

**Living Skies Property Commission  
June 21, 2019**

<b>Present</b>	Annette Taylor, Daryl Woods, Jim Pulfer, Bev Kostichuk,
<b>Regrets</b>	George Thurlow, Jim MacNaughton, staff – Shannon McCarthy, Executive minister, Bill Pollock, corresponding member from Committee C of F support
<b>Staff Present</b>	None
<b>Call to order</b>	Annette called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
<b>Check-in &amp; Worship</b>	We checked in and Annette shared the prayer “We Praise You for the Sacred Fires,” written by Rev. Maggie Dieter
<b>Agenda 001-2019/2020</b>	Agenda was reviewed, several additions were made, and the amended agenda was accepted by consensus
<b>Appoint Secretary 002/2019-2020</b>	It was agreed that Bev would be secretary for this meeting
<b>Previous Minutes 003-2019/2020</b>	<p><b>It was agreed by consensus: That we approve minutes for April 12, May 2 and May 13.</b></p> <p>It was noted that the minutes from our May 30 meeting are not yet available.</p>
<b>Grace United Church Loverna 004-2019/2020</b>	<p><b>MOTION Bev Kostichuk Moved Daryl Woods seconded That Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of the Grace United Church Congregation of the United Church of Canada at Loverna, Saskatchewan to sell the church located in Loverna, the legal description of which is Lot 12 Blk/Par 6 Plan No G394 Extension O and Lot 11 Blk/Par 6 Plan No G394 Extension O, the municipal address which is Loverna, Saskatchewan pursuant to an agreement between the Board of Trustees of Loverna United Church Pastoral Charge (seller) and Bradley Lowe (buyer) dated the 10<sup>th</sup> of March, 2019 with the following term:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) for the land and building including contents.</b></li> </ul> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>The proceeds are to be allocated to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Church related activities within the Loverna Pastoral Charge</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>Annette will check with Helen Reid regarding the ownership of the cemetery.</p> <p>There was a question regarding who will pay for the cost of the transfer. Annette will check with them.</p>

<p><b>Battleford United Church</b> <b>005-2019/2020</b></p>	<p><b>It was agreed by consensus:</b> <b>That Living Skies Property Commission approve the request to list for sale the Battleford United Church building and land property with the legal description Lots 1, 2 ,3, 9, 10, 11 Block 4 Plan 80B16594 at 52 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Battleford Saskatchewan.</b></p> <p>Annette will clarify that the congregation needs to have a discussion regarding expected price and ensure that trustees are aware that this is only permission to list.</p>
<p><b>St Thomas Wesley Saskatoon</b> <b>006-2019/2020</b></p>	<p><b>Motion: Jim Pulfer moved; Daryl Woods seconded that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve:</b></p> <p><b>1. The sale of the St. Thomas Wesley United Church building, the legal description of which is Lot 2 BLK/Par 9 Plan no E5618, Extension 1, as described on Certificate of Title 70S11253 and the municipal address of which is 808 20th Street West in Saskatoon, pursuant to an agreement between the Board of Trustees of St. Thomas Wesley United Church (seller), a congregation of the United Church of Canada, and the Medhani Alem Tewahdo Eritrean Orthodox Church Saskatoon Inc. (buyer) whose offer of purchase dated June 3, 2019, was accepted on June 18, 2019 by the St. Thomas Wesley Board of Trustees and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>sale of St. Thomas Wesley United Church to The Medhani Alem Eritrean Tewahdo Orthodox Church Saskatoon Inc. for the sum of \$635,000, and,</b></li> <li>• <b>And that the purchase date be July 16, 2019, and,</b></li> <li>• <b>That the \$10,000 deposit provided by the Medhani Alem Eritrean Tewahdo Orthodox Church Saskatoon Inc (henceforth Eritrean Orthodox Church) for the purchase of the property be held in Trust by Gall Law Firm, which is acting on behalf of St. Thomas Wesley United Church, and,</b></li> <li>• <b>That the balance of the money owing, \$ 625,000, be paid on the date of possession, July 16, 2019, and</b></li> </ul> <p><b>That St. Thomas Wesley United Church approved Eritrean Orthodox Church's purchase of this building on the following understanding:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The congregation of St. Thomas Wesley United Church will continue to worship in the sanctuary space of the church, which includes the Narthex at east end of church, balcony church office space, and attached west side rooms for a three year period ending on June 30, 2022. The congregation will have shared access to the west end elevator, and the west end washrooms (on the main floor) for the same three year period,</b></li> <li>• <b>The proceeds of the sale distributed to the St. Thomas Wesley congregation will be used to continue their United Church ministry for the next three years in the same place they have gathered for</b></li> </ul>

	<p>more than 100 years on Treaty Six Territory and the Land of the Metis,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The congregation will continue their renewed Mission of Reconciliation, approved by the congregation at their 2018 AGM, in response to the TRC's calls to action.</li> <li>• St. Thomas Wesley United Church has contributed the equivalent rent of \$30,000 per year (\$2,500 per month) for three years (\$90,000 in total) for the exclusive use of this space.</li> <li>• St. Thomas Wesley congregation will be given the first opportunity to renew the lease (before the expiry date of June 30, 2022), if they decide to continue to rent this space. The renewal period could range from six months to two years at \$2,500 per month, or at a higher rate if justified by the real estate market.</li> <li>• The Eritrean Orthodox Church will give the St. Thomas Wesley congregation the opportunity to use the kitchen space in lower hall on Sundays, and occasional use of the basement space. Similarly, St. Thomas Wesley congregation will give our Eritrean community the opportunity to use the sanctuary space on occasion.</li> <li>• As part of the purchase, the Eritrean Orthodox Church will assume the lease agreements already in place.</li> </ul> <p>2. And the proceeds from the sale of this church building will be distributed according to the direction received from the Living Skies Regional Council.</p> <p>Carried</p>
<p><b>Borden United 007-2019/2020</b></p>	<p>It was agreed by consensus: That Living Skies Property Commission approve the request of the Trustees of Borden United Church dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019 to list a certain congregational property, the legal description of which is lots 5, 6 and 7, Blk/Par 2 Plan # H158 and the municipal address is 108 Main St in the Village of Borden.</p> <p>Annette will clarify that the congregation needs to have discussion regarding the expected price and ensure that trustees are aware that this is only permission to list.</p>
<p><b>Mullingar UC</b></p>	<p>The congregation in Mullingar had already sold their church and the lot on which it stood, but it was determined that an adjoining lot was still in the name of the original trustees. Mona Merritt has expressed an interest in purchasing this property</p> <p>There was a discussion about how we should handle property that is no longer connected with a specific congregation. It was decided that we would request the Living Skies Regional Council Executive to name 3 trustees to deal with UC property that has no congregation connected to it. Bev will contact the executive to make this request</p>

	<p>Bev will also contact Mona-including clarifying that she will pay the cost of transfer.</p> <p>Jim will contact the village for the price of lots and find out what pastoral charge this is in and if that charge would name trustees.</p> <p>We also need to obtain the title document– Shannon (Bev contact Shannon)</p>
<b>Property List</b>	<p>We agreed to take dates off the document and just replace the document as it is updated. Bev will put the congregations in alphabetical order. Bev will be the person to update the property list thus property commission members will send changes to Bev.</p>
<b>Distribution of Commission work</b>	<p>We will update who will be responsible for contact with each community of faith at next meeting.</p> <p>Annette will distribute new inquiries to commission members who will be responsible for the follow-up.</p>
<b>Storage of Documents</b>	<p>Bev will keep documents when work is complete, documents will be organized and send to Tracy Murton for storage in her office.</p>
<b>Abandoned Properties</b>	<p>Commission will review in the fall when the members have the list that Bill Doyle created.</p>
<b>Future Meetings</b>	<p>Topics to cover in future meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the Property Handbook</li> <li>• Responsibilities of committee members- secretary, corresponding member to Committee for C of F support, contact for each congregation</li> <li>• Setting up of a property fund to deal with future regional property matters</li> </ul>
<b>Next meeting</b>	<p>We will have a July meeting if needed.</p> <p>Face to face meeting in late August or the last week of September in Saskatoon.</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>Annette adjourned the meeting at 10:54 am</p>