

October 20, 2021

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

**Minutes of a meeting of the  
Communities of Faith Commission  
Wednesday, October 20, 2021**

The Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council met on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 by video conference call. The meeting began at 9:30 a.m.

**Present:**

Chris Bennett, Carolyn Harding, Calin Lau, Amy Lee, Kevin Logie, Sandra Nottegar, Cindy Randall, Gloria Tozek, Harry Ramsaran

Jody Maltby (Staff Lead), Diane Matheson, Rachael Howes

Guests: Mary Ellen Richardson, Morrey Ewing, Amanda Hancox, Steve Dunk, all of Fairlawn United Church

Absent: Harry Ramsaran

**Welcome, check in and prayer**

The chairperson welcomed everyone and introductions were made. Jody Maltby 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. Gloria Tozek offered a reading from a Richard Wagamese book and an opening prayer.

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

**Fairlawn United Church – Intentional Interim Ministry**

The guests from Fairlawn United Church offered their presentation to the commission regarding the extension of their intentional interim ministry.

**Agenda**

**MOTION** by Cindy Randall / Amy Lee that the agenda be approved as presented.  
**MOTION** **CARRIED**

**Minutes**

**MOTION** by Chris Bennett / Carolyn Harding that the Minutes of the meetings of the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council dated September 15, 2021 be approved as circulated.  
**MOTION** **CARRIED**

**Email Votes Conversation**

There had been some concerns raised about the volume of email votes. Some email votes had also gone out without full background information from staff. The group reviewed the intent behind setting up the task groups, and discussed what should come to a meeting and what can be dealt with by email vote.

Jody Maltby will bring a proposal to the next meeting based on this discussion.

**Fairlawn United Church**

The commission had a discussion around the Intentional Interim Ministry at Fairlawn United Church and the presentation made by Fairlawn at this meeting.

**MOTION** by Cindy Randall / Calin Lau that the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council agree to the request of Fairlawn United Church, Toronto, for a final extension of the intentional interim ministry to June 2023, that the intentional interim ministry end in June of 2023, and that this approval is conditional on Fairlawn developing a plan of action with specific timelines with regional council staff support, and that the plan be submitted to and monitored by the Shining Waters Intentional Interim Ministry Committee.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

The meeting took an all-purpose break.

**Cummer Avenue United Church**

**MOTION** by Chris Bennett / Sandra Nottegar that the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council approve the request of Cummer Avenue United Church, Toronto, to borrow an amount equal to or less than the amount of the outstanding pledges arising from its capital appeal, with a maximum amount of \$400,000, using the housing allowance fund as security.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Severn Shores United Church, Severn Bridge**

**MOTION** by Kevin Logie / Chris Bennett that the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council approves the request of Severn Shores United Church to disband the pastoral charge as a recognized community of faith effective December 31, 2021 with thanks to God for the ministry of this congregation

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

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**Meadowvale Korean United Church, Toronto**

**MOTION** by Amy Lee / Carolyn Harding that the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council approves the request of Meadowvale Korean United Church to disband the pastoral charge as a recognized community of faith effective November 30, 2021 with thanks to God for the ministry of this congregation

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Alpha Korean United Church, Toronto**

**MOTION** by Amy Lee / Chris Bennett that the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council approves the request of Alpha Korean United Church, Toronto, to change their name to Toronto Korean United Church.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Rosedale United Church, Toronto**

**MOTION** by Chris Bennett / Cindy Randall that the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council approves the request of Rosedale United Church, Toronto, to replace the sanctuary's east roof.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Mapping Process – Susie Henderson**

Susie Henderson gave an update and review on the mapping process. There is a concentration of communities of faith in the south but there is not a United Church in every high-density population area. In the north there is a higher United Church affiliation, which is probably related to the age demographic as there is an older population in the north. There is a concentration in wealth in the south and there is less cultural diversity in the north.

There will be a fuller discussion at an upcoming meeting.

**Property Policy – Jody Maltby**

Jody walked the commission through the *Regional Council Executive and Communities of Faith Commission: Property Policy* document. It brings together all of the property policies that have been approved by the Executive and the Communities of Faith Commission. Much of it has already been approved and this is simply a consolidation.

**MOTION** by Kevin Logie / Amy Lee that the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council approve the *Regional Council Executive and Communities of Faith Commission: Property Policy* as presented.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Funding Priorities** – update and motion by Executive – *Jody Maltby*

Jody reported executive approved the Commission's recommendation around funds received under the policy regarding sale of property by an existing community of faith, and funds declared surplus property in an amalgamation.

The Grants & Mission Support Committee are in the midst of a process of setting priorities for funding support. They are looking at a 3-year funding model for the community ministries. A task group is being formed with staff support from Jeffrey Dale and representation from the region as well as this commission and others, and representation from the three community ministries to have discussions around sustainability. The Committee is looking at having a more open granting process in approximately five years.

**Strategic Planning** – *Gloria Tozek*

Gloria feels that it is time to do some more strategic planning as many things have changed over the last few years. She suggested a half-day session where we can take a look back, and bring in some of the mapping information, etc. She would like ideas from people around process.

The commission agreed to a tentative plan to have an in-person meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> with the option of changing to a Zoom meeting in the event of inclement weather.

**Equity Report** – *Jody Maltby*

Jody has checked in with Dale Hildebrand of the Pastoral Relations Commission; they might be referring some of the recommendations within the region so will wait to see if any are referred to this Commission. They are breaking into small groups to work on the recommendations.

It was decided to defer the Equity Report until the Pastoral Relations Commission has had a chance to work through it.

**Closing**

The Chair thanked everyone for their work and offered a blessing. The meeting closed at 12:28 p.m.

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**Next Meeting:** November 17th, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Carolyn Harding will provide the land and safe space acknowledgement