

Covenant Commission
Horseshoe Falls Regional Council
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Supports, Connects, Empowers Communities of Faith

Approved Minutes

January 12, 2021

10am, via Zoom

Roster: Adrienne Robertson, Ted Smith, Jane Wyllie, Doug Mills, Kathi Phillips, Carolyn Smith, Mary Anderson, Alison Miculan, Amadeus Pyralis, Steven Lowden

Staff Support: Ruthanna Mack, Administration, Mission and Finance
Rev. Lynne Allin, Minister, Congregational Support and Mission

Present: Jane Wyllie, Adrienne Robertson (Chair), Doug Mills, Amadeus Pyralis, Mary Anderson, Kathi Phillips, Alison Miculan, Carolyn Smith, Ted Smith, Steven Lowden, Lynne Allin, Ruthanna Mack

Regrets:

Absent:

Welcome and Constitute Meeting: *I constitute this meeting in the name of Jesus Christ, the one true head of the Church and by the authority invested in me by this meeting of the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council for whatever business may properly come before it. The bounds of the meeting will be the Zoom call.*

The meeting was constituted and opened by Adrienne Robertson

Acknowledging the Land: For thousands of years First Nations People have walked on this land. As we gather from many different places of the Horseshoe Falls Region we recognize the unceded territories on which we live and work.

Opening Worship: Ted Smith: Ted spoke of Epiphany and read from If Darwin Prayed by Bruce Sanguin.

Opening Motions:

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Steven Lowden / Mary Anderson that the agenda be accepted as amended.

MOTION

CARRIED

Approval of Previous Minutes:

MOTION by Kathi Phillips / Doug Mills that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the minutes of 12-15-2020 as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

New Business

Staff Updates

Lynne Allin

- The resources in the December info pack are now available on the website
- Zoom update: yes/no votes are no longer tallied in zoom so the alternative is using Polls. Facebook page for zoom updates: Zoomfaith
- Rev. Judith Gilliland has been appointed as the Intentional Interim Minister for Mountainview UC. Rev. Sherry Fugard has submitted a report at the end of her term as PC supervisor. We thank her for her time and service.
- PC Supervisor Update – For next meeting: Discussion regarding the waiting period before appointing a PCS and Template for the 1st PCS meeting with CoF.
- Currently assisting with Western Ontario Waterways as John Neff is on leave
- Seems to be a growing interest in collaborative ministry (when two congregations work together e.g. Ministry sharing, property, programs). May need to have volunteers trained to assist
- Reminder of need to recruit more volunteers for the resource pool
- Review of Covid-19 related financial reports – Congregations are accessing Restricted funds with out reporting it.

Ruthanna Mack

- Confidentiality forms
- Thursday meeting time move to 9:15 – agreed by consensus

Adrienne Robertson

- Report from Executive

1. Pastoral Charge Supervisors

St. George UC, St. George

MOTION by Ted Smith / Carolyn Smith that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council appoint Nora Fueten as pastoral charge supervisor for St. George United Church effective January 7, 2021.

MOTION

CARRIED

2. Community of Faith Profiles and Living Faith Stories

Ker UC (originally part of Ker-Tapleystown PC)

MOTION by Kathi Phillips / Steven Lowden that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the profile and living faith story from **Ker United Church** for the purpose of seeking re-alignment.

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Mt. Pleasant UC, Mt. Pleasant

MOTION by Alison Miculan / Amadeus Ppyralis that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the profile and living faith story from **Mt. Pleasant United Church** for the purpose of becoming a Supervised Ministry Education site.

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3. Property Matters

- Ongoing question about **Appleby UC, Burlington** sale – have not received copy of approval by Presbytery

Appleby UC, Burlington

MOTION by Steven Lowden / Jane Wyllie that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council that the Board of Trustees for **Appleby United Church, Burlington**, provide a copy of the sale agreement and approval by Halton Presbytery to the covenant commission by January 31, 2021.

MOTION

CARRIED

Other Business

Ker UC, (formerly part of Ker-Tapleystown PC)

MOTION by Ted Smith / Kathi Phillips that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the request for re-alignment from **Ker United Church**, part of the Ker-Tapleystown Pastoral Charge, to be a separate pastoral charge to be known as Ker Pastoral Charge. This change will be effective April 12, 2021.

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CARRIED

2 abstentions

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Next Meeting: 02-09-2021 7pm Enter place or Zoom

Worship by: Amadeus Pyralis