

The United Church of Canada
Toronto Conference
Living Waters Presbytery

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMISSION

Minutes of meeting held April 4, 2017, 2:00 p.m.
at Midhurst United Church, Midhurst, ON.

PRESENT: Charles Arasaratnam, Pauline Chappell, Catherine Hawkins, Bev Kell (acting Secretary), Jim Keenan (co-chair), Harry Ramsaran (co-chair)

Staff: Jane Sullivan

Guests: Angus MacLennan (Chair of Living Water Presbytery), Ratna Arasaratnam, Anna P. Taylor, Don Atkinson (St. Paul's Orillia)

Regrets: Shirley Baster, Chris Fahrner, Carol Johnson, Ted Meyers, Lorraine Scarlett

1. CALL TO ORDER/ OPENING PRAYER:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. and Rev. Jane Sullivan opened the meeting with prayer.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: That the agenda for the meeting be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: Catherine Hawkins

Seconded by: Pauline Chappell

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Congregational Life Commission held on February 21, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

Moved by: Pauline Chappell

Seconded by: Bev Kell

CARRIED

4. REPORTS

1. **Property and Finance**

a) Trinity, Uxbridge – renewal of TUCC loan

Discussion was held regarding the renewal of Trinity United Church, Uxbridge, mortgage loan with Toronto United Church Council (TUCC). Congregational Life Commission requests a 2016 Financial Statement from Trinity United Uxbridge. A motion will be brought forward at the next commission meeting. Rachael Howes or Harry Ramsaran will contact Ted Meyers.

b) Brown's Corners

Jim Keenan will contact Don Reesor for an update and Jane Sullivan agreed to track the steps in the contact with Browns' Corners to see where there were gaps in the transmission of information.

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c) Temperanceville-Wesley

Harry Ramsaran and Jane Sullivan reported that the realignment is going well. Living Waters Presbytery is wishing both congregations the best as they move forward.

d) Headford

Jim Keenan reported that the proceeds from the sale of Headford have been given to Toronto Conference and the distribution of money has occurred.

e) Aurora – status update - No update available

f) McKellar-Dunchurch – drinking water system

The report from the Health Unit was received; no action is required.

2. **Congregational Governance**

a) Dalston-Crown Hill – revised Constitution

MOTION: That the Congregational Life Commission of Living Waters Presbytery approves the Constitution of Dalston-Crown Hill United Church as revised January 29, 2017.

Moved by: Jim Keenan

Seconded by: Pauline Chappell

CARRIED

Next Steps: That a letter be sent from the presbytery office advising of this decision

b) Annual Reports: Jane Sullivan updated the commission on the process of reviewing reports. Harry Ramsaran will be collecting reports for reviews.

Governance Omnibus motion:

MOTION: That the following pastoral charges' 2016 Annual Reports be received for filing: Bradford, Coldwater-Eady, Ebenezer, Grace, Heart of Muskoka, Regent Park, Severn Bridge, St. Mathew's, Central Unionville, Dalston-Crown Hill, St. Paul's, Midhurst, Westmount, Queensville-Holland Landing, Unity, Aurora, Sandford-Zephyr, Forest Home, New Hope, Emsdale, and McKellar-Dunchurch.

Moved by: Charles Arasaratnam

Seconded by: Jim Keenan

CARRIED

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a) St. Paul's Orillia – PTCC grant application

Don Atkinson, Chair of the Leadership Team at St. Paul's Orillia made a presentation on the transformation of the sanctuary at St. Paul's. Don also did a

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review of the Presbyteries of Toronto Conference Corp. (PTCC) grant request. Due to receiving the information package and grant application less than two weeks before the Presbytery meeting, Congregational Life will review the information submitted and a motion will be brought forward at the next commission meeting.

6. NEXT MEETING – Conference call, if needed called by the co-Chairs.

7. CLOSING - Closing prayer was given by Rev. Jim Keenan

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