**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, ~~Joyce Osborne~~, Edith Coyle, Gail Fricker, Andrew Hyde

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

**Regrets:** Ruthanna Mack, Rodger Filsinger, Jenn Hind Urquhart

1. **Acknowledgement of the Land/Territory:** Gail Fricker

1. **Opening Prayer/Worship:** Gail Fricker

Check in question – where do you hope to find God’s restoring Spirit this summer?

1. **Establishing/reminder of Equity Monitor and Pastoral Presence for our meeting:** Andrew Hyde

* **Remembering** Being HARSH:

HugelyAgainstRacismSexismHomophobia

1. **Approval of Agenda for June 30th, 2022**

MOTION by Edith/MaryName / Name that the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

1. **Approval of Minutes from May 12th, 2022 and Email motion May 30th, 2022, and June 3rd, 2022**MOTION by Andrew/Edith Name / Name that the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council as amended.

***RECORD OF EMAIL MOTION May 30th, 2022 from the Mission and Discipleship Commission, WOW region****:*

*Moved by Jen Hind / seconded by Mary Hawthorne that the WOW Mission and Discipleship Commission approve the allocation of $75 from the Events Budget for the honorarium portion to be paid to****Steven Barabash****for their leadership in Children and Youth Leadership Webinars in May 2022.*Moved by Jenn Hind-Urquhart/ Gail Fricker that the M&D

*RECORD OF EMAIL MOTION June 3rd, 2022 from the Mission and Discipleship Commission, WOW region:*

*Moved by Mary Hawthorne, Seconded by Jen Hind that the Commission approves the motion for Five Oaks to use the money previously allocated to them for alternative program needs.*

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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 |

CARRIED

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

1. **Business Arising:**

1. **New Business:**

**Sky Light Festival – Deborah Laforet:**

* Correspondence received from SkyLight Festival, the event is cancelled for 2022 and no clear leadership for the future.
* They would like to hold the money for six months to see if someone will come forward to spearhead the festival.
* The WOW M&D Commission doesn’t have the authority to approve this type of request.
* The Commission can request the return of the unused funds immediately.
* The Commission encourages new folks who would like to lead this event in the future to apply for funds.

MOTION:

Moved: Andrew/Seconded: Mary that the WOW Mission and Discipleship Commission thank Skylight Festival for their correspondence, and that we request that all unused funds be immediately returned to the United Church of Canada c/o Diana Hacker.

CARRIED

* Pastoral response/we don’t have authority to grant you to hang onto the funds and re-designate those funds. Gail Fricker and Diane Matheson-Jimenez will craft a response.

**Westminster UC:**

* Leadership of 20 hours was reduced to 15 hours … it has not reduced the budget.
* Gail Fricker to send supportive correspondence and appreciation for the update.

**Tri-Region Affirming Network:**

* Looking for support in purchasing supplies for Affirming Ministry celebrations.
* Currently matching someone with Affirming experience with someone who is in the process of becoming Affirming.
* They are looking to cover costs for like mileage for the Tri-Region Affirming Network to carry out this work.
* Looking for mentors who can amplify that message, suggestions or strategies. Clustering Affirming Teams, stories, events, speakers and resources, create a special event and team up with other regions. Will include co-chair Jen Hind with this discussion.

MOTION: Andrew/Edith to allocate $500 from the Western Ontario Waterways Mission & Discipleship Commission meetings budget to the Tri-Region Affirm Network for supplies and expenses.

CARRIED

1. **Reports:**

* **Kathy**

**Palestine/Israel Justice Issues:**

* May UNJPPI (United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine/Israel), in London event a success. Reviewing it this week.
* Pal/Is educational/connecting and relationship building Event with youth/YA. Connecting with youth/young adult in Palestine/Is and Canadian/UCC Youth/young adult. Financial honorarium, will be likely required.
* From this …. have spoken to participants in the 2019 “Come and See” trip with National church where a group of participants shared their experience of that specific location. That was great education and learning re that place. However, I am considering something else to do with these kind of stories…. something like (What might happen if you go on a Intercultural Trip?)
* Looking for support, lots of grief and lamenting
* Strong demand for pastoral care
* Focus on youth and young adults
* Plan and event with Palestine youth with Canadian youth
* Can be a traumatizing experience to learn about
* “Come and See” in 2012 a group who travelled to Palestine
* Faith Formation with youth doing intercultural trips are life changing and transformative
* Working on the response of youth and their experiences
* Gather with other youth who’ve been on other experiences to share stories and reflections.
* Create videos of the learnings that can be shared in worship.

**Camps:**

* Kathy has been conducting Boundaries training on behalf of the regions.

Want them to know there is help if needed and support.

* Eleven Residential camps over the three regions … three in WOW.

**Music Ministry**

* Come Let Us Sing
* With Jeffrey Dale of Shining Waters Regional Council facilitated a conversation around discerning history of music, considering appropriation and to wonder about the theology or theological interpretation. Reminding our music folk, that they have some responsibility in the faith community

**Community of Faith Administrators**

* **Diane**

**WOW Logoed Pride Flag**

* An Affirming community of faith contacted staff post parade asking if the flags could be made available to purchase.
* Safety, sanctuary, unconditional love is the tagline on the flag.
* Currently looking to spread the word for upcoming Pride events for next year.
* For consideration, can we make flags accessible for communities of faith in the future?

**Camp Day**

* For regional reps and clergy
* Lead worship Joy Kennedy (Ecological Justice profile of GCO)
* Creating a video of her meditation.
* Will make the video accessible in the summer and as part of a study for the ‘Season of Creation’ coming up in the fall.

**Mission & Support Application**

* Will send it to past recipients
* Share on Facebook, newsletter, website
* September 6th is the deadline for applications
* **Thérèse**

**Pride Parade - Owen Sound**

* Some 2SLGBTQ folks have a mistrust of “church”
* The WOW Regional Council pride flag says something different and that the United Church and region is willing to be present for 2SLGBTQ communities.
* Georgian Shores voted unanimously to become an Affirming community of faith.

**Sarah Bruer**

* Alvin Dixon bursary run/walk, didn’t get as much support as they were looking for.
* Is someone interested in representing this work? A WOW contingent?
* Deadline is July 25th.
* Indigenous studies bursary for reconciliation work.
* Register and fundraise.
* <https://youtu.be/VTvRCNZE-sI>

**Pulpit Supply List**

* Indigenous context
* Thérèse is looking to create a list of these individuals who would be able to speak to indigenous issues in worship.

**Anti-Racism**

* Kaleidoscope - Building Bridges Now
* Structure of a discussion/session around a 5-minute video like a news item focused on racial or social justice context.
* A 4 1/2 minutes video is ready to be show with a two-hour discussion session to be held in August around Emancipation Day.
* Entry level discussion. Geared to anyone who wants to dip their toe into anti-racism discussions. Or take them to their communities of faith. Pegi Ridout can train people to take this program into their own communities.

**Selam Debs**

* Kitchener-Waterloo
* February 27th, 2023 time 10-11:30am during Black History month.
* Anti-Racism Workshop … two sessions a month after February session.
* **Ruthanna/Michele**

None

* **Other**

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** |
| Tri-Region Affirm Network 2022 | 500.00 | 500.00 |

1. **Next Meetings:**

**September 14th – 1pm (M&S Application Reviews)**

**September 21st – Regional Executive and Commission – All Day (in-person)**

1. **Closing – Equity Monitor:** Andrew Hyde
2. **Adjournment**