

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

***Holding and Encouraging Communities of Faith***

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**Place/Time:** 10:00 a.m. Zoom Meeting/St. Andrew's United Church, Chatham

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

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**Present:** Greg Simpson, Herb DeJong, Judith Fayter, Mark Perry, Jim Stirling, Carey Wagner, Dave Whiting, Lynne Allin, Pretima Kukadia

**Regrets:** Adam Kilner, Andi McKillop

**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:

I know that some of you are joining us from different areas and locations, but the land that is known as Chatham-Kent today is the traditional land of the Three Fires Confederacy: the Odawa, Potawatami and Ojibwe peoples. These Indigenous Nations, also known as the Anishinaabeg and Lunaapeew, agreed to the mutual sharing of the land, with obligations and responsibilities to the environment. Throughout the years people of many nations and nationalities have been part of the creation of the world we see and know around us. Many of them were oppressed, many were not given choice or liberty over their involvement. Today we pray our thanks for the conservancy and lessons of all oppressed people in our past and renew our commitment to recognize and undo legacy injustices, listen to the stories, and build better relationships between all races and nations. Let us come before the Creating One as we offer our prayers, hear holy stories, and sing sacred songs.

**Opening Worship:** Judith Fayter presented worship: Let's go back to Mutual Street in Toronto on June 10, 1925. Three streams of denomination's choirs sang with the assembled congregations that came for the historic union. Church leaders from the Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian and local Union churches offered their denominational inheritances and gifts and the ceremonies ended with the ***Commemoration of the Faithful*** prayer.

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** by **Judith Fayter / Mark Perry** that the agenda be accepted as amended.

**MOTION****CARRIED****Consent Docket**

1. **Approval of Minutes** of May 3, 2023 as circulated and May 10, 2023 be accepted as circulated.
  
2. **Email Poll** of May 19, 2023 to be recorded in the minutes  
**Wesley United Church, Chatham: Sale of Property**  
**MOTION** by Adam Kilner / Judith Fayter that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council
  - 1) give consent to the 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 5J6, pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Wesley United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as seller, and Safa Sam Gunsar as purchaser, dated the 10th day of May, 2023, and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:
    - Selling price \$285, 000.00
    - Commission 5% + HST
  - 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.

**MOTION****CARRIED**

3. **Email Poll** of May 23, 2023 to be recorded in the minutes  
**Central United Church, Windsor: Sale of Property**  
**MOTION** by Judith Fayter / Andi McKillop that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council give consent to:
  - 1) The 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, pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Central United Church, Windsor, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as seller, and The Church of Pentecost Canada Inc. (Windsor Branch), as buyer, dated the 13th day of May, 2023, and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:
    - The Church of Pentecost Canada Inc. (Windsor Branch) as purchaser, for the sale price of \$500,000, the deposit of \$5,000, the balance due of \$495,000, subject to the buyer obtaining a new first charge / mortgage satisfactory to the buyer, with the property condition as is and including applicable provisions of the Reciprocal

Access, Utility Use and Licence Agreement of June 2007, the scheduled closing date on or before July 3, 2023.

2) The following disposition of the proceeds arising from the transaction:

The net proceeds, after payment of legal and real estate fees and repayment of the \$15,000 loan from the regional council will be invested in a restricted fund to earn income to support the congregation. The congregation may consult with ARW Congregational Support Commission regarding the use of the fund for specific ministry initiatives at any time.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**4. Appointment of Pastoral Charge Supervisors & Companions**

- a. Olav Kitchen to Cottam United Church and Wheatley United Church effective June 1, 2023.
- b. Jeff Smith to Hickson United Church effective June 1, 2023.
- c. Mary Anne Silverthorne to Peace United Church, Plattsville effective July 1, 2023 to cover a leave.
- d. Louise Hall to Camlachie United Church, June 6, 2023.

**5. Annual Reports**

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

Hebron United Church	Tupperville Pastoral Charge
Dundas St. United Church, London	London Road West United Church, Sarnia
New Vision Community Church, St. Thomas	Richwood United Church
Southwold United Church, Shedden	St. James United Church, Springfield
Dunlop Central United Church, Sarnia	

**6. Self Assessments** to be received with thanks:

Rosedale-Trinity United Church	

**7. Community of Faith Profiles** to be received with thanks:

Innerkip United Church	

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

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

**MOTION****CARRIED****New Business****Transitions**

1. **Zion and Thorndale United Churches:** Amalgamating on June 26, 2023

**MOTION** by Mark Perry / Carey Wagner that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the amalgamation agreement of Zion United Church and Thorndale United Church pending approval by the congregation. Effective date of amalgamation shall be June 26, 2023.

**MOTION****CARRIED**

2. **Parkhill and Thedford/Sylvan United Church:** Amalgamating on July 1, 2023

**MOTION** by Carey Wagner / Judith Fayter that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the amalgamation agreement of Parkhill United Church and Thedford/Sylvan United Church. Effective date of amalgamation shall be July 1, 2023.

**MOTION****CARRIED****Property/Restricted Funds**

3. **Corunna United Church:**

**MOTION** by Judith Fayter / Mark Perry that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request from **Corunna United Church** to use \$27,429.95 from restricted funds to cover property repair costs.

**MOTION****CARRIED****Other Business****Essex United Church, Harrow United Churches:** Rural Connect Grant

1. **MOTION** by Carey Wagner / Mark Perry that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve a grant of \$500 to each of Essex United Church and Harrow United Church to cover costs related to the testing of the Rural Connect program.

**MOTION****CARRIED**

2. **Tilbury-Quinn Pastoral Charge:** Update on use of restricted Funds

Darrel S. Moffat United Church asked for use of funds until minister's retirement, Derek Parry. With pulpit supply this summer will still need approximately 6,000 to cover expenses. This commission needs to receive their Annual Report, financial statements and a formal request from the board. This will give them time to explore other options.

3. **Bryanston and Villages United Churches:** update

Bryanston is having some difficulties. Bryanston has an informal agreement with Villages United Church for pulpit supply for services and have been doing this for about 10 years. This is not financially feasible ongoing. There may be amalgamation talks, a draft agreement is in place. Bryanston is also looking to sell their property.

4. **Executive Report:** Greg Simpson

Last Executive meeting was on April 12 and then Executive was at the Spring Meeting on May 12 and 13. Two staff are now permanent, Michele Petick, Website & Administration, and Krista Ford, Finance. A Recruitment Team has been struck up: Kenji Marui, Louise Hall and Mary Anne Silverthorn. Our commission could be supported better with at least two more members, one geographically near Windsor and one near the Oxford area.

5. **Congregational Support Minister Report:** Lynne Allin

I was at Essex United Church and they are considering options. Courtright United Church is still looking at their options – there is a lack of congregation members and a beautiful building, what do they do? Probably will be selling as there isn't enough of a community around them to explore other possibilities. Many discussions around shared/collaborative ministry in South Buxton and Kent area. South Caradoc United Church members have cleared the land where the church burned and planted flowers. The members get together a few times a year and worship, although members have joined several communities of faith nearby.

Pastoral Charge Supervisors are needed! In January 2024 PCS will be paid, will require Boundaries and Racial Justice Training. Communities of faith will pay PCS and regional council will pay mileage. Right now, we are considering pay being at \$30 an hour.

John Neff, CSC Minister at WOWRC, and I are putting together a workshop on Collaborative Ministry.

I will be on vacation at the end of June.

**Next Meeting:** July 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

**Worship by:** Dave Whiting

**MOTION** that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council having concluded its business, be adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

**MOTION**

**AGREED**