

**Executive**  
**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**  
**OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
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**Horseshoe Falls Executive: September 30, 2020, via Zoom, 9:30 am**

Present: Kate Young (President), John Hurst (Treasurer), Deborah Laforet (Past Chair), Margaret Blewett, Robert Lawson, Adrienne Robertson, Pat Tooley, Garry van Bruchem

Staff Support: Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, Executive Minister, Sue Duliban, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Win Czum, Lorna MacQueen, Diane Viney, Thea Sheridan-Jonah

An email vote was held September 28<sup>th</sup> re: Level of Support for St. Andrew's U.C., Niagara Falls (Proposal 1).

**MOVED** Deborah Laforet / John Hurst

That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Executive agrees to increase its support from \$3,000 (approved August 11, 2020) to a maximum of \$5,000., towards up to 50% of the cost of consulting services for the community of faith named in the proposal. **CARRIED**

Due to the level of discussion prompted by the email vote, it was determined that a zoom meeting to discuss the issue further should be held.

Zoom meeting: Sept. 30, 2020

Cheryl-Ann referred to Proposal 1 and provided a recap for anyone who was not at the August 11<sup>th</sup> Executive meeting.

**From Proposal 1**

**What is the issue?**

At its meeting of August 11, 2020, the Executive authorized support of up to \$3,000 towards 50% of the cost of Credence and Co. working with St. Andrew's United Church, Niagara Falls.

When the congregational leaders along with regional council staff, met with Credence, different options were discussed. The size of the congregation impacts the cost.

That meeting led to the attached proposal from Credence. St. Andrew's had decided to pursue Option C which costs \$10,400 and has reached out to the regional council Executive to inquire if we might increase our level of support.

**Why is this issue important?**

The concerns that came to the attention of first regional council staff and then the Executive are continuing and, if anything, intensifying.

Of the options available, St. Andrew's chose the most thorough one with a commitment for only \$3,000. \$5,000 is equal to the cost of a review and seems like a reasonable threshold to set to invest in congregational health.

After reviewing what had been discussed previously, Cheryl-Ann noted that Executive had committed to this avenue at the August meeting; to be addressed now, is the Executive in agreement with increasing the amount.

The motion resulting from the email vote was annulled.

It was then

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(1 Abstention)

Meeting adjourned.