

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

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Time, Place or Zoom mtg

**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)

Joan Tuchlinsky (Minister, Social Justice)

**Present:** ON Zoom Deanne Dickson, Rosemary Benbow, Bruce Dickson (left at half time), Mary Hawthorne, Pat McDonough, Keith Reynolds, Kathy Douglas (staff-note taker), Joan Tuchlinsky (staff)

**Regrets:** Joyce Osborne, Roger Filsinger, Mary Jean Carmichael

**Absent:** Lyle Haney

**Welcome and Constitute Meeting:**

**Acknowledging the Land: omitted**

**Opening Worship: omitted**

Agenda

- \*Review Experience of Delegation that went to visit and learn about ECM Chaplaincy.
- \*Review application for funding Former Bruce Presbytery Clergy Retreat Circles of support and learning
- \* Review request from chair Deanne to give a donation to Clifford United Church as they allow us to use their space for meetings
- \*Future Business

Notes

\*ECM Chaplaincy and other Mission Support Grants

Deanne highlighted the meeting with ECM Guelph Chaplaincy (Thursday, December 12). See Pat's attached notes from that visit. All in all, it was a good visit where we learned about each other.

From Pat some important considerations (that others shared as well). A best practice going forward would be to either visit or have a presentation about the ministry for which we are being asked to grant. Generally we need a better process for MS Grant applications. The staff will work on that and be sure to get input from M&D C. Pat also highlighted that we must start to give strong consideration as to whether we cut funding across the board, sharing the cuts collectively or choosing to completely not fund some ministries and support only a few.

Finally, there was opinion that maybe our job is not to hold back funding where there is an application, waiting for others who might come forward later in the year. Rather our job is to give the money out if there is a demonstrated need at time of applications.

All applicants were revisited. Please see attached document with complete breakdown of grants requested, initial decision on Nov 1 and final agreed upon decision as of this date. We agreed to give all who asked, the amount they asked for. Consensus reached with one 'agreeing to live with decision, no block'

Deanne will rewrite letters to ministries (with support of staff) with this new information. There will be included in letters a caution that the process for grant writing and granting will be improved for next year, and the future does not suggest there will be as much available funding. Grant requesting ministries should be prepared for fewer dollars in 2021.

(Bruce Dickson left the meeting at this point because of other commitments)

#### Former Bruce Presbytery Clergy Gathering/support Group request for funding

In September Deanne received a request for \$1,500 from former Bruce Presbytery Clergy Support Group/Learning Circle. The money covers costs of time and travel for leadership. This has been an ongoing project and many offered support for it.

Pat M. proposed and it was Agreed... to give them \$1500 from our Budget for WOW M&D C. (Kathy to find out how money is transferred for such things as this)

#### Donation to Clifford United Church

Deanne proposed that our commission give a donation of \$100 to Clifford United Church for their willingness to give us space at their church for face to face meeting.

Consensus was reached. Agreed.

#### Future Business

December 13, 2019

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Pat requested and offered to do some strategic planning with this commission regarding visioning and clearer plans on next steps in our work. Agreement.

**Next Meeting:** Joan Tuchlinsky will send out a Doodle Poll to see what date suits us all in January

Worship by: Not determined.