

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

Absent:

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: Greg Simpson presented worship. Many churches are doing God's work amongst their struggles. Beautiful generosity is happening all around us. This is not easily seen in financial data.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Adam Kilner / Mark Perry that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Consent Docket

1. **Approval of Minutes** of April 5, 2023 be accepted as circulated.

2. **Email Poll** of April 21, 2023 to be recorded in the minutes

MOTION by Dave Whiting / Judith Fayter that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council confirm receipt of an updated community of faith

profile for Camlachie United Church for the purpose of initiating a change of pastoral relations.

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CARRIED

MOTION by Dave Whiting / Judith Fayter that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council appoint Micol Cottrell as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Camlachie Pastoral Charge, if required for a meeting of the governing body on Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

MOTION

CARRIED

3. Appointment of Pastoral Charge Supervisors & Companions

- a. Norm MacPherson as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Chalmer’s United Church, Kintore for a congregational meeting on May 14, 2023.
- b. Anne Beattie-Stokes as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for White Oaks United Church, London.

4. Annual Reports

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

Union United Church	Ilderton United Church
Banner United Church, Township Of Zorra	Bedford United Church, Windsor
Chalmers United Church, Kintore	Glencoe United Church
Hickson United Church	Riverside United Church, London
St. Paul’s United Church, Rural Pastoral Charge	Burgessville United Church
Byron United Church, London	Dorchester United Church
Knox United Church, Embro	New Melbourne United Church
Turin United Church, Rural Pastoral Charge	St. John’s United Church, Rural Pastoral Charge
St. Paul’s United Church, Petrolia	Central United Church, St. Thomas
Dawn Valley-Oil Springs Pastoral Charge	

5. Self Assessments to be received with thanks:

Byron United Church, London	
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6. Community of Faith Profiles to be received with thanks:

Byron United Church, London	
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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 circulated.

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CARRIED

New Business

Transitions

1. **Ravenswood United Church:** Disbanding on April 30, 2023

MOTION by Adam Kilner / Dave Whiting that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the disbursements of assets from Ravenswood United Church and set the disbanding date as April 30, 2023.

MOTION

CARRIED

2. **St. Andrew's United Church, Brooksdale and Chalmer's United Church, Kintore**

MOTION by Mark Perry / Andi McKillop that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the decision by St. Andrew's United Church, Brooksdale to end their collaborative agreement with Chalmer's United Church, Kintore as of August 31, 2023.

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CARRIED

Community of Faith Profile

1. **Bedford United Church, Windsor: Community of Faith Profile**

MOTION by Dave Whiting / Carey Wagner that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the Community of Faith Profiles for Bedford United Church, Windsor and their request to seek a call/appointment for a part-time student minister, 20 hours per week, up to Step 1.

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CARRIED

2. **St. Andrew's United Church, Brooksdale: Community of Faith Profile**

MOTION by Adam Kilner / Carey Wagner that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the Community of Faith Profiles for St. Andrew's United Church, Brooksdale and their request to seek a call/appointment for a part-time minister, 20 hours per week, up to Category F.

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CARRIED

3. **Kilworth United Church: Community of Faith Profile**

MOTION by Adam Kilner / Andi McKillop that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve 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 F.

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CARRIED

Property**1. Wesley United Church, Chatham-Kent:**

MOTION by Judith Fayter / Carey Wagner that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request from Wesley United Church to:

- 1) The listing for sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is Part Lot 18 Concession 8 Municipality of Chatham Kent and the municipal address of which is 22108 Bloomfield Road, Chatham, ON N7M SJ6, pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Wesley United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as lister, and Realty House Inc. as realtor, dated the 2nd day of April, 2023. Terms:
Asking price \$299,999;
Commission 5% plus HST;
Property to be sold “as is, where is”;
Subject to Antler River Watershed Congregational Support Commission Approval.
- 2) The net proceeds from the sale to be invested in a restricted fund with interest available to the congregation. The congregation may consult with ARW Congregational Support Commission regarding the use of the fund for specific ministry initiatives at any time.
- 3) The said Real Property is held by the Trustees of Wesley United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada and part of the Charing Cross Pastoral Charge, in trust for Wesley United Church as a part of The United Church of Canada.

MOTION**CARRIED****Receive for Information**

1. Darrel S. Moffat United Church Financial Update.
2. South Caradoc United Church Update:
 - Ministry is continuing through the community hall which is owned by the community of faith;
 - Richard Golden is providing excellent support as pastoral charge supervisor.
3. Rural Ministry Renewal Invitation – more information to come.

Other Business**1. Executive Report:** Greg Simpson

Spring Meeting: Coming up in a week and a half, May 12 and 13. Keynote speakers will be motivating. We have had a few Expressions of Interest.

2. Congregational Support Minister Report: Lynne Allin

Tri-Regional Property meeting May 23 at 7:00 pm: Will work on getting it recorded to share. Like Kindred Works, Trinity Center is very aggressive and slick at selling their services. We will find out if it is in alignment with our goals. Who owns the property, how much are

the costs? Supposedly into a non-profit partnership. A loss of resources, but into what? Church would be given a lease-back into some space. If church ceases to exist then they own the entire property. Other groups are also looking for church properties to develop. Kindred Works is about building affordable housing on church properties, as opposed to community hubs with for-profit groups.

We need ideas to help communities of faith find options and resources. We will start brainstorming.

Pastoral Charge Supervisor Training: This will become available soon, will look at discussing payment at the Fall Gathering, not as a vote. The training portion will be on Churchx soon.

New Vision Memorial Service for Jim Evans: we have sent our prayers and flowers. Lynne attended and read a message from President Jane Van Patter. Matthew Penny will be appointed as supply minister.

Newsletter: Companion for closing churches request had one volunteer. How do we embody support with our presence?

Collaborative Ministry Update: Andi and I are meeting with Kent group. Villages is meeting as well to put together more resources.

Kerwood and Zion United Churches Update: were thinking of disbanding and are now going to look at amalgamation. Zion is planning on amalgamating with Thorndale. There is conversation with Browns United Church about collaboration. Otterville is collaborating with Avondale, and are having problems with the tenants in their manse. May need manse modernization grant at some point.

Making your Church Building a Community Asset Course being offered through TUCC led by Katja Brittain: Does this interest you? Would you prefer four 2-hour sessions over a few weeks or one with 7 hours throughout one day? Cost would be covered by ARW. This is a do-it-yourself group. \$299 as a group. Congregations would also benefit.

Next Meeting: June 7, 2023, 10:00 am, St. Andrew's United Church, 85 William St. S, Chatham

Worship by: Judith Fayter

MOTION that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council having concluded its business, be adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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AGREED