

Office Space

Agreed by Regions 7, 8, 9: One office space to be shared. Utilize current Hamilton Conference Office (1552 Hwy 6 N., Waterdown).

Motion: Moved (Ann Harbridge)/Seconded (Laurie O’Leary)/Carried.

The Region 8 Transition Commission directs the Executive Minister to give Toronto Conference notice of termination of the lease for Northern Waters Presbytery office space effective December 31, 2018.

Motion: Moved (Robin Sherman)/Seconded (Judith Fayter)/Carried.

The Region 7 Transition Commission directs the Executive Minister to give notice to Riverside United Church of termination of the lease for London Conference office space effective March 31, 2019.

There was a question raised as to whether motions would be moved by consensus. Agreed for now, while making decisions, parliamentary rules to be used.

Shared Services

Agreed by Regions 7, 8, 9: To utilize all shared services offered by General Council, with the exception of Website and Accounting services.

For action: Further information on both services to be provided before making a decision.

For action: Will the cost to transfer ownership of the building be covered in transition fees. Executive Minister to ask Erik Matheson, Executive Officer Finance, GC.

Staffing and Budgets

For action: Transition Commission meetings in July to finalize budgets/do preliminary work. Will help enable Executive Minister to tell staff which positions might have multiple incumbents. Sue to send times/location/Region worksheets/list of “Why” the United Church and “Why” Regions.

For action: July 10th staff meeting including staff from Hamilton, London Conferences and Northern Waters Presbytery. Sue to send email to staff inviting them to a gathering on July 10 at Hamilton Conference office with Executive Minister.

Executive Minister to share key pieces of information with staff:

- staff will be shared across regions to allow for specialization;
- there will be one office;
- there will be an interview process early August for positions with multiple incumbents; and
- we are working towards the August 13th date that staff have already received

For action: Executive Minister to start drafting position descriptions for positions suggested.

For action: Finalize staffing requirements at August 8 meeting with Region 7, 8, 9 Transition Commission.

Agreed: As long as there is 50% of any Transition Commission present, these decisions can be made.

For action: Staff support chairs for London, Hamilton Conferences, Margaret Krauter, Northern Waters and Executive Minister to interview staff and make recommendations for positions with multiple incumbents.

Communication

For action: Create newsletters for each Region. Acquire Presbytery email lists. Hopefully send out newsletters before GC43.

Fall 2018

To consider

- Does your region need a gathering this fall (all congregations in each region)?
- Allotment of balance of M&S grants for 2019 – region by region. Do ministries currently receiving a presbytery grant know to apply?
- How will we get all the info in our presbyteries about our pastoral charges assembled together?
- Think about what governance structure will be.
- How will volunteers be transitioned?
- Some anxiety in youth networks about their youth event – should be addressed.
- Set of guiding principles we need to bear in mind as we undertake our mandate – do we want to covenant?

Assumptions that across Regions

- Position descriptions for staff working across regions will be the same.
- That the governance is going to be similar across regions.
- Memorandums of Understanding will be done together.