

The United Church of Canada
Shining Waters Regional Council

EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of Meeting held September 7, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.
via video teleconference.

PRESENT: Jingle Ayupan, Tina Conlon, Allan Holditch, Kirsty Hunter, David Leyton-Brown, Steven Loweth, Allyce Mutungi, Moon Ja Park, Daniel Reed, Bri-anne Swan

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

Absent: Isaac Kamta, Lynn Mooney

GATHERING, OPENING PRAYER

David Leyton-Brown opened the meeting at 2:04 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.

There was a time of introduction and check-in.

Peter Hartmans led a brief worship focussing on Ecclesiastes 3.

Agenda

MOTION by Steven Loweth / MoonJa Park that the agenda for this meeting be approved as circulated.

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Minutes

MOTION by Allan Holditch / Tina Conlon the Minutes of the meeting of the Shining Waters Regional Council sub-Executive held June 6, 2022 be received for information.

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Email votes

The following decisions were made by email:

- approved the draft 2020 Financial Statement as presented.
- approved David Leyton-Brown, Past President, to complete the current term of President Betty Lou McNabb, due to her resignation, effective May 29, 2022.

Commission Minutes

MOTION Daniel Reed / Kirsty Hunter that the Minutes of the Communities of Faith Commission for November 2021 through April 2022 be received for information.

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Communities of Faith Commission – Lay Reps Survey Report

The Lay Reps survey report from the Communities of Faith Commission was received by the Executive. There was discussion about it and questions about follow-up that the Commission is planning.

Incorporated Ministries

MOTION by Bri-anne Swan / Jingle Ayupan that the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive take the following actions:

- a) Central King Seniors Residence
... pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the Central King Seniors Residence 2021-2022 Board of Directors

Mary Louise Ashbourne
Carla Cronier
Alex Gribben
David Hewitt
Joyce Klamer
Jon Lee
Taye Maddison
Lang Moffat
Stephen Mogford
Bob Putnam
Kathy Steiner

... pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the Central King Seniors Residence 2022-2023 Board of Directors

Mary Louise Ashbourne
Alex Gribben
David Hewitt
Joyce Klamer
Taye Maddison
Lang Moffat
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Bob Putnam
Kathy Steiner

- b) Church of the Master Homes Corporation
.....pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the Church of the Master Homes Corporation 2022-2023 Board of Directors

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Pauline Anderson
Jennifer Couthino
Robert Fletcher
Mathew Peltier

- c) Fred Victor Centre
...pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the Fred Victor Centre 2021-2022 Board of Directors

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

... pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the Fred Victor Centre 2022-2023 Board of Directors

Chris Anastasopoulos
Anne Bell
Sandra Bennett
Neill Carson
Mardi Daley
Nancy Easton
Michele Erskine
David Estabrooks
John Hinds
Jawad Kassab
Ken McKinnon
Anju Nair
Prossy Nambatya
Muwanguzi Ssebaggala
Christina Topp

... pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada grant permission for Fred Victor Centre to enter into an offer to lease with the City of Toronto (the “Offer to Lease”) with respect to the lease of a building located at

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4626 Kingston Road, Toronto for the purposes of providing affordable housing and, in connection therewith, and enter into a lease (the “Lease”) and a contribution agreement (the “Contribution Agreement”), both with the City of Toronto as approved by the Fred Victor Centre Board of Directors on July 8, 2022.

- d) Oakwil Non-Profit Homes Corporation
...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 1 (version 5) dated December 14, 2020 superseding the version dated June 10, 2019 as approved by the members on December 14, 2020 of the incorporated ministry known as Oakwil Non-Profit Homes Corporation.
- e) Wilmar Heights United Church Non-Profit Homes
...pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the Wilmar Heights United Church Non-Profit Homes 2022-2023 Board of Directors

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

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Trustees of Regional Properties

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

- a) Church of the Master
... remove Anne Shirley Sutherland, Jack McLean, Clyde Harris and Sharon Aylsworth as Trustees for Church of the Master United Church, 3385 Lawrence Avenue East, Scarborough, ON with thanks for their service, appoint Janet MacDonald and Chris Bennett and confirm Jody Maltby as Trustees.
- b) Dunkerron
... remove Christine Smaller and Harry Ramsaran as Trustees for Dunkerron United Church with thanks for their service, appoint Janet MacDonald and Chris Bennett and confirm Jody Maltby as Trustees.

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c) Locust Hill

... remove Harry Ramsaran as a Trustee of Locust Hill United Church, 8847 Reesor Road, Markham, ON with thanks for his service, appoint Chris Bennett and confirm Janet MacDonald and Jody Maltby as Trustees.

d) Regent Park

... remove Shirley Baster, Jim Keenan and Harry Ramsaran as Trustees for Regent Park United Church, 175 Oxford Street, Orillia, ON, with thanks for their service, appoint Janet MacDonald and Chris Bennett and confirm Jody Maltby as Trustees.

e) West Ellesmere

... remove Randy Naylor as Trustees of West Ellesmere United Church, 37 Marchington Circle, Scarborough, ON with thanks for his service, appoint Chris Bennett and confirm Janet MacDonald and Jody Maltby as Trustees.

f) Wexford Heights

... remove Diane Bennet-Jones and Christine Smaller as Trustees for Wexford Heights United Church, 2102 Lawrence Ave East, Scarborough, ON with thanks for their service, appoint Janet MacDonald and Chris Bennett and confirm Jody Maltby as Trustees.

... remove Christine Smaller and Kelly Cook as Trustees for the Wexford Heights United Church Cemetery with thanks for their service, appoint Janet MacDonald and Chris Bennett and confirm Jody Maltby as Trustees.

g) Appoint Chris Bennett, Janet MacDonald and Jody Maltby as Trustees of the following churches and remove any Trustees previously named by the former congregations that have ceased to exist:

- Ardtrea United Church, 3601 Menoke Beach Road, Orillia, ON
- Coulson United Church, 343 Horseshoe Valley Road West, Oro Township, Oro-Medonte
- Don Mills United Church, 126 O'Connor Drive, East York, ON
- Guthrie United Church, 59 Line 4 North, Oro-Medonte, ON
- Heritage United Church, 3332 Muskoka Street, Washago, ON
- Hobart United Church, 4590 Line 6 North, Oro Township, Oro-Medonte, ON
- Little Brick Church, 402 Ridge Road West at Line 6 S, Oro Station, Oro-Medonte, ON
- Meadowvale Korean United Church, 1010 Old Derry Road, Mississauga, ON
- Minesing United Church, 1662 George Johnston Road, Minesing, ON
- Newton Robinson United Church, Highway 27 at 10th Line, Bradford, West Gwillimbury Township, ON
- Peaches United Church, 10762 McCowan Road, Markham, ON
- Wilmar Heights United Church, 967 Pharmacy Avenue, Scarborough, ON

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Clergy Peer Learning Group Program Proposal

This program proposal was received by the Executive for information from the Pastoral Relations Commission. Peter Hartmans gave some background information on the program.

Some of the comments shared were:

- enjoyed the Clergy gathering held at Jubilee United Church recently; appreciate the work Dale Hildebrand and Todd McDonald put it into them;
- have been part of a clergy group and it has yielded great benefits so this is a great program; the importance of these types of groups can't be underestimated.
- one of the good outcomes of the pandemic is the online gatherings held for various groups and topics; am sure we will continue to do them; this is a longer-term version of these type of gatherings.
- thanks to Dale Hildebrand for his work with their community of faith;

MOTION by Daniel Reed / Jingle Ayupan that the Executive receive the Clergy Peer Learning Group Program proposal from the Pastoral Relations Commission for information with the Executive's support and appreciation for the commission's work.

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Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK)

PROK has reached out to Shining Waters with a request to continue with the relationship that originated with Toronto Conference. The decision would need to be made to cultivate or reconstitute the relationship, or decide if it is a path we do not want to continue. It was felt that it would be appropriate to request the Intercultural Diversity Commission to have a dialogue about the matter.

MOTION by Steven Loweth / Daniel Reed that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council request the Intercultural Diversity Commission to look into the request from Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK) and make a recommendation to the Executive on how to proceed.

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General Council 44 Update – David Leyton-Brown

- GC44 has concluded; there will be an annual meeting of GC44 Commissioners over the next two years;
- election of Carmen Lansdowne was a highlight;
- passage of proposal to create an autonomous Indigenous church was a highlight; it will be followed-up with a remit
- climate change proposal passed; The United Church of Canada is committed to emission reductions;
- Israel/Palestine proposal that all social justice activity of The United Church of Canada should be based upon a clear and articulated set of justice principles was passed; other proposals on the matter are held in abeyance until the articulation of the principles;

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- we are in process of organizing a follow-up gathering of Shining Waters GC44 Commissioners, and we will invite members of Executive to attend if they wish;
- proposal on new ways of being church was passed;
- it was a long process but exciting;
- a very good experience.

Proposed Regional Council Finance Resource Team – *David Leyton-Brown*

David presented and reviewed a draft Finance Committee policy. It will be distributed to the Executive for feedback and come back to the October Executive meeting.

Pastoral Relations Commission Marriage License Policy

MOTION Allan Holditch / Tina Conlon that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council receive the Pastoral Relations Commission Marriage License Policy revised June 14, 2022 for information.

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Regional Council Meeting Theme – *David Leyton-Brown*

It has been traditional that the President set a theme for the regional council meetings. David described a draft theme he has in mind; *So what: Faith into Action*.

United Church of Canada 100th Anniversary - *David Leyton-Brown*

The United Church of Canada has not yet indicated how this anniversary will be acknowledged in 2025, but it's not too early for the regional council to think about it. David felt we could encourage communities of faith on the local level on where they have been and where they will go.

He suggested the region provide every one of our communities of faith with some data that they have provided to the church over the years; those communities of faith that were in existence in 1925, provide the 1925 data and at appropriate intervals thereafter, perhaps every 25 years – what did your congregation look like? what staff did you have? what kinds of programs & activities were you engaged in? what was your surrounding community like in those years; what has the course of your evolution been; where are you now and where do you hope to go in the future, in the next 25 and in the next 100 years.

There was comment and discussion about not doing this kind of comparison to the past.

Other comments;

- what has the United Church meant on the local level? what's missing about what we know about the United Church?
- at the regional meeting have a time of sharing – what did you learn that you didn't already know about who you are and what that means going forward?
- A common thread in this discussion is looking/going forward; how can we make it easy and constructive to engage in those conversations at the congregation level.
- how can we encourage congregations to a place of joy? are there group projects we could have? can we make it lighter?

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- there was a sense we should do something at the congregational level to engage communities of faith. What kind of engagement, how do we go about it; how do we provide the support and the fun.

It was a good discussion and it will continue at future meetings and build on today's discussion.

Financial Update and Transfer of Funds

Peter Hartmans reported on this item and gave some background on the regional council's commitment to right relations and Calls to the Church with the transfer of funds to the National Indigenous Church.

MOTION by Jingle Ayupan / Bri-anne Swan that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council approve the transfer of \$100,000 from the Shining Waters Indigenous Fund to the National Indigenous Church.

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Closing: The meeting closed at 4:14 p.m.

Next meeting: TBD via Doodle poll

