

Mission and Discipleship Commission
Horseshoe Falls Regional Council
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Connecting, Supporting, Transforming

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10am via Zoom

Roster:

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Staff Support: Diane Matheson-Jimenez (Minister, Social Justice)

Kathy Douglas (Minister, Faith Formation)

Dave Jagger (Philanthropy and Stewardship Officer)

Ruthanna Mack (Admin Support)

Present: Irene Ty, Diane Viney (Chair), Karen Orlandi, Colleen Cavanaugh, Michelle Hogman,
Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Kathy Douglas, Ruthanna Mack

Regrets: Geof Thompson, Melva Snowling

Absent:

Welcome and Constitute Meeting: Diane Viney welcomed the group and made a special welcome to Karen Orlandi who is now a voting member of HF Mission and Discipleship Commission.

Acknowledging the Land:

Here we acknowledge that the lands and waters in these regions where we live and work and play are the ancestral homes of indigenous people who have been here long before the first settlers and colonizers arrived. I invite you to pause for a moment and think about the original peoples of the place where you are. And know that their relationship has been one of love and care for these lands and waters. We want to acknowledge that as church we have a painful relationship with these peoples. Our work is do our part in building right relationships with the indigenous people, with each other and with the land and waters. Also, at this time, it would be remiss not to acknowledge that we are called to stop and remember and acknowledge the violence caused by overlapping histories and legacies of racialized slavery and oppression. May these acknowledgements renew in us our commitment to persist in anti-racism and anti-oppression practices.

Opening Worship: Irene Ty offered opening worship.

Opening Motions:

Approval of Previous Minutes:

MOTION by Michelle Hogman/ Karen Orlandi that the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the minutes of 09-15-2020 as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Business Arising

1. Email Motions: November 10, 2020:

Brock Chaplaincy's incorporating notes name that the United Church of Canada can appoint 2 members to the Chaplaincy board.

MOTION: Colleen Cavanaugh/Michelle Hogman that Robert Lawson, the new incumbent at Fonthill United, become the United Church board member for the Brock University Ecumenical Chaplaincy.

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2. Email Motion: September 24, 2020:

Motion: Colleen Cavanaugh/Irene Ty that Horseshoe Falls Mission and Discipleship Commission endorses Christ First Church Community Ministry Network project and that this endorsement will be forwarded to Edge New Ministries grant.

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New Business

1. HF Executive will receive and approve Individual Learning Grants
2. New Grant Monies for HF M&D starting in January 2021:
3. New Members: Michelle agreed to check with Ryk Brown, and Diane V. agreed to follow up with Norma Cronkwright. Kathy suggested that she would follow up with a youth and a young adult.
The process would be as follows: A new member would fill out an Expression of Interest and then Diane V. will petition the HF Executive to have jurisdiction over adding new members.

Staff Reports:

Diane Matheson-Jimenez:

1. Diane talked about Dr. Monica Coleman whose work focuses on faith and Social Justice. Diane was planting the seed that we could partner with other regions to bring Dr. Coleman in as a guest speaker. Dr. Coleman's fees range in the \$2000 - \$2500 range. Diane M-J would like a member from each Region's M&D commission to be on a working group for this project. Dr. Coleman's website is: monicacoleman.com.
2. Communicating our work: Diane M-J asked the following questions: How do we raise the profile of our group? How do we draw the circle wider? It was suggested that HF M&D do up an insert to go with a HF Newsletter.
Karen shared the 3-touch marketing approach that she has learned in her work. In other words, we need to touch people 3 times (3 ways) in order to effectively communicate our ideas and plans.
Diane M-J suggested that she will think about a plan for the Commission that we can come back to at the next meeting.
3. SJNORC: This Network meets twice a year to talk about political and social realities. We need a rep from HF M&D for the SJNORC network.

Kathy Douglas:

1. The UCW had a Tri-Regional meeting via zoom.
Would we like a rep from UCW on HF M&D?
2. UCOM: United Church Outdoor Ministries: This group was invited to the HF Fall Meeting as a voting member.

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3. Camps: Kathy has been doing a lot of listening. Ryerson had some resignations from their Board. Cave Springs is worried but moving along.

Irene asked for a summary (a digest of highlights) of the HF General Meeting via email.

A new Staff Member for Right Relations has been approved by the Executives. More info to come.

Next Meeting: Tentative: 12-15-2020 Zoom 1pm

First 2021 meeting: Tuesday, January 12th at 1pm