

**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:** 9:00 a.m. **Zoom Meeting**

**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, Adam Kilner, Mark Perry, Jim Stirling, Carey Wagner, Dave Whiting, Lynne Allin, Pretima Kukadia

**Regrets:** Judith Fayter, 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:

We are gathered this morning on traditional lands. We recognize and deeply appreciate the historic connection to this ground we share. We recognize the contributions 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 Commission real in the communities in which we live and worship. We are grateful to the Creator for this time and this place.

**Opening Worship:** Carey Wagner presented worship. "Are You Ready" There was a child in Galilee hymn.

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** by Dave Whiting / Jim Stirling that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Consent Docket**

1. **Approval of Minutes** of November 8, 2023 be accepted as circulated.
2. **Pastoral Charge Supervisors & Companions**
  - a. Mark Perry as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Avon-Putnam Pastoral Charge effective January 1, 2024.
  - b. Melodee Lovering as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Rural United Pastoral Charge, Chatham-Kent, effective December 13, 2023.

- c. Karlene Kimber as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for St. John's Pastoral Charge, Springfield effective January 1, 2024.
- d. Wendy Miliken as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Melbourne United Church effective December 13, 2023.

### 3. Annual Reports

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

Reynold's Creek United Church	Siloam United Church
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----- End of Consent Docket -----

**MOTION** by Adam Kilner / Mark Perry that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the consent docket as amended.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

### Transitions

#### 1. Shiloh United Church

Update: Shiloh-Inwood Pastoral Charge has decided that Shiloh will be closed by the end of 2024.

#### 2. Essex United Church

Update: Essex United Church congregation has decided to hold their final worship service in October 2024.

#### 3. Emmanuel United Church and Central United Church, Windsor

Update: Planning to amalgamate in early 2024 after the sale of Central United Church is complete. Draft agreement is available for review.

### Community of Faith Profile

#### 1. Siloam United Church, London

**MOTION** by Adam Kilner / Mark Perry that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the Community of Faith Profiles for Siloam United Church, London, and their request to seek a call/appointment for a minister 30-40 hours per week, category B to F.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

### Ministry Collaboration

#### 1. Tilbury Quinn Pastoral Charge, South Buxton Pastoral Charge and Talbot Street Pastoral Charge

**MOTION** by Dave Whiting / Mark Perry that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the ministry collaboration agreement

between Tilbury Quinn Pastoral Charge, South Buxton Pastoral Charge and Talbot Street Pastoral Charge, *pending approval by the congregations at their 2024 annual meetings.*

**MOTION****CARRIED****Property****1. Siloam United Church, London**

Update: Siloam United Church is applying for a Faithful Footprints Grant. It has not been our practice to approve these applications, but some regional councils do require approval so that they are aware of the work being done. Is this something Antler River Watershed Regional Council Congregational Support Commission wishes to do?

Can receive up to \$20,000 from Faithful Footprints for greening your building, a one-time grant to a community of faith.

**2. St. Luke's United Church, Sarnia**

Update: St. Luke's United Church has two leases that need to be reviewed and updated. Kindred Works has been asked to provide advice to assist the community of faith.

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

I was unable to attend the last Executive meeting. From the minutes, there was a conversation with Miriam Bowlby of Kindred Works.

Mark Laird is going to be Executive Minister, taking over from Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa on March 1, 2024.

Brenda MacMain is retiring this year and stepping down from Executive as well.

The Volunteer Recruitment group: Louise Hall, Diane Skomash and Mary Anne Silverthorn are doing quite a bit of work in moving this forward.

Change in monies of disbanding congregations, stays with regional council policy of disbursements, not with The Foundation if they had links with it. Our Regional Trust is being set up.

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

Pastoral Charge Supervisor notice of new policy.

I am on vacation from December 20 to January 4, 2024.

Pine Hill Cemetery, Thedford was discussed as to its ownership.

**Next Meeting:** February 7, 2024 at 9:00 am, email poll or meeting may happen if required.

**Worship by:** Greg Simpson

**MOTION** that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council having concluded its business, be adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

**MOTION**

**AGREED**