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**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. at Dorchester United Church

**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), Wanda Winfield (OM)

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**Regrets:** Judith Fayter Adam Kilner Andi McKillop Pretima Kukadia – on leave

**Guests**

**Welcome and Constitute Meeting:** Mark Perry 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:** Lynne Allin presented worship and encouraged the committee members to think about experiencing things in the moment and not saving them. Enjoy gifts with the living. This sparked reflection from several of the committee members who shared about their own situations regarding not waiting or saving things for later.

**Corresponding Members**

None

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** by Carey Wagner / Jim Stirling that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

**APPROVED**

**Consent Docket**

**1. Approval of Previous Minutes**

- a. The minutes of April 26, 2024 be accepted as circulated
- b. The minutes of April 3, 2024 be accepted as circulated

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

- a. Rev Matthew Penny as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for St. Andrew’s United Church and New Vision United Church, St. Thomas effective April 14, 2024 to cover a leave.
- b. Steven Longmoore as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Courtright-Sixth Line Pastoral Charge effective April 15, 2024.
- c. Diane MacPherson as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Rodney Pastoral Charge effective April 17, 2024

**3. Annual Reports**

The Congregational Support Commission receives the following communities of faith 2023 Annual Reports with thanks:

Ailsa Craig United Church	Dawn Valley -Oil Springs Pastoral Charge
Browns United Church, Browns Corners	Glencoe United Church
Siloam United Church, London	Dunlop Central United Church, Sarnia
Central United Church, St. Thomas	Sprucedale United Church
Providence United Church	

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


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

Siloam United Church, London Financial Viability Worksheet	

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

**MOTION** by **Mark Perry / Dave Whiting** that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the consent docket as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **New Business**

### **Community of Faith Profile**

Oneida United Church

**MOTION** by **Wanda Winfield / Carey Wagner** that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council having reviewed the Oneida profile concurs with their decision to hire ministry personnel for 24 hours per week up to category F.

**CARRIED**

### **Governance**

Trinity United Church, Ingersoll

**MOTION** by **Mark Perry / Dave Whiting** that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the request from Trinity United Church, Ingersoll to have two adherents, Steve Hughes and Anne Buckrell, serve on their governing body.

**CARRIED**

### **Property**

Shiloh-Inwood United Church, Shiloh

Update: Planning to sell the Shiloh property. Will be sending documentation soon.

### **Finances**

Trinity United Church, London

Financial Plan was provided to Lynne. Greg is going to be doing some Vision work with them.

**MOTION** by **Carey Wagner / Wanda Winfield** that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council receive the financial plan from Trinity United Church, London as requested with gratitude and blessings on their ministry.

**CARRIED**

There was discussion about how to encourage financial support for outreach ministries and disbanding communities of faith. Suggestion to include a section in the Newsletter where churches can put together a profile of what their ministry is passionate about, in hopes closing churches with similar values would choose to disperse some of their funds to them.

**Other Business**

Melville Pastoral Charge and Ilderton Pastoral Charge

- Pastoral relationship will be ending effective 2024-07-22. A new Pastoral Charge Supervisor will be needed after the current student leaves.

1. **Executive Report:** Greg Simpson

Most of the focus of executive right now is on preparation for the upcoming regional meeting.

There is a need for a rep to serve on the recruitment committee, to help find people to be on the various sub committees.

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

The Vulnerable Congregation Webinar was well received with over 100 individual logins, many with multiple people joining from the same login.

Jim attended he final service at Fletcher United Church, thank you for representing the commission.

3. **Other Information**

Lynne will be on sabbatical for Sept, Oct and Nov – Ann Harbridge will be covering her position at that time.

There will be an orientation event held at St. Andrews in Chatham on June 13<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

**Next Meeting:** June 5, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

**Worship by:** Name

**MOTION** by Carey Wagner that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council having concluded its business, be adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

**MOTION**

**AGREED**