

March 6, 2024

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 ID:** 939 1128 6115 **Passcode:**

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)

Staff Support: Rev. Lynne Allin, Minister, Congregational Support, lallin@united-church.ca;
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Regrets: Andi McKillop, Carey Wagner

Guests: Greg Smith-Young, Growth Animator

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: Dave Whiting presented worship.

Corresponding Members

MOTION by **Mark Perry / Judith Fayter** that Greg Smith-Young be made corresponding member(s) to this meeting.

MOTION

CARRIED

Approval of Agenda

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

MOTION

CARRIED

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Introduction of The Growth Animator

Greg provided an overview of his role as Growth Animator for the regional council

Consent Docket

1. **Approval of Previous Minutes** of February 7, 2024 be accepted.
2. **Appointment of Pastoral Charge Supervisors & Companions**
 - a. Appoint Rev. Kim Guililand as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Wheatley Pastoral Charge.
3. **Annual Reports**

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

Belmont United Church	Corunna United Church
St. Andrew’s United Church, Brooksdale	Cottam United Church
Camlachie United Church	Forest United Church
Leamington United Church	Norwich United Church
Otterville United Church	St. Paul’s United Church, Petrolia
Richwood United Church	Thamesville United Church
Avondale United Church, Tillsonburg	Wallaceburg United Church (2016-2023)
College Ave United Church, Woodstock	St. Paul’s-Victoria Ave United Church, Chatham

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

St. Andrew’s United Church, Brooksdale	Dorchester United Church

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

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

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

MOTION

CARRIED

Business Arising From the Minutes

Central United Church, Windsor

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Update, the church has sold! The congregation has amalgamated with Emmanuel United Church effective March 1, 2024.

Trinity United Church, London

MOTION by **Mark Perry / Carey Wagner** that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the request from Trinity United Church, London to increase their Congregational Development Loan by \$60,000, with the requirement that they will use these funds to first repay the private loan, ensure staff have been paid back wages and prepare a financial plan by May 1st to share with the commission.

MOTION

CARRIED

New Business

Community of Faith Profile

1. Brigden United Church

MOTION by **Judith Fayter / Wanda** that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the Community of Faith Profile for Brigden United Church for the purpose of hiring a supply minister part-time 20 hrs per week, category F. Carey Wagner abstained

MOTION

CARRIED

2. St. David's United Church, Woodstock

MOTION by **Carey Wagner / Jim Stirling** that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the Community of Faith Profile for St. David's United Church, Woodstock for the purpose of hiring a minister, full-time up to category F.

MOTION

CARRIED

Property

1. Essex United Church, Essex

MOTION by **Mark Perry / Judith Fayter** that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council recommend to the Executive that the property of Essex United Church be transferred to the regional council trust upon their disbandment.

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MOTION

CARRIED

2. Fletcher United Church

Update Fletcher United Church has decided to sell their property and continue nesting with Merlin United Church.

3. Central United Church, Windsor

MOTION by **Mark Perry / Jim Stirling** that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council advise that the net amount of 303,591.30 from the sale of the Central United Church Property be invested in a restricted account with the interest available to the newly amalgamated congregation of Emmanuel United Church and access to principal requiring regional council approval.

MOTION

CARRIED

Other Business

1. Ordination of Designated Lay Ministers

MOTION Judith/carey that in situations where the pastoral relationship is being changed from an appointment to a call because a Designated Lay Minister has chosen to be ordained or commissioned the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council will not require that an updated community of faith profile be submitted.

MOTION

CARRIED

2. Vulnerable Congregations Newsletter and Online Gathering April 17th 7 pm

3. Executive Report: Greg Simpson

4. Congregational Support Minister Report: Lynne Allin

- a. Pastoral Charges with a manse, New CRA requirement
- b. Background on Trinity Centres Foundation
- c. Annual Report Review

Other Information

Report

Next Meeting: April 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Worship by: Judith Fayter

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MOTION that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council having concluded its business, be adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

MOTION

AGREED