**Mission and Discipleship Commission**

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

*Supports, Connects, Empowers Communities of Faith*

***APPROVED Minutes***

***04/19/2022 - 2pm via Zoom***

**Roster:** Diane Viney (Chair), Colleen Cavanaugh, Michelle Hogman, Irene Ty, ~~Karen Orlandi,~~ Geof Thompson, ~~Ryk Brown~~, ~~Sula Anne Kosacky~~, Phyllis Buchner

**Staff Support:** Diane Matheson-Jimenez - Minister, Social Justice

~~Kathy Douglas - Minister, Faith Formation~~

Thérèse Samuel – Minister for Right Relations and Social Justice

~~Dave Jagger - Stewardship and Gifts Officer~~

Michele Petick-Administration

~~Ruthanna Mack-Administration~~

**Agenda**

* + - 1. **Tour of East Plains United Child Care Centre (different Zoom link**
* tour was conducted by Claudia Gardiman the Executive Director of the [EPUC Child Care Centre](https://epucchildcare.com/), in attendance Board of Directors of EPUC - CCC, Paul Echlin and Barbara Fullerton  
  + - 1. **Acknowledgement of the Land/Territory:** Diane Matheson-Jimenez
      2. **Opening Prayer/Worship:** Irene Ty
      3. **Establishing/Reminder of Heart Monitor and Pastoral Presence for our meetings. This is someone who can look out for a person who has not had the opportunity to speak, someone who serves to notice intentionally the safety and care of those who have gathered:** Diane Viney
      4. **Heart monitor for next meeting:** Irene Ty
      5. **Approval of Agenda for April 19, 2022**

MOTION by Geof/ IreneName / Name that the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council accept the agenda as circulated.

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* + - 1. **Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2022**

MOTION by Michelle/ColleenName / Namethat the Mission and Discipleship Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council …

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1. **Funds Updates from the end of the last meeting:**

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| ***Fund:*** | **$ Set Aside**   **(Event/mtg details TBA)** | **$ final Approval** | **$ Remaining** |
| **2022 Events Fund**   **($10,000 available for 2022)** |  | $350 | $7550 |
| **2022 Meeting Fund**   **($ ???  Available for 2022)** |  |  | ?????? |

1. **Business Arising:**

None

1. **New Business:**

**Thérèse Samuel**

**Honour to Senator Sinclair video with sacred fire and Indigenous leaders - Total Budget: Honoraria $750 and space $200, tobacco and gifts $100, total $1050, which is $350 per region.**

* A video of Murray Sinclair was produced a year ago and shared with the regions.
* It includes Survivor stories.
* A shift of awareness since that video was made a year ago.
* A scared ceremony will be held around the watching of the video.
* Inviting Sheila Robson and her husband Ken who is a fire keeper at Cape Croker United Church to participate.
* Sheila is an elder helper and a gifted spiritual leader.
* Looking at having a sacred fire with a learning circle.
* Tentatively set for May 31st.
* Three indigenous leaders to compensate with honorariums would be to Sheila, Joyce and Ken.
* Will make a donation to the space being used as well.

**MOTION:** Moved by (Geof/Irene) that the Horseshoe Falls Mission and Discipleship Commission approve the allocation of $350 for the honouring the video and sacred fire ceremony for Senator Murray Sinclair.

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1. **Reports:**

* **Kathy**

None

* **Diane**

**Upcoming Events:**

**Food Security and Faith:**

<https://hfrcucc.ca/event/food-security-and-faith/>

**Sunday May 1st SJNORC:**

Social Justice Round Table 7-9pm

Topics will include Guaranteed Livable income, harm reduction etc., feat. The Very Reverend the Honourable Lois Wilson previous moderator of the United Church of Canada.

**Food Camp experience in Hamilton:**

Planning and wondering if there is capacity for a social justice camp around food.

* **Thérèse**

**Thursday, May 26th at 7-9pm – Evening of the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Spring Meeting- Discussion on Mission**

* A discussion by Graton and Eileen Antone regarding the word MISSION and the impact that word has had and continues to have on indigenous communities. The church is revisiting what “mission” means.
* Our understanding now is partnering and listening to/with groups and people who need help and hope we can assist with that, rather than telling people how they should be helped.
* It is recommended that members of the M&D Commission attend this discussion.
* This will be an ongoing conversation with the questions of should we still use on the path to right relations.

**Acknowledging the Territory coming - April 27th – 10 – 11:30am**

<https://hfrcucc.ca/event/acknowledgment-of-indigenous-territory-workshop/>

* **Ruthanna/Michele**

none

* **Other**
* Diane Viney will ask the Executive how Cave Springs might present to the Regional Meeting brought forward by Geof Thompson.
* Thank you to Colleen Cavanaugh for serving on the Horseshoe Falls Mission & Discipleship Commission. We have thoroughly enjoyed her participation and thank her for her devotion and commitment and representing the [Hamilton Resource Centre](https://www.rescent.ca/).
* With Colleen’s term ending, the commission has one open vacancy, if you know of any who may be interested in applying they can fill out an Expression of Interest form here: <https://hfrcucc.ca/expression-of-interest/>
* Respectful Guidelines to be published on each agenda henceforth

1. **Fund Expenses or Adjustments made at this meeting:**

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| **2022 Events Expenses or Adjustments**   **Program:** | **$ Set Aside** | **$ Approved** |
| Sacred Ceremony for Senator Murray Sinclair |  | $350 |
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| **2022 Meeting Expenses or Adjustments:** | **$ Set Aside** | **$ Approved** |
| N/A |  |  |

1. **Upcoming Dates and Next Meetings:**

* Adam Cresswell - The Hub Friday May 20th 12pm to 1:30pm (meeting will be recorded for those who can’t attend)
* May 26 & 27 & 28 Regional Council Spring Meetings
* June 17, 2022 at 2pm - Regular Meeting Diane Matheson-Jimenez will take Minutes & Send Meeting Link
* Mission & Discipleship Retreat June 28th from 9:00-1:00pm

1. **Closing**
2. **Adjournment**