

The United Church of Canada
Shining Waters Regional Council

EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of Meeting held October 24, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.
via video teleconference.

PRESENT: Jingle Ayupan, Tina Conlon, Allan Holditch, Kirsty Hunter, Isaac Kamta, David Leyton-Brown, Allyce Mutungi, Moon Ja Park, Bri-anne Swan

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

REGRETS: Steven Loweth, Daniel Reed
Absent: Lynn Mooney

GATHERING, OPENING PRAYER

David Leyton-Brown opened the meeting at 1:36 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 check-in.

Peter Hartmans led a brief worship focussing on Philippians 4:4-7.

AGENDA

Addition of items on appointing a sub-Executive and an Executive retreat to the end of the agenda.

MOTION by Tina / Jingle Ayupan that the agenda for this meeting be approved as amended.

MOTION

CARRIED

MINUTES

MOTION by Jingle / Allan Holditch that the Minutes of the meeting of the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive held September 7, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Proposed Regional Council Finance Resource Team – David Leyton-Brown

At the September Executive meeting, David introduced a draft Finance Committee policy. It was distributed to the Executive for review and feedback, and comes back to this meeting for approval.

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MOTION Kirsty Hunter / Allan Holditch that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council accept the proposed Regional Council Executive: Finance Committee Policy as presented.

MOTION

CARRIED

Incorporated Ministries

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

a) Camp Ahshunyoong operating as Camp Big Canoe

... pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the Camp Ahshunyoong operating as Camp Big Canoe 2020-2021 Board of Directors

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

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Alexa Nemfield
Lisa Osburn
Scott Taylor
Chris Tindal
Sue Williams

b) Grace Place Community Resource Centre

... pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the Grace Place Community Resource Centre 2020-2021 Board of Directors

Kathleen Armitage-Peddle
Daniel Clark
C. Jean Jamieson
Robert Reilly
Stephen Rhodes
Cameron Welsh

c) Wilmar Heights United Church Non-Profit Homes

...pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the additional members of the Wilmar Heights United Church Non-Profit Homes 2022-2023 Board of Directors

Frances Grego
Joanne McArthur
Ty Yusko

Regional Council Meeting 2023 Theme: *So What? Faith in Action*

At the last Executive meeting, David Leyton- Brown introduced his suggestion of the theme, *So What? Faith in Action*. A planning advisory team will be formed to assist in the planning of the 2023 meeting as was done for the 2022 meeting. Members of the Executive were invited to consider being on the planning team. Members of Commissions will also be invited to participate.

Dates for the Regional Council meeting are May 26-28, 2023 and we will post a 'save the date' on the website. The Celebration of Ministries Service would take place on May 28, 2023.

MOTION by Isaac Kamta / Tina Conlon that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council set the Celebration of Ministries service to be held on May 28, 2023.

MOTION

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United Church of Canada 100th Anniversary in 2025 - David Leyton-Brown

There was discussion at the last Executive meeting about engaging our communities of faith leading up to the actual centennial anniversary celebration of The United Church of Canada in 2025. David re-capped the essence of that discussion.

Some of the further ideas that were given as to how to invite and support our communities of Faith in discussion were:

- think about ways to be church; what does it mean to be church; celebrating all the different ways we are being church and emphasize the diversity of experiences;
- as we're looking forward for our churches, there needs to be some conversation on what is our *why*? What is it about The United Church of Canada (UCC) and our communities that should remain, needs to remain, why do we need to be here?
- moving forward means the evolution of music
- UCC is known in the history of Canada but newcomers don't know, so give opportunity to people to know what is UCC and it's place in the life of Canada;
- It would be nice if each community of faith can provide a summary of who they are and what their mission is and how it is tied to the UCC mission.
- Each community of faith provide a photo directory of their members which could be included in a 200th UCC anniversary celebration; or a group photo of each congregations; maybe we could make a travelling quilt that could go across the country with a book that tells of its travels.

We can engage our communities of faith in 2024 to achieve something for the anniversary in 2025 but in the next few months we should determine what and how we will do it. There will be more discussion on this at the next Executive meeting.

Regular Meeting Date for Executive – David Leyton-Brown

It has been increasingly difficult to set a meeting date each month by Doodle poll. David suggested setting a regular meeting date and asked the Executive how they felt about this idea. There was a general consensus to have a consistent date. The Executive will be polled by email to try to get the date and time fixed.

Severn Shores Pastoral Charge

Severn Shores closed on December 31, 2021. Toronto United Church Council (TUCC) has been managing the properties of the former Heritage United Church in Washago and the former Ardtrea United Church in Ardtrea. Both are small rural churches just north of Orillia. TUCC is recommending that we list Heritage United Church for sale. There has already been interest expressed in the property. Of the Seven Shores group of properties it is the one unencumbered by a cemetery and could most easily be converted into a store/residence.

MOTION by Peter Hartmans / Moon Ja Park that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council approve and authorize that Heritage United Church, 3332 Muskoka Street, Washago, ON L0K 2B0, be listed for sale.

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Sub-Executive

Shining Waters policies require that a sub-Executive be appointed annually. Allan Holditch, and Bri-anne Swan volunteered to be a part of the sub-Executive. Steven Loweth is currently on the sub-Executive.

MOTION by Moon Ja Park / Jingle Ayupan that the Shining Waters Regional Council sub-executive for 2022-23 consist of David Leyton-Brown (President), Tina Conlon (President-Elect, Peter Hartmans (Executive Minister), and Allan Holditch, Bri-anne Swan and Steven Loweth.

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Executive Retreat

David Leyton-Brown has suggested a retreat for the Executive and invited input from the members on what it would look like. He suggested the later part of January. It would be ideal to have it in-person but that would depend on the Covid situation; otherwise it can be held online or held outdoors weather permitting.

Closing

Peter Hartmans offered a closing prayer and the meeting ended at 3:05 p.m.

Next meeting: TBD

