**Congregational Support Commission**

**Antler River Watershed Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

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

**Place/Time:** 10:00 a.m. Zoom

**Roster:** Greg Simpson (OM, Chair), Herb deJong (L), Judith Fayter (OM), Adam Kilner (OM), 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; Pretima Kukadia, Admin, Communications, Records pkukadia@united-church.ca
Krista Ford, Finance Administration kford@united-church.ca

**Regrets**: **Adam Kilner**

**Guests:** Brenna Baker, Community of Faith Stewardship Support

# Welcome and Constitute Meeting:

#  Greg Simpson welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting was then constituted and opened at 9:06 am.

# 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 about the season of abundance, and scarcity.

**Corresponding Members**

**MOTION** by**Mark Perry** / **Carey Wagner** that Brenna Baker be made corresponding member(s) to this meeting.

**CARRIED**

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** by**Carey Wagner** / **Mark Perry** that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**Consent Docket**

1. **Approval of Previous Minutes** of May 1, 2024 be accepted.
2. **Email Vote** of May 10, 2024 to be recorded in the minutes

**Motion:**  By email vote the Antler River Watershed Congregational Support Commission consent to the request from Shiloh-Inwood United Church

(1) to the sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is [a parcel of land 100 feet x 85 feet located in the east quarter of Lot# 24, Conc. 7 Enniskillen Township, Lambton County.], and the municipal address of which is [3403 Wanstead Road, Petrolia Ontario], pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Shiloh Inwood United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as seller, and Enniskillen Township, Lambton County, as purchaser, dated the [1st] day of [November], [2024], and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:

* sale price is $45,000,
* closing date is to be Nov.1, 2024

**CARRIED**

1. **Appointment of Pastoral Charge Supervisors & Companions**
2. Lynne Dunlop to St. Paul’s United Church, Tillsonburg for June 18, 2024
3. Arthur Hiley to Melville United Church, effective July 23, 2024
4. Arthur Hiley to Ilderton United Church, effective July 23, 2024
5. Barbara Robbins to New Scotland Ridge United Church effective July 1, 2024
6. Updated Wendy Miliken to New Melbourne United Church effective July 1, 2024
7.
8. **Annual Reports**

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

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| Byron United Church | Otterville United Church |
| Colborne St United Church, London | Emmanuel United Church, Windsor |

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

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

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--------------------------------------------- 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.

**CARRIED**

**New Business**

**Community of Faith Profile**

Courtright-Sixth Line Pastoral Charge

**MOTION** by **Carey Wagner** / **Herb deJong** that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the Financial Viability Worksheets for Courtright-Sixth Line Pastoral Charge for the purpose of hiring a Supply Minister for 20 hrs per week up to category F.

**CARRIED**

Leamington Pastoral Charge

**MOTION** by **Carey Wagner** / **Mark Perry** that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council having reviewed the community of faith profile for Leamington Pastoral Charge consent to their request to hire ministry personnel for 40 hours per week and up to category F. (have requested Living faith story and asked about expenses for 2023)

**MOTION** by Mark Perry/Judith Fayter that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Counwe table this motion pending more information

**CARRIED**

Greg will contact them for more information and update at a future meeting.

New Melbourne United Church

**MOTION** by **Herb deJong** / **Carey Wagner** that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council having reviewed the community of faith profile for New Melbourne United Church consent to their request to hire a Candidate for up to 21 hours per week, pending congregational approval and with the recommendation that they explore stewardship programs.

**CARRIED**

**Transitions**

Essex United Church

**MOTION** by **Judith Fayter** / **Wanda Winfield** that with gratitude for their faithful ministry, the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council concurs with the decision of Essex United Church to disband, with final worship service to be held in October, 2024. A disbanding date to be set after distribution of assets.

**CARRIED**

**Property**

Camlachie United Church

**MOTION** by **Carey Wagner** / **Dave Whiting** that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request from Camlachie United Church

(1) to the listing of this Real Property for sale, the legal description of which is PT LT 53-54 PL 263 Sarnia Township PT 3, 25R1895; Sarnia and the municipal address of which is 2990

Lakeshore Road, Bright's Grove ON NON *lCD,* dated the 8th day of May, 2024, and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:

a) The listing agent is Anna Moscardelli.

b) The commission rate is 4.5%.

c) The asking price is $650,000.00.

d) The proposed possession date will be 30 days from approval of sale.

e) The listing agreement and sale is conditional upon the approval of Antler River Regional

Council.

(2) The Board of Trustees of Camlachie United Church agree to the following disposition of the proceeds arising from the transaction:

a) Pay fees and other expenses associated with the sale. (approximately $40,000)

b) Payoff the remaining church mortgage. (approximately $60,0000)

c) Payoff parishioner loans. ($12,000)

d) Put a new roof on the church. ($85,000)

e) Invest remaining proceeds as restricted funds.

**CARRIED**

Shiloh-Inwood United Church - note: this is a duplicate motion of the email motion already approved (may 10/24) and listed earlier in these minutes

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**CARRIED**

**Restricted Funds**

Emmanuel United Church, Windsor

**MOTION** by **Judith Fayter** / **Mark Perry** that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request from Emmanuel United Church, Windsor to access up to 1,900 from the restricted funds from the sale of Central United Church to cover costs for a new office printer/copier.

**CARRIED**

New Melbourne United Church

**MOTION** by **Dave Whiting** / **Jim Stirling** that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request from New Melbourne United Church to use the interest from investments of money from the sale of the manse and their capital fund for any purpose set by the governing body. Use of the principal will require approval by the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council.

**CARRIED**

**Other Business**

1. **Executive Report:** Greg Simpson
Greg offered a recap of the Tri Regional AGM that was held recently and shared news of Richard Aukland being voted President Elect. Also he shared that a full slate was elected for General Council Meeting, Dave Whiting will be one of the commissioners.

A reminder of the upcoming in person Orientation event at St Andrew’s United Church on June 13th.

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

Many statistic reports are not completed, and this sparked a discussion about who does this

work for congregations. Often it is the minister and many congregations are without ministry personnel at the moment which may be a contributing factor.

A recap of WOW Property Policy was mentioned, that if in an amalgamation there is a surplus, then 20% may be disbursed to UCC ministries and 10% to Regional Council.

1. **Other Information**

Brenna shared that June 11th the Getting Started in Stewardship Webinar is being offered if anyone is interested. There are also other courses available through ChurchX “Called to be the Church” including one on legacy giving.

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

**Worship by**:

**MOTION** that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council having concluded its business, be adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

**MOTION** **AGREED**