**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)

Thérèse Samuel (Minister, Right Relations and Social Justice)

Kathy Douglas (Minister, Faith Formation)-**note taker**

Dave Jagger (Stewardship and Gifts Officer)

Ruthanna Mack (Admin Support)

**Present**: Mary Hawthorne, Bruce Dickson, Edith Coyle, Gail Fricker (left early), Rodger Filsinger, Kathy Douglas, Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Thérèse Samuel (joined for part)

**Regrets:** Ruthanna Mack, Jenn Hind-Urquhart, Joyce Osborne,

* **Land Acknowledgement** -Offered by Bruce from his community of faith-Dublin Street United.
* **Check-in:** What is one piece of advice do you have to share on dealing with change?
* **Opening Prayer** Bruce shared holding up those who cannot join us today
* **Approve the agenda**. (Prioritize) accepted
* **Motions to accept minutes**

\*Minutes from June meeting-pending

\*Minutes of September 15, 2021

Motion by Edith Coyle/Mary Hawthorne that Minutes of September 15, 2021 be accepted as circulated. Carried

* + - **Business Arising.**

All the grant recipients have been emailed for 2022. Thank you responses from 6 of the 9 groups received to date

* **New Business - Most Pressing Conversations:**

1. **Fall meeting dates November 12, 13 (selected times) Our presentation time is Saturday morning at 10:15 am (agenda hope). We have 20 minutes**

-Ideas brought forward

-Bruce and Diane will work at setting up ability to do the following;

* + In our 20 minute presentation there will be a combination of
    - Sharing the work this commission has done and the ministries we have supported (through grants and endorsements)
    - Sharing the present priorities this commission works with
    - Asking regional reps gathered at the meeting to consider in small groups .. ‘what M&D means to you?
    - After conversation in breakout groups reps will be invited to share in the formation of a Word Cloud process.
    - As a commission we will learn where the leadership is hoping our commission work will focus.

1. **What are the roles we would hope to be filled by the M&D resource pool?** 
   * + We need folks who would be liaisons to our grant recipients-to have the roll of letting this commission know about their celebrations and struggles
     + We need help with communication/amplification of the programs, events and initiatives this commission endorses. (Someone to get word out)
     + We need to highlight the areas of our work, to let them know they could join us to share the passions.
2. **Grants applications now available on the WOW website**. We have a list of requests. How to proceed with decisions?

*It was acknowledged that Gail have a connection with Camp Bimini and Bruce has a connection with Camp Menesetung. They work in team with staff (at their community of faith) from these camps and wished to declare their connection.*

Bruce presented a spreadsheet and summary of the requests. Questions and comments shared.

Motion by Rodger Filsinger/Gail Fricker that the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council approve the following 8 granting request from the Ministry with Children, Youth and Young Adults. **carried**

Silver Lake UCC Camp (Dining Hall) $10 000

Trinity UCC, Kitchener (HUB Youth Community Network)$10 000

Camp Menesetung UCC Camp (Live Out Loud) $4 800

Camp Bimini UCC Camp (Leadership Dev Training) $5 800

Westminster UCC, Waterloo (Abundant Life Project) $5 500

Mount Forest UCC (Replacing SS Equip’t/Supplies $4 073

The Mustard Seed. The GO Project/5 Oaks $10 000

Eramosa Pastoral Charge (Youth Connections) $2 500

**Total**   **$52 673**

Carried

Kathy will follow up with CA about next steps to sending this money on and with what documentation?

* Staff reports:
* Diane
  + MOTION by Gail Fricker/Rodger Filsinger that the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council approve an increase our support by $200 to a total of $400 for the Earth Day event in 2022. **carried**
* Kathy
  + Requiring money for honorariums for webinars for youth and young adults who will be speakers and providing leadership. Some are doing it as a volunteer and we’d like to give them a gift card as thanks.
  + Webinar example with much interest: “How do you do worship with children outside.”
  + Will be sharing sabbatical experience about pilgrimage. Inviting Robin McGauley and Kerrie Perry with labyrinth experience.
  + Youth Forum Intern positions (eight-week position) being offered in each region to attend General Council 44 which will be online. Goal to have the presence and voice of youth at General Council 44.
  + Video Series coming up from youth within the United Church regarding social justice, mental health and homelessness. Series launch on social media and newsletters soon.
  + [Creating Conversations - Shining Waters (shiningwatersregionalcouncil.ca)](https://shiningwatersregionalcouncil.ca/communities-of-faith/youth/creating-conversations/)
  + Vanessa Spence of WOW region creating a forum for youth and young adults, looking to host an event every year to bring youth together, to vote on who will be commissioners to go to region and general councils. Proposal will be coming. Young adults event in the spring and youth event in the fall.
* Thérèse
  + Online Fall Right Relations Events are underway.
  + Engaging the TRC Calls to Action 4 session program update: There are things that we who are non-Indigenous people need to be able to do. For this program Elders are being consulted, and their wisdom and guidance are essential in the process, even though in the sessions the leadership is non-Indigenous and there may not be an Elder present. We are taking a week-by-week approach to decide what the Elder role will be as the program unfolds. Tobacco, honoraria and gifts are being offered to the Elders for their support in these programs, and will come out of the budget approved by the three regional M&D Commissions.
  + Reminder for Together in Song. Poster was shared in the chat and Commission members are asked to share this and invite friends, family, congregation, etc.
  + WOW Online Racial Justice Training: will be evenings Jan 5, Jan 19, Feb 2, and Feb 16. All Commission members are asked to save those dates and watch for registration info.
* Ruthanna (on leave)

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* + Other Business
    - UCW WOW had a fabulous regional gathering last Saturday focusing on Climate Change.
  + **Next meeting:**
    - Type of meeting, timing, location –**January 20, 2022 at 1 p.m. by ZOOM**.
* Adjournment. 3:00 p.m.