**Executive**

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

***Supports, Connects, Empowers Communities of Faith***

**AGENDA**

January 26, 2022, 4PM

**Roster:** Robert Lawson (President), Kate Young (Past President), John Hurst (Treasurer), Dianne Everitt (Acting Chair Covenant Commission), Judith Gilliland, Deborah Laforet, Win Czum, Wendy Lowden, Pat Tooley, Diane Viney, Yvonne Wright

**Staff Support:** Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, Executive Minister, Sue Duliban, Executive Assistant, Kevin Steeper, Minister Pastoral Support, Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Minister Social Justice

**Present:** Robert Lawson (President), Kate Young (Past President), John Hurst (Treasurer), Dianne Everitt (Acting Chair Covenant Commission), Judith Gilliland, Deborah Laforet, Wendy Lowden, Pat Tooley, Diane Viney, Yvonne Wright

**Regrets:** Win Czum

**Welcome and Constitute Meeting** (President Robert)

*I constitute this meeting in the name of Jesus Christ, the one true head of the Church and by the*

*authority vested 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.*

**Acknowledging the Land: Treaty homework**

Learnings were shared about the Haldimand Treaty of 1784, the Simcoe Patent 1793 and the Huron Wendat. John noted he did a “why we do land acknowledgment” at his community of faith. Kate shared with her congregation that photos at the church of old family farms are a visual representation of land taken.

**Opening Worship** (President Robert)

**Opening Agreements**

## Consent Docket

Any of the following matters that require discussion can be lifted from the consent docket and voted upon separately:

A. Enabling Motions/Proposals

1. That the proposed Agenda be approved as presented.
2. That the minutes of the November 24 and November 27, 2021 meetings be approved as distributed.
3. That motions be written and given to the Secretary.

B. Correspondence Received

1. Approval of a Learning Fund Grant Application for Interim Ministry Course

Received from Jane Capstick.

(Background: *Terms of Reference: Professional Development Grants…...HFRC Executive will support the training of up to two people for interim ministry covering the full cost of tuition.*

Approved: IM Refresher course, Jan 13-Feb 10, 2021, for Valerie Pitt

Approved: IM Course, Sept. & Nov. 2020, for Garry Van Bruchem)

2. Approval of a Learning Fund Grant Application for Licenced Lay Worship Leader course submitted by Mary Parsons to cover the cost for Unit 4 (final unit) of the Licenced Lay Worship Leader course, in the amount of $249.99.

C. Confirmation of email votes

January 18, 2022: Glenco to Abbeyco Management change and Approval of Bylaws

**MOTION:** Deborah Laforet / Wendy Lowden

That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Executive

1. Approve the request from Glenco Nursing Home Management to transition to Abbeyco Management.
2. Approve the Abbeyco Management By-laws.

**MOTION CARRIED** **Unanimously**

January 7, 2021: GC Commissioner

**MOTION:** Pat Tooley / Deborah Laforet

That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Executive appoint Andrew Advincula as a HFRC Commissioner to General Council 44, replacing Kate Young.

**MOTION CARRIED**

December 16, 2021: Book club purchase

**MOTION:** John Hurst / Deborah Laforet

That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council cover the cost of the purchase of one book through the Hamilton Resource Centre (the most expensive of the ones purchased) for those who register for the HFRC Winter Justice and Reconciliation Book Club Series.

**MOTION CARRIED Unanimously**

## Re: the book purchase. Because of some confusion over where to order a book for the Book Club Series, the wording on the registration form for the next series will be change to: “…cover the cost of the purchase of one book ordered from….”

## **MOTION** Kate Young / John Hurst

## That the Consent Docket for the HFRC Executive meeting of January 26, 2022 be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

**MOTION** Deborah Laforet / John Hurst

The HFRC Executive agrees to cover the cost of the most expensive book for any that were ordered from Grand River Resource Centre for the Winter Justice and Reconciliation Book Club session.

**CARRIED**

# Business Arising

1. Commission Reports
2. Covenant Commission: Dianne Everitt shared a slide presentation of Covenant Commission highlights; including Living Faith stories and Community of Faith profiles received, 3 property sales, ongoing disbandments/amalgamations, shared ministry agreements. Adrianne Robertson will return to the Executive as Chair of the Covenant Commission in March.
3. Human Resources Commission: Pat Tooley reviewed the most recent work of the HR Commission. Position descriptions, changes in pastoral relationship, renewal of appointments, requests for a call. A Licenced Lay Worship Leader workshop was held in November.

The HR Commission requested that there be some time set aside at the May meeting for covenanting LLWLs. Pat will have more information to bring to the next Executive, re: time needed/number of LLWLs.

1. Mission & Discipleship Commission: Diane Viney reported on the M&D Commission. At the January M&D Commission meeting, guest Vanessa Spence, spoke about a proposal for 2 retreats (in early planning stages): Young Adult Forum and Youth Rally, to include participation from all three regional councils. Vanessa asked M&D Commission to support her proposal, in order to continue working and planning. Support was given unanimously.

M&D will meet on February 8 to review Supplementary M&S Grant applications.

Discussion surrounding a statement regarding John MacArthur's (Grace Life Church - Alberta) request for the participation of faith leaders on Jan. 16th to "take a stand on Biblical sexual morality" (specifically endorsing Conversion Therapy). Sub-committee was formed to plan worship resources for COF to use on PIE Day, this sub-committee met on Jan. 25.

# New Business

1. Possible anti-bullying worship for Spring HFRC Meeting (Kevin Steeper, Minister Pastoral Support & Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Minister Social Justice) (dealt with early in agenda prior to business arising).

Kevin Steeper and Diane Matheson-Jimenez spoke to their idea to lead one worship service during the Spring regional council meeting. The worship service would be built around the theme of "bullying in the church". The purpose would be to raise awareness regarding this painful but hidden topic and to serve as an opening for much wider conversation/educational opportunities.

Worship to be recorded for the 3 regional councils, featuring 4 scripted vignettes focused on bullying. Looking to the story of David & Goliath as the Scripture foundation for the service. To include a sung response, almost like a chant, of the hymn “Don’t Be Afraid”.

Suggested time frame of 20 minutes, with an introduction only of the policies in place for dealing with harassment/bullying. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa suggested 45 minutes might be a better time frame to address what Kevin and Diane want to accomplish.

While the discussion of this issue was triggering for some of the executive members, there was strong agreement that this is an issue that should be addressed.

The HFRC Executive **agreed** by consensus to include worship focussing on the subject of bullying in the HFRC meeting in May, 2022, as prepared by Kevin Steeper, Minister Pastoral Support and Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Minister Social Justice.

Kevin and Diane will connect with the spring meeting planning team to discuss details.

2. Proposal #1: Remaining Property

**MOTION:** Deborah Laforet / John Hurst

That HFRC Executive

1. Assign responsibility for remaining property (as per the definition in *The Manual*, Section G 1.5.7) to the Executive;
2. Confirm that the disposition of remaining property will follow the regional council Property Policy with clarification of the disbursement of the percentage normally directed by the congregation determined on a case by case basis;
3. Agrees that the Governance Handbook and Property Policy will be amended to reflect the same.

**CARRIED**

4. Naming of HFRC Executive member to represent the regional council on the Evaluation Planning Team, along with President Robert.

Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa explained that the work of the Evaluation Planning Team is, in part, tp determine some of the principles the regional council will want to evaluate. She anticipates possibly recruiting a consultant to do the actual evaluation. It was agreed that the treasurers of each regional council, should also be included in the initial discussion.

**MOTION:** Yvonne Wright / Judith Gilliand

That Kate Young and Wendy Lowden serve with President Robert Lawson on the Evaluation Planning Team.

**CARRIED**

5. Spring 2022 Regional Council meeting: Kate Young, Dianne Everitt, Wendy Lawson, Yvonne Wright, volunteered to serve on the planning team for the meeting.

**Ongoing**

1. Racial Justice: Next steps? President Robert spoke about the book club and the participation by other regions in the series.
2. Anti-Racism
3. Affirm: President Robert asked that the executive read the Affirm Calls for Action on the HFRC website for the February executive meeting.

President Robert closed with prayer and invited the executive to hold ARWRC President Jane in prayer as she supports her mother at her end of life.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 23, 4 pm.