

**Two Rivers Pastoral Charge  
Official Board Meeting - May 19, 2021**

The Official Board of the Two Rivers Pastoral Charge met at Summerville Church, Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 7:30 pm, following Session Meeting.

Mission Statement read by Ross Sherwood

**Call to Order:** Chairperson, Ross Sherwood, called meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**Acknowledgement of Territories** read by all present.

**Christ Light** lit from previous Session meeting.

**Opening Prayer** led by Ross Sherwood

**Present:** Amber Graham, Anne Titus, Bette Ashley, Catherine Cole, Cathy Thorne, Chris Patstone, Ida MacPherson, Josie Pike, Kelly Newstead, Linda McCullough, Ross Sherwood, Sandra Lattimore, Sue Gamble, Treva Fudge, Rev. Kate Jones & Beth Quigley.

**Regrets:** Phil Jones, Doug Evans

**Agenda: Motion to adopt agenda as circulated** moved by Linda McCullough, seconded Treva Fudge. Motion carried. (Agenda Appendix "A")

**Minutes: Motion to adopt Annual Official Board Minutes of February 24, 2021 meeting as circulated** by Catherine Cole, seconded Bette Ashley. Motion carried.

**Business Arising:**

**1. Committee Job Descriptions:** Descriptions still not complete. The task has moved beyond just committee descriptions to a Governance Document that needs to be approved by Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Water Regional Council. Committees will create own descriptions in consultation.

**2. Live streaming:** All parties post pandemic are committed to live streaming services. It is an opportunity to move forward and spread the Gospel to all people. Presently, during COVID, live streamed services are posted for two weeks. Post pandemic the decision must be made on the length of time a service is to be posted - live only, keep 24 hours or 48 hours. Discussion followed. Out of respect for organists, singers, readers, etc. involved in the service it may be better to keep it posted as short as possible. Number of people live streaming is not available as only computer/household is counted, not the number of people viewing from one computer. No decision will be made until September.

**Correspondence:** Thank you notes/letters received from all food banks receiving donation from Two Rivers Pastoral Charge in 2020.

**Scripture & Reflection:** Rev. Kate Jones reflected on John 21: 15-19, one of the Easter Resurrection stories. At the end of Mark, the disciples are in a state of turmoil. In John's Gospel, they have gone back to the Sea of Galilee to fish, where Jesus appears and tells them to throw their nets out on the other side. He shares breakfast with them, asking Simon Peter if he loves him three times, and telling him to "Tend my

Sheep” and “Follow me”. The disciples were still carrying wounds from Good Friday to Easter. We too are carrying wounds over the past 15 months of pandemic. Even in our woundedness, we are called to follow Jesus and are to go out to the World. A 2000 year quote: “You are broken, You are Blessed, You are enough!”

**Ministers Report:** Rev. Kate reported how busy it has been since February with Holy Week, Easter, etc. It has been a nourishing season, but also an exhausting time with Church and “Covidtide”. She valued her study leaves and plans to take time off this summer, even if it is just to rent a cottage in NB. She doubts travel to Ontario to visit family will be permitted. Ross expressed our appreciation for her. The charge has thrived in the past year.

## Reports

- **Joint Board of Stewards:** No joint meeting of stewards. Two Rivers Pastoral Charge Financial Report presented as printed by Phil Jones.

- **Trustees Report for Long Reach United Church & Cemetery:** presented as written.

- **Session** - Chris Patstone spoke to Session report. They have continued to do work of the church. Kate is a wonderful guiding light and we continue to look forward. Membership question by Treva regarding view of memberships changing due to COVID and worshipping virtually

- **Ministry & Personnel:** No Report. Wrapped up Youth & Young Families co-ordinator Gabrielle Anderson’s payroll requirements and legal documents as Gabby and family moved to Prince Edward Island. Searching for a new Youth Co-ordinator.

- **UCW /Quilters:** As printed. Summerville Church had been quilting but stopped for now due to COVID regulations.

- **Home Mission Council:** Report as written. Bursary applications for post-secondary students available through HM Council. Contact Rev. Kate for applications.

- **Church in the World:** As printed.

- **Regional Council** - report as presented. Meeting over Zoom again in June.

- **Peninsula Food & Clothing** - report as printed. Bette delivered items today.

- **Mission & Service** - As presented. At 23% with about same amounts this time last year. Ross and committee planning M&S art event at Westfield church in fall.

Discussion on e-transfers and information required for treasurers regarding donations on line ensued.

- **Affirm Team:** Presented by Rev. Kate and Chris Patstone. Affirm team organized PI-Day. Quispamsis United Church in Affirming Process. Affirm Team members spoke on affirming process with other churches around the province by Zoom. Donation presented to churches of speakers represented from Affirming congregations.

- **Youth Group and Youth & Young Families** - Gabby resigned with thanks giving as she re-located to Prince Edward Island. Search committee of Gwen Quigley, Long Reach and Irene Michaelson, Westfield in place. Representative required from Bayswater-Summerville. Bette Ashley volunteered to be that rep at meeting.

- **Pastoral Care Team** - Sent cards for Easter. We are still not able to visit homes in person.

**Moved by Bette Ashley, seconded Linda McCullough, reports adopted as presented / circulated.** (See Appendix A for Reports) Motion carried.

**Long Reach and Bayswater/Summerville financial reports** received for information only. Sandra Lattimore reported B/S at about same place as last year. Church & community have lost three faithful members since the New Year, so may affect their budget. Long Reach has spent money replacing east side of church roof and repairs on steeple, and they are in the process of purchasing a sound system for church. Funds are low at present but confident things will improve.

**No New Business.**

Next meeting scheduled September 15, 2021 at Long Reach United Church, 7:30 pm, following Session meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Ida MacPherson, seconded Treva Fudge.

Rev. Kate closed meeting with prayer.

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Chairperson

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Secretary