**Covenant Commission**

**Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

Shape ***Connecting, Supporting, Transforming***

[February 9, 2023], **[7:00 pm]**, Zoom Call

[Join Zoom Meeting](https://united-church.zoom.us/j/94810843630?pwd=bzRCZTRSZGhTMFpWaUJ6a1ZRZHBXQT09) Meeting ID: 948 1084 3630; Password: 317828

Roster: (8) Ann Harbridge, Marg Bakker, Judy Chalmers, Norm Eygenraam, Arthur Hills, Matthew Lindsay, Bruce Gregersen, Marg Krauter

Staff Support:Rev. John Neff, Minister, Congregational Support and Mission

Sue Duliban, Executive Assistant

## Regrets: Sue Duliban, Matthew Lindsay

Welcome and Constitute Meeting:Ann Harbridge welcomed all and constituted the meeting in the name of Jesus Christ for all business that comes before it.

Acknowledging the Land: Norm Eygenraam

Opening Worship:Bruce Gregersen

## Opening Agreements:

Approval of Agenda:

The Covenant Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council **agree** on the agenda.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

The Covenant Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council **agree t**o approve the minutes of January 12, 2023 as circulated

**Agreed**

## Business Arising:

1. Email votes (confirmation of)

230131 - MOTION Judy Chalmers / Arthur Hills  
That the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council approves the request of the Trustees for the sale of Rich Hill United Church, the legal description of which is Part of the east half of Lot 10, Concession 2 (Tecumseh Township), Town of New Tecumseh, County of Simcoe, Ontario and the municipal address of which is 1276 Sideroad 10, Tottenham, New Tecumseh, Ontario.

Purchaser: St. Mary’s and St. Mina Church

Price: $700,000.00

Deposit: $30,000.00

Closing Date: July 19, 2023

Conditions:

* 1. Approval by WOW Regional Council, and
  2. the right to change the name of the purchaser on or before closing the transaction.

All proceeds will be held in trust by Rich Hill United Church Board of Trustees until a proposal for use is approved by the Regional Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Bruce Gregersen abstained. He is their PCS.

**Consent Docket:**

1. Correspondence
   1. Alma UC – Listing update
   2. Bethany UC – Sale update
2. Pastoral Charge Supervisors
   1. Roz Vincent-Haven to Emmanuel UC, Waterloo beginning January 30, 2023
   2. Ann Harbridge to Wasaga Beach UC effective February 9, 2023
   3. Marilyn Parkin to cover Meaford UC for February, March, and their annual meeting.
3. PCS Reports (see document in CSC SharePoint)

List names of Churches and PCS

1. Documents received for information
   1. Wingham UC – 2022 Annual Report
   2. Harriston UC – CoF Profile, 2022 Annual Report
   3. Knox UC, Belgrave – Annual Report
   4. Thames Rd Elimville UC – Annual Report
2. Expressions of Interest
   1. Peter Kupfer – John to touch base with him

The Covenant Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council **agrees** by consensus to the Consent Docket.

## New Business:

1. St. James’-Rosemount UC, Kitchener – Amalgamation agreement

MOTION Arthur Hills / Norm Eygenramm that the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council approves the amalgamation of St. James-Rosemount United Church, Kitchener and Christ the King United Church, Kitchener becoming St. James-Rosemount United Church effective December 31, 2022.

Carried

1. Creating Courses

JN – I would like permission to use some of the budget to create courses in CHURCHx for the Congregational Support Work in the Regional Council. I suggest it comes from the funds received from the distribution of assets from Teeswater. Perhaps a cap of $1000.

MOTION Bruce Gregersen / Margaret Bakker that the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council approves the use of funds, up to $1,000, from the CSC budget for course building work in CHURCHx.

Carried

1. Final updates for PCS payment policy/practice and Requirements to be a PCS to be added to PCS handbook.

MOTION Norm / Judy that the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council approve the Payment policy and Requirements for PCSs and add them to the Handbook

# Carried

1. Ending of Ripley-Bervie Kinloss PC and name change

MOTION Arthur / Bruce that the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council approve the request to end the Ripley-Bervie Kinloss Pastoral charge, and create a new Bervie Kinloss Pastoral Charge, Bervie United Church effective April 1, 2023.

Note: St. Andrew’s UC, Ripley will submit a name change request to our next meeting.

# Carried

1. Erin UC – request to use restricted funds

MOTION Judy / Margaret that the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council approve the use of restricted funds in the amount of $12,000 for repairs

# Carried

1. Decision to continue for those whose term is ending on the CSC.

Matthew will not be renewing his term.

Some of the term dates are being questioned. They are not properly staggered. Margaret and Judy should be in their 2nd term

1. Changing meeting times. 10:30 am Thursday mornings. Next meeting still at 7 pm since we have guests coming.
2. Strategic planning around keeping churches during disbandment. Can we use some resources to get a study done? John to look into it with C-A first. What areas do we need to maintain the potential of a UC ministry presence. John to bring information back to next meeting.

Next Meeting:Regular meetingThursday, March 9 by Zoom Call – [7 pm]

Worship by: Arthur

Land Acknowledgement: Judy

Norm sends his regrets for March 9. He will do worship in April.

## Adjournment: at 8:11 pm