

**Living Skies Commission Minutes
May 16, 2019**

Present Annette Taylor, Tricia Gerhard, Bev Kostichuk, Barb MacNaughton, Brian Maitland, Neil Gilbert, Dave Whalley, Kent Mohn, Susan Reed.

A quorum was present.

Staff Present Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister; Tracy Murton, Pastoral Relations Minister; Jamie Mckay, Program Assistant (Recording Secretary).

Regrets Bonnie Morton, Bernice Saulteaux.

**Call to Order/
Check in** Annette called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

We checked in and Annette led with a reading and opening prayer.

Agenda We reviewed the agenda and agreed that it would be our agenda for this meeting as updated.

**Minutes
084-2018/2019**

**It was agreed by consensus:
That we approve minutes for April 18, 2019.**

The remaining minutes from May 2, 2019 and the minutes from today's transition commission meeting on May 16, 2019 will be approved by the new executive.

**Report from
Pastoral Relations
Minister
085-2018.2019**

**It was agreed by consensus:
That all copies of the report from the review from Eastside United Church be deleted from the Dropbox and that all personal copies that were printed be destroyed or shredded.**

Responsibility for follow up will fall to the Community of Faith Support.

Responsibility for Sacraments lies with the community of faith.

Beginning July 1, 2019, when a licensed lay worship leader wants to be re-licensed a letter of support needs to be written from a community of faith to re-affirm their good standing. Annual declaration forms are needed for lay ministry and we will have that beginning on July 1, 2019.

086-2019/2020

**It was agreed by consensus:
That we accept the three changes as proposed:**

- **Beginning July 1, 2019, that Sacraments Elders be required to take the Boundaries workshop either during the training phase or prior to licensing/ re-licensing.**
- **Beginning July 1, 2019, that Licensed Lay Worship Leaders be required to submit a letter of support from the community of faith where their membership lies prior to re-licensing.**
- **Beginning July 1, 2019, that Licensed Lay Worship Leaders be required to submit an annual declaration regarding criminal records/ criminal charges.**

Report from Executive Minister	We are preparing for the upcoming annual meetings. Shannon, Jamie, and Heather are attending all three regional meetings.
Correspondence	We received a letter from John Oussoren requesting a grant for Wellman Lake United Church Camp and we responded by saying that at this point we couldn't offer him an additional grant money and that once the budget has been reviewed we may be able to do something in fall.
Regional Gathering Planning Committee	<p>The regional meeting in 2020 will be held in Humboldt, Saskatchewan.</p> <p>There have been 39 requests for billets which will be a challenge to accommodate. We will likely not have 39 billets so if someone has the ability to make other arrangements, they will be encouraged to do so. The first 25 registrants who have requested billets will be accepted and the remainder will need to make other accommodation arrangements.</p>
087-2019/2020	<p>It was agreed by consensus:</p> <p>That the next regional meeting will be held in Humboldt, Saskatchewan in 2020.</p>
Nominations Committee	<p>We have been able to fill a lot of spaces except for the nominations committee.</p> <p>Nominations for the convenor of the regional meeting and the chair of the executive will be open to the floor at the regional meeting.</p>
Property Commission	Decisions have been made regarding properties that are going up for sale and there is thought as to how to pass this along to the new property commission.
Finance	<p>Heather gave an update on the financial statements.</p> <p>A less detailed budget will be presented at the regional meeting with additional conversation about</p>
088-2018/2019	<p>It was agreed by consensus:</p> <p>That we approve the final draft audit of the financial statements of the United Church of Canada Saskatchewan Conference for the year ending December 31, 2019.</p>

Other Business We have decided that the President’s gavel, cane, and stole are historical artifacts and will not be used at the upcoming regional meeting. We will leave it up to the new executive to decide where these historical artifacts will go.

The All Native Circle Conference Covenant will also be left to the new executive to decide where it will go.

Next meeting This is the last meeting of the Living Skies Transition Commission.

Adjournment Annette adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Annette Taylor, Chair

Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister

