

November 21, 2019

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
SHINING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of the  
Communities of Faith Commission  
Thursday, November 21, 2019**

The Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council met on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at Eugenia, ON. The meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

**Members Present**

Christine Smaller (Chairperson), Carolyn Harding, Ross Leckie, Amy Lee, Kevin Logie, Sandra Nottegar, Emma Pipes, Gloria Tozek,

Jody Maltby (Staff Lead), Karen Hilfman Millson (Staff)

Regrets: Calin Lau, Cindy Randall, Harry Ramsaran

**Welcome, check in and prayer**

The chairperson welcomed everyone, opened with prayer, gave an acknowledgement of the land, and acknowledged our commitment to being a safe place for all people to gather and participate in our Region. Members checked in.

The chairperson constituted the meeting in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Agenda**

**MOTION** by Kevin Logie/Sandra Nottegar that the agenda as amended, be approved.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Minutes**

**MOTION** by Carolyn Harding/Emma Pipes that the minutes of the meeting of the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council dated October 16, 2019 be approved as circulated.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Omnibus Motion**

**MOTION** by Ross Leckie/Kevin Logie that the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council take the following actions:

- a) **Royal York Road, Toronto Lease Agreement**

... Approves the Lease Agreement between Royal York Road United Church and Avenue Community Church for the first floor of 851 Royal York Road, Toronto, for a term of three years commencing December 1, 2019 and terminating November 30, 2022, at a rental of \$45,500 per year for the first two years and \$47,000 for the third year.

**b) Bond Head – Name Change**

... Approves the request by Bond Head United Church to change the name of their pastoral charge from Bond Head Newton Robinson Pastoral Charge to Bond Head Pastoral Charge.

**c) Humbercrest, Toronto - New Constitution**

... Approves the new Constitution of Humbercrest United Church dated October 2019.

**d) Bloordale, Toronto – Loan Application**

... Approves the application by Bloordale United Church for a Capital Loan in the amount of \$60,000 for roof repair.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

The Commission is approving the Royal York Road lease agreement but recommends that Royal York Road United Church consider adding a dispute resolution process.

**Email Votes - confirmation**

The Commission voted by email in favour of the following:

- Islington United Church lease agreement with German International School Toronto
- Royal York Road United Church lease agreement with Nu Wave Jiu Jitsu Academy Ltd.

**Stouffville United Church – Petition**

The commission considered a petition received from the past chair of Stouffville United Church Council. The petition was signed by individuals from four communities of faith: Stouffville United Church, Lansing United Church, Toronto, Scarborough Bluffs United Church and Bloor Street United Church, Toronto.

**MOTION** by Carolyn Harding/Sandra Nottegar that the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council take no action on the petition signed by individuals from Stouffville United Church, Lansing United Church, Toronto, Scarborough Bluffs United Church and Bloor Street United Church, Toronto.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

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## **Staff Report**

Jody Maltby and Karen Hilfman Millson provided updates on work with the following communities of faith:

- Bathurst United Church and College Street United Church, Toronto
- Taiwanese United Church, Toronto
- Malvern Emmanuel United Church, Scarborough
- Ghana Calvary Methodist United Church, Toronto

Karen reported on the gathering of community ministries and communities of faith engaged in community ministry. This was a successful event and those in attendance are interested in continuing the conversation. She also spoke about the work she is initiating to build/rebuild relationships with Indigenous communities located geographically within the region.

Jody reported on the Trustees Workshops that were held both in person and by videoconference. This model worked well and we will offer other similar workshops in 2020. Jody also reported that there has been good response for the upcoming conversation with Toronto congregations about property development/redevelopment.

Susie Henderson is working with Lawrence Nyarko to host an Intercultural Dinner on December 12<sup>th</sup>. This could become the first of similar events to build relationship and provide learning opportunities focused for ethno-linguistic and migrant church communities.

## **Closing**

Christine Smaller closed in prayer and the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.