

MINUTES from LLWL Forum Meeting – Wednesday, April 17, 2024

– 7pm on Zoom

Bridgenorth United Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: LLWL Forum

Time: Apr 17, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Meeting ID: 810 3627 1416

Attending: Cathy Gradante, Cheryl McMurray, Paul Kneebone, Lisa Norman, Susan Pleasance, Nancy Payne.

Missing: Karen Bates, Tanna Edwards

Welcome: Cathy

Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement: Cathy

Minutes of the January Meeting

(Motion to approve by: Paul Kneebone, 2nd by N/A)

Business Arising: if any. No changes.

LLWL Network – update from last gathering, if any. None of note.

New Business:

- Spring Learning Event – May 4th at Trinity United, Cobourg: *Finding their Authentic Voices....* The last half hour will also be devoted to a short LLWL Network business meeting.
- LLWL Interviews – 9 triennial interviews to be scheduled. Paul will send Cathy first 9 names (from the top of our master list by postal code).
- Lapsed LLWL Interview – Sue Lebeau – to be scheduled. Cheryl & Paul. So, 10 interviews in total this year.
- LLWL Handbook – amendment to include the following:
 - 1) This would be inserted at the end of the *Support for LLWLs* paragraph, but it could also go under *Home Community of Faith* paragraph:

As members of a community of faith, LLWLs are already in a pastoral relationship with their own minister. LLWLs are encouraged to develop a strong relationship with their minister for mutual support, theological and professional discussions, and more. In churches where there is no minister, or where an LLWL might be in a position that makes such a relationship difficult (as a member of the Ministry and Personnel committee, a search committee, etc.), or if the minister is otherwise not available for this relationship, the LLWL may wish to approach a Voluntary Associate Minister (VAM) in their home community of faith, the pastoral charge supervisor or the chair of the LLWL Forum.
 - 2) This would be inserted at the end of the *Annual Requirements* paragraph:

An LLWL who does not supply the required documents after having been reminded of the March 31 deadline will be removed from the ECORC list until such time as they have complied with the above requirements.

3 have retired as of March 31-2024 --- Chris Ingersoll, Carol Cunday and Darlene Peddle

Of the remaining **27**:

- **19** have fully submitted all their required documents (2024 Letter of Support, 2024 Annual Declaration, 2022 & 2023 Pulpit Supply Log and PD Learning List, new Police Vulnerable Sector Check and/or Boundaries Refresher Course (if previous ones were dated prior to July 1-2019).
- **4** still have outstanding items, but presently underway (i.e. scheduled Boundaries Refresher Course later in April or May, waiting on receipt of new Police Check copy, waiting on Board to issue Letter of Support, etc.).
4 still have most, if not all the requirements still outstanding --- Angela Wiseman, Tom Stobie, Ruth Olley, Cathy Shaw. **Paul will send these 4 a note** stating that they need to submit ASAP, or they will have to be removed from the current approved LLWL list by the end of April --- until such time as they have complied with the above requirements.
- Shawn Pearce Chambers: **Cathy will send him a letter** indicating that for the upcoming 2025 Letter of Support next year, it must be from a UCC community of faith.
- At least one LLWL is doing 30-40 pulpit supply Sundays at their own community of faith. **Cathy will look at this and follow-up.**

Re. the 3 LLWLs retiring: **Cathy will send a card to all 3**, thanking them for their longtime service (more than 10 years).

Other business – if any:

- ECORC Governance Zoom session last evening ---- 5 years after the Regions were created. Cheryl gave us a brief update.
- There was also a short discussion about ways to publicize becoming an LLWL to those who might not be aware of it e.g. through ministers who see someone in their community of faith. To be reflected on and discussed again in future. **We will also checkout what existing LLWL documents we can use** (i.e., via United in Learning program...).

Next Meeting – TBD – 7pm on Zoom