

## EXECUTIVE

**MINUTES of Meeting held March 5, 2024** at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**PRESENT:** Tina Conlon, David Leyton-Brown, Jingle Ayupan, Isaac Kamta, Daniel Reed, Bri-anne Swan, Allyce Mutungi

**STAFF:** Peter Hartmans (Executive Minister), Jody Maltby (Staff Lead), Susan Whitehead (Administrative Support)

**REGRETS:** Lynn Mooney, Allan Holditch

### **GATHERING, OPENING PRAYER**

Tina opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. 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. Jingle opened the meeting with prayer.

### **UPDATE ON PETER**

#### **CHECK IN**

Executive members did a check in since last we met.

#### **AGENDA**

Two items were added to the agenda: an update on New Community Ministries Fund and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The UCC.

**MOTION by Jingle Ayupan/Daniel Reed                      SW Exec 2024-03-05-01**  
**That the agenda for this meeting be approved, as amended.**  
**CARRIED**

#### **MINUTES**

**MOTION by Jingle Ayupan/David Leyton-Brown      SW Exec 2024-03-05-02**  
**That the Minutes of the meeting of the Shining Waters Regional**  
**Council Executive held February 6, 2023 be approved, as circulated.**  
**CARRIED**

#### **COMMISSION MINUTES**

Todd McDonald, a Pastoral Relations Minister with SWRC, joined the SW Executive meeting today to answer any questions that Executive members may have.

**MOTION by Peter Hartmans/Jingle Ayupan                      SW Exec 2024-03-05-03**  
**That the Executive receive the Minutes of the Pastoral Relations**  
**Commission for August 2023 – January 2024, for information.**  
**CARRIED**

**Omnibus Motion: Incorporated Ministries**

**MOTION by Daniel Reed/Jingle Ayupan** **SW Exec 2024-03-05-04**  
that the Shining Waters Regional Council (10) Executive take the following action(s):

a) **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 2024-2025 Board of Directors

Pauline Anderson  
Jennifer Couthino  
Robert Fletcher  
Mathew Peltier

*This is based on the draft Annual General Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2024, the 2024 board approval form, the board contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada.*

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 2023-2024 Board of Directors

Daniel Clark  
Linda Davis  
C. Jean Jamieson  
Chris Moon  
Robert Reilly

*This is based on the Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Members of November 21, 2023, the 2023 board member approval form, the board contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada.*

c) **Simcoe Presbytery Camp o/a Camp Simpresca**

**... pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the Simcoe Presbytery Camp 2023-2024 Board of Directors**

**Geoff Belanger  
Brian Cooper  
Lucas Cooper  
Paul Cooper  
Sarah Draper  
Peter Fairman  
Sarah Fairman  
Taylor Poulin**

***This is based on the draft AGM Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2023, 2023 board member approval form, the board contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada.***  
**CARRIED**

**Correspondence**

*Silver Communion Set*

Peter shared that recently we had difficulty finding a communion set for the region for meetings and Todd was able to procure a set for us from Forest Grove United Church. Peter will write a thank you note on behalf of Executive.

**SW Finance Resource Team Motion re: 2022 SWRC Audit**

The SW Finance Resource Team has forwarded a motion to the SW Executive:

*MOTION by Beth Herrema/Allan Holditch*

*SW FC 2024-02-27-03*

*That the Finance Committee of Shining Waters Regional Council recommend the 2022 Audit to the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive for approval at their meeting March 5, 2024.*

**CARRIED**

Peter shared his gratitude for the effort Janet MacDonald (SWRC Financial Administrator) and the auditors put into the audit, as it is a lot of work.

**MOTION by Allyce Mutungi/David Leyton-Brown SW Exec 2024-05-05-05**

**That the SWRC Executive approve the 2022 SWRC Audited Financial Statements.**

**CARRIED**

**GCE Meeting Summary**

David shared updates about the Pastoral Relations Commission's work, including a pastoral relations equity survey and report. He also discussed issues with the appointment process of ministers in the United Church of Canada and plans for the

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centennial fundraising campaign for the United Church of Canada's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. David presented the other highlights of the General Council 45 meeting, which included accountability reports from the Moderator and General Secretary.

**GC45 Commissioner Numbers (14)**

Peter shared that the number of elected Commissioners that SWRC is entitled to is 14 Commissioners and the Nominations Committee will be working on this for the RCM. GC45 Commissioners will be elected at the June 2024 SW RCM.

**Update on 2024 SW Regional Council Meeting (RCM)**

Jody shared that they have had their first theme planning team meeting and the planning team will bring some good reflections. The regional admin team are busy putting together workbooks, websites and communications; there will be more information out soon.

*The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The UCC*

David shared that in planning for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UCC, GCE members met with representatives of The United Church Foundation and found out there is a plan for a Centennial fundraising campaign that will focus on legacy and planned gifts.

David also pointed out that the 2024 SW RCM Celebration of Ministry Service (CoMS) is now being held on Saturday, June 8, 2024 due to the fact that the GCO is organizing a national 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary launch service. In order to not conflict with that event, we have made the decision to move our CoMS.

**Deadline for Proposals to the 2024 SW RCM**

Peter stated that we will likely have proposals that come to the SW RCM that relate to GC45 in Calgary in 2025. April 12, 2024 is the deadline for proposals to the SW RCM and this date can be pushed back, if necessary. This date is early and will give the region a change to hold Town Hall Meetings prior to the RCM. October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 is the deadline for GC45 Proposals.

**2025 Festival of Faith Update – Moderator’s Scheduling Conflict**

Peter shared that the 2025 FoF planning is well underway, with several keynote speakers booked. The Moderator has stated there may be a time conflict with the date and has asked if we could move the date; Peter indicated that we cannot move the date due to venue and speaker bookings.

**Reconsideration of Motion**

Original Motion:

**MOTION by Jingle Ayupan/Isaac Kamta SW Exec 2023-11-07-07  
That when a camp within the bounds of Shining Waters Regional  
Council requests a loan, it will be approved by the Communities of  
Faith Commission as part of the Regional Property Policy and  
reported to the Executive, for information.  
CARRIED**

Jody shared that in November 2023, she presented the original motion to Executive because the four camps within SWRC are Incorporated Ministries and are also in

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covenant with SWRC as communities of faith. Originally it made sense to have the Communities of Faith Commission approve their loans since they are the body responsible for approving all communities of faith loans. After discussions with the Incorporated Ministries unit at the GCO, the decision was made to reconsider the original motion and go back to the way things were. This means that loans for the camps will come to Executive through the Omnibus Motions as they do for other Incorporated Ministries.

**MOTION by David Leyton-Brown/Jingle Ayupan SW Exec 2025-05-05-06**  
**That the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council reconsider the motion of November 7, 2023 that when a camp within the bounds of Shining Waters Regional Council requests a loan, it will be approved by the Communities of Faith Commission as part of the Regional Property Policy and reported to the Executive, for information.**  
**CARRIED**

**MOTION by Jingle Ayupan/Isaac Kamta SW Exec 2025-05-05-07**  
**That when a camp within the bounds of Shining Waters Regional Council requests a loan, it will be approved by the Communities of Faith Commission as part of the Regional Property Policy and reported to the Executive, for information.**  
**DEFEATED**

### **Update on Property Matters**

The Ardtrea United Church property sale has now successfully closed. Jody shared that we are currently in negotiations on an agreement and purchase of sale for the former Dunkerron United Church in the Bradford area.

### **Update on New Community Ministries Fund**

Jody led a discussion about the New Community Ministries Fund and shared that after Executive referred the proposal to the Communities of Faith Commission to do some work and come back to Executive with recommendations. There are working groups busily working, they sent out the request for proposals for the fundraiser, they are working on processes for their campaign, etc. One of the pieces that was agreed to was for the group to apply for a Seeds of Hope Grant that would help to hire the fundraiser that will work with us short-term to establish the campaign, with the idea that we would receive \$20,000 from the Seeds of Hope, that the SWRC would contribute \$15,000 and the Community Ministries would contribute \$15,000.

Jody met with a representative from the United Church Foundation and it was suggested that we would not be successful in our application to the Seeds of Hope Grant, due to the fact that we are not a new and innovative program – we are an existing and ongoing program. Also, Seeds of Hope grants typically do not fund salaries and we are looking for funding for the salary of a fundraiser for a contracted period of time.

The President recused herself from the discussion and David Leyton-Brown took the chair.

**MOTION by Peter Hartmans/Allyce Mutungi SW Exec 2025-05-05-08**  
**That the SWRC Executive approve the additional funding of up to \$20,000 to support the hiring of a fundraiser to support the development of a capital campaign with the goal of 10 million dollars to sustain the existing community ministries while also providing seed funding for potential future community ministry in SWRC.**  
**CARRIED**

This money would come from the SWRC contingency fund in the budget. There was a suggestion to look to other sources of funding grants in the coming months.

David turned the chair back to the President.

### **Executive Ministers Report**

Peter gave his verbal update on his health situation and the Executive Ministers Report.

#### *Remit Update*

Peter thanked staff and volunteers who have been calling communities of faith regarding the remit vote. The votes are now coming in and we are sitting at about a 56% response rate. The deadline for votes is March 31, 2024.

### **New Business**

There was no new business at this time.

### **Closing Prayer**

Peter gave a closing prayer and the meeting closed at 3:15 p.m.

**Next Meetings:** Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom  
Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom (if needed prior to RCM)  
Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom  
June 7-9, 2024 - **Regional Council Meeting in Brampton**