

## LLWL Forum Meeting – Tuesday, January 12, 2022 --- 7pm via Zoom

**Started:** 7:00pm **Adjourned:** 8:40pm

**Attending:** Cathy Gradante, Paul Kneebone, Karen Bates, Cheryl McMurray, Carol O'Neil, Nancy Payne, Kathleen Whyte

**Regrets:** David Timpson

**Welcome:** [Cathy] Quick “around the table” about everyone’s Christmas & New Year’s.

**Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement** [Cathy]

**Minutes of the November Meeting:** Cathy circulated the minutes from the November LLWL meeting. Moved (Carol) and seconded (Kathleen)

**Business Arising:** Nothing in particular not already listed on our agenda tonight. Kathleen mentioned the subject of training sessions.

**LLWL Network – update from last gathering:** Good topics discussed. **Next gathering is January 24<sup>th</sup>.** United in Learning has 3 LLWL Lent sessions in Feb & March --- [Learning on the Way Spring 2022 \(united-in-learning.com\)](#) Feeling was no in-person own PD for us at this point with COVID, but we could at least investigate grant application process for possible funding Let’s look at retreat in 2023, but we need to keep in mind that we have to book at least year ahead. Also, United Theological College – online open enrollment courses in Jan/Feb/Mar. Go to [www.utc.ca/courses/](http://www.utc.ca/courses/) for more information. Idea also mentioned about sharing resources (books, websites, etc.) that LLWL’s are using for worship preparation. Paul can compile and share --- as well as add to going forward. Will bring up as topic at next LLWL Network gathering.

**New Business:** Re. PD get-togethers going forward, maybe once or twice a year. Start with perhaps once a year and go from there. Have folks table ideas --- and maybe look at virtual event sometime this spring. Karen mentioned progressive collective (Wanda Stride part of it) – themes, art, music, etc. you can include in worship. She will send Paul the link.

**Interviews Pending – for new LLWLs –** Kathleen Whyte, Lisa Norman, Shawn Pearce-Chambers: Cathy will send out preliminary questions for us to review (based on previous interviews she has participated). Probably best to limit to 3 LLWL Forum participants for each. Cheryl-Carol-Karen (Kathleen): on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Cathy-Nancy-Paul (Shawn): on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cathy-Cheryl-Paul (Lisa): Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Should be a discussion, vs. classic interview. After person interviewed clicks off, the 3 Forum members discuss. Then Forum comes together and makes recommendations to David Timpson and Covenant Support Team.

### Reinstatement of previous LLWLs

- Process/policy/etc., same as for existing approved LLWL’s. All the same approval requirements.

- Kathleen has been contacting people that were formerly on the LLWL list at some point in the past. As of now, both Mary Kay and Tom Stobie have made the request to be reinstated. They do need the two required courses, letter of support from home church, proof of double vaccination, current Police Vulnerable Sector Check & interview – same as everyone else.
- Re. Police Vulnerable Sector Check, Paul will keep a log (as well as for everyone's initial Boundaries course dates). Both must be updated every 5 years. Any new re-licensed person will have to meet the same criteria as existing LLWLs do for the renewal process.
- If not an approved ECORC LLWL, a person cannot advertise that they are such within any community of faith or when accepting pulpit supply requests.

**License Renewals** – interview questions/scheduling: Email to them by end of January, with end of March deadline for completed submissions. Then month of April for Forum to review applications, and follow-up interviews in May-June. LLWL presentation at Fall ECORC meeting.

What about also requiring an Order of Service? Does it include inclusive language? Etc.? Suggestion that we do ask all to instead submit two prayers (one Opening Prayer and one Prayers of the People sample) for this upcoming renewal process. Agreed.

**LLWL Handbook/Policy** – initial discussion/questions: As sent to us last week by Cheryl. About half just took their material from UCC manual. Others tweaked a bit, another added an addendum. Key issues she reviewed: renewal period (1-3 years), approved course of study with/without definition, our two required courses not noted by some regions, renewal requirements pretty standard, self-assessment mentioned by two regions (in place of an interview?), one region asked for formal evaluation from a congregation, frequency of preaching allowed were all rather unique, funeral policy was fairly universal across regions, liability insurance is included by some regions. Karen mentioned scenario where some churches sometimes struggle to find anyone at all. Nancy mentioned that we've made it incredibly hard for at least some churches to understand role/duties/etc. of LLWL. She's willing to rough up something for our next meeting. Is anyone aware of such a document, present or past by any region/conference/presbytery? Need something from vantage point of congregation, as well as LLWL --- in Q&A format. Pacific Mountain Regional Council seems to have something that might be a starting reference point.

Before next meeting, let all of us submit our suggestions for discussion on our ECORC LLWL Policy Manual (not the Handbook) prior to our next LLWL Forum meeting. Limit to three burning things.

**Other business** – Proof of vax requirement completed – thanks, Paul! [Cathy]

**Next Meeting:** Short half hour discussing interviews only – a week after 3 are scheduled. Zoom meeting on **Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>** to discuss just these three interviews. Then Paul will email David

Timpson and Bill Sheaves (new Chair of Covenant Support Team) a request for approval --- the same two key people that should always be emailed on anything Region-related.

Next full meeting will focus on policy and items on the website, in particular --- Tuesday, **March 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

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