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*-Vision and Church (Re)Development Commission-*

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Living Waters VCD Commission  
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David Allen  
Executive Secretary  
Toronto Conference  
United Church of Canada

Dear David

I write you on behalf of the Living Waters Visioning and Church Development Commission to request the consideration of Toronto Conference Executive involving new church developments in Living Waters Presbytery. As you will know the situation with new church developments is challenging and rapidly changing. One of those changes sadly is that two of our four new church developments, namely Holly and Pathways have come to the difficult decision of ending their venture as new missions. This has implications for the way ahead for both our Presbytery and Toronto Conference.

Our first concern is that while Holly is officially closed there is still an amount owing to TUCC of around \$25,000. Our hope would be that the Conference would consider using the allocation for Holly for the year 2011 to cover this outstanding debt.

We would also note the added and unexpected financial stress faced by Painswick United Church following the death of their minister, Glen Butler and the United Church provision that six months salary be paid to Glen's widow. As a result we would request a consideration that the funds previously allocated to Pathways and Holly could perhaps be used to address the additional financial stress for Painswick.

The experience of two of our new church developments closing in the space of this past year has also led us to consider the precariousness of new church developments in this particular time in the life of the church. We feel the time has now come to recognize longer time lines for new church developments to become self sufficient and viable. In the past the standard time line has been 10 years but in discussion with others in the New Church Development field and from past experience our commission now feels that a longer time period of at least 15 years and perhaps 20 years is necessary before a new mission becomes entirely self sufficient. This obviously has dramatic implications for funding decisions and places an added stress on our Presbytery resources even with the new source of funds through PTCC. In order to help address this we would respectfully request the redirection of funds previously allocated for Holly and Pathways to be used toward the ongoing support of New Hope and Painswick.

We would appreciate the consideration of Conference Executive of these matters as you consider the changed reality of new church developments in Toronto Conference.

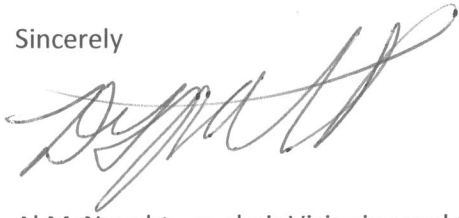
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Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Al McNaught', written in black ink.

Al McNaught co chair Visioning and Church Development Commission

Donald Spratt co chair Visioning and Church Development

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**LIVING WATERS NCD ANALYSIS FOR 2011 TO 2015 BASED ON PAINSWICK AND NEW HOPE**

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**Assumption:**

That TC has by past motions committed reserve of funds to support 4 Missions in LW for 10 Years (that is -to end of 2015)

**Second 5 Years of Funding would be as follows (assuming all 4 remained active)**

2011	50	
2012	40	
2013	30	
2014	20	
2015	10	
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	150 X 4 =	600

Holly 2011 CLOSURE STATUS: 50 less 25 due TUCC = 25 available

Pathways 2011 CLOSURE STATUS: 50 available (plus potential small amt not used from 2010)

**Therefore, assume 75 available extra for 2011**

- > propose 40 to Painswick for Glen's widow 6 mth salary due in 2010 (or some in 2011??)
- > propose remaining either all go to New Hope or be split 50/50

**Over Years 2012 to 2015: assuming both Painsk and NH remain active**

- > allocate amounts reserved for 2 closed missions to these 2 active
  - > 2012 -each receive 40k
  - > 2013 -each 30k
  - > 2014 -each 20k
  - > 2015 -each 10k

Secondary Reality -based on new assumption that 10 years is not sufficient for successful NCD plant success

> LWP recommends two serious considerations as follows:

That TC work with LW to develop a new funding formula that

1. Increases the funds to Painsk and NH in years 2012 to 2015
2. Provides a committed fund for their support thro min of 5 additional years