**Executive**

**Antler River Watershed Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

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

November 16, 2022

10 AM, via Zoom

**Roster: Jane Van Patter** (President), Abiel Khalema (President Elect), **Richard Auckland**, Karlene Brown-Palmer, Doug Cameron (Treasurer), **Richard Dalton, Louise Hall,** Brenda MacMain, Kenji Marui, Bill Rothernel, **Greg Simpson, Diane Skomash, Sandra Stock**

**Staff Support:** Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, Executive Minister, Sue Duliban, Executive Assistant

**Regrets:** Doug Cameron, Abiel Khalema, Brenda MacMain, Karlene Brown-Palmer

# Welcome, Constitute Meeting, Introductions (President Jane)

# I constitute this meeting in the name of Jesus Christ, as the one true head of the Church and by the authority vested in me by the Antler River Watershed Regional Council for whatever business may properly come before it.

# Acknowledging the Land President Jane

**Opening Worship** President Jane “There’s a Great One Inside You”

# Opening Agreements

# Consent Docket

# MOTION Richard Auckland / Richard Dalton Acceptance of the Consent Docket.

**A. Enabling Actions**

1. That the Agenda be adopted as circulated.
2. That the minutes of the meeting of October 12, 2022 be approved as distributed.
3. That motions and proposals be written and given to the Secretary.

**B. Correspondence Received**

1. Request from Oxford Legacy Fund Committee

That ARWRC Executive approve the request for funding from the Oxford Legacy Fund in the amount of $270.06 be paid to Margaret Murray for the Oxford Connections newsletter/website 2022 expenses.

2. Request from Kevin Steeper, Minister Pastoral Support

That ARWRC cover the cost of a catered Christmas luncheon for all active ARWRC clergy, to be organized by Kevin Steeper, Minister Pastoral Support. (Cost approximately $15-$20 per person).

3. Antler River Watershed Regional Council (7) Omnibus motion – November 16, 2022

that the Antler River Watershed Regional Council (7) Executive take the following action(s):

1. Pearce Williams (United Church) Christian Centre

...based on the guidance received from General Council Staff, pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve amendments to Letters Patent and 2022 BY-LAW No. 1, as approved by the members on November 9, 2022 of the incorporated ministry which will be officially known as Pearce Williams once approved Supplementary Letters Patent are received.

This is based on the draft Members Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2022, and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries Policy.

1. Retreat and Camp Corporation of Essex Presbytery, The United Church of Canada o/a Gesstwood Camp

...pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the Retreat and Camp Corporation of Essex Presbytery, The United Church of Canada 2022-2023 Board of Directors

Tracy Armstrong

Ron Brown

Barb Chandler

Bill Hissink

Shirley Horton

Nancy Leavoy

Katelyn McPherson

David Nantais

Georgeann Welsh

Staff confirm that this incorporated ministry is now in compliance. This is based on the draft minutes of the Annual General Meeting of June 16, 2022, board meeting minutes of August 18, 2022, the 2022 board member approval form, contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries Policy.

**CARRIED**

# Business Arising

1. Identifying Affirming priorities for ARW (see list of priorities from Sept. orientation)

Encouraging diversity in recruiting, nominations and accessible properties, facilities, resources and systems, safe spaces, accommodation at regional council meetings

Also raised in the discussion, looking at affirming through a wider lens. Cheryl-Ann noted that as a regional council, we voluntarily voted to become affirming, and affirming calls for us to make the lens wide. But commitments were made to do certain things in regard to 2S-LGBTQ+, and we have not lived up to our word. Really need to do what said do, to start. Diane Skomash added that it is all part of the whole, a whole process, that takes in all of humanity.

The ongoing issue of recruitment and nominations was discussed. It was noted that a nominations process is not in place. How do we as region invest in building community and relationships. It was agreed to set aside a dedicated time for discussion time at the January executive meeting discussing and making nominations a priority.

1. Commission Reports
2. Covenant: Regular, ongoing work of the commission continues. Additional lay representatives on the commission would be welcome.
3. Human Resources: Louise Hall referred to the written report submitted, highlighting a motion regarding Licenced Lay Worship Leaders made at the November 8th meeting of the commission. The motion passed is that if a congregation cancels a service in the week prior that they will be paid 75% of the base rate for the service (no travel).
4. Mission & Discipleship written report: Richard Auckland referred to his written report, highlighting that the commission has opted to change its name.

Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa noted that the commission doesn’t have the authority to change its name. A proposal regarding changing the names of some commissions and staff titles will be drafted and presented to the Tri-Executive for discussion at their meeting at the end of November. Changing the name is something that needs to happen in context of the partnership with the other regional councils.

Richard also highlighted the summary of the amounts requested, and amounts approved for Mission Support Grants 2023 included in the written report. Notification letters are being drafted to each group that will receive funding.

1. UCW: 60th year. Sandra Stock noted that the UCW’s AGM will be April 29, 2023 at Trinity, Ingersoll.

**New Business**

1. Proposal 1: Investment Policy

**MOTION:** Rick Dalton / Louise Hall

That the ARWRC Executive

1) Adopt the Investment Policy;

2) Name Lynne Dunlop and Gene Lawrence, along with the ARWRC Treasurer and Executive Minister, as its Investment Team;

3) Authorize the Investment Team to manage the assets of the regional council according to this policy.

**CARRIED**

1. Proposal 2: Legacy Funds

**MOTION:** Richard Auckland / Greg Simpson

That the ARWRC Executive agrees to

1) Establish the Networks and Clusters Fund and Candidate Support Fund effective January 1, 2023;

2) Add the Funds’ outline to the ARWRC Governance Handbook and ARWRC Financial Resources website page; and include both in the application form;

3) Administer them on the same timeline as existing funds.

**CARRIED**

**Upcoming**

1. Tri-Region Executive Meeting: November 25-26, zoom

For meeting: introduce yourself by name, pronouns, C of F, favourite body of water.

1. Naming of priorities to share at Tri-Region Exec meeting

Encouraging diversity in recruiting, nominations and accessible properties, facilities, resources and systems, safe spaces, accommodation at regional council meetings.

Diane Skomash will present on behalf of the executive.

Kenji Marui joined the meeting.

President Jane noted the spring 2023 meeting dates and location: May 12-13, Best Western Stoneridge Inn, London.

*Next Executive: January 11, 2023, 10 am, zoom*

Adjournment