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**GENERAL MEETING**  
**November 12-13, 2021**

*Roll the Stone Away*  
*Sewanienhia'karateniat Eh'ren Sewanenhnienha;wit*  
*À nous de rouler la pierre*

The *Conseil régional* Nakonha:ka Regional Council of The United Church of Canada held its Annual General Meeting (Zoom online virtual meeting room) on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 PM, and Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 AM. The theme for this meeting was “Roll the Stone Away; Sewanienhia'karateniat Eh'ren Sewanenhnienha;wit; À nous de rouler la pierre.

**SESSION 1**

November 12, 2021 (6:30 PM – 9 PM)

**THE FOLLOWING REGISTERED THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE BUSINESS MEETING****Ministry (38)**

Mead Baldwin, Beryl Barraclough, Janet Bisset, Arlen Bonnar, Barbara Bryce, Linda Buchanan, Florence Bukam, Kent Chown, James Christie, David Clinker, Samuel Vauvert Dansokho, Ryan Fea, Christine-Marie Gladu, Pierre Goldberger, Attila Gyorgy, Cathy Hamilton, Ellie Hummel, Alyson Huntly, Elisabeth Jones, Wartan Katchikian, Andrew Kinoti Lairenge, Dave Lambie, Patricia Lisson, Darryl Macdonald, Marie-Claude Manga, John Matheson, Heather McClure, Jennifer Mountain, Birgit Neuschild, Angelika Piché, Ohannes Siwajian, Darla Sloan, Ian Smith, Rev. Dr. Phyllis Smyth, Tami Spires, Neil Whitehouse, Robert Thompson and David Fines.

**Lay Delegates (29)**

Judy Bachelder, Guy-Lin Beaudoin, Carol Bircher, Peter Bisset, Fred Braman, Martha Bromby, Diane Campbell, Diane Cantin, Beverly Clark, Elva Crawford, David Drew, Lynn Drew, Colin Forde, Vivienne Galanis, Gerard Gouw, William Greaney, Marc Grenon, Charlotte Griffith, Richard Guay, Norm Haslam, Tom Kent, Janice Knowles, L. E. Moir, Valerie Nickson, Andrea Nugent, Gary Tompkins, James Vanstone, Fiona Wardrop and Vera Young.

**Corresponding Members - Candidates (3)**

Lisa Byer-de Wever, Cynthia Reynolds and Virginia Wallace.

**Lay Delegates Under 30 (3)**

Denis Ashby, Diane Best and Rachel Lambie.

**Regional Council Staff (7)**

Shanna Bernier, Judy Coffin, David-Roger Gagnon, Rev. Daniel Hayward, Rev. Rosemary Lambie, Joel Miller and Karen Valley.

**Guests of the Regional Council (5)**

Hugh Ballem (simultaneous translator), Rev. Jan Jorgensen, Alicia Loria (simultaneous translator), Kelley Molloy and Stephane Vermette.

**Regrets (16)**

Adedeji Sunday Akintayo, Melvyn Bryant, Hepta Deslandes, Rev. Denis Fortin, Rev. Helen Hliaras, Marion Hodge, Rev. Lee Ann Hogle, Maureen Kabwe, Ivylin Scott, Dorothy Shaw, Rick Sheffer, Shirley Stark, Nancy Stewart, Brenda Lee Strickland, Renate Sutherland and Ingrid Thompson.

**Quorum**

This meeting had quorum.

**Coffee Time & Signing in**

Attendees were invited to sign in 15 minutes ahead of the start of the meeting; a time dedicated to conversing with friends.

**Special Instructions**

Rev. Kent Chown presented a PowerPoint presentation providing instructions for how to use Zoom functions during the meeting. Instructions included: how to rename yourself, corresponding to your preferred language for breakout rooms and whether or not you are a voting member, how to mute and unmute; how to open the 'participants'; how to open up the 'chat' box and type in comments or questions; how to share chat with 'everyone' or 'privately'; and what the telephone commands were for those only participating using the telephone (\*6 to mute and unmute, \*9 to raise hand). These instructions also included how to use the interpretation feature within Zoom to have access to simultaneous translation and how to use the poll function when voting.

**Opening Worship** – see script here below:

Sosan Montour	<p>Thanksgiving Prayer- Ohenton Kariwatekwen. Ronwahaweta Robert Patton shared the following Thanksgiving Prayer: “Loving Creator, in our language we say Takwaiehtison, we come to you with thankful and hope filled hearts. As we gather each day it is our responsibility that we give greetings, love, and thanks to each other as peoples, that we gather each and every day and show respect for all your creation. For this wonderful day, we give thanks for being able to walk on this place we call Mother Earth, that we have a relationship with her. That she takes care of us as a mother. We have a responsibility to give her that same love and respect that we give our mothers in all our Nations. And we realize that everthing we need to have a good life, to have peace in our minds, to have strong and healthy body is all in front of us and it comes from our Mother Earth. It then is our responsibility to give back and not to take too much and to take care of her. As we meet each other each day this is a ceremony and as we greet each other we give great thanks or as we say Niawen Kowa. We give thanks for the waters and the fish life that keep our waters clean and give us food. We give thanks for all the medicines. From the beginning they were instructed to take away sickness. They were and always wanting and ready to heal us. We are happy that there are still among us those special few who remember how to use these gifts you have given. So, with one mind we send our greeting and thanks. We give thanks for all the tree life and all the birdlife that bring us beautiful music. Each day they remind us to enjoy life. We give thanks for the four winds. We hear their voices in the moving air as they refresh us and purify the air we breathe. We give thanks for the Thunderes or as we say Ratiweras. We give thanks for our Eldest Brother, the Sun, and for Grandmother Moon. We give thanks for the stars that shine and guide us. We give thanks for all the Elders and enlightened teachers that lead us in good paths. You have blessed us through all our relations, and we give you our thanks. Now, we are at the place where we end our words of Thanksgiving, of being thankful for all that we have named. It is not our intention to leave anything out. If anything was forgotten, we leave it to each person to send such greetings and thanks in their own way in the Sanctity of silence. And now our minds are one.”</p>
Rev. Darla Sloan	<p><b>Our theme this season is “Rolling away the Stone”. Last time we met, we heard the story of Lazarus, isolated for many days, blocked in by a stone.</b></p>

	In the season of Easter, we heard the story of the women going to the tomb, and wondering how they were going to remove the stone, only to find it already rolled away.
	<b>We considered seeds, sleeping in the ground, waiting for the moment when they can sprout, a potential waiting to come to its fullness.</b>
	Many had hoped that by now, things would be “back to normal” after the pandemic. Others had hoped that we would be transformed by our time in confinement. It has been a long time and the effects of the pandemic continue to effect how we live.
	Our scripture for this meeting is taken from 1 Peter chapter 2. Let us listen to words of encouragement and hope written some 2000 years ago.
Norm Haslam	<b>1Pe 2:1-5 So clean house! Make a clean sweep of malice and pretense, envy and hurtful talk.</b> <b>2 Now, like infants at the breast, drink deep of God's pure kindness. Then you'll grow up mature and whole in God.</b> <b>3 You've had a taste of God.</b> <b>4 Welcome to the living Stone, the source of life. The (workers) took one look and threw it out; God set it in the place of honor.</b> <b>5 Present yourselves as building stones for the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life, in which you'll serve as holy (people) offering Christ-approved lives up to God.</b> <i>(adapted from The Message)</i>
Chad Linsley and Marie-Claire Saindon,	Hymn Spirit Divine VU 385 NVU 52 vs 1-2 Eng, vs 3-4 Fr vs 5 Eng
Rev. Darla Sloan	May these words give us wisdom as we begin our work this evening

### **Announcement – Desecration on the traditional burial grounds of the Abenaki People of the Wabanaki Nation**

Rev. Linda Buchanan informed the court that over the past week and act of desecration was discovered on the traditional burial grounds of the Abenaki People of the Wabanaki Nation (in Bishops, QC) and asked for prayers for healing while condemning this grievous act.

### **Acknowledgement of the Land**

Rev. Linda Buchanan acknowledged that The United Church of Canada takes its existence on the traditional lands of Indigenous Peoples. Linda recognized and gave thanks for the stewardship of these territories and called for the continued work towards right relations and reconciliation. All were invited to share in the chat which indigenous territories they were joining the meeting from.

### **Call to Order** – Rev. Linda Buchanan, President, called the meeting to order:

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Sovereign head of the Church, and by the authority of the Inaugural Meeting of the Conseil Régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council of the United Church of Canada, I hereby declare this general meeting duly constituted and to be in session for conducting the business which will properly come before it.

### **Omnibus Motion**

**2021-11-12-13\_001 MOTION** (T. Spires/V. Epps-Nickson) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council move the following:

1. That the agenda as circulated be adopted;
2. That the minutes of June 12<sup>th</sup> 2021 Annual General Meeting be accepted as circulated (distributed as **appendix A**);

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3. That the following person serve as Scrutineers: Lisa Byer, Rev. Kent Chown, Judy Coffin and Joel Miller;
  4. That the following person serve as Parliamentarian: Fred Braman
  5. That the following person serve as Chaplain: Rev. Pierre Goldberger, Rev. Attila Gyorgy and Rev. Christine-Marie Gladu;
  6. That Shanna Bernier and Rev. Tami Spires serve as the Equity Team. **CARRIED**

### **Duty of Care**

Rev. Tami Spires shared the following information:

In 1959, Carol Rose Ikeler wrote the words to the hymn, “The Church is Wherever God's People are”.

Her words remind us that whether the people of God are meeting face-to-face, over the internet or by other means we are called to be the Body of Christ and as the body of Christ we have a mission of caring, healing, and sharing in this ministry.

The Conseil regionale Nakonha:ka Regional Council takes seriously the mandate from Jesus Christ to live out care for all living things, to speak out when injustice is seen and heard, and to be a community that is loving, open, inclusive, and respectful.

This meeting and the people are asked to respect in our words and actions all creeds, ethnicities, languages, colours, genders, sexual identities, and faith journeys.

If anyone should hear or see anything in our meeting time which goes against our community norms, please speak up in our meeting and let us know. If you do not feel comfortable speaking out, please reach out to our Equity Team by phone or private chat during the meeting.

### **Equity Team – Criteria to consider when making a meeting more Equitable**

Shanna Bernier shared the following information:

1. Am I responding with my bias(es)?
2. Just because we've always done it this way, should we continue?
3. Who is missing around our table in this discussion? (Do we need to consult wider?)
4. Whose voices haven't been heard? Have I spoken too much?

### **Explanation for ‘how’ discussion part will unfold**

Rev. Linda Buchanan explained the format for this general meeting, highlighting that presentations and discussions would take place on the Friday evening and voting on Saturday.

### **Presentation – Regional Council 2022 Budget** (distributed as **Appendix B<sup>1</sup>**)

Fred Braman highlighted various details in the distributed 2022 proposed budget and answered questions. It was noted that for those who needed to print appendix B<sup>1</sup> in black & white, the darker colours used for highlighting made it challenging to read. It was asked that presentation style be considered for future meetings.

After the presentation, the following notice of motion was made:

### **Notice of Motion**

2021-11-12-13 MOTION (/) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council accept the 2022 budget as presented.

### **Presentation – F&E 2022 Budget** (distributed as **Appendix B<sup>2</sup>**)

Peter Bisset highlighted items in the distributed Finance & Extension Board proposed 2022 budget and answered questions. The following presentation notes were provided for inclusion into the minutes:

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**The Finance & Extension Board** provides grant funding for Mission Support, Sabbatical Leave & Student Bursaries. As well expenses are incurred for Regional Support, F&E Staff and the annual financial accounting review by external auditors.

**The Determination of how much funding** is available for disbursement the F&E Board, as a rule, limits withdrawals from its net unrestricted funds account to 5% per year.

**Available for disbursement** in 2022 is an amount of \$664,259.

The **Total Budget** for **2022 Disbursements is \$618,348** leaving a modest contingency buffer should needs arise in the Region.

**Disbursement of the \$618,348** is broken down as follows:

**Grants to Mission Support: \$510,000**

**Region 13 Operations Support** including administration, rent, office and IT expenses: **\$20000**

**F&E Operating Expenses** including Salaries and Accounting Services, Annual Accounting Review: **\$56,348**

**F&E Grants for Sabbatical Leave and Bursaries: \$32000**

After the presentation, the following notice of motion was made:

**Notice of Motion**

2021-11-12-13 MOTION (/) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council accept the Finance & Extension 2022 budget as presented.

**Amendment to the Policy Regarding Proceeds from the Sale of Property**

Fred Braman explained the amendments made to the distributed Policy Regarding Proceeds from the Sale of Property and answered questions.

After the presentation, the following notice of motion was made:

**Notice of Motion**

2021-11-12-13 MOTION (/) That the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council accept the amendment to the current text of item (b) under “Community of Faith that is not disbanding” and item (g) under “Community of Faith that is disbanding” in the Policy regarding proceeds from the Sale of Property be replaced by

*“recommend that 5%-10% of the net proceeds from the sale be remitted to the Nakonha:ka Regional Council to support a Granting and Enabling Strategic Fund of the Regional Council held by the Finance and Extension Board with disbursement at the direction of the Regional Council on the recommendation of the Granting and Enabling Leadership Team (GELT). The terms of reference of such Fund shall be proposed by GELT and approved by Regional Council”*

**Amendment to Policy on Leases, Major Renovations and Other Major Assets**

Fred Braman explained the amendments made to the distributed Policy on Leases, Major Renovations and Other Major Assets and answered questions.

After the presentation, the following notice of motion was made:

**Notice of Motion**

2021-11-12-13 MOTION (/) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council accept the amendment to the Policy on Leases, Major Renovations and Other Major Assets, and update the Governance Handbook:

2020-10-08\_127 MOTION (F. Braman/P. Stanfield) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Property & Finance Leadership Group that its Policy on Leases, Major Renovations and Other Major Assets be amended to add the following sentence to Other

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Major Assets –“ Other Major Assets include only assets of more than \$50,000 in a contemplated transaction, it being the intent that Trustees exercise their fiduciary duties in respect of assets of lesser value and on the understanding that the conflict of interest policies of The United Church of Canada are fully respected. Other major assets include any part of the property on which the church building is located.” Carried

### **Granting and Enabling**

Rev. Barbara Bryce highlighted the grant distributions made by the Granting and Enabling Leadership team and answered questions.

After the presentation, the following motions were made:

### **Granting and Enabling**

**2021-11-12-13\_002 MOTION** (B. Bryce/M. Katchikian) that the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council receive the recommendation from the Granting and Enabling Team regarding Mission Support Grants and approve the following distribution:

Camino de Emaus	68,000\$
Campus Ministry, Bishop's/Champlain	3000\$
COCLA	28000\$
Committee to Aid Refugees	26,500\$
Concordia Multi-Faith and Spirituality Centre	3000\$
Eglise St Pierre et Pinguet	30,000\$
Kanasetake United Church	15,500\$
Montreal City Mission	120,000\$
Rennies United Church	15,000\$
Saint Columba House	151,000\$
Union United Church	30,000\$
West Island LGBTQ+	18,000\$

Total: 508,000\$ **CARRIED**

**2021-11-12-13\_003 MOTION** (B. Bryce/M. Katchikian) that the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council receive the recommendation from the Granting and Enabling Team regarding the Good Samaritan Fund and approve that

- a) 12,910\$ be distributed to Beaconsfield United Church's Seniors Online Ministry Project;
- b) 8,250\$ be distributed to St Columba House for their Takeout Program. **CARRIED**

**2021-11-12-13\_004 MOTION** (B. Bryce/ M. Katchikian) that the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council receive as recommendation that the Granting and Enabling Team distributed an Emergency funding grant in the amount of 15,000\$ to Beaconsfield United Church for their Refugee Integration Project from the Bhal Jun Fund. **CARRIED**

**2021-11-12-13\_005 MOTION** (B. Bryce/ M. Katchikian) that the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council receive for information that:

1. There was 1 request for the Erskine-American Mountainside Fund for 1,800\$ to Knowlton United Church Sunday Service Virtual Publications which was approved by the Executive as it was seen to be time sensitive;
2. The Kelley Trust approved 2 grants forwarded to them:
  - a) 3,895.25\$ to Saint Columba House for Privilege, Power, and Allyship Project;
  - b) 1,500\$ to Beaconsfield United Church for the ICHRP Canada Conference on Human Rights in the Philippines and Canadian Support Project.
3. There is funding conditionally being held in the Ste Therese Fund for Laurentian Area Ministries (LAM)

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when the needed documents have been received. **CARRIED**

It was highlighted that in a neighboring a Regional Council workshops were being offered on grant writing and were being very well attended.

### **Updates to Governance Handbook**

#### **Amendment to the Policy for Electing General Council Commissioners** (distributed as **Appendix C**)

Rev. Linda Buchanan drew delegate's attention to the amendments made to the Policy for Electing General Council Commissioners and invited questions. Suggestions were made to amend the amendments. The Nominations Team met following the meeting to redraft Appendix C and would represent it the following day.

After discussions, the following notice of motion was made:

#### **Notice of Motion**

2021-11-12-13 MOTION (/) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council accept the amendment to the Policy for Electing General Council Commissioners, and update the Governance Handbook.

2021-02-18\_022 MOTION (B. Bryce/D. Macdonald) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves and accepts the amended Policy for Electing General Council Commissioners. Carried

### **Meeting Extension**

**2021-11-12-13\_006 MOTION** (T. Spires/D. Ashby) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council extend the meeting to 9 PM. **CARRIED**

### **Proposed Amendment to Regional Council Annual and General Meetings** (Distributed as **Appendix D**)

Rev. Linda Buchanan drew delegate's attention to the amendments made to Regional Council Annual and General Meetings and invited questions. Suggestions were made to amend the amendments. A redraft of Appendix D would be presented the following day.

After discussions, the following notice of motion was made:

#### **Notice of Motion**

2021-11-12-13 MOTION (/) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council accept the amendment to Regional Council Annual and General Meetings Planning, to update part of the Regional Council Living Mission, in the Governance Handbook.

### **Covid Task Group Update**

Peter Bisset provided an update from the Covid Task Group, in particular highlighting that the Task Group continues to monitor Government Regulations and provides interpretation and assistance to Communities of Faith who have questions. Updates to the protocol summary can be found on the website the Regional Council website and contains the most up to date information.

Rev. Dan Hayward, Regional Council Pastoral Relations Minister shared a PowerPoint presentation on The United Church of Canada's Vaccine Policy, and highlighted that it is mandatory for Ministry Personnel to be vaccinated, that it is not mandatory for lay employees to be vaccinated and that Communities of faith can develop their own policies regarding proof of vaccination (at the time, Quebec law did not require it). Following his presentation, Dan answered delegates' questions.

### **Good-night blessing**

Rev. Cathy Hamilton	The stone is a living stone, to build a sanctuary vibrant with life. We are all to be holy priests, offering thanksgiving and praise.
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Chad Linsley and Marie-Claire Saindon,	Hymn Great is Thy Faithfulness VU 288, vs 1 Eng, vs 2 Fr, vs 3 Eng
	Let us listen again to those words from 1 Peter
Denis Ashby	4 Welcome to the living Stone, the source of life. The (workers) took one look and threw it out; God set it in the place of honor. 5 Present yourselves as building stones for the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life, in which you'll serve as holy (people) offering Christ-approved lives up to God. <i>(adapted from The Message)</i>
Rev. Cathy Hamilton	<i>Now our closing is a continuation of our Thanksgiving Address. Nia wen Takwaieatison, Thank you, my Creator, you who made us. I send you my greetings, my love and kindness, my Thanksgiving. Let us bring our minds together and give our thanks to, our Creator for bringing us together tonight. We give thanks for giving us this new technology to enable us to meet at a distance and still be together and do your work. We thank our Creator for blessing us with words, words of wisdom, knowledge and music to share so your work can be done in our world</i>
Chad Linsley and Marie-Claire Saindon	Instrumental music: Air Mignonne/Tall Trees, Long Shadows you are invited to write your prayers of thanksgiving in the chat box
Cathy	<i>Read a few in both languages Invite those on the telephone to raise their hands and pray into the space. As we close, just as in our circles, we close our bundles, giving our Creator our respect and Niawen Kowa. We now carry our bundle forward to our next gathering. We thank our Creator for allowing us to have our meeting and now as we close we again thank you Takwaieatison, Loving Creator for watching over our loved ones to find them the way we left them. We carry the love and teaching with us in all we do. Now we end our words  Etonaiawen, Amen</i>

**SESSION 2**

November 13, 2021 (9 AM – Noon)

**THE FOLLOWING REGISTERED THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE BUSINESS MEETING****Ministry (45)**

Mead Baldwin, Beryl Barraclough, Janet Bisset, Arlen Bonnar, Barbara Bryce, Linda Buchanan, Florence Bukam, Kent Chown, James Christie, David Clinker, Gonzalo Cruz, Rosa Donoso-Cruz, Samuel Vauvert Dansokho, Ryan Fea, Shaun Fryday, Christine-Marie Gladu, Pierre Goldberger, Attila Gyorgy, Cathy Hamilton, Mark Hammond, Ellie Hummel, Alyson Huntly, Reginald Jennings, Elisabeth Jones, Wartan Katchikian, Andrew Kinoti Lairenge, Dave Lambie, Patricia Lisson, Darryl Macdonald, Marie-Claude Manga, John Matheson, Heather McClure, Jennifer Mountain, Birgit Neuschild, Angelika Piché, Read Sherman, Ohannes Siwajian, Darla Sloan, Ian Smith, Rev. Dr. Phyllis Smyth, Tami Spires, Douglas Throop, Neil Whitehouse, Robert Thompson and David Fines.

**Lay Delegates (34)**

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Galanis, Gerard Gouw, William Greaney, Marc Grenon, Charlotte Griffith, Richard Guay, Norm Haslam, Tom Kent, Janice Knowles, L. E. Moir, Johanna Morrow, Valerie Nickson, Andrea Nugent, Helga Ovando, Natacha Sanson, Paul Stanfield, Gary Tompkins, James Vanstone, Fiona Wardrop and Vera Young.

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**Lay Delegates Under 30 (3)**

Denis Ashby, Diane Best and Rachel Lambie.

**Regional Council Staff (7)**

Shanna Bernier, Judy Coffin, David-Roger Gagnon, Rev. Daniel Hayward, Rev. Rosemary Lambie, Joel Miller and Karen Valley.

**Guests of the Regional Council (12)**

Hugh Ballem (simultaneous translator), Rita Beauséjour, Charles Dougherty, Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly, Satewas Harvey Gabriel, Rev. Jan Jorgensen, Chad Linsley (musician), Alicia Loria (simultaneous translator), Kelley Molloy, Morgan-Pierre, Point Marie-Claire Saindon (musician) and Stephane Vermette.

**Regrets (16)**

Adedeji Sunday Akintayo, Melvyn Bryant, Hepta Deslandes, Rev. Denis Fortin, Rev. Helen Hliaras, Marion Hodge, Rev. Lee Ann Hogle, Maureen Kabwe, Ivylin Scott, Dorothy Shaw, Rick Sheffer, Shirley Stark, Nancy Stewart, Brenda Lee Strickland, Renate Sutherland and Ingrid Thompson.

**Quorum**

This meeting had quorum.

**Coffee Time & Signing in**

Attendees were invited to sign in 15 minutes ahead of the start of the meeting; a time dedicated to conversing with friends.

**Announcements - Asylum-seeking family at Plymouth Trinity United Church**

Rev. Samuel Vauvert Dansokho made the following announcement regarding sanctuary to an asylum-seeking family at Plymouth Trinity. Samuel provided his presentation here below:

The last few days in Plymouth-Trinity have been dominated by the decision to provide for sanctuary to the Rodriguez-Flores family. I would like to make it the subject of this weekly pastoral note which will therefore be longer than usual.

It was on Friday November 05 that I was first seized by the Executive Minister of our Regional Council Nakhonhaka Regional Council. She was referring to me an urgent appeal to provide for sanctuary to an asylum-seeking family that was going through the throes of an impending deportation order. A little later, I received the same email and actively sought out reliable information, after I forwarded correspondence to the members of the Plymouth-Trinity Church Board, for their information and comments.

Caution and space do not allow me to fully disclose my contacts or the content of such information. An emergency special meeting was called for Sunday, just after the worship service. After hearing first-hand testimony there, the Board deliberated on the matter and decided to provide for the requested refuge, in faith and not without trembling and trepidation, but with the strong conviction that the Rodriguez-Flores family (Georgina : the mother, Manuel: the father and Manolo: the son who just turned 18) had committed no violent crime and risked almost certain death if she were forced to return to their country of origin, the Mexico. To our knowledge, the main source of their problems lies in their refusal to collaborate with a notorious cartel of drug traffickers.

The family is now in sanctuary. We appreciate our heavy responsibility in the exercise of a privilege and a compelling duty. I give thanks to God for living in a country of law such as Canada and I am grateful to exercise my responsibilities as a minister in a community of faith such as Plymouth-Trinity. More than ever, we need to demonstrate wisdom, courage, discernment, discipline and faith in our prayers, actions and thoughts.

Now, reality is kicking in on us: what are the legal issues raising from our decision in terms of insurances on the people and the family? How practically and legally (e.g., CRA) organize financial support? Any educated information or advice would be welcome.

Please contact Shanna Bernier who is the coordinator of our ad hoc team or myself.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God for deep spirituality, bold discipleship and daring justice!

Discussion: It was noted that the correct terminology to be used is “*providing* sanctuary” and not “offering sanctuary” which is not legal. *Providing* means that the church is responding to a request.

### **Prayer of Support**

Rev. Ellie Hummel led the court in prayer, raising up the concerns felt at Plymouth Trinity Untied Church, and asking for continued presence and guidance during this difficult time.

### **Announcement – Ordination of Raphaël Pérusse**

Rev. Linda Buchanan announced that Raphaël Pérusse would be ordained on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 PM in the sanctuary of Beaconsfield United Church. Following the announcement, the court celebrated by singing Halle, Halle, Halle (Voices United 958).

### **Opening Worship**

Rev. Tami Spires	Good morning Shall we gather for worship as we sing
Chad Linsley	I'm Gonna Live so God can Use Me VU 575
	Stones that block, stones that protect, stones rolled away, stones to build a sanctuary full of life.
	<i>Words to come from Tami describing how we will use the passage: Read it all together, go to our breakout rooms, read it again, and as we introduce ourselves, speak to the words that move us.</i>
	Witness from 1 Peter 2: 8 – 10 Let us listen to words of encouragement and hope written to that community. Let us hear them as inspiration for us in these challenging times.
Rev. Ellie Hummel	1Pe 2:8-10 For the untrusting it's . . . a stone to trip over, a boulder blocking the way. They trip and fall because they refuse to obey, just as predicted. 9 But you are the (human race) chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do (the) work and speak out . . . , to tell others of the night-and-day difference . . . made for you-- 10 from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted. <i>(adapted from The Message)</i>
	Break out rooms discussing text (Lectio Divina)
Rev. Tami Spires	May (your dream) come soon

	<p>to the hungry to the weeping to those who thirst for your justice, to those who have waited centuries for a truly human life. Grant us the patience to smooth the way on which your Kingdom comes to us. Grant us hope that we may not weary in proclaiming and working for it despite so many conflicts, threats, and shortcomings. Grant us a clear vision that in the hour of our history we may see the horizon and know the way on which your Kingdom comes to us. Amen.</p> <p><i>Nicaragua</i> CGP 16T007</p>
Chad Linsley	I'm Gonna Live so God can Use Me VU 575 Vs 1
Rev. Tami Spires	May these words give us wisdom as we continue our work this morning. May the stones that have been seen to be blockages become the materials with which we build a sanctuary of vibrant life.

### **Living into Right Relations Network**

Lisa Byer-de Wever presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Living into Right Relations Network. Following her presentation, Lisa invited inquiries by email [rightrelationsnakonhaka@gmail.com](mailto:rightrelationsnakonhaka@gmail.com) and also invited interested people to visit the network's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1830694830552781>. Additional resources were highlighted which included:

- A workshop in English:  
<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/programs/living-into-right-relations-lirr/>  
Atelier en français :  
<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/fr/programmes/reseau-vivre-en-relations-justes/>
- Online Indigenous History Course - University of Alberta: <https://www.coursera.org/learn/indigenous-canada>

### **Proposals (La Table)**

March Grenon brought focus to the distributed proposals coming for decision to the Regional Council from La Table and answered questions from delegates.

Afterwards, the following notices of motion were made:

### **Theological Education** (distributed as **Appendix F**)

#### **Notice of Motion**

2021-11-12-13 MOTION (/) That the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council forward to the General Council the Theological Education proposal with consensus.

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**Membership in United Church through non-congregational communities of faith** (distributed as **Appendix G**)

**Notice of Motion**

2021-11-12-13 MOTION (/) That the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council forward to the General Council the Membership in United Church Through Non-Congregational Communities of Faith proposal with consensus.

**Recognition of La Table des ministères en français** (distributed as **Appendix H**)

**Notice of Motion**

2021-11-12-13 MOTION (/) That the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council forward to the General Council the Recognition of La Table des ministères en français proposal with consensus.

**Becoming an Affirming Regional Council**

David-Roger Gagnon and Rita Beauséjour presented information on behalf of Pride & Friends on what it means to become an affirming regional council. The presentation was provided in written form and is included here below:

Presentation on November 13<sup>th</sup>

Slide 1 - Only the rainbow

The members of the Fierté et Ami.e.s - Pride & Friends Network would like to thank the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council for having offered us this time to present our request to the Regional Council.

Slide 2 - Title slide

But before we share the video of the personal story, we would like to invite you to join in singing our diversity. Please join us, with mic's on mute, in singing "Queerly Beloved", composed by Amanda Udis-Kessler. This hymn is part of a collection of Queer Sacred Music.

Slide 3 - Queerly Beloved

Queerly beloved, we have assembled,  
Joining in wonder, singing in praise.  
Lifting our eyes, raising our voices,  
Trusting in hope, in love, and in faith.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, God is great.

Queerly beloved, we have been hated,  
Treated as outcasts, ragged and rough.  
Still we persist, joyous and grateful,  
Trusting that grace is ever enough.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, God is love.

Queerly beloved, we have discovered  
Love that is perfect, ending our fear.  
There is a truth waiting to claim us.  
There is a call so strong and so clear.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, God is here.

Slide 4 - Our Request

By taking this important step, Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council will be joining many other regional councils in working through this process to become even more inclusive and more aware of the issues still faced by people in the GLBTQ2S+ communities both inside and outside the church. At the end of our presentation, we will be asking you to voice your support for this effort in the form of an electronic vote.

Slide 5 - Interview with Raphaël title slide

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As you listen to the interview, you will hear Raphaël eloquently give voice to issues and concerns that still exist in the GLBTQ2S+ communities, and, also a powerful call to all of us to live ever more fully into our theology as an Inclusive church. We hope this video will be helpful in your discernment of our request for your support in our efforts to become an Affirming Regional Council.

Slide 6 - The video of the interview with Raphaël

Slide 7 - The Affirming Congregations and Pastoral Charges

Saint-Pierre in Québec

Saint-Jean in Montréal

Cedar Park in Pointe Claire

Beaconsfield in Beaconsfield - And also housed at Beaconsfield United are the Outreach ministries of the West Island LGBTQ2+ Centre, and the programmes supporting the Nigerian Refugee Community. Many of the Nigerian refugees have come to us because of the oppression and dangers they were living in Nigeria because of their orientation.

Union Church – United Church of Canada in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue

Mount Royal Pastoral Charge in Mount Royal

Roxboro Pastoral Charge in Roxboro

Summerlea Pastoral Charge in Lachine

We thank all these communities of Faith and special ministries for having taken part in the Affirm United process to become Affirming communities of faith. We hope that the Regional Council process will inspire other communities of faith and special ministries to join us in this process.

Slide 8 - Partners and Ministries

Montreal City Mission

Saint Columba House

The Nigerian Refugee Community at Beaconsfield United Church

The Youth and Young Adult Ministries (YAYA)

The West Island LGBTQ2+ Centre

Thank you for supporting our request effort today!

Slide 9 - Our official request

That the Conseil régional Nakhonka Regional Council undertakes the formal process required by Affirm United in order to become an Affirming Regional Council.

Slide 10 - We Need You!

If you would like to participate in the organization committee that will over-see the project, you are invited to contact David-Roger Gagnon at: [DRGagnon@united-church.ca](mailto:DRGagnon@united-church.ca) .

Slide 11 - Thank you very much for your support!

After the presentation the following notice of motion was announced:

### **Notice of Motion**

2021-11-12-13 MOTION (S. Fryday/G. Tompkins) That the Conseil régional Nakhonka Regional Council undertakes the formal process required by Affirm United in order to become an Affirming Regional Council.

### **Breakout Rooms**

Delegates were placed into discussion groups to discuss all of the proposals presented on behalf of La Table as well as the proposal to become an affirming regional Council.

### **Break**

A five-minute break was had by all.

**Vote – Regional Council 2022 Budget** (distributed as **Appendix B<sup>1</sup>**)

**2021-11-12-13\_007 MOTION** (P. Stanfield/F. Braman) that the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council accept the 2022 budget as presented. **CARRIED**

**Vote – Presentation – F&E 2022 Budget** (distributed as **Appendix B<sup>2</sup>**)

**2021-11-12-13\_008 MOTION** (P. Bisset/F. Braman) that the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council accept the Finance & Extension 2022 budget as presented. **CARRIED**

**Vote – Updates to Governance Handbook****Amendment to the Policy Regarding Proceeds from the Sale of Property**

**2021-11-12-13\_009 MOTION** (F. Braman/M. Grenon) that the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council receive for information the amendment made by the Executive to the Policy Regarding Proceeds from the Sale of Property, and update the Governance Handbook:

2021-02-18\_020 MOTION (F. Braman/P. Bisset) that the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the recommendations of the Property and Finance Leadership Team that the Policy regarding proceeds from the sale of property be amended to recommend that 5%-10% of the net proceeds from the sale be remitted to Mission & Service Fund in the case of a community of faith that is not disbanding. Carried **CARRIED**

**2021-11-12-13\_010 MOTION** (F. Braman/M. Grenon) That the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council accept the amendment to the current text of item (b) under “Community of Faith that is not disbanding” in the Policy regarding proceeds from the Sale of Property be replaced by

*recommend that 5%-10% of the net proceeds from the sale be remitted to the Nakhonha:ka Regional Council to support a Granting and Enabling Strategic Fund of the Regional Council held by the Finance and Extension Board with disbursement at the direction of the Regional Council on the recommendation of the Granting and Enabling Leadership Team (GELT). The terms of reference of such Fund shall be proposed by GELT and approved by Regional Council*

and item (g) under “Community of Faith that is disbanding” in the Policy regarding proceeds from the Sale of Property be replaced by

*10% of the net proceeds from the sale be remitted to the Nakhonha:ka Regional Council to support a Granting and Enabling Strategic Fund of the Regional Council held by the Finance and Extension Board with disbursement at the direction of the Regional Council on the recommendation of the Granting and Enabling Leadership Team (GELT). The terms of reference of such Fund shall be proposed by GELT and approved by Regional Council*

**CARRIED**

**Vote – Amendment to Policy on Leases, Major Renovations and Other Major Assets**

**2021-11-12-13\_011 MOTION** (F. Braman/M. Grenon) that the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council receive for information the amendment by the Executive the Policy on Leases, Major Renovations and Other Major Assets, and update the Governance Handbook:

2020-10-08\_127 MOTION (F. Braman/P. Stanfield) that the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Property & Finance Leadership Group that its Policy on Leases, Major Renovations and Other Major Assets be amended to add the following sentence to Other Major Assets –“ Other Major Assets include only assets of more than \$50,000 in a contemplated transaction, it being the intent that Trustees exercise their fiduciary duties in respect of assets of lesser value and on the understanding that the conflict of interest policies of The United Church of Canada are fully respected. Other major assets include any part of the property on which the church building is located.” Carried **CARRIED**

**Amendment to the Policy for Electing General Council Commissioners** (distributed as **Appendix C**)

**2021-11-12-13\_012 MOTION** (C. Hamilton/A. Huntly) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council amend the amendment to the Policy for Electing General Council Commissioners, and strike out section 2 b) “Be a member of the Regional Council (Ordered Ministry or Lay elected by their community of faith or be a member of a Leadership Team of the Regional Council)” and include under section 4, “1/3 Ordered and 1/3 Lay”, to replace “5 Ordered and 5 Lay” **CARRIED**

**2021-11-12-13\_013 MOTION** (D. Lambie/T. Spires) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council enact the amended Policy for Electing General Council Commissioners. **CARRIED**

**Proposed Amendment to Regional Council Annual and General Meetings** (distributed as **Appendix D**)

**2021-11-12-13\_014 MOTION** (M. Grenon/T. Spires) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council accept the amendment to Regional Council Annual and General Meetings Planning, to update part of the Regional Council Living Mission, in the Governance Handbook. **CARRIED**

**Enter into the Affirm United Process**

**2021-11-12-13\_015 MOTION** (S. Fryday/G. Tompkins) That the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council undertakes the formal process required by Affirm United in order to become an Affirming Regional Council. **CARRIED**

**Motion to Extend**

**2021-11-12-13\_016 MOTION** (T. Spires/D. Ashby) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council extend the meeting to 12:30 PM. **CARRIED**

**44<sup>th</sup> General Council Commissioners** – Bio of General Council 44 Commissioner Rev. Christine-Marie Gladu was distributed as **Appendix E**

**2021-11-12-13\_017 MOTION** (D. Lambie/T. Spires) that, in addition to the 44<sup>th</sup> General Council Commissioners already been voted (see motion 2021-06-12\_071), and due to a vacancy having been declared under the Ministry Personnel category, the following people be added to serve as the 44<sup>th</sup> General Council Commissioners representing Nakonha:ka Regional Council:

Lay

1. Morgan-Pierre Point

Ministry Personnel

2. Rev. Marie-Claude Manga  
3. Rev. Christine Marie Gladu

**CARRIED**

2021-06-12\_071 MOTION (D. Lambie/G. Beaudoin) that one position be held for the Youth Pilgrim, and that the following people serve as the 44<sup>th</sup> General Council Commissioners representing Nakonha:ka Regional Council:

Lay

1. Marc Grenon, President-Elect  
2. Ben Ryan (under 30)  
3. Youth Pilgrim  
4. Fred Braman  
5. Valerie-Epps Nickson

Ministry Personnel

6. Rev. Linda Buchanan  
7. ~~Rev. Heather McClure~~  
8. Rev. Cathy Hamilton  
9. Rev. Tami Spires

Lay Alternates:

1. Morgan-Pierre Point  
2. Denis Ashby  
3. Norman Robert Boie  
4. L.E. Moir

And further, that the Nominations Team reopen Expressions of Interest to seek to fill a clergy vacancy, to

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secure clergy alternates and report its recommendations to the Regional Council for approval. Carried

### **Calls for nomination to General Council Executive**

Rev. Cathy Hamilton informed that the General Council Executive, which is currently 16 positions, will have 8 positions with terms ending in 2022, and invited those interested to submit an expression of interest and/or nominate someone to the General Council Nominations Committee. A formal call will go out at the beginning of February 2022.

### **The United Church of Canada's Call**

Rev. Samuel Dansokho introduced The United Church of Canada's Call to "Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice". The United Church of Canada Call reflects the core of its purpose.

### **Proposals (La Table)**

#### **Theological Education** (distributed as **Appendix F**)

**2021-11-12-13\_018 MOTION** (M. Grenon/S. Dansokho) That the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council forward to the General Council the Theological Education proposal with consensus. **CARRIED**

#### **Membership in United Church through non-congregational communities of faith** (distributed as **Appendix G**)

**2021-11-12-13\_019 MOTION** (M. Grenon/ S. Dansokho) That the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council forward to the General Council the Membership in United Church Through Non-Congregational Communities of Faith proposal with consensus. **CARRIED**

#### **Recognition of La Table des ministères en français** (Distributed as **Appendix H**)

**2021-11-12-13\_020 MOTION** (M. Grenon/ S. Dansokho) That the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council forward to the General Council the Recognition of La Table des ministères en français proposal with consensus. **CARRIED**

### **Recognition of Licensed Lay Worship Leaders, Commissioning for General Council and closing worship**

Rev. Angelika Piché	<p>Stones that block, stones that protect, stones rolled away, stones to build a sanctuary full of life.</p> <p>Our final liturgy of the day is built around the desire to covenant with a variety of different leaders, people who are prepared to serve within the leadership of this Regional Council.</p> <p>Some have prepared to be Licensed Lay Worship leaders with training through the United Theological College.</p> <p>Some have offered themselves to the challenging task to be commissioners to General Council for the next 3 years.</p> <p>We give thanks for their willingness to serve as holy stone rollers.</p>
Chad Linsley and Marie-Claire Saindon	<p>Hymn: I have Called you by your name MV 161</p> <p>1 French</p> <p>3 English</p> <p>4 French</p> <p><i>(note we will not sing vs 2 as it refers to ordained ministry)</i></p>
Rev. Angelika Piché	<p>Introduction of Licensed Lay Worship Leaders</p> <p>Morgan-Pierre Point</p>
Morgan-Pierre Point	<p>1Pe 2:9-10</p> <p>9 But you are the (human race) chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do (the) work and speak out..., to tell others of the night-and-day difference...made for you--</p>



	<p>10 from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted. <i>(adapted from The Message)</i></p>
Rev. Éric Hebert-Daly	<p>Affirmation (taken from A Song of Faith We sing of God's good news lived out, a church with purpose:     faith nurtured and hearts comforted,     gifts shared for the good of all,     resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize,     fierce love in the face of violence,     human dignity defended,     members of a community held and inspired by God,     corrected and comforted,     instrument of the loving Spirit of Christ,     creation's mending. We sing of God's mission. We are each given particular gifts of the Spirit. For the sake of the world,     God calls all followers of Jesus to Christian ministry. In the church,     some are called to specific ministries of leadership,     both lay and ordered;     some witness to the good news;     some uphold the art of worship;     some comfort the grieving and guide the wandering;     some build up the community of wisdom;     some stand with the oppressed and work for justice. To embody God's love in the world,     the work of the church requires the ministry and discipleship     of all believers.</p>
Rev. Linda Buchanan	<p>Lay ministry has been a priority of The United Church of Canada. Over the years, many people have participated in the training programs that the church has offered and have enriched the church's on-going ministry in their communities. Today, some of them will affirm their willingness to be in an accountable relationship under supervision, with the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council as they continue their ministries.</p>
	Response: Yes, I do.
	Do you promise to keep your commitment of continuing your ministry, of continuing your study, and of supporting the work of lay ministry in your Community of Faith and the Regional Council?
	Response: Yes, I do.
	Do you accept the oversight of the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council and promise to share in the work of our Regional Council as it responds to the needs of others?
	Response: Yes, I do.
	<i>To all: Do you, the members of the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council offer your continued support of the ministries of these members?</i> Response: Yes, we do.
	In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and by the authority of the <i>Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council</i> , I recognize your commitment as Licensed Lay Worship Leaders in this Regional Council.
	Let us pray God of Love, we thank you for the many gifts offered in your service by these Licensed

	Lay Worship Leaders among us. We ask for your blessings, that we will always seek your guidance and counsel, knowing that in serving others, we will find life and wholeness.
	<u>Hymn</u> Halle, Halle, Halle (VU 958)
	To Send Forth a Commissioner to General Council
Rev. Rosemary Lambie	We are ready to commission those who will fully participate in the 44th General Council of the United Church of Canada. We are grateful for your willingness to serve in what will be a very different kind of General Council. We trust the Holy Spirit to inspire you as you lead our church as a General Council Commissioner.
	Would all the (new??) General Council Commissioners unmute their mic?
	Do you believe that God is calling you to this ministry, to be a Commissioner to the General Council of The United Church of Canada?
<u>Commissioners</u>	I do so believe, God being my helper.
	Are you prepared to listen to the Spirit that you may hear God's direction for our church?
	I am, God being my helper.
	Will you faithfully study the documents provided to you, in light of the scriptures and in light of Christ within you? Will you serve as Commissioner for the next three years?
	I will, God being my helper.
	Now is the time for the whole Regional Council to unmute their mics.
	Will you prayerfully support these Commissioners in their work and call as Commissioners to General Council this summer?
Regional Council Members	We will, God being our helper.
	Prayer
Rev. Rosemary Lambie	Let us pray: God of Love, we thank you for the many gifts offered in your service by these General Council Commissioners. We ask that you inspire them and guide their path as they prepare to serve for the next 3 years. We ask for your blessings, that they will always seek your guidance and counsel, knowing that in serving others, we will all find life and wholeness. Amen
Chad Linsley	<u>Hymn</u> Halle, Halle, Halle (VU 958)
	As we end our time together, let us again hear from 1 Peter chapter 2
Morgan-Pierre Point	1Pe 2:11 Friends, this world is not your home, so don't make yourselves cozy in it. Don't indulge your ego at the expense of your soul.  1Pe 2:12 Live an exemplary life (among the local people) so that your actions will refute their prejudices. Then they'll be won over to God's side and be there to join in the celebration ... <i>(adapted from The Message)</i>
	Closing Hymn (Like a Rock Linnea Good) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLLz1VgN7U4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLLz1VgN7U4</a>

**Closing Motions**

**2021-11-12-13\_021 MOTION** (R. Lambie/V. Epps-Nickson) that following the rise of session two of the General Meeting of the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council, all powers of the Regional Council be granted to the Executive until the next general meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2022. **CARRIED**

**2021-11-12-13\_022 MOTION** (V. Epps-Nickson/R. Lambie) that the meeting be adjourned at 12:40 PM, and that the President declares this General Meeting of the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council duly concluded. **CARRIED**

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**NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> (3:30 PM)****Celebration of Ministry**

The Celebration of Ministry Service was held in the Sanctuary at Beaconsfield United Church, situated in Beaconsfield, Quebec, at 3:30 p.m., on November 21<sup>st</sup> 2021. The officiants (Rev. Linda Buchanan, President; Rev. Rosemary Lambie, Executive Minister; Rev. Dan Hayward, Pastoral Relations Minister; Karen Valley, Office of Vocation Minister; hosting Minister, Rev. Shaun Fryday) and candidate for ordination (Raphaël Péroisse) entered the sanctuary singing the processional hymn “Called by Earth and Sky” (MV 135). The service opened with words of welcome, followed by the Call to Worship, the lighting the Christ Candle, and the Prayer of Approach. The Scripture reading was Psalm 23 read by candidate. The sermon, “As Old as the Hills...”, was preached by Rev. Cindy Casey. This was followed by the singing of the hymn “I Have Called You By Your Name” (MV 161).

The Celebration of New Ministries began with the reciting of “Our Affirmation of Faith”. The candidate was then presented and led through the taking of vows and laying on of hands. This was followed by the presentation of a bible, chalice and paten. The Ordained were presented with a stole. Those in attendance responded with “Halle, Halle, Halle” (VU 958). This part of the service was concluded with the singing of hymn “Come Touch Our Hearts” (MV 12).

Raphaël Péroisse

Ordained to the Order of Ministry of the United Church of Canada

Due to Covid 19, there wasn't a service of Communion, instead, the Blessing of Water and a Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vowels - this liturgy was written and shared by Pacific Mountain Regional Council. This was followed by the singing of hymn “I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry” (MV 161). After the closing benediction all sang the recessional hymn “My Love Colours Outside the Lines (MV 138). The new member of the Order of Ministry of the United Church of Canada and the officiants were led out of the Sanctuary.

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Rev. Linda Buchanan  
Chair

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Rev. Rosemary Lambie  
Executive Minister

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Joel Miller  
Recording Secretary

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**Appendices**

Appendix A	Minutes of June 12 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting
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\*\*\*All appendices were made available prior to the meeting on the Regional Council website

\*\*\*All final version of policies are in the Governance Handbook found on the Regional Council website:  
<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Governance-Handbook-Version-Nov.-13-2021-1.pdf>

\*\*\* All Proposals from La Table were forwarded to General Council 44.