**Roster:** Rodger Filsinger, Mary Hawthorne, Joyce Osborne, Edith Coyle, Gail Fricker, Jenn Hind-Urquhart, Andrew Hyde

**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**: Mary Hawthorne, Edith Coyle, Gail Fricker, Jenn Hind-Urquhart, Andrew Hyde

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

**Regrets:** Ruthanna Mack, Rodger Filsinger, Joyce Osborne

**Absent:** Dave Jagger

1. **Acknowledgement of the Land/Territory:** Jenn Hind-Urquhart

*Friends, this pandemic has highlighted for the first time in a generation the connectedness of the whole world. Our health and future is entwined with the health and future of every person on the planet. Perhaps it will lead us to the understanding that just as our present is linked with all people, so are we also linked to our past. Our history as a country is linked with how we have treated the First Peoples of this land. History and the Truth and Reconciliation reveals the immeasurable damage done to the First Peoples of Canada when we disrespected their culture, teachings and stewardship of the land. As we seek health and wholeness from the COVID-19 disease may we never cease to work toward wholeness of the First Peoples of this land.*

*We acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Anishnabe, the Attaranadaron (Neutral) Nation, and the Mississaugas of the New Credit. Our gain has come at a cost to these peoples.*

Rev. Gary Clark  
Forest Hill United Church  
Kitchener, Ontario

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

**Remembering Being HARSH**: Gail Fricker

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1. **Election of Chairs**

**MOTION** by Mary Hawthorne / Edith Coyle that the co-chairs of the Western Ontario Waterways Mission & Discipleship Commission be Jenn Hind-Urquhart Gail Fricker effective today to the spring Regional Council Meeting of 2024.

**CARRIED**

1. **Approval of Agenda for May 12, 2022**

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

MOTION CARRIED

1. **Approval of Minutes from March 3, 2022 and Email motion May 5, 2022**
2. MOTION by Mary Hawthorne / Gail Fricker that the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council approve the minutes of March 3, 2022 as circulated.

CARRIED



***RECORD OF EMAIL MOTION May 5, 2022 from the Mission and Discipleship Commission, WOW region****:*

Moved by Jenn Hind-Urquhart/ Gail Fricker that the M&D Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Region approve the allocation of $350 from the M&D events budget for an online spiritual gathering and screening of NFB Video: Honour to Senator Murray Sinclair.   CARRIED

MOTION by Gail Fricker / Edith Coyle that the documentation of the record of email motion of May5, 2022 of the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council as circulated.

CARRIED

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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) |  | $2,600 | $7,400 |
| **2022 Meeting Fund**  **($ 5000 Available for 2022)** |  |  | $5,000 |

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

1. **Business Arising:**

None

1. **New Business:**

- Gail Fricker will lead in September after study leave

- Jenn Hind-Urquhart back in October after sabbatical

- Andrew Hyde will recuse himself from meetings where there is a personal relationship with applicants

- When does grant information go out? We will need to find out what the budget is. Most likely before the Executive finalizes the budget. Over the next month General Council will update the form and make it available to the Reginal Councils. Over the summer we will receive grant applications and we will nudge other ministries to apply. Meet once to deep dive into the applications and then a second meeting to finalize the amounts and who the grants will go to. All needs to be done by the first week of November.

1. **From the Joint Chairs meeting – M&D retreat**

* Online retreat
* Date: Tuesday, June 21st
* The WOW co-chairs will be on study leave and sabbatical during this time.
* Collaboration among the three M&D chairs of the regions

1. **Reports:**

* **Kathy**
* YATS report- A successful event was held at Pearce Williams Camp April 28-31. Over 30 participants, lives changed, and ministry happened. She has met with CA and me about next steps, including finances. There as a shortfall of about $700. I may be bringing a request forward to cover that.
* We could invite Vanessa Shuttleworth-Spence to share results and ongoing plans for Youth Rally and next YATS.
* YAT, Vanessa Spence planned a weekend. 30 participants. Short video or a report will be coming.
* Andrew Hyde served as the Chaplain to the event. Led a workshop on vocational discernment.
* Camps in need -Up and running. Various levels of protocols. Big challenges getting staff.
* Youth Interns/Coordinators with GC44 - See job postings for these pieces of work.
* [https://united-church.ca/opportunities/youth-forum-intern-general-council-44](https://united-church.ca/opportunities/youth-forum-intern-general-council-44%20)
* [https://united-church.ca/opportunities/regional-intern-coordinator-general-council-44-youth-forum](https://united-church.ca/opportunities/regional-intern-coordinator-general-council-44-youth-forum%20)
* Meeting with Cathy Hird, Kate Monk, and Marg Murray on Monday, May 16 around Climate Grief. We should hear more about those videos and program
* **Diane**

*Food & Faith Event*

20 participants, and 4 leaders, participated in the faith and food security Zoom call. We heard from the Open Food Network and enjoyed time in breakout spaces to share what work was happening in different communities around the regions. The feedback was positive and there is great interest in coming together again to talk about food and faith. This is an important topic to be discussing as there are so many in our communities who go without the necessities of life and food, and the way we interact with it, has a significant impact on the climate. 

***Climate/Earth Day ideas- with Carol Kilby.***

The event with Carol Kilby went really well! All who participated were challenged and learned new things that will inform their experience in talking about the climate and how they integrate that into worship planning. I am working on editing the videos to make them more widely available. When complete, they will be posted on the tri-region YouTube channel for ease of access. 

***May 1 Social Justice Round Table (with SJNORC)***

100 participants signed in for the May 1st Social Justice Roundtable. The keynote speaker was former Moderator, Lois Wilson. In breakout rooms, we explored topics that are critical to the upcoming provincial election: guaranteed livable income, hard reduction, housing reform, and long-term care. The objective was to give participants concrete questions and strategies with which to engage candidates. The feedback was really positive, there is interest in doing something similar in the future.    
  
Conversation has begun about a roundtable on how churches can serve as community hubs in the event of climate emergencies.

*Election resource from that,* [*https://shiningwatersregionalcouncil.ca/justice/sjnorc/sjnorc-may-1-roundtable/*](https://shiningwatersregionalcouncil.ca/justice/sjnorc/sjnorc-may-1-roundtable/) 

***Korean Peace Appeal***

Commission members reminded to sign on to the Korean Peace Appeal. It is important that when folks sign, they indicate United Church affiliation so UCC participation can be accurately tracked.[*https://en.endthekoreanwar.net/*](https://en.endthekoreanwar.net/)

**Owen Sound Pride Parade**

Looking to support municipally sanctioned pride parades under the umbrella of Western Ontario Waterways. Looking to secure a banner. Staff will facilitate communicating to a broader community. The WOW Mission and Discipleship will formally lend support to intentionally support municipal Pride events this month and next month and to revisit the discussion in the fall. The Executive will financially support the costs of the banner (s).

* **Thérèse**

**Truth Before Reconciliation Event** on March 10th had roughly 90 attendees.

**Acknowledging the Territory Event** was held on May 26th. No M&D Rep had been arranged, but one M&D member had attended. We will work to remember to arrange an M&D rep for each event in the future. Gail Fricker will attend the event on behalf of the commission.

Upcoming May 31st Event- **Spiritual Gathering with Film featuring Murray Sinclair**. We are seeking an M&D Rep to attend the event and participate in the Leaders’ Circle on that evening as well.

**“Calls to the Church”** drafted by the Caretakers of Our Indigenous Circle is a guide for how the Indigenous Church would like to relate within the United Church of Canada. (The “Calls to the Church” is not to be confused with the TRC’s “Calls to Action”). It will be important that the M&D Commissions become acquainted with this document.

* **Ruthanna/Michele**

None

* **Other**
* Think about and consider the word “MISSION”, add to next agenda.

1. **Summary of financial decisions in this meeting:**

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| **2022 Events Expenses or Adjustments**  **Program:** | **$ Set Aside** | **$ Approved** |
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| **2022 Meeting Expenses or Adjustments:** | **$ Set Aside** | **$ Approved** |
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1. **Next Meetings:**

June 30th - 1pm

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