

Covenant Commission
Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Connecting, Supporting, Transforming

11 a.m. via Zoom

Roster: (10) Marg Bakker, Ross Carter, Judy Chalmers, Ann Harbridge, Chair (DLM), Norm Eygenraam, Arthur Hills, Sandy Loomis, Thom McDonough (RDLM), Ted Oldfield, Connie Shiell

Staff Support: Sue Duliban, Executive Assistant
Rev. John Neff, Minister, Congregational Support and Mission

Present: Marg Bakker, Norm Eygenraam, Arthur Hills, Sandy Loomis, Thom McDonough

Regrets: Ann Harbridge (holidays)

Absent: Ross Carter, Judy Chalmers, Ted Oldfield, Connie Shiell

Appoint acting chair: Arthur Hills volunteered to serve as acting chair in Ann Harbridge's absence. Agreed by consensus.

Welcome and Constitute Meeting: I constitute this meeting in the name of Jesus, the Christ, for all business which properly comes before it.

Acknowledging the Land: While calling in from various places in Southern Ontario we acknowledge that our ministries and buildings are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples and subject to various treaties. In the wake of the arrest of 680 workers in Mississippi on illegal immigration charges, leaving their children coming home from school to empty houses, we acknowledge our desire for continued reconciliation for all peoples who yearn to call the land home.

Opening Agreements:

Approval of Agenda:

The Covenant Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council agree through consensus on the agenda as circulated.

Business Arising

1. Trinity UC, Grand Valley – request to use capital funds.

The Covenant Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council agree through consensus to approve the request from Trinity United Church, Grand Valley, to use \$20,000.00 from their restricted capital. The Covenant Commission requests that Trinity, Grand Valley work on a viability plan and look into shared ministry.

New Business

1. Pastoral Charge Supervisors

The Covenant Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council agree through consensus to

a) appoint Greg Smith-Young as pastoral charge supervisor to Alma United Church beginning September 1, 2019.

b) appoint Brad Inglis as pastoral charge supervisor to Lion's Head-Pike Bay pastoral charge beginning October 1, 2019.

c) thank Arthur Hills for serving as pastoral charge supervisor for Emmanuel United Church in Waterloo and release him from his duties.

2. Community of Faith Profiles

The Covenant Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council agree through consensus to receive for information from Atwood United Church: Living Faith Story, Demographics Worksheet, Financial Viability Worksheet, Real Property Worksheet; from Trinity United Church, Listowel: Living Faith Story, Demographics Worksheet, Financial Viability Worksheet, Real Property Worksheet, Accessibility Policy, Violence and Harassment Policy; and the Atwood-Trinity shared Ministry Covenant, Shared Income Expense, Consolidated Balance Sheet, Consolidated Income Expense Statement;

and,

agree to the viability of Atwood United Church and Trinity United Church, Listowel for a Category D minister at 40 hrs/week (Atwood 14 hr, Trinity 26 hrs),

and,

ask that the Atwood-Trinity Shared Ministry Covenant be updated.

3. Ayr: Knox UC – Modernization Grant Application

The Covenant Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council agree through consensus that the Application for Church/Manse Modernization and Improvement Grant application from Knox United Church, Ayr be approved.

4. Cedar Hill UC: Revision to purchase/sale agreement of First United Church, Cambridge.

The Covenant Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council agree through consensus to the Amendment to Agreement of Purchase and Sale – Commercial between Trinity Centres Foundation and the Trustees of First United Church, Cambridge.

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John noted that the Covenant Commission already agreed on the purchase and sale agreement; the parties are just updating some of the conditions that have been met.

Meetings of the Covenant Commission will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. Most meetings will be via zoom, however admin staff are looking to find a space to use when in person meetings are required.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 12, 2019. 10 am, Mount Forest United Church (to be confirmed)

Worship by: Thom McDonough

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.