

The United Church of Canada
Shining Waters Regional Council

EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of Meeting held January 22, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.
at Burton Avenue United Church.

PRESENT: Pat Edmonds, Allan Holditch, Kirsty Hunter, David Leyton-Brown, Moon Ja Park, Daniel Reed, Dong-Chun Seo, Isaac Kamta, Steven Loweth, Allyce Mutungi (in the afternoon), Martha ter Kuile

Staff: Peter Hartmans, Executive Minister, Jody Maltby, Staff Lead, Karen Hilfman Millson, Support to Communities of Faith and Clusters and Networks, Rachael Howes, Administrative Support

REGRETS: Jingle Ayupan, Jessica McCrae, Lynn Mooney, Jessica Stevenson

GATHERING AND OPENING

David Leyton-Brown opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Peter Hartmans led a brief worship which included scripture from Matthew 2:8, a reflection and prayer.

David Leyton-Brown 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.

The members checked in.

AGENDA

MOTION by Daniel Reed/ Isaac Kamta that the agenda for this meeting be approved as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

MINUTES

MOTION by Allan Holditch/Moon Ja Park that the Minutes of the meeting of the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive held November 26, 2019 be approved as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Pat Edmonds / Steven Loweth that the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive receive the following Minutes for information:

Communities of Faith Commission dated September 18 and October 16, 2019;

Pastoral Relations Commission dated October 22 and November 26, 2019;

Social & Ecological Justice Commission dated October 9 and November 6, 2019.

MOTION

CARRIED

Nominations – David Leyton-Brown outlined the General Council process for forming a Nominations Committee for the national church.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- Proposal of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council

MOTION by Moon Ja Park/Isaac Kamta that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council receive, for information, the proposal of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council titled, *Proposal Concerning Faithful Ministry Personnel*

MOTION

CARRIED

(Kirsty Hunter recused herself from the vote.)

- Letter from Central United Church re: Mount Dennis bequest

MOTION by Kirsty Hunter/Allan Holditch that the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive accede to the request of Central United Church, Weston, to receive the bequest of funds from the estate of the late Kathleen Apted intended for Mount Dennis United Church.

MOTION

CARRIED

OMNIBUS MOTION

MOTION by Peter Hartmans / Pat Edmonds that the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive take the following actions:

- a) The Massey Centre for Women

... approve The Massey Centre for Women 2019-2020 Board of Directors

Omo Akintan
Oliver Blunn
Rhonelle Bruder
Sarah Charters
Amy Davies
Jennifer Dockery
Justine Humphries
Anika Mehta
Mitze Mourinho
Eddy Popp
Catherine Wang
Stephanie Wang

...based on the guidance received from General Council Staff, pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve By-Law

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Number 2019-1 of the incorporated ministry known as The Massey Centre For Women

b) Toronto United Church Council

... approve the Toronto United Church Council 2019-2020 Board of Directors

Carole Bennett
Greg Daly
Brian Heinmiller
Roberta Howey
Bill Jermyn
Michael Kooiman
Ross Leckie
Hannah Lee
Ted Meyers
Doug Smith
Christopher White
Grant Williams

c) Weston King Neighbourhood Centre

... approve the Weston King Neighbourhood Centre 2019-2020 Board of Directors

Timothy Barlow
Jean-Marie Boutot
Debra Gibson
Judy Johnson
Mimi Kabongo
Michael Kooiman
Eleni Marino
Doreen Miller
Lang Moffat
Kenny Stier
Barbara Stone
Michael Sullivan
Wendy Whiteley

MOTION

CARRIED

Intercultural and Diverse Community Work

David Leyton-Brown reported on his attendance at an intercultural dinner held before Christmas. Isaac, Moon-Ja Park and Dong-Chun Seo also attended the event and gave their insight of the experience. There was brief discussion about how to go forward. David Leyton-Brown asked the

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Executive to think about what we could actually do at the October Regional Council meeting that would give some life to, and go deeper into, being an intercultural and diverse community – what does that mean, how would it be done? This will be discussed at a future Executive meeting.

Financial Updates

Janet MacDonald provided a Financial Report for the Executive. (Appendix A)

MOTION by Allan Holditch/Pat Edmonds that the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive receive the Financial Report dated January 2020 for information

MOTION

CARRIED

General Council Remit – Amendment to the Basis of Union's Article 10.0 on Ministry Personnel

MOTION by Daniel Reed/Steven Loweth that the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive votes in favour of Remit #1: *Amendment to the Basis of Union's Article 10.0 on Ministry Personnel.*

MOTION

CARRIED

Executive Retreat

A Doodle poll was sent out with a choice of March 3 or March 12 for an Executive retreat. It was decided that March was not a good time and we will try the last week of April. Another Doodle poll will be sent out.

Staff Hiring Update

General Council will post the three positions very soon with a closing date of February 5. The Executive Minister is setting up a hiring team.

General Council Budget Update

There will be some cuts coming but it does not appear at this time that it will affect our Region.

Draft Proposal for Regent Park United Church, Orillia site. - Introduction

The Executive had an initial discussion about the proposal presented.

The meeting broke for lunch enjoyed with the members of the Living Into Right Relations Circle.

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Living Into Right Relations Circle conversation

The Executive met with the Circle and had conversation around how the two groups can be in relationship with each other and how to come up with next steps to go forward. It was suggested that the two groups meet again in the Fall. Gratitude was expressed to the Circle for meeting with the Executive today.

Draft Proposal for Regent Park United Church, Orillia site. - Continued

Karen Hilfman Millson and Jody Maltby joined the meeting for the continuation of this discussion.

MOTION by Steven Loweth/Kirsty Hunter that the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive accepts the proposal between Regent Park United Church Site Orillia and Camp Couchiching, and go forward with a five-year lease.

MOTION

CARRIED

Closing: the meeting closed at 3:40 p.m. and Peter Hartmans offered a closing prayer.

Next meeting – Zoom meeting, Doodle poll will be circulated.

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Appendix A

Finance report to Executive January 2020

From: Janet MacDonald

Greetings for this New Year.

As of September 1, 2019 Shining Waters has been paying their own bills. The transition has not been without a few bumps in the road. I am still trying to untangle and put back together statements for Shining Waters. During the first part of the year (2019), bills were still being paid by Toronto Conference and receipts were being deposited into Toronto Conference accounts. At the same time national was also paying bills. Deposits sent to national were put in a "Shining Waters" account that no one in the region could access. Bills were being paid from the national account.

Since September 1st

- Shining Waters has our own bank account with BMO
- Staff have Shining Waters Credit Cards
- An investment account has been opened with BMO Nesbitt Burns
- National "Shining Waters" bank account has been closed
- National Staff credit cards have been cancelled
- An auditor has been hired for 2019
- To the best of my knowledge all bills have been paid

Going forward

- I will continue to unravel the multiple accounts and have an actual financial statement and budget for 2019 to the executive by your March meeting. (The budget was not approved at the regional meeting – only received for information)

For your information

- The balance in the investment account December 31, 2019 was \$ 3,501,534.26
- The chequing account balance is about \$ 725,000
- National is holding \$20,000 against credit card expenses
- The Toronto Conference bank still has about \$15,000
- The Living into Right Relations Fund has \$ 341,354.73 (included in above totals)

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MINUTES of Meeting held March 12, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.
via video teleconference.

PRESENT: Jingle Ayupan, Kirsty Hunter, Isaac Kamta, David Leyton-Brown, Steven Loweth, Moon Ja Park, Dong-Chun Seo, Jessica Stevenson, Martha ter Kuile

Staff: Peter Hartmans, Executive Minister, Jody Maltby, Staff Lead, Rachael Howes, Administrative Support

REGRETS: Pat Edmonds, Allan Holditch, Jessica McCrae

Absent: Lynn Mooney, Allyce Mutungi, Daniel Reed

GATHERING, OPENING PRAYER

David Leyton-Brown opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m.
Peter Hartmans read Psalm 121 and offered an opening prayer.

David Leyton-Brown 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.

As a check-in, David asked if any members of the Executive had any updates.

AGENDA

The agenda item on *Coronavirus and UCC, Regional and Congregational Support* was moved forward in the agenda.

MOTION by Jessica Stevenson / Dong-Chun Seo that the agenda for this meeting be approved as amended.

MOTION

CARRIED

MINUTES

MOTION by Moon Ja Park / Jingle Ayupan that the Minutes of the meeting of the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive held January 22, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Coronavirus and UCC, Regional and Congregational Support

The Regional Council has information posted on the website on emergency response, as does The United Church of Canada. One of the pieces of information is encouraging congregations to use online ways to connect including online worship. A link to this will be going out in Currents

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newsletter. An email has already gone to Ministry Personnel and included help they can get through Employee Assistance Plan.

It was mentioned that we be mindful and encourage congregations to be mindful as well. Similar advice to Commissions - what are our best practices and how can we model for congregations taking precautions

Martha ter Kuile left the meeting.

David Leyton-Brown brought attention to details in The United Church of Canada's emergency plan.

The Executive discussed whether to decide that all congregations are strongly advised to cease gathering for a month.

Executive agreed they should be prepared to have a short-notice meeting about this matter, or a meeting of the sub-executive. It is highly likely that updates of advice to congregations will need to be given. This matter will not remain static until the next Executive meeting so we need to be prepared to give additional response when necessary.

General Secretary, Nora Saunders joined the meeting for this discussion and was asked how we should we interpret and apply the United Church guidelines? Guidelines include world health standards and people should look at their local standards; not saying recommending suspending worship, recommending adapting worship, no touching, passing the peace and do communion differently; if congregants are sick, don't come; if out of country, don't come; and sit a ways apart from other people. The Government of Canada will be making an announcement later today, so there could be changes between now and Sunday but these are the guidelines for now.

The Moderator will be offering an online worship weekly in the near future.

Congregations should be encouraged to have someone regularly checking The United Church of Canada website and public health websites in order to keep up to date.

Nora Sanders left the meeting

MOTION by Kirsty Hunter / Jingle Ayupen that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council immediately communicate to all Communities of Faith that, in keeping with The United Church of Canada Emergency Plan, they should be preparing a plan to suspend large gatherings, including, but not limited to, worship services, if decided by the governing body of the congregation and in response to a recommendation from local public health authority

MOTION

CARRIED

Jingle Ayupen left the meeting.
Jody Maltby left the meeting.

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MOTION by Peter Hartmans / Steven Loweth that the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive receive the Minutes of the Communities of Faith Commission dated November 21, 2019 and January 22, 2020 for information.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Kirsty Hunter / Moon Ja Park that the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive receive the Minutes of the Pastoral Relations Commission dated December 17, 2019 and January 28, 2020 for information.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Peter Hartmans / Jessica Stevenson that the Shining Waters Regional Council (10) Executive take the following actions:

- a) Beginning Again Richmond Hill

... approve the Beginning Again Richmond Hill 2019-2020 Board of Directors

Shahin Akter
Elizabeth Jack
John Squigna
Carol Thompson
Melville Thompson

- b) Fred Victor Centre

... grant permission for Fred Victor Centre to proceed with the negotiation and signing of a new office leasing arrangement at 800 Bay Street (Bay & College) and either 59 Adelaide Street, 4th Floor or an alternate location so that current programs can be relocated.

- c) Sparrow Lake United Church Camp, Inc.

... approve the Sparrow Lake United Church Camp, Inc. 2020-2021 Board of Directors

Michelle Black
Andrew Blair
Colin Campbell
Greg Derbyshire
Anne Forsey
Stephen Forsey
Janice Franklin

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William Grove
Lee Holland
Eric McFarland
Janet McFarland
Kim Niece
Barry Rieder
Ellen Weir
Mark Winger

...based on the guidance received from General Council Staff, pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve By-Law Number One of the incorporated ministry known as Sparrow Lake United Church Camp, Inc.

d) Toronto United Church Council

...based on the guidance received from General Council Staff, pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the revised Article 3.3 of the Letters Patent of Amalgamation for the incorporated ministry known as Toronto United Church Council

MOTION

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION by Peter Hartmans / Moon Ja Park that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council receive the letters of thanks from Roncesvalles United Church and Stonegate ministry for information.

MOTION

CARRIED

Update - Intercultural and Diverse Community Work

David Leyton-Brown was to attend the next meeting of this group but was not able to go and will attend one later this month.

David reminded the Executive to reflect on how we can pursue this at the Regional Council annual meeting. The Executive will return to this topic at another meeting.

Living Into Right Relations Circle Conversation

– Reflection on last meeting and next steps

How does the current circle relate to the national circle and what is their communication between the two?

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- A Shining Waters statement on the Wet'suwet'en issue
The Circle and the Social and Ecological Justice Commission have been working on a statement on this issue. It will go out in David Leyton-Brown's name as President of the Regional Council.

Financial Updates – Janet MacDonald

A brief financial update was provided (Appendix A). A more detailed update will be available soon and a full discussion can take place then.

Executive Retreat – April 28, 2020

In light of COVID 19, the reality is that the retreat may need to be postponed.

David Leyton-Brown invited input of suggestions about what the learning portion of the retreat could be. Ideas can be emailed to David.

Staff Hiring Update

Peter Hartmans updated the Executive that the three positions have been filled. The following people were appointed to the following positions:

Jeffrey Dale - Regional Minister Faith Formation Youth and Young Adults
Kim Uyede-kai - Regional Minister, Support to Communities of Faith and Right Relations
Bri-anne Swan - Regional Minister, Social and Ecological Justice and Network Support

Peter thanked Kirsty Hunter, Moon Ja Park and Jody Maltby who worked on the interviews and decisions.

GC44 Commissioners

The General Council 44 Commissioners need to be elected at our fall regional meeting. The number of Commissioners per region has changed in the new structure.

Kirsty Hunter mentioned that the nominations committee would be meeting soon. The slate of Commissioners will come to Executive for decision. The Executive will need to figure out its formula for the makeup of the Commissioners.

Regional Council Presidents meeting with Nora Sanders, April 2

David Leyton-Brown will be meeting with Nora Sanders and other Regional Council Presidents by Zoom on April 2nd. It will begin by each being asked for "something that you are excited about in your region." David asked the Executive for input on that question.

Closing: the meeting closed at 3:50 p.m. and David Leyton-Brown offered a closing prayer.

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Next meeting – The Executive was asked to make themselves available on short notice in light of the COVID 19 matter.

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Appendix A

**Shining Waters Regional Council
Finance Update**

The balance in the bank account as of March 11, 2020 is \$ 684,780.

The balance in the investment account as of March 11, 2020 is \$3,520,273. There is no money in the stock market at this point. The Living into Right Relations fund has a balance of \$341,355 which is part of this amount.

I continue to untangle the accounts. I had hoped/planned to have a full set of financials to you for this meeting. They are not ready.

Janet MacDonald
Financial Administrator
Shining Waters Regional Council

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EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of Meeting held March 23, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.
via video teleconference.

PRESENT: Jingle Ayupan, Pat Edmonds, Allan Holditch, Kirsty Hunter, Isaac Kamta, David Leyton-Brown, Steven Loweth, Jessica McCrae, Allyce Mutungi Moon Ja Park, Daniel Reed, Dong-Chun Seo (at 2 p.m.), Jessica Stevenson

Staff: Peter Hartmans, Executive Minister, Jody Maltby, Staff Lead, Rachael Howes, Administrative Support, Janet MacDonald, Financial Administrator.

Absent: Lynn Mooney, Martha ter Kuile,

GATHERING, OPENING PRAYER

David Leyton-Brown opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Peter Hartmans led a brief worship, which included the reading of Matthew 8:23, and prayer.

David Leyton-Brown 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.

AGENDA

The meeting was convened specifically to deal with issues surrounding COVID-19.

COVID-19 – Update

Members of the Executive checked in with how their congregations and groups are dealing with being closed in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic. Most spoke about offering online worship.

Peter Hartmans reported that the Regional staff has been meeting daily looking at every aspect from churches doing worship via zoom, to communications, to checking in; the staff have been offering check-in calls for Ministry Personnel and lay leaders, and staff are going to start calling Ministry Personnel to find out how their Community of Faith is doing.

Potential Grants/Loans related to COVID-19

Jody Maltby reported that she has been getting calls from congregations with financial concerns. She first has been encouraging them to encourage their members to keep up with their donations by PAR and/or opportunities like Canada Helps online. Erik Mathiesen, Executive Officer of Finance, for The United Church of Canada encourages congregations to consider a line of credit or loan instead of cashing in investments

The Communities of Faith Commission recently passed motions that the Staff Lead can approve a request from Communities of Faith for a one-time use of income from restricted funds, including manse funds, and for a one-time borrowing of up to \$25,000 from other restricted

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funds, including bequests for specific purposes, to assist with salary and other expenses while churches are closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Jody spoke to the information included with the agenda on the options for supporting Communities of Faith that have lost income due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

MOTION by Steven Loweth / Kirsty Hunter that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council approve the use of the remaining funds from the sale of Victoria Park UC in the amount \$20,000 for salary and other expenses of congregations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and that the Staff Lead be authorized to disburse the funds according to criteria to be set.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Jessica Stevenson / Pat Edmonds that,
Whereas exceptional events such as the COVID-19 Pandemic and other national and major emergencies create extreme financial challenges to congregations throughout the Shining Waters Regional Council area;

And Whereas Shining Waters Regional Council seeks in such exceptional circumstances to provide emergency assistance to those congregations and communities of faith whose reserve funds are not sufficient to meet salaries and other core operating costs through the period of such an emergency;

And Whereas Shining Waters Regional Council is the successor body to Toronto Southeast Presbytery for the purposes of the gift agreement;

Shining Waters Regional Council and Toronto United Church Council (TUCC) agree, that congregations and communities of faith named by Shining Waters Regional Council may be eligible for emergency loan assistance from the Toronto Southeast Presbytery Capital Fund with the following conditions:

- That the limits to the total amount of that assistance be decided in each emergency situation by mutual agreement between Shining Waters Regional Council and TUCC;
- That the assistance be in the form of loans, with the terms and length of the loan to be decided by mutual agreement between Shining Waters Regional Council and TUCC;
- That any realized losses on investments caused by the need to generate liquidity to meet emergency loans be met from the Toronto Southeast Presbytery Major Capital Fund.

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MOTION by Daniel Reed / Moonja Park to amend the motion to include the wording,
That the sub-executive be directed to develop criteria for loans in consultation with the Communities of Faith Commission, the Grants Review Committee and Toronto United Church Council.

MOTION

CARRIED

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- That the assistance be in the form of loans, with the terms and length of the loan to be decided by mutual agreement between Shining Waters Regional Council and TUCC;
- That any realized losses on investments caused by the need to generate liquidity to meet emergency loans be met from the Toronto Southeast Presbytery Major Capital Fund.
- That the sub-executive be directed to develop criteria for loans in consultation with the Communities of Faith Commission, the Grants Review Committee and Toronto United Church Council.

MOTION

CARRIED

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MOTION by Steven Loweth / Jingle Aylupan that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council approve an application to Presbyteries of Toronto Conference Corporation (PTCC) for an up to 5% of capital grant, to support potential grants to congregations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and that the sub-Executive will develop criteria for such grants in consultation with the Communities of Faith Commission, the Grants Review Committee and PTCC.

MOTION

CARRIED

Kirsty Hunter abstained.

Closing: the meeting closed at 3:05 p.m. and David Leyton-Brown offered a closing prayer.

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EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of Meeting held May 8, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.
via video teleconference.

PRESENT: Jingle Ayupan, Pat Edmonds, Allan Holditch, Kirsty Hunter, Isaac Kamta, David Leyton-Brown, Steven Loweth, Allyce Mutungi, Moon Ja Park, Daniel Reed, Dong-Chun Seo, Jessica Stevenson, Martha ter Kuile

Staff: Peter Hartmans, Executive Minister, Jody Maltby, Staff Lead, Susie Henderson, Community Engagement & Partnerships, Kim Udy-Kai, Communities of Faith Support, Janet MacDonald, Financial Administrator, Rachael Howes, Administrative Support

REGRETS: Jessica McCrae

Absent: Lynn Mooney

GATHERING, OPENING PRAYER

David Leyton-Brown opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. and 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.

The members checked in.

Peter Hartmans led a brief worship centered on Luke 24:36-43. He lit the Christ candle, everyone recited the Creed, and he offered prayer.

AGENDA

MOTION by Pat Edmonds/Allyce Mutungi that the agenda for this meeting be approved as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

MINUTES

MOTION by Moon Ja Park/Jingle Ayupan that the Minutes of the meeting of the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive held March 12, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Kirsty Hunter/Jessica Stevenson that the Minutes of the meeting of the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive held March 23, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

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MOTION by Moon Ja Park/Daniel Reed that the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive receive the Minutes of the Communities of Faith Commission dated November 21, 2019, January 22, February 19, March 18, 2020 for information.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Dong-Chun Seo/Pat Edmonds that the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive receive the Minutes of the Pastoral Relations Commission dated December 17, 2019, January 28, February 25, March 31, 2020, for information.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Steven Loweth/Moon Ja Park that the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive receive the Minutes of the Social & Ecological Justice Commission dated December 3, 2019 for information.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Peter Hartmans/Allan Holditch that the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive take the following action:

Fred Victor Centre

... further to motion approved at the March 12, 2020 Executive meeting, grant permission for Fred Victor Centre to proceed with the negotiation and signing of the new office leasing arrangement at the alternate location of 145 Front Street East, Toronto beginning May 1, 2020 for seven years to April 30, 2027 so that current programs can be relocated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Daniel Reed left the meeting.

Covid-19 Update – Peter Hartmans

Peter Hartmans updated the Executive with what the staff has been doing of late. They are working on webinars for lay leaders and for Ministry Personnel; webinars with outreach ministries and camps; having more regular staff meetings to discuss issues, updates, moving forward, etc.

Peter mentioned “Chapter 2” of Covid-19 where he sees people getting tired; lay leader fatigue; staff fatigue; concern for Communities of Faith finances; General Council staff fatigue; trying to keep folks up to date on legislation; concerns for finances for us as a region; outcomes dependent on how long the pandemic and lockdown goes on; concern for churches that were in crisis before and what this will do for them. He acknowledged that regional staff have been providing enormous support.

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Steven Loweth left the meeting.

Financial Update – Janet MacDonald

Peter Hartmans provided some background on the financial arrangement for the region and that we started with General Council providing accounting services and then moved to doing it ourselves. He reviewed the difference in funding for the region compared to prior to the transition. For those reasons, it has taken a long time to get an overview of the region's financial picture.

Janet MacDonald shared a draft financial statement and balance sheet to the end of December 2019, and reviewed it for the Executive. The Executive then were able to make comments and ask questions. A further draft will come to a future Executive meeting.

Martha ter Kuile left the meeting.

Intercultural Diversity Commission Proposal – David Leyton-Brown

David Leyton-Brown suggested that this matter be held over to the next Executive meeting.

MOTION by Peter Hartmans/Moon Ja Park that the agenda item on the Intercultural Diversity Commission Proposal be tabled until the next Executive meeting.

MOTION

CARRIED

Closing: the meeting closed at 12:30 p.m. and Peter Hartmans offered a closing prayer.

Next meeting – to be determined by Doodle Poll

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EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of Meeting held June 3, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.
via video teleconference.

PRESENT: Jingle Ayupan, Pat Edmonds, Allan Holditch, Kirsty Hunter, Isaac Kamta, David Leyton-Brown, Steven Loweth, Allyce Mutungi, Moon Ja Park, Daniel Reed, Dong-Chun Seo, Martha ter Kuile,

Staff: Peter Hartmans (Executive Minister) Jody Maltby (Staff Lead), Kim Uyede-kai, (Communities of Faith Support), Bri-anne Swan (Social & Ecological Justice), Jeffrey Dale (Youth Ministries), Susie Henderson (Community Engagement & Partnership), Rachael Howes (Administrative Support),

REGRETS: Jessica McCrae, Jessica Stevenson
Absent: Lynn Mooney

GATHERING, OPENING PRAYER

David Leyton-Brown opened the meeting at 9:33 a.m. He 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.

Peter Hartmans led a brief worship focussing on racism and the prophet, Micah. He led in a prayer by Rev. Richard Bott, Moderator of The United Church of Canada.

Members checked in.

AGENDA

MOTION by Moon Ja Park / Allan Holditch that the agenda for this meeting be approved as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

MINUTES

MOTION by Pat Edmonds / Steven Loweth that the Minutes of the meeting of the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive held May 8, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Moon Ja Park / Allyce Mutungi that the Shining Waters Regional Council take the following actions;

... receive the Minutes of the Communities of Faith Commission dated April 15, 2020 for information;

... receive the Minutes of the Pastoral Relations Commission dated April 27, 2020 for information

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... receive the Minutes of the Social and Ecological Justice Commission dated February 27, 2020 for information.

MOTION

CARRIED

Grant Approval

MOTION by Isaac Kamta / Allan Holditch that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council accepts the recommendation of the Grants Review Committee and approves the release of the third phase of the New Ministries Development and Leadership Fund grant to North Bramalea United Church, in the amount of \$25,000 for their *Online Ministry – Expanded Worship & Leadership Development* initiative.

MOTION

CARRIED

Update from Social & Ecological Justice Commission

Susan Eagle, Chair of the Social & Ecological Justice Commission, joined the meeting to update the Executive.

She reported that Commission started slowly, adjusting to their work, dealing with unfavourable weather and now Covid-19, which hampered meeting face-to-face, and the Commission has yet to meet in person. They are now having meetings that are more frequent via Zoom. They have an ambitious agenda as they feel they are a representative body working with Communities of Faith as much as possible. A survey was sent out in December to Communities of Faith and there were 63 responses representing 49 Communities of Faith. They are looking for more input from more Communities of Faith. They have decided not to hire someone to do survey follow-up work and the Commission will take this on themselves.

She acknowledged the staff working with the Commission including the addition of Bri-anne Swan.

Emerging themes from the surveys are in the areas of racial justice/right relations, poverty /economy, and climate crisis.

The Commission has committed to using the two lenses that the region has identified – ecological lens and racial justice lens – in doing their work. They are working on setting up an emergency response protocol so when an issue comes forward, the Commission is able to respond as quickly as possible using some guidelines, such as whether it fits with priorities, UCC polity, working with partners, etc.

The Commission is also looking beyond our region as to how we network with other groups and regions. Over the last few days, they have been looking at the issues happening in the United States.

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Once they have their priorities set, they are looking at setting up task groups or working groups, linking the Communities of Faith that are looking at those particular areas.

She acknowledged the support of all the regional council staff that has been working with the Commission

The Executive had the opportunity to ask questions. Susan Eagle then left the meeting

Intercultural Diversity Commission Proposal – *David Leyton-Brown*

David Leyton-Brown indicated that this proposal is not before the Executive today for action or acceptance. A revised version of the proposal is in the works and will come to the Executive once the full intercultural diversity circle has had a chance to discuss and reflect on it. The members of the Executive gave reactions, feedback or comments to be incorporated into the revision as appropriate.

David pointed out that there should be some recognition of areas of collaboration or identification of other partners with whom collaboration should take place, both inside and outside our church.

The Executive was encouraged to send any further thoughts or comments to Jingle Ayupan, Dong-Chun Seo, Moon-Ja Park or staff Kim Uyede-kai or Peter Hartmans.

Covid-19 Update / Regional Council Meeting Review – *Peter Hartmans*

Peter Hartmans provided an update. He met with a group of Ministry Personnel on the topic of opening church buildings; the reality is that the Premier of Ontario has extended the state of emergency to the end of June, so it doesn't look like churches will have to wrestle with that in the near future. The United Church of Canada provided a webinar on leasing and renting; our Covid-19 webpage has been updated around church openings, and includes the Social and Ecological Justice Commission letter to the Premier of Ontario. Staff created a document supporting Communities of Faith around opening and encouraged Communities of Faith to have a preparation team for the logistics of opening the church to small groups or worship when that is allowed. General Council is reconvening this month to reconsider the General Council meeting scheduled for 2021 be moved to 2022.

The Regional Council annual meeting is currently scheduled for October for three days. Staff is recommending that this meeting transition to a virtual meeting with details to be determined. The Celebration of Ministries service has been considered with input from many sources as to what online ordination would look like; Candidates were consulted as well. Staff is recommending having an online Celebration of Ministries service happen at the regional meeting.

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MOTION by Peter Hartmans / Moon Ja Park that the Shining Waters Regional Council in-person regional meeting currently scheduled for October 16 – 18 2020, be moved to an online meeting and include a Celebration of Ministries service held online.

MOTION

CARRIED

Camp Update

Jeffrey Dale joined the meeting to provide an update on camps in the region.

The four permanent camps all have decided to take a different route this summer.

Camp Simpresca has no permanent staff, so have decided to forgo having anything for this summer and will work towards 2021.

Sparrow Lake Camp has one permanent staff. They have decided to develop an online platform for connecting. In addition, Canadian Forces Base Borden is the centre for COVID 19 for the north and reached out to Sparrow Lake to use the site to host training.

Camp Scugog (dedicated to marginalized children of Toronto) brought two staff to stay on site to isolate, and they were declared an essential service; they are making masks; have identified 40 families connected to their camp that live in a food desert, and they have packed food boxes for a month for those families. The Camp has been there for the families and youth that they work with and are living out the mission of the church in this time.

Camp Big Canoe is ahead of the curve. They have spent the last three months doing all-day online camp with volunteers leading. They are heading into the summer with online camps and will do *camp in a box* which will entail registration, payment and then sending out a box of activities.

GO Project is now under Shining Waters Regional Council. They have had three months of online so are moving online for the summer. They have only hired summer staff that fits within their Canada Summer Jobs Grant money.

Camp Awesome is the regional day camp that usually travels to different churches in the region. Three staff have been hired that are specifically from the arts. They are going to do an arts-based, project-based summer program. They will put out intentional programs throughout the summer and will include workbooks.

Closing: The agenda having been completed, the meeting closed at 12:15 p.m. Peter Hartmans offered a closing prayer.

Next meeting – t.b.d.

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EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of Meeting held September 22, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.
via video teleconference.

PRESENT: Jingle Ayupan, Pat Edmonds, Allan Holditch, Kirsty Hunter, Isaac Kamta, David Leyton-Brown, Steven Loweth, , Allyce Mutungi, Moon Ja Park, Daniel Reed, Dong-Chun Seo, Jessica Stevenson, Martha ter Kuile,

Staff: Peter Hartmans (Executive Minister), Jody Maltby (Staff Lead), Kim Uyede-kai, (Communities of Faith Support & Right Relations), Susie Henderson (Community Engagement & Partnership), Rachael Howes (Administrative Support), Janet MacDonald (Financial Administrator)

Absent: Lynn Mooney

GATHERING, OPENING PRAYER

David Leyton-Brown opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. He 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.

Peter Hartmans led a brief worship focussing on the United Church day of action on guaranteed liveable income and Philippians 4:4-7.

The members checked in.

AGENDA

MOTION by Jessica Stevenson / Dong-Chun Seo that the agenda for this meeting be approved as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

MINUTES

MOTION by Moon-Ja Park / Allan Holditch that the Minutes of the meeting of the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive held June 3, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Correspondence

The Executive received, for information, correspondence from Rev. Jessica McCrae resigning from the Executive due to her move to Streetsville.

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Omnibus Motion

MOTION by Peter Hartmans / Pat Edmonds that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council take the following actions:

a) Camp Ahshunyoong operating as Camp Big Canoe

....approve Camp Ahshunyoong operating as Camp Big Canoe 2018-2019 Board of Directors

David Bell
Doug Clark
Patricia Clark
Laurie Cook
Heather Dahmer
John Dinner
Constance Dupuis
Julien Dupuis
Jeremy Hyde
Ian McTavish
Kate Meyers
Ted Meyers
Ken Parsons
Lew Petkou
Scott Taylor

....approve Camp Ahshunyoong operating as Camp Big Canoe 2019-2020 Board of Directors

David Bell
David Berton
Doug Clark
Patricia Clark
Laurie Cook
Heather Dahmer
John Dinner
Constance Dupuis
Jeremy Hyde
Katherine Leaman
Paul Lypaczewski
Alexa Nemfield
Lisa Osburn
Ken Parsons
Scott Taylor
Sue Williams

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b) The Presbyteries of Toronto Conference Corporation

...approve The Presbyteries of Toronto Conference Corporation 2020-2021 Board of Directors

Philip Armstrong
Brent Caslick
Evelyn Hill
Marg Krauter
Louise Mahood
John Ostime
Harry Ramsaran
Nick Walker

...based on the guidance received from General Council Staff, pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve By-Law No. 3 and Supplementary Letters Patent as approved by the members on June 17, 2020 of the incorporated ministry known as The Presbyteries of Toronto Conference Corporation.

c) Weston King Neighbourhood Centre

...based on the guidance received from General Council Staff, pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve By-Law No 1 as approved by the members on June 23, 2020 of the incorporated ministry known as Weston King Neighbourhood Centre.

d) Wilmar Heights United Church Non-Profit Homes

...approve the Wilmar Heights United Church Non-Profit Homes 2020-2021 Board of Directors

David Almack
Trevins Fonseka
Neil Harris
Bridie Lane
Jim McArthur
Bob Pomeroy
Patricia Shearer
Jane Warwood

MOTION

CARRIED

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MOTION by Peter Hartmans / Allan Holditch that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council take the following actions:

a) Islington United Church NMDLF grant

... accept the recommendation of the Grants Review Committee and approve the release of the third phase of the New Ministries Development and Leadership Fund grant to the Resonance Project of Islington United Church.

b) 1 Mondial Crescent, Queensville

... approves the request of Toronto United Church Council (TUCC) to take immediate steps to list and sell the property at 1 Mondial Crescent, Queensville.

MOTION

CARRIED

Email Vote

The Executive voted by email (June 17, 2020) in favour of the following:

the nomination of Rev. Louise Mahood to the board of the Presbyteries of Toronto Conference Corporation, representing Shining Waters Regional Council.

Budget

Janet MacDonald provided a draft budget for 2021.

MOTION by Moon-Ja Park / Jessica Stevenson that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council approves the draft budget presented and recommends it to the full Regional Council at the meeting in October.

MOTION

CARRIED

One opposed.

The Executive will pursue the question of establishing funding priorities and working on financial strategy at its next meeting.

Janet MacDonald left the meeting.

Intercultural Diversity Commission Proposal

Amy Lee and Francis Nyarko joined the meeting for this discussion. They introduced and addressed the proposal and their hopes for it.

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MOTION by Allan Holditch / Dong-Chun Seo that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council receive the proposal for an Intercultural Diversity Commission and refer it to the Regional Council meeting for action.

MOTION

CARRIED

Amy Lee and Francis Nyarko left the meeting.

Equity Committee Conversation

Susie Henderson introduced the draft Affirming and Equity Action Plan prepared by the Equity Committee. She spoke about the big equity goals, next steps, including the affirming plan and pulling it all together with a regional lens, as well as operational actions for the coming year.

MOTION by Steven Loweth / Martha ter Kuile that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council receives the draft Equity Committee Action Plan and refer it to the Regional Council meeting in October.

MOTION

CARRIED

Staff Update – Peter Hartmans

Dale Hildebrand is on sabbatical and Todd McDonald is covering for him and it is going well. Karen Hilfman Millson is on long-term medical leave while she is going through cancer treatment. We will contract as needed to cover the work she was doing.

Covid-19 Update – Peter Hartmans

The region continues to support Communities of Faith. Jody Maltby is providing key leadership around grant support info, Susie Henderson provides support around our website and keeping it up to date. We are doing town hall meetings with Ministry Personnel and lay people. In general we have been going full tilt around Covid-19 support. There is concern for burn-out with lay leaders and ministry personnel.

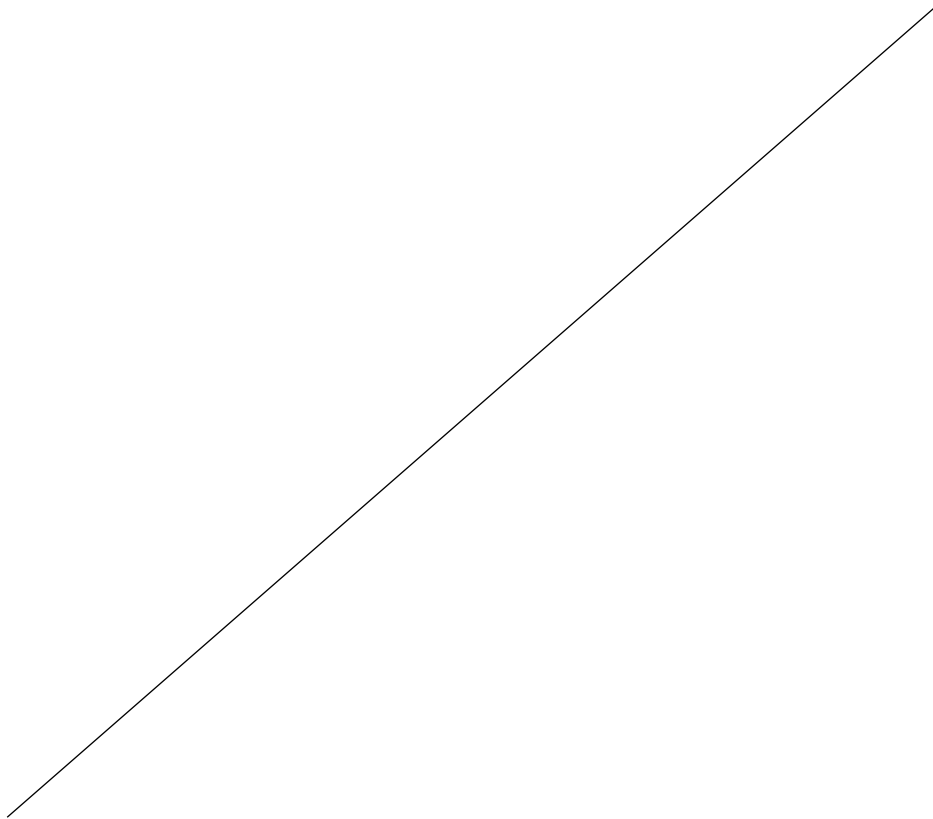
Regional Meeting Update – Jody Maltby

Staff and volunteers are hard at work on the regional meeting. It will be an online meeting, October 17 & 18 with a focus on anti-racism. There will also be a couple of pre-events on anti-racism. The intercultural diversity proposal will be on the agenda as well as the budget, nominations and the equity action plan conversation. The Celebration of Ministry service will also be online on October 18th. Both of these will have somewhat restricted participation on Zoom but participation is also available on YouTube. It is an opportunity to do things differently. Registration is going live on September 23rd. Resource Book and reports and videos will all be available on the website

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Closing: the meeting closed at 4:30 p.m. and Peter Hartmans offered a closing prayer.

Next meeting – date to be determined.



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EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of Meeting held November 24, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.
via video teleconference.

PRESENT: Jingle Ayupan, Pat Edmonds, Allan Holditch, Kirsty Hunter, Isaac Kamta, David Leyton-Brown, Steven Loweth, Allyce Mutungi, Moon Ja Park, Dong-Chun Seo

Staff: Peter Hartmans (Executive Minister), Jody Maltby (Staff Lead), Susie Henderson (Community Engagement & Partnership) Rachael Howes (Administrative Support)

REGRETS: Lynn Mooney, Daniel Reed, Jessica Stevenson

GATHERING, OPENING PRAYER

David Leyton-Brown opened the meeting at 1:03 p.m. He 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.

Peter Hartmans led a brief worship focussing on Ecclesiastes 3.

David Leyton-Brown expressed appreciation to the Shining Waters staff for their work on the successful online regional meeting in October. He also extended a welcome to Betty Lou McNabb, the incoming President-Elect of the Regional Council. The members of the Executive introduced themselves to her.

The members checked in around how their communities of faith are dealing with the current pandemic restrictions in their areas.

AGENDA

MOTION by Betty Lou McNabb / Kirsty Hunter that the amended agenda for this meeting be approved with the addition of an item updating terms of reference on some Committees.

MOTION

CARRIED

MINUTES

MOTION by Isaac Kamta / Allyce Mutungi that the Minutes of the meeting of the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive held September 22, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

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Correspondence

The Executive received the following correspondence for information:

- Letter from the North Simcoe cluster, dated November 17, 2020, regarding the Regional Budget and a request to have a five-year budget. Peter Hartmans has spoken to the author of the letter and David Leyton-Brown will be in touch with her as well.
- Copy of letter from Campus Chaplains, dated October 28, 2020, addressed to General Council requesting that campus chaplaincy continue to have a home in the reorganization of the General Council office.

Omnibus Motion

MOTION by Peter Hartmans / Pat Edmonds that the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive take the following actions:

a) Camp Ahshunyoong operating as Camp Big Canoe

...based on the guidance received from General Council Staff, pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the General By-Law as approved by the members on October 26, 2020 of the incorporated ministry known as Camp Ahshunyoong operating as Camp Big Canoe.

b) Central King Seniors Residence

...approve the Central King Seniors Residence 2020-2021 Board of Directors

Mary Louise Ashbourne
Carla Cornier
Alex Gribben
David Hewett
Joyce Klamer
Michael Kooiman
Jon Lee
Taye Maddison
Lang Moffat
Stephen Mogford
Bob Putnam

c) Fred Victor Centre

...approve the Fred Victor Centre 2020-2021 Board of Directors

Chris Anastasopoulos

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Anne Bell
Sandra Bennett
Neill Carson
Deane Collinson
Nancy Easton
Michele Erskine
David Estabrooks
Andrew Gray
John Hinds
Jawad Kassab
Muwanguzi Ssebaggala
Christina Topp

...based on the guidance received from General Council Staff, pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve By-Law No. 2020-1 as approved by the members on June 17, 2020 of the incorporated ministry known as Fred Victor Centre.

... grant permission for Fred Victor Centre to enter into a lease agreement to occupy 1059 College Street to relocate the Women's Hostel from 86 Lombard Street.

d) The Massey Centre for Women

... approve The Massey Centre for Women 2020-2021 Board of Directors

Jessica Amey
Oliver Blunn
Angel Deen
Jennifer Dockery
Kris Hollenberg
Justine Humphries
Breann Kirincich
Anika Mehta
Mitze Mourinho
Eddy Popp
Catherine Wang
Stephanie Wang

e) Simcoe Presbytery Camp o/a Camp Simpresca

... approve the Simcoe Presbytery Camp 2019-2020 Board of Directors

Keri Craftchick
Brian Cooper
Lucas Cooper
Paul Cooper

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Sarah Draper
Colin Elliott
Sarah Fairman
Anthony Filgate
Taylor Poulin
Shelby Stevenson

... approve the Simcoe Presbytery Camp 2020-2021 Board of Directors

Keri Craftchick
Brian Cooper
Lucas Cooper
Paul Cooper
Sarah Draper
Colin Elliott
Peter Fairman
Sarah Fairman
Anthony Filgate
Taylor Poulin

f) The Toronto United Church Council

... approve The Toronto United Church Council 2020-2021 Board of Directors

Carole Bennett
Greg Daly
Brian Heinmiller
Roberta Howey
Bill Jermyn
Michael Kooiman
Ross Leckie
Hannah Lee
Ted Meyers
Doug Smith
Christopher White
Grant Williams

g) Weston King Neighbourhood Centre

... approve the Weston King Neighbourhood Centre 2020-2021 Board of Directors

Jean-Marie Boutot
Michael Kooiman
Thomas Lo
Eleni Marino

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Doreen Miller
Mayur Mistry
Lang Moffat
Iqbal Singh
Kenny Stier
Barbara Stone
Wendy Whiteley

MOTION

CARRIED

Terms of Reference Update

MOTION by Betty Lou McNabb / Steven Loweth that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council update the terms of reference for the Equity Committee Policy to increase membership from six members to eight members.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Kirsty Hunter / Moon Ja Park that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council appoint the following people to the Mission Support Committee:

Deborah Hart (ministry personnel) (term ending 2022)
Sarah Lough (lay member) (term ending 2022)
Ron Wigle (lay member) (term ending 2022)
Tom MacNeil (ministry personnel) (term ending 2022)

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Betty Lou McNabb / Kirsty Hunter that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council update the terms of reference for the Nominations Committee Policy to amend membership to allow at least two, but not more than four, members of the Executive, and up to six members not currently serving on the Executive.

MOTION

CARRIED

Intercultural Diversity Commission Draft Policy – David Leyton-Brown

MOTION by Allan Holditch / Moon Ja Park that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council approve the Intercultural Diversity Commission Policy as presented.

MOTION by Peter Hartmans / Moon Ja Park that the above motion be tabled for the purpose of seeking final input on the draft policy from the Intercultural and Diversity Circle.

MOTION

CARRIED

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By-Law Update – *David Leyton-Brown*

David Leyton-Brown gave the following information:

Of the policies requiring review in 2020, several appear sufficient, and not to need any revision. These include:

- Regional Council policy
- Covenant with La Table
- Communication policy
- Regional Council Fund policy
- Right Relations and Indigenous Ministries Fund policy
- Grants Review Committee policy
- Mission Support Committee policy

It is proposed that they each be renewed, with the next review to take place in 2023.

Other policies requiring review by the Executive (e.g. Property, Property Management, Equity, and Equity Committee) will require changes ranging from small to more substantial. Proposed revisions will be brought to the Executive for approval at the next meeting.

The Commissions are actively reviewing their policies.

Regional Meeting Proposed Dates – *Peter Hartmans*

Peter Hartmans suggested that Shining Waters have a virtual regional meeting in the fall of 2021 to include items such as budget and General Council commissioners, and plan a more substantial in-person regional meeting for the spring of 2022 which would include proposals to go to the General Council meeting in 2022.

Moon Ja Park left the meeting.

Covid-19 Update – *Peter Hartmans*

There was a brief discussion on the current status of the pandemic. Peter asked if the Executive wanted to send out another letter from the region. He also brought attention to the region's website with updated information and resources. A suggestion was made to put out a prayer to the region by email and social media.

Peter Hartmans, David Leyton-Brown and Susie Henderson will work on a letter to go to the region.

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Grant Requests – Jody Maltby

MOTION by Pat Edmonds / Dong Chun Seo that the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive approve the recommendations of the Grants Review Committee and the Mission Support Committee as presented and refer the Net Annual Revenue grant applications to the Presbyteries of Toronto Conference Corporation for consideration.

MOTION

CARRIED

In response to a request from the Filipino Christian Fellowship to extend the region's financial support for the next five years (2021 – 2025), the Grants Review Committee recommends that the Executive not make a formal commitment for five years, but that Filipino Christian Fellowship be asked to return each year with an updated application, with the understanding that they will need financial assistance for at least the next five years.

MOTION by Jingle Ayupan / Isaac Kamta that on the recommendation of the Grants Review Committee, the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive formally dissolve the Toronto Southeast Presbytery Major Capital Fund Commission and the Urban Forest Fund Commission, with thanks to their members for their work, and confirm that those funds are now within the mandate of the Grants Review Committee.

MOTION

CARRIED

It was decided that a written letter of appreciation be sent to those members for their work and service through the transition period, and that Presbyteries of Toronto Conference Corporation (PTCC) and Toronto United Church Council (TUCC) be notified of this change.

Staff Update – Peter Hartmans

Peter updated the Executive on the status of Karen Hilfman Millson's health and her sick leave.

Other Business

Kirsty Hunter was thanked for her work with the Sub-Executive and Betty Lou McNabb was welcomed as a member of the Sub-Executive.

It was noted that Martha ter Kuile's term on the Executive has ended and it was suggested that a note of appreciation be sent to her.

Property Corporation Conversation Update – Peter Hartmans

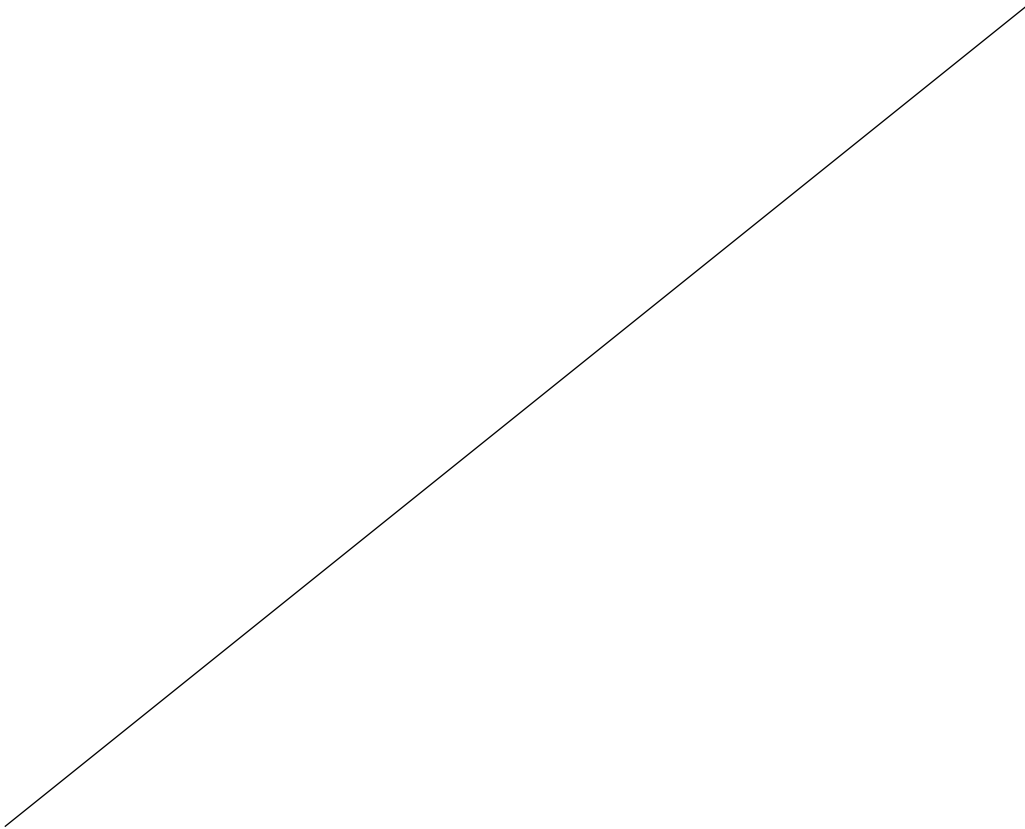
Peter updated the Executive on the new property corporation. Tim Blair and his team from the corporation gave a presentation to Peter and Jody Maltby recently. They offered some proposals on Shining Waters properties. The Executive needs to decide whether to go with the corporation and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with them, or stay with the traditional way of dealing with our properties. It was decided that more detailed information would be helpful. It was

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decided that the corporation's site review document be circulated to the Executive and this item will come back to the next Executive meeting.

Next meeting – a Doodle poll will be circulated

Closing: the meeting closed at 3:50 p.m. and Peter Hartmans offered a closing prayer.



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EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of Meeting held December 10, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.
via video teleconference.

PRESENT: Jingle Ayupan, Pat Edmonds, Allan Holditch, Kirsty Hunter, Isaac Kamta, David Leyton-Brown, Steven Loweth, Betty Lou McNabb, Allyce Mutungi, Moon Ja Park, Daniel Reed, Dong-Chun Seo, Jessica Stevenson.

Staff: Peter Hartmans (Executive Minister), Jody Maltby (Staff Lead), Rachael Howes (Administrative Support)

Guests: Tim Blair and Kris Tavella of the United Property Resource Corporation.

Absent: Lynn Mooney

GATHERING, OPENING PRAYER

David Leyton-Brown opened the meeting at 10:02 p.m. He 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.

Peter Hartmans led a brief worship focussing on Isaiah 40.

The members checked in.

AGENDA

MOTION by Betty Lou McNabb/ Moon Ja Park that the agenda for this meeting be approved as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

MINUTES

MOTION by Allan Holditch / Pat Edmonds that the Minutes of the meeting of the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive held November 24, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Correspondence

The Executive received the following correspondence for information;

- email from St. James, Stroud re: regional budget
- email from St. Andrew's, Toronto re: regional budget

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Property presentation and discussion

Peter Hartmans introduced Tim Blair and Kris Tavella of the United Property Resource Corporation (UPRC). They gave a brief overview of the UPRC and the summary document of site reviews of the Shining Waters properties circulated prior to the meeting. The Executive then had the opportunity to ask questions.

Tim and Kris left the meeting and the Executive continued their discussion around this topic.

MOTION by Allan Holditch / Moon Ja Park that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council support in principle the site review proposal from United Property Resource Corporation and charge Peter Hartmans and Jody Maltby to move forward with negotiation for a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Property Resource Corporation.

MOTION

CARRIED

Staff Sharing between Canadian Shield and Shining Waters

Peter Hartmans reminded the Executive about the Memorandum of Understanding between the two regions. Peter explained the intention to share staff between Shining Waters and Canadian Shield – e.g. Jeffrey Dale of Shining Waters and Melody Duncanson-Hales of Canadian Shield with youth and stewardship. This does not involve any change in, or addition to, payroll. The staff involved are in favour of this action.

MOTION Daniel Reed / Kirsty Hunter that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council approve the sharing of staff between Shining Waters and Canadian Shield Regional Councils.

MOTION

CARRIED

Covid-19 Update

Peter Hartmans stated how proud he is of the Shining Waters communities of faith as they have coped with the pandemic and he offered up the light of Christ to them.

Closing: the meeting closed at 11:55 a.m. Peter Hartmans offered a closing prayer.

Next meeting – t.b.d. by Doodle poll.