

Minutes Governing Council Oct 24, 2021 Special Meeting

Zoom call

Attending: Mary Ellen Richardson, Steve Dunk, Amanda Hancox, Allan Hux, Laura Schlee, Vicki Stuart, Katherine Dalziel, John Ryerson, Rev Douglas duCharme

Guest: Morrey Ewing

Regrets: None

Opening remarks: Mary-ellen thanked Council for the Sunday meeting and welcomed Kathleen

1. Appointment to Governing Council

Motion to approve the addition of Katherine Dalziel to Governing Council and to HRR Committee as Chair.

Moved by Vicki

Seconded by Allan

Approved Unanimous

2. Opening prayer/reflection – Douglas - bears, hibernation and birth

3. Guiding Principles: Amanda reviewed our guiding principles

4. Approval of Minutes of special meeting Sept 17th 2021 – deferred to Nov 23rd

5. Shining Waters appeal of decision by Communities of Faith Commission

The chair reported on the Oct 20th presentation to Shining Waters. Presenting for Fairlawn were Mary Ellen, Amanda, Steve, and Morrey.

Communities of Faith at Shining Waters has approved the request to extend the Minister contract a further year to June 2023 to allow us to complete the work we started with the Interim Minister.

“At its meeting on October 20, 2021, the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters

Regional Council passed the following motion regarding Fairlawn’s intentional interim

Ministry (IIM):

... that the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council agree

to the request of Fairlawn United Church, Toronto, for a final extension of the intentional interim ministry to June 2023, that the intentional interim ministry end in June of 2023, and that this approval is conditional on Fairlawn developing a plan of action with specific timelines with regional council staff support, and that the plan be submitted to and monitored by the Shining Waters Intentional Interim Ministry Committee. Thanks to Mary Ellen for her leadership in negotiating with the Region. Oct 21, 2021”

6. Next steps arising:

- Letter from the chair to the national Church withdrawing appeal on Shining Waters decision.
- Katherine is attending the staff meeting Tuesday and will also inform HRR Committee of the extension of the Interim Minister contract.
- Morrey as chair of the Ministerial Leadership Committee, will lead the reporting to the to our communities of faith on Oct 30 coffee chat and eblast to our entire community of faith. We agreed to provide opportunities for small group discussions in person. Vicki to establish covid19 protocol
- Shining Waters is seeking an IIM Minister liaison that should have been in place from the beginning. Suggestions are welcome.
- GC will respond to Shining Waters Communities of Faith Commission with our plan for the last 18 months of Rev duCharme’s tenure in January 2022.
- The Chair will circulate a draft for our community of faith messaging to GC this week. Comments welcome.
- A community of faith discussion video being filmed November 10th and released thereafter is under in planning
- John will circulate the UCC mission and vision document approved last Saturday by General Council.

7. Other business:

Thank to the Spirituality team and Reopening committee for launching our in house services. It is nice to be back.

Congratulations to Laura Schlee for receiving the Toronto United Church Council the Baillie Volunteer Service Award today

8. Guiding principles: how did we do? Amanda

9. Next Meeting Nov 23rd

HRR confidentiality agreement revision

Reopening building action plans and learning