

ECROC Licensed Lay Worship Leaders NETWORK

November 29, 2022

MINUTES

Started at 7:05pm / Ended at 8:20pm

13 members were in attendance. Also --- Carol Neill, Evelyn Chambers, Susan Sheremata, Diane McCracken, and Kathleen Whyte sent their regrets.

Opening Prayer --- Paul Kneebone

Approval of minutes from Sept. 24, 2022

Update from Nov. 22 LLWL Forum meeting – Two new candidates will be interviewed in January: Tanna Edwards (recently completed the United in Learning LLWL program) and Shawn Pearce-Chambers (2nd interview – he completed same UinL program 18 months ago).

Business arising from previous meetings

1. Appointment of ECORC LLWL Network Co-Chair (term is until the first meeting of 2024, after which the Co-Chair takes over for a two-year term as Chair): Richard accepted nomination as Co-Chair – no other names came forward.
2. Discussion of Sept. 24 gathering: Good general discussion by those that attended. Some were anticipating Agape meal topic discussion, but the theme of children's story time was well received with some good input from attendees. Great lunchtime meal and leadership from Cathy and Cheryl!

New business

- Proposed letter to Covenant Support Team (CST)/Rev. Darren Liepold regarding timing of professional development opportunities. The consensus of LLWL's is that any event during the week (Mon-Fri) eliminates most/all LLWL that still work. Even so, there were still proportionally more LLWL's than ordained clergy that attended recent anti-racist preaching workshop in Cobourg. Nancy & Paul will draft a suitable letter to CST – specifically to Rev. Cheryl McMurray (our LLWL rep on CST?), as well as possibly Bill Sheaves/Darren Liepold.
- Proposed LLWL survey: suggested by Nancy. Might include input on specific concentrations of home church locations, number of Sundays/churches pulpit supply by each LLWL's pulpit supply in calendar year, specific feedback on key issues. We moved into a very engaging conversation with lots of individual input about the current hard rule that limits LLWL's to leading worship 5 of 8 Sundays up to max. of

10 in any one community of faith in a calendar year --- including implications on affected congregations and LLWLs.

- Robert Bennett brought up matter of pulpit supply rate & mileage for 2023 (starting January 1st). It was confirmed by Darlene Hallett who is a member of CST that these new fees will commence on January 1st-2023 ---- \$232 per Sunday for Pulpit Supply and \$0.55/km. mileage rate. This was the first time the rest of us had heard about these new 2023 rates, although they are now posted in mysterious updated October-2022 ECORC LLWL Policies and Guidelines Manual on the ECORC-LLWL Forum webpage.
- Karen Wilson, ECORC's communications and administrative assistant, is asking for feedback on aspects of the region's website. Network members are asked to have a look at the areas that relate to LLWL's and send comments (changes, additions, etc.) to Nancy or Paul by Dec. 16:

[Licensed Lay Worship Leaders \(LLWL\) Network - East Central Ontario Regional Council of the United Church of Canada \(ecorcuccan.ca\)](http://ecorcuccan.ca)

[Licensed Lay Worship Leaders Forum - East Central Ontario Regional Council of the United Church of Canada \(ecorcuccan.ca\)](http://ecorcuccan.ca)

[ECORC LLWL Policy October 2022 - East Central Ontario Regional Council of the United Church of Canada \(ecorcuccan.ca\)](http://ecorcuccan.ca)

Next meeting --- usually within two weeks of the next Forum meeting (Tuesday, Feb. 7th), 7:00 via Zoom. Sounds like any weeknight will exclude folks that may not be able to attend. We have set Monday evening, **Feb. 13th** at 7pm as the next Network meeting date.

Paul Kneebone

Secretary – ECORC LLWL Network