**Discipleship and Justice (Mission and Discipleship) Commission**

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

*Supports, Connects, Empowers Communities of Faith*

**Draft Minutes**

***2024/11/07 via Zoom***

**Roster:** Sula Anne Kosacky , Mervyn Russell, Joe Hopkins, Jake Girton, Geof Thompson. Lahring Tribe, Irene Ty, Phyllis, Parker Neale, Jess Swance, Donalee Williams

**Staff Support:** Kathy Douglas - Minister, Faith Formation

Thérèse Samuel - Minister, Right Relations and Social Justice

John Egger - Minister, Social Justice

Krista Ford – Finance Administration

Greg Smith-Young

Brenna Baker

**Present** Lahring Tribe, Mervyn Russell, Joe Hopkinds, Donalee Williams, Parker Neale, John Egger, Kathy Douglas, Krista Ford

**Agenda – Due to Conflict of interest, Sula has recused herself from the meeting and Joe Hopkins will Chair the meeting.**

1. **Acknowledgement of the Land/Territory -** Joe Hopkins
2. **Opening Prayer/Worship –** Offered by Joe Hopkins
3. **Establishing/reminder of Equity Monitor and Pastoral Presence for our meeting(s) –** Kathy Douglas offered to serve as Equity Monitor.
4. **Approval of the Agenda for Nov 7th 2024 meeting**

**MOTION** by Lahring Tribe / Parker Neale, that the discipleship and justice commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the agenda of Nov 7th 2024 as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

1. **Approval of the minutes from past meeting Oct 17th 2024**

**MOTION** by Mervyn Russell / Parker Neale that the discipleship and justice commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the minutes of Oct 17th 2024 as circulated.  
MOTION **CARRIED**

1. **New Business: M&S Grant fund distribution.**

The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Mission Support Grant applications and determine what funds to give each applicant. There was extensive discussion of each application and conversation regarding dividing up the funds**.** Through this discussion it was determined to grant the funds as follows:

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| **Grant Application** | **Amount** |
| **Broke University Ecumenical Chaplaincy** | **$10,000** |
| **Delta United Church Hamilton – Sunday School Co-ordinator** | **$2,000** |
| **Delta United Church Hamilton – Edith’s Pantry** | **$1,000** |
| **Grand River Spiritual and Educational Resource Center** | **$2,000** |
| **McMaster Campus – Ecumenical Chaplaincy** | **$6,000** |
| **St. John’s United Church of Georgetown & Glen Williams – Food for Life** | **$3,000** |
| **TUC Kitchener – the Hub** | **$22,000** |
| **Wesley Urban Ministries** | **$25,000** |
| **Cave Springs – Grow the Mission** | **$32,000** |
| **Silver Spire – Queer Kid Bible Camp** | **$7,000** |
| **Westminster United Church – Afterschool Program** | **$10,000** |
| **Silver Spire – community Kitchen** | **$10,000** |
| **Delta United Church Hamilton – secure Storage** | **$5,000** |
| **Five Oaks** | **$5,000** |
| **TOTAL** | **$140,000** |

**MOTION** by Donalee Williams/Parker Neale that the Decipleship and Justice Commission of Horseshoe Falls approve the distribution of M&S Grant funds as noted in the table above for the 2025 grant year.  
Motion **CARRIED**

1. **Next Meetings: Nov 28th 2024**
2. **Closing Words –** Joe thanked everyone for their work making these tough decisions
3. **Adjournment –** Meeting adjourned.