

Executives Joint Meeting
ARW, HF, WOW Regional Council
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

November 21 & 22, 2019, Best Western Stoneridge Inn and Conference Centre, London

Present: Kate Young (HFRC President), John Hurst, Deborah Laforet, Robert Lawson, Nancy Risto, Pat Tooley, Garry Van Bruchem, Lena Medeiros, Gary Clark (WOWRC President), Brent Caslick, Rod Coates, Jessica Cottrell, Micol Cottrell, Heather Davies, Deanne Dickson, Gord Dunbar, Norm Eygenraam, Joyce Johnston, Margaret Krauter, Heather Leffler, Joyce Ward, Karlene Brown-Palmer, Richard Dalton, Elizabeth Dunn, Deanna Gibson, Louise Hall, Brenda MacMain, Kenji Marui, Diane Skomash, Carey Wagner, Lorna Gardner (UCW).

Staff Support: Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, Executive Minister
Sue Duliban, Executive Assistant

November 21, 2019

Kenji Marui, ARWRC acting President, opened the joint meeting with prayer, a detailed and informative Acknowledgement of land, and grace.

Gary Clark, WOWRC President, led the joint group in a community building exercise.

Tech update, training/tips on how to use Zoom, Dropbox, ChurchHub, was presented. A smaller learning session re: dropbox will be setup for those interested. (Background material Attachments #6 & 7).

Tim Reaburn connected with all three Executives jointly via Zoom; reviewing the distinctions between consensus and parliamentary procedure, giving Executive members the opportunity to ask questions and discuss both decision making options in depth. Tim emphasized that it is the decision of the individual Executives as to which model they follow. (Background material and Tim's remarks Attachments #1-5).

The Executive together briefly discuss meeting schedules for spring (May) 2020, possible fall 2020 and spring 2021. May 29-31, 2020 will be as in May, 2019 – all three regional councils gathering together at the same location (Unifor, Port Elgin), business meetings to be conducted separately.

Some points made:

Spring 2020

Budget(s) need to be established and followed

Cost of Unifor is not unreasonable given the value that is given (note for information: in May, attendees paid for lodging, meals, travel; fall meetings, the regional councils paid for meals, only those who carpoled received travel reimbursement)

Why Unifor? Economically can't be matched. Can live stream throughout the facility if sufficient time given to set the tech up.

Reconfigure the room that Horseshoe Falls Regional Council met in to make it more workable and perhaps rotate meeting space.

WOW noted big name speaker not as important.

ARW noted more work needs to be done to connect within the regional council

More hands on with agenda and local arrangements

Fall 2020

ARW: Oct 3, WISH Centre, Chatham

HF: Oct. 24, somewhere in Hamilton region. One and a half days with focus on president's theme.

WOW: Nov. 7, first choice, Oct. 17, second choice. Location tbd.

Spring 2021

Length?

Celebration of ministry – can do any time we want, collectively? Attach to each regional meeting?

Note: the regional councils do not have to all do the same thing

Kate Young (HFRC President) led closing worship with communion.

The meeting reconvened on November 22, 2019

Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa provided background on the Ministry Sharing Agreement. There was brief discussion re: funding and decisions that may need to be made in 2021 regarding staffing. She updated the Executives on the status of Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Minister Social Justice. Currently on maternity/parental leave, Diane is scheduled to return to work April 1, 2020 on a half-time basis. To be confirmed: staff person for the remaining half-time for that position.

Information and education on corporations was provided jointly to all three executives, with Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa giving an overview of corporations and the executives' role. (Corporations powerpoint presentation – to be added).

Note: If the corporation dissolves the property is returned to UCC.

John Hurst suggested that a discussion the executives might need to have is to consider a new model; winding up the extension councils under our purview and then setting up one giant extension council, rather like TUCC (Toronto United Church Council).

Meeting adjourned following closing worship.