

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

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Monday, March 17, 2020, **9:30 am**, Zoom Call

**Roster:** (9) Marg Bakker, Judy Chalmers, Ann Harbridge (DLM), Sandy Loomis, Ross Carter, Norm Eygenraam, Arthur Hills, Thom McDonough (RDLM), Kate Crawford (Rev.), Lyn Workman (Rev.) (starting 200501)

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

**Present:** Norm Eygenraam, Arthur Hills, Kate Crawford, Judy Chalmers, Thom McDonough, Margaret Bakker, Ann Harbridge, John Neff

**Regrets:** Ross Carter, Sandy Loomis

**Welcome and Constitute Meeting:** Ann constituted the meeting in the name of Jesus Christ for all business that comes before it. Ann shared a prayer in consideration of the pandemic times in which we find ourselves.

**Opening Agreements:**

Approval of Agenda:

The Covenant Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council **agree** on the agenda.

**New Business**

1. Community of Faith access to restricted funds

**MOTION** Norm Eygenraam / Marg Bakker

That the Covenant Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council authorizes communities of faith with funds restricted by either the previous presbytery or regional council to access these restricted funds, if needed, to cover payroll in March and April of 2020. The governing body's decision to access these funds to be communicated to the Covenant Commission via the respective staff. **CARRIED**

We are taking these measures to support communities of faith as they support all of their staff during these uncertain times.

As always we encourage staff to be on ADP.

If your community of faith has difficulty meeting payroll please contact your Minister for Congregational Support and Mission, [John Neff](#)

We encourage communities of faith to look at alternate means of continuing the financial support from their membership through [PAR](#) and CanadaHelps

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 9, 2020 by Zoom Call - 9:30 a.m.