

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

Approved Minutes

September 15, 2020

3pm – 5pm

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: Diane Viney (chair), Geof Thompson, Colleen Cavanaugh, Michelle Hogman, Irene Ty, Kathy Douglas, Diane Matheson-Jimenez,

Regrets: Melva Snowling, Karen Orlandi, Dave Jagger

Absent:

Before the Chair was able to join us we started with Staff Reports

Staff Reports: Diane Matheson-Jimenez:

- The Affirm Network is finalizing material for the Fall Gathering. They need a rep from the HF Regional Council M & D Commission who would be available for a meeting on September 22. There is also to be a training session on Oct 2nd. More information on that to follow. If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested please let Diane MJ know as soon as possible.
- The second item is more time sensitive. The situation for children living in occupied Palestine gets a little bleaker every day. It's becoming more and more common for Palestinian children to be arrested for things like throwing rocks (some of them may have, but most didn't. And throwing rocks isn't illegal) While incarcerated in military prisons, awaiting trial in military courts, they are being beaten and psychologically abused. UNJPPI wants to petition the Canadian government to appoint a special envoy to monitor the rights of Palestinian children and engage in a widespread educational campaign to reach as many Canadians as possible. They hope this work will be wrapped up in November so if HF M&D wished to do some education (I've been trained so could facilitate some of the learning) and encourage people to connect with the petition, it would need to be done in the next few weeks.

Kathy:

- The virtual tours being offered to the Regional Councils by the Woodland Cultural Centre are sold out. If sufficient interest is shown there may be an opportunity to offer a third tour.

Welcome and Constitute Meeting:

Acknowledging the Land:

Opening Worship:

New Business

1. Mission Support Grants:

The HF Regional Council priorities are as follows:

Children and Youth
Chaplaincy
and Social Justice

Colleen named a possible conflict with the Grand River Resource Centre application.

Discussion was had about each application. The 2021 Mission Support grants were awarded as follows:

Motion: Michelle Hogman/Colleen Cavanaugh that the Horseshoe Falls RC Mission and Discipleship Commission informs the HFRC Executive that it supports the Mission Support Grants for 2021 in the following amounts:

- 1. Grand River Resource Centre: \$15,200
- 2. New Vision UC: \$15,000
- 3. St. John’s Georgetown and Glen Williams: \$5,000
- 4. Five Oaks: \$10,000
- 5. Skylight Festival: \$5,000
- 6. Wesley Urban Ministries: \$60,000

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\$110,200 in total was awarded for 2021. There was concern that there were some missing applications. The Commission would like to talk about the fund surplus and the missing applications at the following M&D meeting in November.

2. New Members:

MOTION: Geof Thompson/Irene Ty that the HF M&D Commission met on September 15, 2020 and recommends to the HFRC Executive that Karen Orlandi be appointed to the Commission effective immediately.

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3. Terms of Office

Diane Viney	2021
Colleen Cavanaugh	2022
Michelle Hogman	2021
Irene Ty	2022
Geof Thompson	2021
Melva Snowling	2022

Diane Viney closed with Prayer.

Geof Thompson offered a motion to adjourn.

Next Meeting: 11-17-2020 Zoom 10am - Noon

Worship by:

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