

REGION 8 TRANSITION COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, July 9, 2018

The provisional Region 8 Transition Commission was called to meet on Monday, July 9, 2018 at Knox United Church, Durham, following the morning Presbytery to Region (P2R) meeting of Region 8 presbytery representatives.

PRESENT

Executive Minister	Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer Sampa	Hamilton Conference Representatives	Gord Dunbar Heather Leffler Tim Reaburn
Presbytery Representatives	Rod Coates (Bruce) Margaret Krauter (Northern Waters) Mark Laird (Waterloo) Laurie O'Leary (Huron- Perth)	London Conference Representative Guest	Brent Caslick Marion Boyd

Regrets: Anne Harbridge, Martha Pedoniquotte

1. Call to Order

Cheryl-Ann called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM.

2. Opening Remarks

Tim Reaburn noted that we are still missing indigenous representation at the Transition Commission. Cheryl-Ann said that she would be at the General Council office this week and address the issue with Maggie Dieter, Aboriginal Ministries Circle. Marion Boyd offered to investigate a contact with the Saugeen Wesley pastoral charge as another option. It was agreed that we wish to have indigenous representation as part of the planning for the October 20th initial gathering of Region 8.

3. Staffing and Job Documents

Cheryl-Ann said that a meeting with all incumbent Region 8 staff will take place tomorrow and that Transition Commission decisions regarding staffing and facilities will be communicated at that time. She said that an interview team has been established, with staff interviews occurring over the next several weeks.

Cheryl-Ann then reviewed the summary of budget decisions made at the first Transition Commission meeting (June 26-28). She said she would be creating job documents for the positions the commission has defined and asked for input from commission members for some of the key responsibilities & additional details concerning the role and responsibilities of the congregational support minister.

After collating this input, it was generally agreed that with respect to shared staff positions we must build trust, and that shared positions must function in a way which makes the most sense. In other words, we will trust our staff to do the right things and not establish "quotas" for the work done. Several commission members noted that we need to build capacity and that staff must be initiators, not just responders.

Cheryl-Ann said the job documents will contain broad titles & key principles, rather than explicit and specific duties.

4. “The Why”

Cheryl-Ann asked for each person to contribute a word or phrase describing the reason why Region 8 exists. After responses from all present, the conclusion was: *Connecting, supporting, transforming.*

5. Newsletter

The content of our pending first newsletter was reviewed. Cheryl-Ann requested that each commission member provide her a two-line description about why they are a member of the commission. The newsletter will also provide information on the upcoming gathering (October 20th) and could be issued as early as next week.

6. Next Meeting

The next transition commission meeting will be August 8th at the Best Western Stone Ridge Conference Centre, London, and will be the opportunity for approving the final job documents. It was noted that we should also establish some elements of governance at this meeting, especially so that we preserve some of our corporate knowledge and set up a forum for volunteers to participate in the new regional structure.

7. Fall Meeting Dates

The following dates for the remainder of the year were set:

- September 11 (Paisley), 10 AM.
- October 20 (Commission to remain after the gathering in Mount Forest)
- November 8 (Conference Call)
- November 29/30 (Best Western Stone Ridge Conference Centre)

8. Chairing Meetings

Laurie O’Leary volunteered, and was acclaimed, as meeting chair.

9. Closing

The meeting closed with each commission member sharing a brief summary of their summer vacation plans.

Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer Sampa closed the meeting with a short prayer at 3:10 PM.