

June 2, 2020

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

**Minutes of a meeting of the
Communities of Faith Commission
Tuesday, June 2, 2020**

The Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council met on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 by video conference call. The meeting began at 9:30 a.m.

Present:

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

Jody Maltby (Staff Lead), Susie Henderson (Community Engagement & Partnership), Karen Hilfman Millson (Communities of Faith Support)

The Commission joined the Pastoral Relations Commission for a joint meeting.

Welcome, check in and prayer

Christine Smaller welcomed everyone and made introductions. She 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.

Liz Mackenzie led a brief time of worship.

The meeting was constituted in the name of Jesus Christ.

Communities of Faith and Ministry Personnel: Navigating the Pandemic

The two commissions engaged in a conversation about how the region has supported communities of faith and ministry personnel during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The second topic of conversation was sustainability questions when a congregation is entering a search. How can we help congregations to be accurate and thorough, as they do a profile and a search, about their sustainability?

The two Commissions then proceeded with separate meetings to conduct the business of the Commission.

MOTION by Carolyn Harding / Kevin Logie that the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION

CARRIED

Minutes

MOTION by Cindy Randall / Amy Lee that the Minutes of the meeting of the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council dated May 20, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Aurora United Church

MOTION by Harry Ramaran / Calin Lau that the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council approves the loan/mortgage application of Aurora United Church to Toronto United Church Council (TUCC) in the amount of \$5,000,000 with a repayment period of 25 years, for the construction of a new building on Lot 9 and part Lots 10 and 11, west side of Yonge Street, Plan 9, Part 1 Plan 65R38186, Town of Aurora.

MOTION

CARRIED

Collaborative Ministry

Collaboration Agreement – Caledon East and Caledon Village

MOTION by Cindy Randall / Sandra Nottegar that the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council approves the Collaboration Agreement between Knox United Church, Caledon and Caledon East United Church dated April 23, 2020.

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CARRIED

Ross Leckie and Emma Pipes abstained.

Updated Policy

The Commission reviewed the proposed changes to the Shining Waters Policy re: Collaboration Agreements between Communities of Faith Sharing Staff. The Commission agreed with direction of the suggested changes.

Handbook

The Commission reviewed the draft *Handbook for Communities of Faith: Exploring Collaborative Ministry, Developing a Collaboration Agreement* in conjunction with the proposed changes to the policy.

The Commission was asked for feedback on the rest of the handbook by August 15 by email to Islay Scott.

The handbook and policy will come to the Commission for approval in September.

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Task Groups

MOTION by Amy Lee / Ross Leckie that the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council authorize these task groups to review and approve the following documents from communities of faith:

Governance Documents: Kevin Logie, Carolyn Harding, Amy Lee

Leases: Cindy Randall, Calin Lau, Harry Ramsaran

Loans: Gloria Tozek, Sandra Nottegar, Christine Smaller

MOTION

CARRIED

The commission will consider options for how this work can happen at our next meeting.

Living Presence Ministry – Next steps

Jody Maltby shared that she has met with the Steering Committee for an evaluation of the Living Presence Ministry. The ministry has experienced some successes and some challenges. At the request of the commission, she will gather a small group, to include one member from commission, to make a recommendation to the commission regarding next steps.

Closing: The chairperson closed in prayer and the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 16, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. or at the call of the chair.

