

Teleconference

Present: Rosemary, Jean, Steve, Elizabeth, Shirley, Paul, Ted, Wanda, Svinda, Ryan

Regrets: Carol

Gathering in Prayer & Reflection - (Svinda) - Sharing what gives us energy/enlivens us and what feels draining to us. Giving it all over to God.

See Agenda provided by Rosemary for review of discussion items

Role of Chair

- Will continue to discuss the ongoing role of Chair

Moved: *That Svinda Heinrichs serve as Chair of Region 11 Transition Commission until such time that the Region 11 Executive is nominated by a Council meeting.*

Wanda/Paul

Carried

Exploration and Discussion

Why are we doing this?

What does it mean to be “church” in Region 11.

- Exploring the Vision of Region 11 in order to determine how we will co-create our ongoing presence.
- How do we ensure the expression of the United Church of Canada in our region?
- Is this defined by our priorities?
- The need to maintain support for communities of faith
- The challenge is to not reflex to keeping the same.
- Is this process intended to “solve” the problems
- Review the Bay of Quinte vision
- Reminder that our role is “transition”, however we need to be mindful of what we are transitioning into

Mission Statement

- discussion of content .. this was forwarded to Jean for editing and will be brought back for review and adoption.

"Seeking to be aligned with God's new and renewing Spirit" we affirm that we are the United Church of Canada in Region 11 seeking to live out God's call to us – valuing equity, inclusiveness, and difference. We affirm that we are called:

- *to be councillor church – to foster connections, maintain and build relationships between the courts of the church;*
- *to care for each other;*
- *to care for creation;*
- *to support our existing and new ministries;*
- *to work in partnership with other denomination, faiths, and community groups.*

As a Commission we recognize the following priorities:

- Lift up the priorities ... add equity to the list, add LLWL to list
- However these are priorities and may or may not have been agreed to.
- Priorities will inform process for Mission Support Grants
- The Mission statement serves as the lens with which to engage the priorities.

Review of Priorities

- See previous meeting notes from Rosemary
- Should Archives be listed in priorities
- What budget allocation will be allocated for Staffing
- Environmental concerns as priority
- Clarification of Budget lines - Admin and MS
- add LLWL to the list
- add Equity to the list
- priorities are listed but may not be included in the future
- priorities will inform process for Mission Support Grants
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ORDER OF THE DAY

Staffing

- Current CPM's being offered either OV or RCM role

Motion:

To hire a Regional Minister with primary concern for community and covenant care, with the understanding that the position description through ongoing

discussions with the individual and the Transition Commission following the conclusion and direction of General Council.

Ted/Steve Carried

Motion:

To make a provisional offer of employment to Rev David Timpson for the position of Regional Minister.

Wanda / Shirley Carried

Rosemary will present the offer to Rev David Timpson.

Office Space (see p2 of Spreadsheet)

- Review of office costs
- Question of whether or not we need to maintain office space either at St Matthews or in another local.
- What will be the requirement for Information sharing and Information technology
- Is this an equity issue, in that we appear to be creating a larger region.
- Do we require other staff
- What might be shared across the three regions?

Motion:

That the current lease for office space at St. Matthews in Belleville, not be renewed.

Jean/Elizabeth Carried

There was considerable discussion on the issue of office space:

- consideration for smaller space at St Matthews
- the need for meeting space
- the need for record keeping
- the possible need for administrative assistance
- care for confidential documents
- possibility of staying month to month
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Motion: *That the TC explore the possibility of renting a smaller space.*

Elizabeth/Jean (?)

Further conversation

Rosemary will discuss with Bill, asking him to negotiate possible month to month

Consensus

Budget

- full and complete budget not required at this time

Follow-up: For next meeting please look at Governance and shared services from this agenda for the purposes of decision making.

Svinda and Rosemary will provide priorities for next meeting

Prayer

Adjourned

Next Meeting: **July 6 9:30am** **Aug 3 9:30 post GC decisions**