**Mission and Discipleship Commission**

**Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

*Connecting, Supporting, Transforming*

**APPROVED Minutes**

**OCTOBER 20, 2022, 12 p.m.**

**Hybrid: in person at Harcourt UC and on Zoom.**

**Roster:** Co-Chair:Rev. Jenn Hind-Urquhart. Co-Chair Rev. Gail Fricker**,** Mary Hawthorne, Joyce Osborne, Edith Coyle, Andrew Hyde, Rev. Cathy Hird. (Tom McDonough was appointed yesterday by the Executive)

**On Leave:** Rodger Filsinger

**Staff Support:** Kathy Douglas - Minister, Faith Formation

Thérèse Samuel – Minister for Right Relations and Social Justice

Brenna Baker – Community of Faith Stewardship Support

Michele Petick - Administration

Ruthanna Mack - Administration (on leave)

Social Justice Minister (Vacant)

**Present**: Co-Chair:Rev. Jenn Hind-Urquhart (Chair for today’s meeting), Co-Chair Rev. Gail Fricker**,** ~~Rodger Filsinger,~~ Mary Hawthorne, Joyce Osborne, Edith Coyle, Andrew Hyde, Rev. Cathy Hird, Kathy Douglas, Thérèse Samuel (minute-taker for today’s meeting), Brenna Baker, ~~Michele Petick, Ruthanna Mack - Administration~~

**Regrets:** Ruthanna Mack, Rodger Filsinger; and Tom McDonough will be joining the Commission at its next meeting.

1. **Acknowledgment of Territory** *Meeting Chair Jenn Hind*

Let us be reminded that we live, work and have our being on the traditional lands of Indigenous Peoples. Today we find ourselves on the unceded territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and ancestral homelands of the Anishinaabek.

The lands where we live, learn and work hold the ancestral connections and stories of Indigenous peoples since time immemorial.  However, colonization has orchestrated the displacement of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples from their ancestral lands and hindered their ability to be good relations with the land.  Indigenous peoples are actively maintaining and strengthening their relationships with the land which are grounded in respect, reciprocity and resiliency. (<https://www.uoguelph.ca/land-acknowledgement>)

The original peoples have sought to walk gently on this land and we endeavour to follow their example. We seek a new relationship with First Nation peoples through Truth and Reconciliation and we actively seek Right Relations based in honour and with deep respect.

1. **Opening Prayer** *Meeting Chair Jenn Hind*
2. **Establishing/reminder of Equity Monitor and Pastoral Presence for our meeting(s)** *Jenn Hind*

**Remembering Being HARSH:**

**HugelyAgainstRacismSexismHomophobia**

Equity Monitor for this meeting will be Gail Fricker

**4. Approval of Agenda for October 20, 2022**

MOTION by Mary Hawthorne/Andrew Hyde that the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council approve the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

**5. Approval of Minutes from September 21, 2022**

Correction to Thérèse Samuel’s report

**Right Relations Work:** *should read:*October 5 there will be a workshop for worship leaders (lay or clergy) who offer or may be interested in offering occasional worship leadership (i.e. pulpit supply) in Indigenous congregations.   
In addition, there is a video being prepared which introduces Martha Pedoniquotte CCDC, Indigenous Ministries and Justice Unit and Thérèse Samuel, Minister for Right Relations in SW Ontario Regions and how we work together to support Indigenous communities of faith.

MOTION by Gail Fricker/Mary Hawthorne that the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council accept the minutes as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

**6. Business Arising from minutes:**

**-** Gail Fricker: update on M&D Commission portion for WOW Regional Meeting in November: For the 20-minute video/creative portion, the M&D will highlight work Communities of Faith (CoFs) are doing. They are asked to send a photo, short video, The video will be about 10 minutes long, and in addition Jenn and Gail will enact a script. Photos or brief videos can be sent to Gail Fricker. Commission members are encouraged to share with as many people as they want to. Deadline for submissions is November 13th, but please send them earlier if possible.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

Review and discussion for allocation of WOW Mission Support Grants. The PowerPoint that Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa had shared with the M&D Chairs was presented and there was discussion of the principles to be kept in mind for discussion of the MS grants. All applications that had been received were reviewed and discussed, keeping in mind the WOW M&D Priorities (Right Relations, Camps/Youth/Faith Formation, Chaplaincy) and the expectations of M&S donors, and considering the purpose for the grant, the financial need of the applicant and any other concerns that arose.

The chart below lists the applications that were received and discussed, and the outcome of today’s discussions.

NOTES:

Andrew Hyde declared conflict of interest regarding Guelph University Ecumenical Campus Ministry and was not present for any of the discussion of the Guelph University Ecumenical Campus Ministry application.

Gail Fricker declared conflict of interest regarding the Huron Shores UC Grand Bend application, and was not present for any of the discussion of the Huron Shores UC application.

Due to the conflicts of interest of two members of the Commission, the vote on the allocations will be sent out by email, and neither Gail Fricker nor Andrew Hyde will be part of that email vote or discussion.

***WOW 2023 MS Grant Proposed Allocations:***

| Applicant | contact person | email | 2023 Grant Requested | 2023 Grant Proposed | Notes to be included in response to applicants: (see below) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 5 Oaks | Michael Shewburg | [mshewburg@fiveoaks.on.ca](mailto:mshewburg@fiveoaks.on.ca) | $ 10,000.00 | $ 10,000.00 | \*1 |
| Camp Bimini | Golda Wilson | [wilson.golda@gmail.com](mailto:wilson.golda@gmail.com) | $ 15,000.00 | $ 15,000.00 |  |
| Camp Menesetung | Janet Bettles | [treasurer@campmenesetung.ca](mailto:treasurer@campmenesetung.ca) | $ 15,000.00 | $ 15,000.00 |  |
| Christian Resource Centre- Mitchell | No Name- Prev.=Gayle Coleman | [hpprc@quadro.net](mailto:hpprc@quadro.net) | $ 22,000.00 | $ 12,000.00 | \*2 |
| Grand River Spiritual and Educational Resources | Norma Cronkwright | [normacronkwright@gmail.com](mailto:normacronkwright@gmail.com) | $ 7,600.00 | $ 5,000.00 | \*3 |
| Grey Bruce Spiritual Care Council | Jan Temple-Jones | jtemplejones@gbhs.on.ca | $ 30,000.00 | $ 30,000.00 |  |
| Guelph U Ecumenical Campus Ministry | Andrew Hyde | [hydea@uoguelph.ca](mailto:hydea@uoguelph.ca) | $ 27,000.00 | $ 27,000.00 | \*4 |
| Huron Shores UC Grand Bend | John Scott | [heresjoneee@hotmail.com](mailto:heresjoneee@hotmail.com) | $ 6,700.00 | $ 6,700.00 | \*5 |
| TUC Kitchener - The Hub | Adam Cresswell | hubleadership@gmail.com | $ 40,000.00 | $ 11,800.00 | \*6 |
| Westminster UC Waterloo | Joan Tuchlinsky | [joantuch25@gmail.com](mailto:joantuch25@gmail.com) | $ 2,500.00 | $ 2,500.00 |  |
|  |  | **TOTAL** | $ **175,800.00** | $ 135,000.00 |  |
|  |  | **2023 Allocation** | **$135,000** | $ 135,000.00 |  |
|  |  | Remaining: | -$ 40,800.00 | $ - |  |

**\*1 - Five Oaks:**

* WOW M&D recommends that Five Oaks is encouraged to seek sources of funding in the future from some of their partnerships outside of the United Church of Canada.

**\*2 - The Christian Resource Centre**

* The Christian Resource Centre is starting to fall outside of the scope of what we are going to be able to cover in the future. We strongly urge you to look elsewhere for funding.

**\*3 - The Grand River Resource Centre**

* The Grand River Resource Centre is starting to fall outside of the scope of what we are going to be able to cover in the future. We strongly urge you to look into using some of your assets, or find another revenue stream going forward. We appreciate the service you offer and would like to see it continue. However, we have a limited amount of funds to allocate and your financial need is not as acute.

**\*4 - Guelph University Ecumenical Campus Ministry:**

* We offer a strong recommendation that partnerships be developed with other ecumenical or multi-faith groups and/or with secular or non-denominational agencies that support programs with youth.

**\*5 – Huron Shores UC, Grand Bend:**

* We thank you for working toward right relationships, and commend your partnerships in this project.

**\*6 - TUC Kitchener: The Hub**

* We recognize that the staff position would need to go to the Human Resources Commission for their approval. We have additional questions about how duty of care is being addressed in the Sub Hubs. We are awaiting confirmation that The Hub’s staffing meets the approval of the Human Resources Commission and any other requirements the Region may have before the grant monies that have been set aside can be processed (February 1st deadline). If the requested information is not received then the funds may be redistributed among another applicant(s).
* The WOW M&D Commission is asking for a discussion with all the players: Trinity, The Hub, EDGE and the Regions who are interested in supporting them (they have requested funds from the Tri-Regions and Shining Waters RC and Canadian Shield RC) to work through a number of concerning issues. We wish to express a strong support for the emerging ministry of The Hub, and we want to support them in developing a ministry that is safe and sustainable.

**8. Finances – see drop box for up to date figures**

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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) |  | $1596.63 | $8403.37 |
| **2022 Meeting Fund**  **($ 5000 Available for 2022)** |  |  | $4500 |

MOTION CARRIED

**9. Staff Reports:**

**Thérèse** Update- the video sharing how Martha Pedoniquotte and Thérèse work together to support Indigenous CoFs is ready and available on YouTube.

Antiracism program save the dates reminder- Feb 7 and March 7. Registration will be available soon.

**Kathy-** Request for funding led to the following motion:

Moved Mary Hawthorne/Gail Fricker that Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council Mission and Discipleship Commission approve the allocation of $100 from the Events Budget for honorarium for Ann Corbet (Ann is leading a webinar with Kathy for Pastoral Care Support Teams/Individuals on November 7, 2022)

MOVED CARRIED

* A Youth Rally is being planned and seeking registrations. Please tell your youth about it. Lambton Centre Camp is hosting this on November 4-6. Below is more information:

[Youth Rally 2022: Surface Pressure - Formstack](https://regionalcouncil789.formstack.com/forms/youth_rally_2022_surface_pressure?fbclid=IwAR2QYOUbbRsb12niQuEvQVAYj0dpYJpLas30sL2lxlU-CHmT7sBm5yJS24U)

**Youth Rally 2022: Surface Pressure!**

A PROGRAM FOR Grade 9 to 19 years of age

**Friday, November 4th at 6pm to Sunday November 6th at 4pm, 2022**

**at the Lambton Centre - 6602 Lakeshore Road Forest Lambton Shores, Warwick, ON N0N 1J7**

Fees range from $150 - $200 - $300  
(Payment is by E-transfer, instructions included)  
  
Do you love to be inspired, challenged to think, meet new people & hang out with good friends???

Do you enjoy being in an open & welcoming community where you are free to be completely yourself?

Faith, fellowship and connection is what Youth Rally is all about.

Come and join us for Youth Rally 2022: Surface Pressure.

**Brenna Baker-** Earlier in the meeting, Brenna had introduced herself and her role as Community of Faith Stewardship Support. She will participate in our meetings whenever she is able.

**Announcement of new member**- Tom McDonough put in an expression of interest, was approved and appointed at the WOW Executive meeting on Tuesday Oct 19th. He was not able to join the Commission today, and will begin with the Commission at the next meeting.

**10. NEXT MEETING:**  **Wednesday November 30th at 1pm**

**11. Report of Equity Monitor,** Gail Fricker noted that in the meeting the group had been aware of the bigger picture, conscious of our personal biases, and the group and especially the Chair were good at making sure we were heard.

**12. Closing of the Meeting-**

Moved by Mary Hawthorne that the meeting be closed.

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

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| **2022 Events Expenses or Adjustments**  **Program:** | **$ Set Aside** | **$ Approved** |
| $100 for Ann Corbet (Ann is leading a webinar with Kathy for Pastoral Care Support Teams/Individuals on November 7, 2022) |  | 100.00 |
| **2022 Meeting Expenses or Adjustments:** | **$ Set Aside** | **$ Approved** |
| N/A |  |  |

**WOW** **M&D Priorities: Right Relations, Camps/Youth/Faith Formation, Chaplaincy**