

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

Supports, Connects, Empowers Communities of Faith

Draft Minutes

May 11, 2021

via Zoom 10am -Noon

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

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

Present: Adrienne Robertson, Ted Smith, Jane Wyllie, Doug Mills, Carolyn Smith, Mary Anderson, Alison Miculan, Steven Lowden, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa

Regrets: Kathi Phillips,

Absent: Amadeus Pyralis

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: (from Brant, ON) *Long before today there have been aboriginal peoples who have been the stewards of this place. In particular, we acknowledge that we gather on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and Neutral Peoples. We recognize the long history of First Nations and Metis Peoples in Ontario and show respect to the communities of the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory and the Mississaugas of New Credit.*

Opening Worship: Carolyn Smith

Opening Motions:

Approval of Agenda:

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

MOTION:

CARRIED

Consent Docket

1. Approval of Previous Minutes:

The Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the minutes of 04-13-2021 as circulated.

2. Appointment of Pastoral Charge Supervisors

- a. Amadeus Pyralis to Caledonia UC Grace Pastoral Charge beginning April 19, 2021
- b. Dianne Everitt to St. Andrew's UC, Niagara Falls beginning April 25, 2021
- c. John Smith to Palermo UC, Oakville beginning April 28, 2021
- d. Sula Anne Kosacky to Elcho UC, Wellandport beginning April 28, 2021
- e. Sarah Grady to Fairview UC, Brantford to cover a medical leave beginning May 10, 2021
- f. Brian Elder to Delhi UC, Delhi to cover a medical leave beginning May 10, 2021

3. Faith Centennial UC, Selkirk - Community of Faith Profile received with thanks

4. Annual reports for 2020 from the following communities of faith be received with thanks:

- Bethel Stone UC, Paris
- Bethany UC, Dunnville
- Burford UC, Burford
- Cayuga UC, Cayuga
- Faith Centennial UC, Selkirk
- First Pilgrim UC,
- Fonthill UC, Fonthill
- Freelton Strabane Pastoral Charge
- Grace UC, Burlington
- Munn's UC, Oakville
- Oakland Scotland Pastoral Charge
- Oneida UC, Hagersville
- Palermo UC, Oakville
- Port Nelson UC, Burlington
- Rockton Sheffield Pastoral Charge

Roseland Trinity,
South West Norfolk Pastoral Charge
St. Andrew's UC, Vittoria
St. David's-Queenston UC, St. David's
St. James UC, Waterdown
Stamford Lane UC, Niagara
Trinity Thorold UC, Thorold
Trinity UC, Oakville
Westminster UC, Mississauga

6. Self-Assessments for 2021 from the following communities of faith be received with thanks:

Faith Centennial UC, Selkirk
Fonthill UC, Fonthill
St. David's-Queenston UC, St. David's
Trinity Thorold UC, Thorold

7. Community of Faith Profile

Binkley United Church Living Faith Story

MOTION by Doug Mills / Jane Wyllie that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the consent docket for May 11, 2021.

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CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

New Business

Reports

1. John Neff (Regrets)
2. Executive Representative – Adrienne Robertson
 - Executive approved the motion on information gathering for Lay-Led Congregations.
 - Executive will be transferring title of Trinity Hannon UC to the UCC with a memorandum of understanding. When this is completed the Covenant Commission can formally disband the congregation.

Community of Faith Profiles Documents

1. Trinity UC, Acton

MOTION by Steven Lowden / Mary Anderson that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council receive the Community of Faith Profile from Trinity UC, Acton and approve the recommendation that Trinity United, Acton is viable to call/appoint a minister up to Category C for 20-25 hours per week.

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2. St. Andrews UC, Vittoria

MOTION by Jane Wyllie / Doug Mills that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council receive the Community of Faith Profile from St. Andrew’s, Vittoria and approve the recommendation that St. Andrew’s, Vittoria is viable to call/appoint a minister 9 hours per week, up to a total of \$17,000 per year as part of a collaborative ministry sharing agreement with Port Rowan Pastoral Charge.

NB Waiting for profile from Neal Memorial (Port Rowan PC) to be able to approve along with St. Williams’ profile for the pastoral charge

MOTION (Ted Smith Abstains)

CARRIED

3. Ryerson UC, Hamilton

MOTION by Jane Wyllie / Steven Lowden that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council receive the Community of Faith Profile from Ryerson United Church, Hamilton and approve the recommendation that Ryerson United Church, Hamilton is viable to call/appoint a minister up to Category F for 40 hours per week.

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4. **MOTION** by Jane Wyllie / Steven Lowden that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council having reviewed the profile for Lynden United Church, Lynden, requests a meeting to discuss their financial viability and plans for the future.

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Alison Miculan Abstains

CARRIED

NB: 60,000 of investments may be restricted. Donors for 2021 are 4, 50% drop in income in 2020, almost no income in 2021. Plan to use investments for three years and close. Need to have enough funds to pay assessments and expenses during disbanding process. Would recommend ministry sharing/fewer hours and that they begin to prepare for amalgamation/disbanding within 2 years.

Adrienne will follow-up with Robin Wylkie (PCS) and Allison Playfair (HR Commission Liaison)

Property Matters

1. Binkley United Church, Hamilton

MOTION by Steven Lowden / Doug Mills that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council consents to the sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is Binkley United Church, the municipal address of which is 1570 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario, pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Binkley United Church, a congregation of the United Church of Canada, as vendor, and the United Property Resource Corporation, a fully owned

corporation of the United Church of Canada, as purchaser, dated the twenty ninth day of March, 2021, and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:

Purchaser : United Property Resource Corporation, 3250 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M8X 2Y4.

Sale Price : The sale price of Binkley United Church to United Properties Resource Corporation shall be equal to the fair market value of the property. The fair market value will be the average of the fair market values determined by property appraisals received by both the seller and the purchaser, assuming the difference in these appraisals is less than or equal to 5%. Should the fair market values of these appraisals differ by more than 5%, then the buyer and the seller will retain a third-party appraiser and the value determined by that appraiser will be deemed to be the fair market value.

Deposit : \$10 within 2 business days after Acceptance Date, \$50,000 within 2 business days after Due Diligence Date and \$50,000 on Closing as set out in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale.

Mortgage : Vendor Take-back Mortgage 0 to 58 months 0% per annum, 59 to 60 months 4% per annum.

Conditions : Zoning Approval Period Title on Closing

Scheduled Closing : In accordance with dates set out in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale.

Disposition of Proceeds : To be invested once building expenses up to Closing are paid.

The Real Property referred to in the above resolution is within the bounds of the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council. The said Real Property is held by the Trustees of Binkley United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada and part of the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council, in trust for Binkley United Church as a part of The United Church of Canada

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Other Business

1. **MOTION** by Mary Anderson / Carolyn Smith that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council consent to the request for re-alignment from Wesley United Church, Jarvis, effective July 1, 2021. The congregation will continue to be known as Wesley United Church. The new pastoral charge name will be Jarvis: Wesley Pastoral Charge

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2. **MOTION** by Jane Wyllie / Steven Lowden that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council affirms the model of governance proposed by Ker United Church.

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3. **MOTION** by Jane Wyllie / Steven Lowden that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council affirms the new single point pastoral charge created effective April 12th will be known as Ker United Church.

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Next Meeting: 06-08-2021 Zoom 7pm

Worship by: Jane Wyllie

May 11, 2021

CC 21-35

Land Acknowledgement: Mary

MOTION by Steven Lowden / Name that the Covenant Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council be Ajourned .

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