

**Covenant Commission**  
**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

*Supports, Connects, Empowers Communities of Faith*

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*Approved Minutes*

*November 12, 2019*

*10am*

Regional Office: 1552 Hwy 6 North

**Roster:** Adrienne Robertson, Ted Smith, Jane Wyllie, Doug Mills, Kathi Phillips, Carolyn Smith, Mary Anderson

**Staff Support:** Ruthanna Mack, Administration, Hospitality and Mission  
Rev. Lynne Allin, Minister, Congregational Support and Mission

**Present:** Lynne Allin, Mary Anderson, Ruthanna Mack, Kathi Phillips, Adrienne Robertson, Carolyn Smith and Jane Wyllie via Zoom

**Regrets:** Doug Mills, Ted Smith

**Absent:**

**Welcome and Constitute Meeting:** Adrienne offered a welcome to everyone and called the meeting to order

**Acknowledging the Land:** For thousands of years First Nations People have walked on this land. As we gather from many different places of the Horseshoe Falls Region we recognize the unceded territories on which we live and work.

**Opening Worship:** Lynne offered a brief worship

**Opening Motions:**

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Mary Anderson/ Kathi Phillips that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

Approval of Previous Minutes:

MOTION by Kathi Phillips / Jane Wyllie that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the minutes of 10-16-2019 as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

**Business Arising**

There was no business arising from the previous minutes

**New Business**

## a. Pastoral Charge Supervisors needed

There was some feedback from some new folks at the HF Regional meeting. Lynne mentioned that we need to review the length of service for Pastoral Charge Supervisors. At some point Pastoral Charges will have to take on the expenses for their supervisors.

## b. Permission to list/Sell property

MOTION by Kathi Phillips / Mary Anderson that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council will request from Castorville United Church regarding the sale of property with recommendation for amalgamation and direction regarding property transactions.

MOTION

CARRIED

## c. Community of Faith Profile information:

MOTION by Mary Anderson /Jane Wyllie that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the profile and living faith story for Maple Grove United Church pending approval by the congregation. The Covenant Commission agrees with its viability recommendation to call/appoint a minister up to Category F for 40 hours per week; and requests that the Human Resources Commission appoint a liaison.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Carolyn Smith / Kathi Phillips that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council receive the profile and living faith story for New Vision United Church, Hamilton. A decision regarding the sale of property and creation of a discretionary trust will be made on receipt and review of the terms of the sale and trust.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Carolyn Smith / Mary Anderson that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the profile and living faith story for Burkholder United Church pending approval by the congregation. The Covenant Commission agrees with its viability recommendation to call/appoint a minister up to Category F for 20 hours per week; and requests that the Human Resources Commission appoint a liaison.

MOTION

CARRIED

**Other Business**

MOTION by Jane Wyllie / Kathi Phillips that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the ongoing use of manse funds by the Carlisle/Killbride Pastoral Charge up to an amount of up to \$9,000 per year with encouragement to reduce their dependence on this fund by exploring other stewardship pathways.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Kathi Phillips / Carolyn Smith that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the use of manse funds by the Binkley Pastoral Charge as needed during redevelopment of its property.

MOTION

CARRIED

Lynne to follow up with Edge with an invitation to join one of our meetings in January or February.

**Discussion:**

Best Practices and Guidelines for sale of property: Cheryl-Ann suggested that we do a checklist that includes the point of needing 3 letters of appraisal prior to sale of a property

Assessment policy for disbanding communities of faith: - This matter is to be referred to the HF RC Executive.

Social Justice Speaker Series Proposal: Dan Lang was suggested as a person that would work with congregations...?

11-12-2019

CC 19-4

Covenant Liturgy – Kathi asked for a few clarifications around the symbols that were chosen  
She will make a few edits

Information and Training Workshop Dec 7

Pastoral Charge Supervisors 42 CoF plus 2 needed out of 164 cof or 27%

**Next Meeting: 12-17-2019 ZOOM**

**Worship by: Carolyn Smith**

Adrienne adjourned the meeting