

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

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Draft Minutes

Thursday, May 7, 2020  
2pm via Zoom

**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:** Diane Matheson-Jimenez (Minister, Social Justice)

Kathy Douglas (Minister, Faith Formation)

**Present:** Deanne Dickson (Chair), Rosemary Benbow, Bruce Dickson, Rodger Filsinger, Mary Hawthorne, Patrick McDonough, Joyce Osborne, Keith Reynolds, Kathy Douglas, Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Ruthanna Mack

**Regrets:** Mary Jeanne Carmichael, Dave Jagger, Lyle Haney

**Absent:**

**Welcome and Constitute Meeting:** Deanne welcomed the group and constituted the meeting.

**Acknowledging the Land:** Deanne offered the following Land Acknowledgement: The United Church of Canada acknowledges that its building and ministries from coast to coast to coast are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples.

**Opening Worship:** Deanne led worship.

**Opening Motions:**

Approval of Agenda:

Consensus was reached and the agenda was accepted as circulated:

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Consensus was reached that the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council approve the minutes of 03-11-2020 as circulated.

**Business Arising**

Executive Motion: By Keith Reynolds/Rodger Filsinger That the WOW Council Mission and Discipleship Commission grants permission, in this unprecedented time, to the WOWRC Executive to complete work on behalf of the Commission should the Mission and Discipleship Commission be unable to meet quorum.

MOTION CARRIED

Staff Reports:

Diane Matheson-Jimenez: Social Justice – Wesley Urban Ministries has announced that the COVID-19 outbreak has now been resolved.

- SJNOR: Focusing on Guaranteed Basic Income. A rep from WOW M&D is needed for this network. SJNOR meets 3-4 times a year and meeting expenses are covered by the Network.

Kathy Douglas: Camps: All 11 camps are meeting weekly via zoom. There is a sense that they should wait for the Ministry of Health to say camps can't run this summer due to COVID-19. As Corporations, camps are eligible for the government loans available. More information regarding the camps gathering with the Think Muskoka consultants will be forthcoming.

Youth Ministry: Three webinars are available: 1. Duty of Care and safety on digital platforms. 2. Offering Pastoral Care and 3. Youth ministry. Email Kathy to get links for these webinars.

Mental Health: This initiative is on hold.

UCW: Joyce Osborne: 1. May 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM was cancelled and rescheduled for October.  
2. UCW could become a Community of Faith and as such could have official representation at the Regional Council.

Mission Support Applicants: There were three applicants who we have not heard back from. Deanne agreed to write a second letter and circulate it to the group.

Membership of Commission:

Commission Members	Term for M & D
Bruce Dickson	Will continue for now
Deanne Dickson	1 year

Joyce Osborne	2 years
Keith Reynolds	Up to 3 years
Lyle Haney	Up to 3 years
Mary Hawthorne	3 years
Mary Jeanne Carmichael	
Pat McDonough	3 years
Rodger Filsinger	Will continue for now
Rosemary Benbow	1 year

Membership Continued: Deanne will write a short advertisement soliciting members for the WOW M&D Commission suitable for the website, newsletter and Facebook. This will need to be approved by Cheryl-Ann.

Choosing a Chair for 2020-2021: Deanne will Chair the next WOW M&D meeting. Bruce Dickson volunteered to Chair the following meeting. There was a suggestion that the position of Chair could be split between two people.

Financials: See Appendix A

Motion: By Pat McDonough/Joyce Osborne that the WOW Mission and Discipleship Commission contribute \$2500.00 to the Think Muskoka Camp Gathering Event from the Events Budget Line for WOW M&D.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: By Keith Reynolds/Rosemary Benbow that the WOW Mission and Discipleship commission pay the \$1500.00 annual membership payment to the Social Justice Network for Ontario Regions (SJNOR) from the Events Budget Line for WOW M&D.

MOTION CARRIED

Commission members were encouraged to bring suggestions to the next M&D meeting so a conversation can be had around what to do with surplus Mission Support funds.

(see Appendix A)

WOW M&D Rep for Camps Gathering: Mary Hawthorne agreed to represent WOW M&D at the Think Muskoka camps gathering.

Other Business: Bruce inquired about a replacement staff member to oversee the Indigenous Justice piece of M&D. Kathy indicated that a decision has not been made around hiring for this position.

**Next Meeting: Thursday May 28 2pm via Zoom**

Worship by:

Closing thought: Are you a 'mourner' or a 'midwife'?

Appendix A:

WOW Mission and Discipleship Commission 2020

Events Budget Line (\$10 000)

Kids Across the Regions 2020	\$300
Youth Ministry Training Program 2020	\$1000
Youth Rally	\$2000
Mental Health Forum 2020	\$200
Camp Gathering for Visioning 2020	\$2500
Learning Circle Bruce Region	\$1500
SJNOR	\$1500
Promo table at Regional Gathering	\$200

NB

*-Highlighted has not been spent due to cancellations*

*-Confirmation Retreat that was held in February asked for \$1750 for each region. They have had all their expenses covered and do not need anything from this commission*

Operations Budget (\$5000)

Clifford UC donation for space	\$100
Food	\$201.99
Mileage	?

Western Ontario Waterways Mission and Discipleship Commission MS GRANTS 2020

\$132,000

-\$121,500 allocated for 2020

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\$10,500 Surplus