

March 18, 2020

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

**Minutes of a meeting of the  
Communities of Faith Commission  
Wednesday, March 18, 2020**

The Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council met on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 by video conference call. The meeting began at 9:30 a.m.

**Present:**

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

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

**Regrets:** Calin Lau

**Welcome, check in and prayer**

The chairperson welcomed everyone. Cindy Randall offered an opening reflection from a Lenten resource: Seed that Dies to Rise, edited by John Ambrose, story by Laura Sundberg, based on a verse from *The Lone Wild Bird*, a hymn found in Voices United. Christine Smaller 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 Cindy Randall/Carolyn Harding that the agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Minutes**

**MOTION** by Amy Lee/Harry Ramsaran that the Minutes of the meeting of the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council dated February 19, 2019 be approved as circulated.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Omnibus Motion**

**MOTION** by Gloria Tozek/Carolyn Harding that the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council take the following actions:

a) Fairlawn United Church

approve the extension of the Intentional Interim Ministry at Fairlawn United Church for the requested time period of two years for the purpose of focusing on the seven new and renewed goals identified by the Community of Faith; and further that the Pastoral Relations Commission be requested to extend the appointment of Douglas duCharme as the Interim Minister at Fairlawn.

b) Deer Park United Church

approve the *Amended and Restated Ecumenical Shared Ministry Agreement* between Calvin Presbyterian Church and Deer Park United Church, dated December 8, 2019.

c) Locust Hill Cemetery

approve the transfer of a 0.4 acre parcel of land of the Locust Hill Cemetery from the Trustees for the Locust Hill United Church Cemetery Board to the Toronto Region Conservation Authority in exchange for the transfer of a 1.3 acre parcel of land from the Toronto Region Conservation Authority to the Locust Hill United Church Cemetery Board.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Email vote – King City**

The Commission voted by email in favour of the following:

- Approval of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale between White Owl Properties and Trustees of the King City United Church Congregation, dated March 4, 2020, in the amount of Two hundred and sixteen thousand dollars (\$216,000.00) for those parts of PIN 03373-0032 (legally described as Lot 2, Registered Plan 85, Township of King) that are identified as Parts 1, 2, and 3 on the Plan of Survey attached as Schedule “A” to the Agreement of Purchase and Sale.
- Unless there is an updated plan for the disposition of funds from the sale by the closing date, the proceeds are to remain in trust with the congregation’s lawyer until plan for their use is approved by the commission.

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**Updates:**

- **West Hill United Church, Scarborough**

The commission received a request immediately prior to this meeting to review an Agreement of Purchase and Sale between West Hill United Church, Scarborough and the Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough. The Agreement of Purchase and Sale is not fully signed by the purchaser as their representative is currently out of the country. The commission will have 30 days from the date it is signed to approve the Agreement of Purchase and Sale.

**MOTION** by Cindy Randall/Kevin Logie that the Communities of Faith Commission seek a legal opinion on the Agreement of Purchase and Sale between West Hill United Church, Scarborough and the Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough, due to its complexity.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

The Staff Lead will advise West Hill United Church that we are seeking a legal opinion and want time to review documents, after which we will arrange a meeting with representatives from the congregation to explain how this deal will benefit their ministry.

- **Malvern Emmanuel**

Malvern Emmanuel United Church, Scarborough, will hold a Congregational Meeting on March 22, 2020 to consider a motion to close.

- **College Street United Church, Toronto**

Karen Hilfman Millson reported that the governing body at College Street realizes they are in a time of transition and so are moving forward to identify their goals for the purpose of seeking an Intentional Interim Minister.

- **Hub Ministry, St. Paul's United Church, Midland**

Karen Hilfman Millson provided an update. HUB ministry, now to be called PEW (Partners Engaging Worship), is moving forward to do the test period of eight weeks with three Communities of Faith engaging in participatory worship together (St Paul's Midland as the host). We need to identify a Community of Faith willing to participate which can be a place that has a minister on staff right now who can help facilitate the trial.

- **Staffing**

Jody Maltby reported on the successful hire of three staff people. Jeffrey Dale will be the Regional Minister: Youth, Young Adults and Faith Formation. Kim Uyede-Kai will be

the Regional Minister: Support to Communities of Faith and Right Relations. Bri-anne Swan will be the Regional Minister: Social and Ecological Justice and Network Support.

**Other Business**

- **Mapping**

The community of faith mapping project with Susie Henderson and Sharon Buttrey from EDGE was discussed. The Commission hopes to gain some insight into potential connections that might be made among communities of faith and also between local congregations and their communities. The Commission emphasized that they hope that information that is collected will be accessible to communities of faith and will also be updateable. We agreed that the timeline is still to be determined at this point, given the current situation.

- **Member terms and chair**

Christine Smaller informed the commission that she will be finishing her time with the commission at the end of June. Ross Leckie will be finishing at the end of 2020 and transferring to another region due to retirement and location. Cindy Randall is willing to continue until June 2021.

Jody Maltby reviewed the list of terms. Members are to let Jody know if they will be completing their term and/or seeking a second term. If she does not hear from someone, she will assume they are willing to work out their term as stated.

**Closing:** Cindy Randall closed in prayer and the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Next Meeting: April 15, 2020 9:30 – 12:30 via Zoom or at the call of the chair to meet with representatives of West Hill United Church.