**Roster:** Bruce Dickson (Chair), Rodger Filsinger, Mary Hawthorne, Joyce Osborne, Edith Coyle, Gail Fricker, Jenn Hind-Urquhart

**Staff Support:** Diane Matheson-Jimenez - Minister, Social Justice

Kathy Douglas - Minister, Faith Formation

Thérèse Samuel – Minister for Right Relations and Social Justice

Dave Jagger - Stewardship and Gifts Officer

Michele Petick - Administration

Ruthanna Mack - Administration (on leave))

**Present**: Bruce Dickson (Chair), Rodger Filsinger, Mary Hawthorne, ~~Joyce Osborne~~, ~~Edith Coyle~~, Gail Fricker, Jenn Hind-Urquhart

Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Kathy Douglas, Thérèse Samuel, Dave Jagger, Michele Petick

**Regrets:** Ruthanna Mack

1. **Acknowledgement of the Land/Territory:** Bruce Dickson**,** Gary Clark from Kitchener acknowledgement**.**
2. **Opening Prayer/Worship:** Ash Wednesday - To dust we are and to dust we shall return. Dust and stardust reflection.

1. **Establishing/reminder of Equity Monitor and Pastoral Presence for our meeting(s):** Jenn Hind-Urquhart

* **Remembering** Being HARSH:

HugelyAgainstRacismSexismHomophobia

1. **Approval of Agenda for March 3, 2022**

MOTION by Mary Name / Name Gail that the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council.

MOTION CARRIED

1. **Approval of Minutes from January 20, 2022** MOTION by Jen Name / Name Mary that the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council with amendments.

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| ***Fund:*** | **$ Set Aside**  **(Event/mtg)** | **$ final Approval** | **$ Remaining** |
| **2022 Events Fund**  **($10,000 available for 2022)**  ($2000 for each of three areas FF, SJ and IJ to plan) | 5 events | $2,100 | $7,900 |
| **2022 Meeting Fund**  **($ 5000 Available for 2022)** |  |  | $5,000 |

MOTION CARRIED

**Prioritize items in items 6, 7, 8**

1. **Meeting with Andrew Hyde, ECM chaplain University of Guelph**

* This is one of the ministries supported by this commission.
* What is campus ministry and what are the greatest needs among the students?
* Exciting and new things happening on campus. Now offering Lenten opportunity and engaging in Lenten Holy Listening, matching students with spiritual listeners. Kate Keilty a Ministry grad of Guelph has done good work and strong pastoral care in this area and leads the program.
* Campus Ministry does worship and pastoral care with Presbyterian, Anglican and United Church students at the University of Guelph.
* Newly released, *My Daily Discoverment* by Andrew Hyde is a vocational discernment guide, it’s being promoted now and was supported by the M & S Grant of the United Church. Please promote with young adult crowds, it is available on Amazon and soon on UCRD. Will be featured on an upcoming Office of Vocation podcast for more information.
* Candidacy pathway, two students; one graduated and one near graduating. A third student from Anglican background exploring a call to ministry.
* Ecumenical Campus relationships are strong and good, considering adding a 4th partner denomination and having conversations with the Lutherans. The Anglicans are full communion partners with the Lutherans. It feels like a natural fit to add them.
* In person connection has been missed. Most programs are on Zoom. They enjoyed their first in-person dinner on campus and many new students came. They are grateful to revisit the spaces they have been restricted from since COVID-19.
* Grateful to the commission and to have the United Church as a key partner.
* Pacific Mountain region changing the structure of their chaplaincy. Interesting to watch. New roles like “Campus Ministry Animator”. This work used to be supported by GCO staff member Jordan Sullivan and has not been fulfilled since he left. Could serve as a model for other regions across the country.
* Sustainability plans: looking to go to community of faiths to support what is happening on campus. Before these were done through bulletins and pulpit supply. Looking for new ideas to keep people aware of the program.
* Suggestion to create videos that could be incorporated into worship services.
* Possibility to reach out to other universities and colleges with this shared ministry.
* Funding chaplaincy is a challenge and much appreciated to Andrew for the work he does.
* This commission will continue to lift up this ministry and tell its story to increase interest and support.
* Contact Andrew Hyde with any questions: [mhydea@uoguelph.ca](mailto:mhydea@uoguelph.ca)
* website: <https://www.ECMguelph.org>
* Kathy Douglas will look into campus ministry in Kitchener-Waterloo area. There is some money left for work in that area. <https://wowrcucc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Kitchener-Waterloo-Post-Secondary-Chaplaincy-Fund.pdf>

1. **Business Arising:**

**Racial Justice Training**

Occurred in January and February, some good work was done. Lots of good learning. A big investment of time well worth the process and learning. Often people can feel “called out” and this “called us in” to the power of language, the importance of reconciliation, and the leadership was quite affirming and provided a space to reflect on colonialism and racism.

**YAT Project**

Look for registration and recommend to young adults in our life.

<https://wowrcucc.ca/yat-forum-2022/>

**Tobacco Tie**

Thérèse reported about 80 people attended the event via Zoom. Ishkoodeh Kwe Sheila Robson did the majority of facilitation. Spiritually grounded and wise presentation which showed us how to make a tobacco tie. Looking forward to more learning with these folks.

1. **New Business: Newsletter – March 7 deadline**
2. **From the Joint Chairs meeting – March 21 event; M&D retreat**

Support staff were included in this meeting. An event idea possibly coming up as a Mission & Discipleship retreat with the three regional commissions combined. Most likely will be virtual on Zoom. TBA

1. **Sarah Charters Event - Monday March 21st 1pm**

Grant discussions of what are the expectations of folks when they donate to these funds. Bruce Dickson will attend on behalf of WOW. This is an education time across The United Church of Canada. The aim of the gathering is to compare granting practices, learn from one another, discern future best practices and help the staff support team learn how we can best support the key leaders to promote Mission & Service throughout the region and communities of faith.

1. **Reports:**

* **Kathy**

- Facilitating a Clergy Book Study with Rev Robin McGauley, geared to clergy, ready to be advertised, hopefully this will be a template for spiritual sustenance and support to clergy. For ministry personnel and spiritual direction. Details of book study: Loneliness & the Spiritual Practice of Belonging: A Study for Ministry Personnel, includes 1 on 1 Spiritual Direction session *LONELY: LEARNING TO LIVE WITH SOLITUDE*, By: Emily White.

- April regional newsletters will focus on Camps and Camping Ministry.

**Children and Youth Leadership Webinars in March 2022**

Moved by Jen/Gail that the Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council Mission approve the allocation of $75 from the Events Budget for the honorarium portion to be paid to facilitator (Tianna Gocan) for their leadership in Children and Youth Leadership Webinars in March 2022.

CARRIED

Moved by Jen/Gail that the Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council Mission and Discipleship Commission approve the allocation of $75 from the Events Budget for the honorarium portion to be paid to Rev. YongSeok Baek for their leadership in Children and Youth Leadership Webinars in March 2022.

CARRIED

* **Diane**

- United Church of Canada partnering with **Act Alliance to support the folks in Ukraine**. Give through Mission and Service to support refugees fleeing from the Ukraine to Hungary.

- **Food and Faith Gathering**: Working with Jeffrey Dale of Shining Waters Regional Council and the Open Food Network, they work to connect those who grow food with those who need food. This event will appeal to anyone growing food, running a food pantry, regenerative farming, hosting community kitchens, or community gardens.

- Looking to gather folks who are involved with all aspects of food to a Round Table event. Thursday April 21, 2022 at 7pm. Please forward the invitation to the event to your connections to maximize participation. Diane MJ will send the invitation to the commission

- <https://wowrcucc.ca/event/food-security-and-faith/>

- **Carol Kilby -** Working with Carol for Earth Day resources which will be made available in April.

- **P.I.E. Day Resource**: A day and time we focus on the inclusion of 2SLGBTQ+ peoples to help us bring us to our mission of unconditional love. The link to the resources is here:

- [https://arwrcucc.ca/p-i-e-resources-ideas-for-worship-sunday-march-13th-2022/](https://arwrcucc.ca/p-i-e-resources-ideas-for-worship-sunday-march-13th-2022/%20) and can be used for the Sunday worship prior to P.I.E. Day.

- Kathy Douglas and Diane MJ have signed up to be Champion participants in the Korean War Peace Appeal. Gather 10,000 signatures to bring peace to the Korean peninsula. Seventy years is too long for this war and it needs to end, it’s never been formally ended. If you would like to sign up here is the link:

- <https://en.endthekoreanwar.net/>

* **Thérèse**

- **Truth before Reconciliation** – Looking for a representative from the commission to attend this event on March 10th 1:30-3pm, Gail Fricker will plan to attend.

- A resource will be made for preparing territorial acknowledgments to be shared with communities of faith.

- **Matthew Stevens** preparing a presentation on PowerPoint on how to prepare statements of acknowledging the territories. Will be offered in a workshop for the communities of faith in the regions.

- **Anti-Racism** course with Salem Debs. Apprx. $300, it is a deep and intensive course. Thérèse is working on a companion series of talks regarding aspects of the course. It is the best course Thérèse has come across in Canada. If you are interested contacted Thérèse.

* **Ruthanna/Michele**  
    
  - Regarding file sharing, the regions will be transitioning from the Dropbox platform to SharePoint over the next couple of months, Michele P. will facilitate the transition.
* **Dave Jagger via Bruce Dickson**
* Dave is busy with work across the regions. Reach out to him for Stewardship questions and ideas. The monies folks give to Mission & Service fund go to the work done on this commission.

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| **2022 Events Expenses or Adjustments**  **Program:** | **$ Set Aside** | **$ Approved** |
| Children and Youth Leadership Webinars in March 2022 |  | $150 |
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| **2022 Meeting Expenses or Adjustments:** | **$ Set Aside** | **$ Approved** |
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1. **Next Meetings:**

* May 12th, 2022 at 1pm
* Regional Council May 6, 7, 8 (No specific M&D report expected; Fall will be next one)

1. **Closing – Equity Monitor**
2. **Adjournment**