**Congregational Support Commission**

**Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

[September 19, 2023], **1PM as part of whole day Orientation for Commissions**

Trinity United Church, Listowel

Roster: (9) Ann Harbridge (DLM, Chair), Judy Chalmers (Lay), Rebekah Duncan (OM), Norm Eygenraam (Lay), Lesley Fox (OM), Bruce Gregersen (OM-R), Marg Krauter (Lay), Peter Kudelka (Lay), Roz Vincent-Haven (DM-R)

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

Sue Duliban, Executive Assistant

## Present: Ann Harbridge, Judy Chalmers, Rebekah Duncan, Bruce Gregerson, Marg Krauter, Peter Kudelka, Roz Vincent-Having

## Regrets: Norm Eygenraam, Lesley Fox

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: Rebekah Duncan

Opening Worship: Roz Vincent-Haven

## Opening Agreements:

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Previous Minutes:

The Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council **agree t**o approve the minutes of June 20, 2023 as circulated

## Consent Docket:

1. Email votes (confirmation of)
2. June 23, 2023

MOTION: Rebekah Duncan / Peter Kudelka

That the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council approve the sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is Lot 146, Plan 134 Alma Town, and the municipal address of which is 4 Rebecca Street West in Alma, Township of Mapleton, the terms of which are as follows:   
Buyer: Luke & Corina Sipkes  
Sale Price: $450,000  
Deposit: $15,000  
Closing Date: July 28, 2023  
Proceeds to be held in trust by the Hope Springs United Church. CARRIED.

1. July 26, 2023

MOTION: Bruce Gregersen / Roz Vincent-Haven

That the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council appoint George Whale, Gary Flewwelling, and Lori Flewwelling as Trustees of Goldstone United Church of the Goldstone Pastoral Charge, part of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council. CARRIED.

1. July 26, 2023

MOTION: Bruce Gregersen / Roz Vincent-Haven

That the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council approve the listing of Goldstone United Church through a Tender process of 30 days. CARRIED.

1. Aug 4, 2023

MOTION: Rebekah Duncan / Bruce Gregersen

That the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council receives the Community of Faith Profile information from Calvary-Zion Pastoral Charge, Listowel (Calvary UC & Zion UC) and agree with the recommendation that Calvary/Zion Pastoral Charge is viable to call/appoint a minister up to Category (A-F) **D** for **30** hours per week. CARRIED.

1. Aug 4, 2023

MOTION: Bruce Gregersen / Judy Chalmers

That the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council approve the amalgamation of Angus United Church and Grenfel United Church effective Sept. 1, 2023. CARRIED.

1. Aug. 15, 2023

MOTION: Bruce Gregersen/ Marg Krauter

That the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council agrees to the request of the Trustees of Hamstead United Church to the listing for sale of the Hamstead United Church located at 2208 Line 47, R.R. #1 Gadshill, ON, the legal description of which is Hamstead United Church, Perth East (north Easthope) Con 11 Pt Lot 21 for sale by tender at Gary Jantzi Auctions, to be sold as is with 0% commission. Listing at $180,000, to close Oct 31, 2023. CARRIED.

1. Aug. 17, 2023

MOTION: Moved by Bruce Gregersen/seconded by Judy Chalmers

That the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council approves the sale by the trustees of Rockwood United Church of the parking lot located at 112 Harris St., Guelph/Eramosa, the legal description which is Pt Lt O PL 65 Eramosa; Pt Pine St. Pl 65 Eramosa as closed by Ros228640; Pt Lt 17 PL 65 Eramosa; Pt Former Bed of Branch Creek PL 150 Strange’s Survey Rockwood Eramosa Pts 4,5,12,13,14,15 & 16, 61R2060; description may not be acceptable in future as in ROS230373; Guelph-Eramosa with the following terms:

Buyer: 15263395 Canada Inc

Sale price: $610,000

Closing Date: Mar 27, 2024

Distribution of proceeds as follows:

Repayment of mortgage held by church at 107 Harris St., Rockwood (remaining cost $155,179.23 as of Feb. 28/23)

Repayment of other funds owed $3284.66 to the Building Fund & $22,300 to Frontier Capital Investment Fund

Payment of costs related to the sale of the property.

Payment of costs related to demolition of House and building of parking lot at 105 Harris St., Rockwood (estimated at $315,000)

Approval of remaining proceeds to be sought in future.

CARRIED.

h. Sept 1, 2023

MOTION: Judy Chalmers / Lesley Fox

That the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council receive for information the Financial Viability, Real property, demographic profiles and the living faith story for Wesley United Church Cambridge, and agrees with the recommendation that Wesley UC Cambridge is viable to call/appoint a minister up to category D for 20 hours per week and asks the Human Resources commission to appoint a liaison to work with their search committee. CARRIED.

1. MOTION: Roz Vincent-Haven/ Marg Krauter: That the Aug 17/2023 motion for sale of 112 Harris St. Rockwood, be amended to include name of the Buyer as 15263395 Canada Inc.
2. Correspondence: N/A
3. Pastoral Charge Supervisors
   1. Ellen Baynton-Walker to Westminster UC, Waterloo for May & June 2023 and for meeting on August 9, 2023.
   2. Mary Elizabeth Piercey to Grace, Thornbury
   3. Rudy Plug to Wasaga Beach for Council Meeting on Sept. 13 (reg PCS unavailable)
   4. John Neff to a council meeting at St. Luke’s UC, Cambridge on September 13, 2023
4. Documents received for information
   1. Bluevale UC disbandment & end of Collaborative agreement with Wingham
   2. Sauble Beach Self-Assessment & Financial Viability Worksheet
   3. Stratford, Avondale Annual Report
   4. Milverton, St. Paul’s Annual Report
5. Report from Rep to the Executive: Sept 19, 2023. Reviewed and approved Regional Council meeting guidelines (including honorarium amounts). Process for election of GC 45 election - proposal coming to fall meeting. Three trustees named for Waverly church cemetery, so care of cemetery and church building can be transferred. Note: cemeteries need to be dealt with before disbanding.

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

# Annual reports: Judy and Ann continue to review annual reports as they come in. Ann will confirm with Arthur Hills that he is still able to review annual reports as well.

Remit queries: Can be directed to direct to Thérèse Samuel and John Egger.

## New Business:

1. Transfer of Victoria Memorial UC, Honeywood Property to Township of Mulmur

MOTION: Rebekah Duncan / Judy Chalmers

That the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council agree with the request of the Trustees of Victoria Memorial United Church to transfer the Cemetery of Victoria Memorial United Church, and the adjoining properties, the legal description of which is LT 24. PL 39; PT LT 26 Con 2 WHS as in MUL5174 & MUL6062 & LT 25, PL 39; Mulmur & PT LTS 26 & 27, PL 39 as in MF5715, Mulmur, to the Township of Mulmur as soon as it can be arranged. CARRIED

2. St. John’s UC, Chesley – Request to use restricted funds to stay open until their 150th anniversary service in 2025.

Bruce Gregersen left the meeting.

1. MOTION: Roz Vincent-Haven / Peter Kudelka

That the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council **agrees** to allow the use of restricted funds as requested by St. John’s UC, Chesley. Should St. John’s UC disband following the anniversary in 2025, the 30% of monies that the congregation would normally disburse will be used to repay the restricted funds. Disbursement of remaining funds will be disbursed according to property policy. Should St. John’s stay open past 2025, a proposal for a repayment plan will need to be provided to the Congregational Support Commission. CARRIED.

1. Payment to PCS – beginning January 2024 – presentation to Regional Meeting

Ann Harbridge shared the planned powerpoint for feedback. Updated and confirmed points as outlined. Time for presentation 30 minutes; intro, questions, breakout rooms for discussion (notetakers will be needed in the breakout rooms).

1. Collaborative agreement between Kincardine UC and Bervie UC beginning January 1, 2024

MOTION: Judy Chalmers / Peter Kudelka

That the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council approves the Collaborative agreement between Bervie Kinloss Pastoral Charge and Kincardine United Church. CARRIED.

1. Calvary/Zion Pastoral Charge

MOTION: Roz Vincent-Haven / Rebekah Duncan

That the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council receive for information the Living Faith Story, Financial Viability, Demographic profile, Real Property worksheet and agree that Listowel: Calvary / Zion Pastoral Charge is viable to call a minister up to category D at 30 hrs / week. CARRIED.

Caveat: are there any small, neighbouring churches you could collaborate with so that you could go fulltime.

How to juggle HR Commission and Congregational Support Commission work. Suggested short meeting of the two commission chairs to discuss would be beneficial.

1. Westminster, Waterloo – Church/Manse Modernization Grant

MOTION: Peter Kudelka / Rebekah Duncan

That the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council endorse the Grant application from Westminster, Waterloo for a Church/Manse modernization grant and forward to General Council Office. CARRIED

Next Meeting: October 16, 2023, 9:30 a.m. Date/time change of regular meetings to third Mondays of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Worship by: Roz Vincent-Haven Land Acknowledgement:

Discussion of collaborative agreements

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## Adjournment