

Mission and Discipleship Commission
Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Connecting, Supporting, Transforming

Approved Minutes
March 11, 2020

Zoom meeting

Roster: Deanne Dickson (Chair) Rosemary Benbow Mary Jeanne Carmichael
Bruce Dickson, Rodger Filsinger, Lyle Haney Mary Hawthorne, Patrick McDonough
Joyce Osborne, Keith Reynolds

Staff Support: Kim Uyede-Kai (Minister, Right Relations and Indigenous Justice)
Kathy Douglas (Minister, Faith Formation)

Present: Lyle Haney, Mary Hawthorne, Kim Uyede-Kai, Kathy Douglas, Joan Tuchlinsky, Deanne Dickson, Rosemary Benbow, Pat McDonough, Keith Reynolds, Dave Jagger, Bruce Dickson, Joyce Osborne

Regrets: Rodger Filsinger, Mary Jeanne Carmichael

Absent:

Welcome and Constitute Meeting: Deanne opened the meeting with a meditation.

Acknowledging the Land: Deanne acknowledged the land on which we do our work.

Opening Worship:

Opening Motions:

Choose an item.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

MOTION that the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council approve the minutes of 01-17-2020 as circulated.

MOTION : Consensus reached

New Business

1. Pat McDonough – Plan for Spring Regional meeting: Pat outlined his plan for the Spring meeting. He will need two tables, he is getting poster boards made for the different areas that the commission encompasses. Tables will have a sign up sheets for folks wanting to connect around any of these issues. Pat will have a bookmark with the regional website and email for folks to take away with them. He estimates that the poster boards will cost \$200. Pat will also write up something to go in the newsletter.
2. Staff Reports:
 - Kathy: Camps Gathering – This will be an expensive event as they will be hiring a Facilitator. Kathy has asked the Regional Executives to contribute financially to this event. Kathy is also getting the ball rolling on Mental Health Webinars.
 - Kim: Kim announced that she is leaving the WOW Regional RC to move to Shining Waters RC effective April 14. Kim noted that in the coming months the commissions strive to make connections with the Indigenous communities (Saugeen Wesley and Cape Croker) possibly by visiting one or both communities.
 - Joan: Joan is wrapping up some of her initiatives as her contract is over as of March 31 and Diane Matheson-Jimenez will be starting April 1. She reviewed the following issues: 1. Compassionate Justice speaker series. 2. Affordable Housing Round Table: Carla Leon will be joining this group as the UCC rep. 3. Ecumenical Climate Justice Alliance (Waterloo region).
 - Dave: 1. Called to be the Church has now been distributed to churches. First Steps would be to go to the quick start guide. 2. Stewardship Buzz events in WOW – one south one north. 3. Canada Helps will be at the Regional Spring Meeting.
- 3 Mission Support Grants and Liaisons: Deanne is preparing a letter for each recipient introducing the idea of meeting with two members of our Commission who will be liaison with their particular applicant, to enable better communication with people who are known to each other. The letter will include information for initial contact with each other. We still need: due dates for 2021 Mission Support grants and also Grant writing

workshop information. Next steps will be to set up meetings with the applicants – it was suggested that a meeting of the Board might be a good place to start.

■ Length of Membership of Commissioners: Deanne will send an email to commissioners to see how long they would be willing to serve on the Commission.

■ Finances: Ruthanna to get the amount we spent on catering at the previous WOW meeting. Other than that WOW M&D commission has spent \$1500 on the Learning Circle of the former Bruce Presbytery and \$100 on Clifford UC for the use of their space.

Other Items: Joyce referred folks to the UCW webpage for information.

Next Meeting: 05-07-2020 Zoom 2pm

Worship by: