

**Mission and Discipleship Commission**  
**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**  
**OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

*Connecting, Supporting, Transforming*

**Approved MINUTES**  
**March 24, 2020 via Zoom**

**Roster:**

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**Staff Support:** Kim Uyede-Kai (Minister, Right Relations and Indigenous Justice)

Kathy Douglas (Minister, Faith Formation)

Joan Tuchlinsky (Minister, Social Justice)

**Present:** Geof Thompson, Diane Viney (Chair), Irene Ty, Colleen Cavanaugh, Michelle Hogman, Kathy Douglas, Kim Uyede-Kai, Joan Tuchlinsky, Ruthanna Mack,

**Regrets:** Melva Snowling

**Absent:**

Welcome and Constitute Meeting: **Diane welcomed everyone and constituted the meeting**

Acknowledging the Land: Opening Worship: **Diane opened with prayer**

**Opening Motions:**

Approval of Previous Minutes:

MOTION by Geof Thompson/Irene Ty that the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the minutes of February 25 2020 as circulated.

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### New Business

#### Terms of Commissioners

Straw Vote: Diane determined the length of service for folks on the Commission by drawing names out of a hat. They are as follows: As promised, here are our terms:

Diane Viney	2021
Colleen Cavanaugh	2022
Michelle Hogman	2021
Irene Ty	2022
Geof Thompson	2021
Melva Snowling	2022

This was done completely randomly. I picked out of a hat. So now we are staggered so that our entire Commission won't be finished their term at the same time. My understanding is that your term is up at that time, but you can renew for an additional 2 years.

1. Regional Spring Meeting: Geof volunteered to be responsible for making a display for a table for HF M&D at the Spring Regional Meeting. He will do up a schedule for folks to be at the table over the weekend. Joan offered to put Geof in touch with Pat McDonough from WOW M&D who is also preparing a table at the meeting.

2. Joan: Affirm Network: - Save the date: July 23-26, 2020 for the National Affirm Event to be held at First St. Andrew's London. Also the Affirm Network would like Commissioners to advocate for congregations to consider entering into the process of becoming an Affirming congregation. (approx. a 12-24 month process). Joan offered to email Pegi Ridout to get information that would help Commissioners with this task.

Compassionate Justice Series: This group is looking for host churches to run a series of speaker events. They suggest the Fall/Winter for this. The Compassionate Justice series folks have information for congregations: contact Dan Lang at:

[dan@dlang.com](mailto:dan@dlang.com)

It was suggested that this information go in the Regional Newsletter

3. Kim: - Kim noted that the Native Peoples Retreat held a Five Oaks (for the first time ever) may be postponed due to COVID-19.

Nations Uniting is now also closed. There are mental health concerns as these groups isolate themselves during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Kim is keeping an eye on the Wet'suwet'en situation. She noted that due to the Pandemic the pipeline is not on people's radar so that now the pipeline can go quietly through.

4. Kathy: Youth Rally is cancelled. The planners for Kids Across the Region are meeting to determine if the program will proceed. They are also talking about fun ways for kids to connect on-line or over the phone.

Duty of Care around Social Media: how do we keep kids safe in online settings?

Camps are very quiet right now – which is concerning. Kathy still planning on a Camp gathering around planning for the future. The UCW are zooming and cancelling some of their events. They are really missing being together. There is a goal to get the Grants workshop information out to folks.

Geof mentioned the Hamilton Mission Council as a source of funds that might be available to camps.

**Next Meeting:** 04-28-2020      via Zoom 10 am - Noon

Worship by: