

Present: Deborah Laforet (Chair), Jean Bethune, Margaret Blewett, Rhonda Johns, Christina Paradela, Ted Smith, Sybil Wilson, Sue Duliban (Executive Assistant)

Regrets: Robert Lawson, Kate Young, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa

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Worship: Deborah Laforet read James 1:17–27 to the group.

## Business

### *Update on Staff Complement*

All staff, with the exception of the Minister, Congregational Support and Mission, Regions 7 & 9, have been appointed. The staff are as follows:

- Minister, Congregational Support and Mission, Region 8: John Neff from Northern Waters
- Minister, Faith Formation (All Regions): Kathy Douglas from Huron-Perth Presbytery
- Minister, Pastoral Relations (All Regions): Diane Blanchard from Hamilton Conference
- Minister, Pastoral Support (All Regions): Kevin Steeper from Huron-Perth Presbytery
- Minister, Right Relations & Indigenous Justice (All Regions): Kim Uyede-Kai from Hamilton Conference (Kim consulted with local indigenous leaders before accepting this position.)
- Minister, Social Justice (All Regions): Diane Matheson-Jimenez from Hamilton Conference (Diane is currently on leave welcoming her twin sons.)
- Administrative Assistant, Communications and Records (All Regions): Pretima Kukadia-Kinting from London Conference
- Administrative Assistant, Mission and Hospitality (All Regions): Ruthanna Mack from Hamilton Conference

As the Minister for Congregational Support, Regions 7 & 9 position was not filled, a search needs to be undertaken for a suitable candidate.

### ***Motion: Margaret Blewett/Christina Paradela***

*That the posting and search for the Regional Council staff position of Minister for Congregational Support, Regions 7 & 9 be approved. **CARRIED***

The posting will be overseen by Human Resources, at Denominational Council.

### *Region 9 Newsletter*

Newly appointed staff and their portfolios, as well as information about the Regional Office, was the subject of the second Region 9 Newsletter (emailed Sept. 5).

It was suggested that informing the Transition Commissioners of the date newsletters will be emailed would be helpful – so that Transition Commissions members are aware of when updated information can be shared.

### *What do we want to present to our Presbyteries?*

It was agreed that a powerpoint slide show containing the information from the newsletters would be extremely helpful.

Sybil shared a summary she prepared for Niagara Presbytery's Faith and Order Committee outlining the work and decisions thus far of the Commission (copy appended).

Further information, possible talking points:

- Start by saying the Transition Commission is sharing what we know at this time. We can only tell you what we know. As we discern our governance, we will be able to share.
- When reviewing staffing, note that some people chose not to transition.
- Note shared costs.
- Assessments will be 4.5%
- The joint AGM location, dates the space has been booked for, but final dates & details to come.
- Reminder of Mission Support Grants.

Questions arising from each Presbytery meeting should be shared with the group.

### Upcoming Dates

Oct. 10	10 a.m. (overnight accommodation is available Oct. 9)	Regional Office (Hamilton Conference) Agenda: Governance Regions 7, 8, 9
Nov. 29-30	Time tbd	Stone Ridge Inn, London Regions 7, 8, 9 – check-in leading up to Jan. 1/19