**Discipleship and Justice Commission**

**Antler River Watershed**

**of The United Church of Canada**

*Holding and Encouraging Communities of Faith*

**DRAFT Minutes**

***2024/11/05  10 am***
***via Zoom <https://united-church.zoom.us/j/83063783125>***

**Roster:**

Joshua Lawrence (Co-Chair); Lilian Patey (Co-Chair); Linda Badke; Tabitha Carey; Bob Harris; James Haupt; Doug Peck; Jim Hatt,

**Staff Support:**

Thérèse Samuel – Minister, Right Relations and Social Justice

Kathy Douglas – Minister, Faith Formation

John Egger – Minister, Social Justice

Brenna Baker – Community of Faith Stewardship Support

Greg Smith-Young — Growth Animator

Krista Ford – Administration

**Present**: ***(cross out those not in attendance)***

Joshua Lawrence (Co-Chair); ~~Lilian Patey (Co-Chair)~~; Linda Badke; Tabitha Carey; ~~Bob Harris~~; James Haupt; Doug Peck; Jim Hatt; Wanda Winfield

Kathy Douglas, ~~Thérèse Samuel~~, John Egger ~~Brenna Baker~~, Krista Ford

***NOTE: This meeting will be recorded for minute-taking purposes.***

**Agenda**

1. **Acknowledgement of the Land/Territory  – this would cover any lands which fall in ARW.**

Joshua read the land acknowledgement

*(Thérèse suggests this statement be reconsidered and revised)*

We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional territory of a number of First Nations and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.  This Land known as Antler River Watershed, was once occupied by the Anishinabek, the Lenae-Lenapewauk, the Haudenosaunee, the Potawatomi, the Odawa, and the Chonnoton who used these lands as their traditional gathering, hunting and congregating place.  Let us also recognize our closest neighbours from these nations: The Chippewa of the Thames First Nation, The Munsee-Delaware Nation, the Oneida Nation of the Thames, Walpole Island, Moravian of the Thames, Caldwell, Aamjiwnaang, and the Chippewas of Stony and Kettle Point.  We are but a people in transition as we are on this earth for a short time.  Help us to be good caretakers of this land, Creator.  As well, we seek a new relationship with the Previous Occupiers of this land, one based in honour and deep respect.

1. **Welcome/Opening Prayer:** Joshua offered our opening prayer.
2. **Reminder of Equity Monitor and Pastoral Presence for our meeting(s)  *We all serve in this capacity keeping each other’s words and actions in check.***
3. **Approval of Agenda for Nov 5th 2024**

**MOTION** by Linda Badke / Jim Hatt that the Discipleship and Justice Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the agenda for Nov 5th 2024 as circulated.

MOTION      **​CARRIED**​

1. **Approval of Minutes from Oct 8th 2024**

**MOTION** by *Jim Hatt*/ Linda Badke that the Discipleship and Justice Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the minutes of the Oct 8th 2024 meeting as circulated.

MOTION      ​**CARRIED**​

1. **Middlesex Resource Centre Fund (on ARW Website) for Resource Centre events and for camp materials for specific programs.**

Joshua shared that there are possibly other grants available to some of the applications through different funds, in particular resource centres. The applications for these can be found on the ARW website, and pending the discussion of the grants, some applicants may be encouraged to apply to other funds.

1. Conflict of interest discussion

There was discussion about who has a conflict of interest in regards to the M&S grant applications received and how those people would be able to participate in the discussion and determination of funds for the applicants.
Joshua declared a conflict of interest for the application from First St. Andrews United Church, as he is employed at this church. He also noted that he will need someone to take over as chair of the meeting for any portions of the meeting it is deemed he should not participate in.
Tabitha Carey offered to take over as Chair for any portion of the meeting Joshua needs to be excused from.
Jim Hatt has declared a conflict of interest with the application from the Windsor Downtown Mission as he serves as Chaplin at the mission.
Linda Badke declared a conflict of interest with the application from First St. Andrews United Church and the London Chaplaincy applications.

**MOTION** Tabitha Carey /James Haupt that those individuals who have declared a conflict of interest named below, will not participate in the discussion of determining funds for those M&S grant applications they are associated with. They will participate in all other applications discussions. Those individuals are, Joshua Lawrence, First St. Andrews, Linda Badke – First St. Andrews and London Community Chaplaincy, and Jim Hatt – Windsor Downtown Mission.
MOTION **CARRIED**

1. Discussion of the MS Grant Applications

John noted that the official amount of money to give out for grant applications is $150,000 as passed at the Fall meeting.

The applications were roughly broken into groupings and general discussion was had on each application.

The first group of applications discussed was the camps, Kee-Mo-Kee, Kenesserie, Lambton, Pearce Williams, Norwich. Then Ridgetown Chaplaincy was discussed next followed by the Resource Centres (Christina Resource Centre and Grand River). Then discussion shifted to the applications from the Outreach Ministries, ELUCO, London Community Chaplaincy and Windsor Downtown Mission. Then the application from Five Oaks was discussed.

At this time it was determined another meeting would be required to discuss the rest of the applications and make final allocations of figures. It was discussed if the meeting should be held on Nov 12th or 19th. A decision was made to set the next meeting for Nov 19th at 10 am.
2. **Closing Words**
Joshua offered some closing words about reviewing the applications that were not discussed today and the work that will need to be done next time to finalize amounts.
3. Next Meetings – Tues Nov 19th 2024 10 am on Zoom
4. **Adjournment**

**ARW Priorities**

**Social Justice and Outreach-living out our Affirm mandate**

**Camps/Youth**

**Living into Right Relations**

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