Windsor

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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----- End of Consent Docket -----

MOTION by Mark Perry / Judith Fayter that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the consent docket as amended.

MOTION

CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

- 1. Will provide minutes for the meeting of March 22, 2023.

New Business**1. Innerkip United Church: Transition**

MOTION by Mark Perry / Carey Wagner that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request of Innerkip United Church to change the name of the pastoral charge from Innerkip Eastwood Pastoral Charge to Innerkip Pastoral Charge.

MOTION**CARRIED****2. Kilworth United Church: Community of Faith Profile**

MOTION by Judith Fayter / Mark Perry that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council having reviewed the Community of Faith Profiles for Kilworth United Church and their request to seek a call/appointment for a part-time minister (20 hours per week) up to Category A? we request that it be completed, including the categorization of the position.

MOTION**CARRIED****3. Trinity United Church, Wallaceburg: Community of Faith Profile**

MOTION by Mark Perry / Carey Wagner that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the Community of Faith Profiles for Trinity United Church and their request to seek a call/appointment for a full-time minister (40 hours per week) up to Category D.

MOTION**CARRIED****4. Camlachie United Church: Requesting Change of Pastoral Relations**

Discussion: Had been part of Effective Leadership which is equal to the Living Faith Story. We need to receive a Financial Viability to approve so they can have a congregational meeting to make changes in pastoral relations.

5. Brooksdale United Church: Requesting Change of Pastoral Relations and Collaborative Agreement with Kintore United Church

Discussion: For 79 years have had a collaborative agreement with Kintore United Church. Would like to end this agreement which would happen at the end of August 2023. Brooksdale has been dependent on Kintore for general administration. Brooksdale wants to continue with their current supply minister (Kintore wants to continue their search further), but have no Profile, etc., and do not want to post to Churchhub. Will have a conversation with Brooksdale United Church.

6. Trinity United Church, Ingersoll: Governance

MOTION by Adam Kilner / Judith Fayter that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the constitution drafted by Trinity United Church, Ingersoll, with thanks for their good work.

MOTION**CARRIED****Other Business****1. Annual Report Review:** Lynne Allin

We have quite a few Annual Reports this year. There is a Short Form in use by ARW, WOW and HF, created by John Neff. When submitted they automatically post to SharePoint. The CSC is notified. Can we assign commission members, e.g., 10 per person, or a volunteer to assist in identifying vulnerable congregations?

Judith will be given the link and will distribute them to commission members.

2. South Kent Conversations: Andi McKillop

Roles for Church Dating: Bruce Cook, Eric Skillings and Colin Swan are just to help set this up. This is to help churches start conversations.

The last meeting was positive, Wesley will nest with Charing Cross, a sense of being a United Church presence.

3. Pastoral Charge Supervisor Payment: Lynne Allin

Should we get input from Regional Council at Fall Gathering for January 2024 start.

4. Executive Report: Greg Simpson

Greg sent a card on behalf of CSC for Jim Evans' family. Lynne also is sending flowers and planning on attending.

5. Congregational Support Minister Report: Lynne Allin

Flowers will be purchased for New Vision United Church service on April 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

For Regional Council Meeting, we will talk about covenanting with congregations to celebrate being together.

We need to make sure that our membership does not drop below 7 members, especially need to recruit lay members first.

6. Other Information

Invitation to 150th Anniversary for Charing Cross United Church on June 11 at 11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: May 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Worship by: Greg Simpson

MOTION that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council having concluded its business, be adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

MOTION**AGREED**