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LIVING MISSION OF THE NAKONHA:KA REGIONAL COUNCIL

- Supporting and enhancing the life of Communities of Faith where ministry takes place and is emerging
 - Nurturing Social Justice and Outreach programs
 - Building and supporting Communications

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Rev. Trish Elliott**Stewardship & Gifts Officer – beginning in July**

Trish will be working with East Central Ontario Regional Council, Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council and Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council.

AGENDA

*****Note that this agenda is current as of the time of printing,
but last minute changes may develop**

**GENERAL AGENDA FOR INAUGURAL GATHERING OF NAKONHA:KA
REGIONAL COUNCIL**

WE GATHER...

9:00-9:30 *Registration / Coffee and community time*

9:30-12:00 *(welcoming music)*

In the beginning...

- Welcome to the land
- Call to Order / Enabling Motions / Intros
- Sharing and Storytelling (Table Groups)

12:00-2:00 LUNCH *(if weather permits, lunch may be enjoyed in the great outdoors)*

- Leadership Team Fair and Nominations
- Practice time for Choir / Celebration of Ministry participants

...TO SHARE IN THE WORK OF THE CHURCH...

2:00-5:00 *(welcoming music)*

Co-Creators as God recreates and recreates and recreates

- General Council
- Reports / Enabling Motions
- Covenanting with new Executive and Leadership Teams, Installation of new President

...AND TO PRAISE GOD FOR THE JOURNEY

5:00-6:30 SUPPER

- Choir Practice / Assemble participants for Celebration of Ministry

6:30-9:00 **Celebration of Ministry** (with communion)
RECEPTION

THE RULES OF DEBATE AND ORDER

1. Presiding Officer

The function of the Presiding Officer is to preside, with all that that implies. The Presiding Officer should not attempt to control the decision of the Court, but may express opinions on any matter before the Court. If the Presiding Officer wishes to introduce a motion or to present a report, the Presiding Officer shall ask another member to preside, and while out of the Chair shall be an ordinary member of the Court and must not assume the chair until the matter is disposed of. The Presiding Officer does not vote except in the event of a tie.

2. Questions of Privilege and Order

(a) A point of order may be raised while a matter is pending or while another member has the floor. When a point of order is raised it must be dealt with by the Presiding Officer without debate. If a member has the floor when a point of order is raised by another member, that member must yield the floor until the Presiding Officer has made a ruling.

(b) Any member of the Court may appeal from a ruling of the Chair, but only at the time when the ruling is made. But where a ruling is a precedent the general question of its correctness may be brought up later when there is no business pending, but cannot then affect the business transacted under the ruling.

(c) When an appeal from a ruling is made, the Presiding Officer should state the point at issue, and may give reasons for the ruling. The Secretary shall then put the question in the following form: "Is the ruling of the Moderator (or such other title by which the Presiding Officer is known) sustained?" If the vote is a tie, the Presiding Officer is sustained. The Secretary shall declare the result.

3. Orders of the Day

(a) When an agenda has been adopted that does not specify the time for its items, such items are considered without time limit, unless the Court decides otherwise by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those voting.

(b) When an agenda has been adopted that specifies the time for particular items, such time shall be strictly adhered to, unless the Court decides otherwise by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those voting. (2010)

4. Order of Priority on Motions

(a) To close. (2010)

(b) To fix the time to adjourn.

(c) To adjourn.

(d) To take an immediate vote (two-thirds (2/3) vote required).

(e) To limit or extend limits of debate (two-thirds (2/3) vote required).

(f) To postpone definitely.

(g) To commit or refer.

(h) To amend.

(i) To postpone indefinitely.

(j) To deal with main motions.

5. Procedures on Motion

- (a) A member of the Court proposes a motion.
- (b) It is seconded. If there is no seconder, the motion fails.
- (c) When the motion is duly moved and seconded, the Presiding Officer states the motion and declares it open for discussion. If the mover has not already done so, the mover has the right to introduce the discussion.
- (d) A motion is out of order when it conflicts with a resolution previously passed at the same session unless it is a motion to reconsider.
- (e) Without the permission of the Court, no member may speak more than once on any motion or on any amendment thereto.
- (f) The mover of a motion has the right of reply before any vote is taken thereon or on any amendment thereto. Even when the Court has directed that an immediate vote be taken on a motion, the mover still has the right of reply.
- (g) When a motion has two (2) or more clearly defined parts or points of issue, and any two (2) members request that it be divided, a separate vote must be taken on each part.
- (h) Any motion may be withdrawn but only with the consent of its mover and seconder.
- (i) After a motion is under consideration a question of order cannot be raised against it unless the motion is ultra vires.

6. Procedure on Amendments

- (a) Any member except the mover or the seconder of the motion may move a relevant amendment thereto.
- (b) An amendment must be seconded, and if there is no seconder it fails.
- (c) A motion is amended by striking out certain words or clauses, adding certain words or clauses, or striking out all after the word “Resolved” (or the word “that”), and inserting another motion that will dispose of the matter. An amendment that merely negatives a motion before the Court is out of order.
- (d) There may be an amendment to the amendment, provided it has been duly seconded.
- (e) There is no limit to the number of amendments, but at any one time there can be before the Court only the motion, the amendment, and the amendment to the amendment.
- (f) When an amendment is disposed of, other relevant amendments may be proposed.
- (g) The discussion is always on the immediately pending question, and it must be voted on first. When a motion, an amendment, and an amendment to the amendment are before the Court, the two first named are “pending questions” and the last is the “immediately pending question.” When the immediately pending question is disposed of, the one above it then becomes the immediately pending question, until the whole matter is disposed of.
- (h) When an amendment carries, it is not thereby adopted as the finding of the Court, but only changes the proposition under discussion.
- (i) When a motion, an amendment, and an amendment to the amendment are before a Court, three (3) separate votes including “for” and “against” must be taken. The first determines whether the amendment shall be amended, the second determines whether the motion shall be amended, and the third determines whether the motion, in whatever form it is then before the Court, shall be adopted or rejected.

7. Procedure on Voting

- (a) A vote is generally taken viva voce or by a show of hands. The Presiding Officer may ask for a standing vote. Upon motion duly passed, the vote shall be taken by ballot. In all actions of Church Courts regarding membership in the Order of Ministry requiring voting procedure, the vote shall be taken by ballot unless waived by unanimous consent; that is, on motion to waive, no dissenting vote is cast. See also sections C.5.7 and D.4.4 of the bylaws.
- (b) In the event of a tie, the Presiding Officer shall cast the deciding vote.
- (c) An affirmative vote on a motion does not validate any motion that is ultra vires of the Court, or that contravenes a decision of a higher Court.
- (d) In the conduct of United Church business, voting by proxy or by mail-in ballot is not permitted. Voting by telephone or by email is permitted only when it occurs during a meeting that is held in a manner that allows all of the persons participating to communicate with one another simultaneously and instantaneously.(2010)

8. Procedure on Motion to Reconsider

- (a) A motion to reconsider may be made at any time when the floor is vacant; but the actual reconsideration has only the same priority as the motion to be reconsidered.
- (b) A motion to reconsider must be moved by a member who voted with the majority. Any member may second.
- (c) If a motion to reconsider is dealt with at the same meeting in which the original motion was adopted, it will fail unless two-thirds (2/3) of those voting are in favour thereof. If a motion to reconsider is dealt with at a subsequent meeting of the Court, a majority of those voting determines the question.
- (d) When any motion to reconsider has been duly seconded, all action on the original motion is suspended until the motion to reconsider has been disposed of. No motion to reconsider can be entertained by the Court where action has already been taken under the original motion.
- (e) A motion cannot be reconsidered twice unless materially changed on the first reconsideration. If a motion to reconsider has been lost, it cannot be repeated.
- (f) A motion to reconsider is debatable only when the motion to be reconsidered is debatable. It cannot be amended, postponed indefinitely, or committed.

9. Motion to Refer

A motion to refer is debatable, but only as to the wisdom and manner of the proposed referral. It requires only a majority of those voting.

10. Motion to Postpone Indefinitely

A motion to postpone indefinitely, when in order, must be put without debate. If the motion is lost, it cannot be repeated or reconsidered. If carried, the motion along with all amendments is removed from debate. At any time it may be brought back before the Court by motion duly seconded and carried. In such case the question is before the Court in exactly the position it held at the time it was removed from debate. A motion to postpone indefinitely can have no conditions attached to it. If a time is specified, it immediately ceases to be a motion to postpone indefinitely and becomes a motion to postpone definitely and is debatable.(2007)

11. Motion to Take an Immediate Vote

If a motion to take an immediate vote (for which a two-thirds (2/3) vote is required) is carried, the vote shall be taken immediately. The mover of the main motion, however, shall have the right to reply before the vote is taken. If such a motion fails, debate on the main motion shall continue. A motion to take an immediate vote is not debatable.

12. Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn is intended to suspend a meeting until another time. A motion to adjourn is in order only if there is already an agreed-upon time and place for resuming the meeting, or if the motion specifies a time and place for resuming the meeting. A motion to adjourn requires a seconder. Only the conditions attached to the motion to adjourn, such as time and place for resuming the meeting, are debatable; the wisdom of adjourning is not debatable.(2010)

13. Closing a Meeting (2010)

(a) A motion to close is intended to terminate a meeting. A new meeting may commence, at a future time, by previous agreement or by call. There can be no conditions attached to a motion to close. A motion to close requires a seconder. A motion to close is not debatable.(2010)

(b) When all the business and purposes of a meeting have been attended to and the Presiding Officer is satisfied that there is no further business before the Court, the Presiding Officer may declare that the meeting is closed, without the need for a motion to close.(2010)

14. Committee of the Whole

(a) Any Court, for greater freedom of discussion, may, on motion duly made, seconded, and carried, move into a Committee of the Whole. Any such motion is neither debatable nor amendable, except only as to the scope of the subject to be discussed. The motion is not in order if there is a pending motion to adjourn the meeting or to postpone discussion on the subject.(2007)

(b) The first act of the Committee of the Whole is to appoint a chairperson and a secretary. A separate minute of the proceedings is taken.(2007)

(c) The ordinary limitations of debate do not prevail in the Committee of the Whole. The chairperson restates the matter(s) to be considered. Discussion is then opened and is conducted informally. Motions need not be seconded. Unless the resolution creating the Committee of the Whole imposes restrictions, there are no restrictions, within reason, on the number of times a member may speak or on the length of speeches, except that priority is given to a member who has not yet spoken.(2007)

(d) When the deliberations of the Committee of the Whole are concluded, the Committee will dispose of a motion that the Committee rise and report; this motion does not require seconding and is neither debatable nor amendable. When this motion is passed, a report is prepared and submitted to the chairperson of the main meeting, who reconvenes the main meeting.(2007)

(e) A Committee of the Whole can neither adjourn nor terminate; it only can report back to the main meeting. It can, of course, recess briefly to prepare its report.(2007)

15. General

(a) When a member utters language that another member considers offensive, the latter may require that the words be taken down. The speaker is then allowed to proceed. When the speaker yields the floor, the words complained of may be considered and dealt with. Such words may not be privileged.

(b) Members of any Court should at all times therein conduct themselves with dignity, fairness, and understanding. The prime concern should be the good order and welfare of the church.

(c) In any point not covered in The Manual, the parliamentary rules accepted in Canada (Bourinot) shall be followed.

ENABLING MOTIONS

1. **Regional Council Roll:**

That the Ministerial Roll of the Regional Council and the non-Ministerial Roll of the Regional Council thus constituted be now taken as read.

2. **Other Delegates:**

That anyone who has a role to play at the General Meeting of the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council (e.g. members of the Regional Council Executive, Chairs of Leadership Teams and who has not been appointed as a delegate by her/his Community of Faith, be a full delegate with all the privileges of other delegates, and that the youth and young adult representatives from each Community of Faith be full delegates.

3. **Corresponding Members:**

That the students serving this Regional Council; the candidates for Ordination and Admission, those present as invited guests of this Regional Council, resource persons, all who have registered for the Youth and Young Adult Event and other guests recognized by this court, be invited to sit as corresponding members of the Court.

4. **Minimum Number of Members at Meetings:**

That the minimum number of members for any session of this Regional Council is present (C.4.3, The Manual 2019).

5. **Agenda:**

That the agenda as printed and circulated, the reports, and the daily Agenda, be adopted as the Agenda for this meeting, subject to such changes as may be determined by the Business Leadership Team and approved by this Court.

6. **Procedures for Reports:**

That the following procedure with respect to reports being presented at the Regional Council be adopted.

- a. Reports and any attendant recommendations be dealt with in the allotted time.
- b. If action has not been completed in the allotted time, then the Regional Council may:
 - i. Request that additional time on the Agenda be arranged by the Business Leadership Team
 - ii. Refer the report with its recommendation(s) to the appropriate body or bodies concerned, along with power to issue
 - iii. Refer the report with its recommendation(s) to the Executive of the Regional Council for such action as the Executive deems appropriate.

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7. Meeting of the Executive:
That the Executive (which is empowered to act on behalf of the Regional Council between the meetings of the Court) be empowered to meet, if necessary, during the sessions of this Regional Council meeting and report those matters which require the approval of this Court.
 8. Inclusive Language:
It is recommended that every attempt be made to use inclusive (non-sexist) language in all worship, reports, petitions and discussions in this Court.
 9. Business Leadership Team:
That the *Business Leadership Team* be: Chair of the Executive, Executive Minister, Chair of Planning and the coordinator of proposals
 10. Scrutineers:
That the *Scrutineers* be appointed from the membership of the Court.
 11. Courtesies:
That the *Courtesies Leadership Team* be appointed from the membership of the Court.
 12. Election of the President:
That the following be the procedure for the nomination of persons to the office of President, when necessary:
 1. That written nominations be supported by three signatures and be presented to either the Chair of the Regional Council Executive, or the Executive Minister by noon on Saturday of the meeting.
 2. That the opportunity be given for nominations from the floor, with the consent of the nominee having been previously secured.
 3. That the election be by ballot, with a clear majority necessary for election.
 13. Advisory Leadership Team:
That a Leadership Team comprised of all past Presidents of Synode Montreal & Ottawa Conference present will assist the Chair of the Regional Council Executive in dealing with matters arising on the floor of the Regional Council not already on the Agenda which may require special consideration.

14. Financial Policy to address requests for unbudgeted expenses:**Policy Regarding Financial Appeals at Annual Meetings**

POLICY NAME: Policy regarding Financial Appeals at the Annual Meeting of the Regional Council	Date Approved: February 28, 2019
	Review date:
Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to clarify limits of the budget process. <i>The Manual C.2.5.</i>	

Preamble

This document outlines the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council's policy and best practices regarding requests for funding outside of the approved annual budget at the annual meeting.

Policy

It is the policy of the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council to affirm and uphold the use and function of the Business Committee for matters coming to the floor of the Annual Meeting of the Regional Council.

It is the policy of the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council that any motion committing the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council to the expenditure of non-budgeted sums of money be required to have a budget attached;

It is the policy of the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council that any motion committing the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council to non-budgeted expenditures which are presented during the Annual Meeting be automatically referred to the Executive who may request input from the Property and Finance Team first before making the decision;

It is the policy of the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council that in the interests of fairness and justice, requests for funding of projects or groups not covered in the existing Financial budgets be subject to conditions and criteria similar to those that are currently expected of requests for Mission Support, and other funds available within the Regional Council.

The Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott
United Church of Canada 43rd Moderator
Representative of the General Council Office



“The United Church of Canada has a wideness of its theologies and its practices of faith that’s enriched, not only as we learn our own stories, but as we listen carefully and celebrate and learn from each other’s understanding of Creator,” says the United Church’s 43rd Moderator, the Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott.

Born in Marathon, ON, on the traditional and unceded territory of the Biigtigong Nishnaabeg, and ordained in 1994, the Rev. Bott has lived his life “as a beloved child of God” within the United Church. He has served communities of faith in Ontario and British Columbia, most recently Pacific Spirit United Church in Vancouver, and is well known for his skills as a leader, writer, and educator, and an active user of social media.

Elected at the [43rd General Council](#) in Oshawa, ON, in July 2018, Bott spoke about the need for the church to build trust, and to not be afraid to talk about our collective purpose. He offered this as a starting point: “To help people to enter into and deepen their relationship with God ... through the stories and person of Jesus of Nazareth. How do we do that? With the most radical love that we know: a true love of Holy Mystery, a true love of ourselves, and a true love of all other parts and people in God’s creation.”

Moderator Bott is passionate about the possibilities that we have in front of us as a church, and encourages all of us to ask and attend to both the pain and the joy that is being expressed, and then to take action on what we’re told. Entering the role of Moderator at a time when significant changes to church structures are underway, he believes that the purpose of those structures is to help the wide diversity of communities of faith across the church live into their ministries.

He is also taking on the role at a time when the Executive of the General Council has defined the triennium’s focus as one on discipleship, a focus he welcomes. “I believe that each of us needs to explore what this faith in God means to us; and what Jesus means to us,” he says. “As we explore it as individuals, I hope that we can find way of exploring it as communities of faith and fellowship.”

Moderator Bott has

- served in the congregations of Trinity United Church in Iroquois Falls, ON, St. Marys United Church in St. Marys, ON, St. Andrews-Haney (which, with Hammond United, became Golden Ears United Church), in Maple Ridge, B.C., and Dunbar Heights (which, with Ryerson United, became Pacific Spirit United Church) in Vancouver
- served on presbytery committees and facilitated workshops and worship services in a number of Conferences
- taken part in worship, interchurch/interfaith, and stewardship committees and other working groups of the General Council
- facilitated the work of small groups
- chaired a presbytery (Huron Perth) and a Conference (London)
- written prayers, calls, and litanies for *Gathering*, the United Church’s worship planning resources
- managed a Facebook group of over 700 United Church ministers

He will work from both Toronto and Vancouver, to continue to grow his relationship not only with the church but also with his daughter, Rowan.

Beth Baskin**Program Coordinator, Social Analysis and Congregational Engagement in the
Church in Mission Unit for the United Church of Canada
Representative of the General Council Office**

Beth Baskin is Program Coordinator, Social Analysis and Congregational Engagement in the Church in Mission Unit for the United Church of Canada. She is a theologically trained lay- person who has managed to work in Anglican, United, and ecumenical church settings with a focus on children, youth and justice in various combinations for several decades. She lives in downtown Toronto, but was born and shaped by the west coast of Canada.

In the mid-eighties Beth benefited from 6 weeks in Montreal in a French immersion program, and still understands the French language fairly well, but does struggle with a “good accent” according to her almost bilingual son. Beth is at this meeting to connect with any and everybody who wants to talk about justice issues and how we faithfully engage justice in our world.

**Rev. Georgia Copland
Choir Director**

Born and brought up in Montreal, I lived most of my life in that city. I was married and raised 4 children. Each summer the family would travel the 60 km north to Lac Marois, in the Laurentian mountains, where extended family had settled each summer since 1902. It is to Lac Marois that I returned when I (technically!) retired in 2006.

My call to ministry came late in life and I was ordained into the UCC in 1996. I served a 2-point pastoral charge in Seaway Valley Presbytery for 3 years, and a 2-point pastoral charge in Belleville Presbytery for 7 years after which I returned to live at Lac Marois and assume 3 different appointments of varying lengths.

I have always been deeply involved in drama and music – largely through church and school connections, and for the past 40 years have enjoyed conducting church choirs everywhere I have been. It is a pleasure to have been asked to conduct the Regional Council’s Choir this year Inaugural Meeting.

**Julia Budd
Pot Luck Band Director**

Julia Budd is the Musical Director at both Trinity, and Anjou United Churches, in Montreal. Julia is also active within the United Church's "Living into Right Relations Committee", addressing indigenous & reconciliatory issues. Julia is also active in the "Wolf Pack Street Patrol", an indigenous initiated group under the leadership of Allan Harrington, patrolling evenings from 8 p.m. to midnight, dealing with the concerns of Montreal's homeless population, while being a presence for the indigenous community. Julia has 40 years of experience, teaching piano to all ages and levels.

Ryan Fea
Candidate for Ordination
St-James United Church, Montreal, QC



I am at home in the eb and flow of the life of the United Church. With a passion for justice, inclusion, and peace grounded firmly in the love of God and a dedication to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ I am overjoyed and committed to pursuing my ministry. Having worked extensively as a professional with volunteer groups promoting rights and education for LGBTQ2+ peoples, HIV/AIDS advocacy and education, seniors' networks, and youth and young adult ministry. I love people, I love to learn, and I love the work of ministry. Feeling blessed to serve as an ordained minister within the United Church of Canada, I look forward to standing with the people of the church through the many challenges, developments, and opportunities ahead. Together we will honour our past, and follow the Spirit's call into the future.

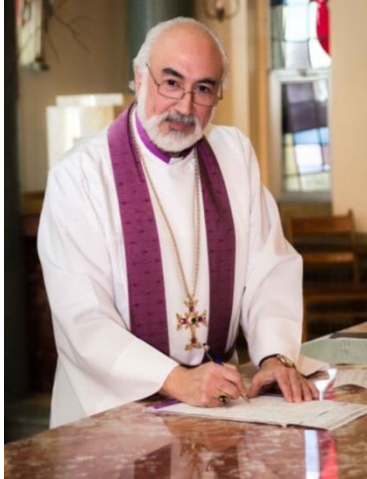
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Candidate for Admission
Mid-Laurentian United Church, Rawdon, QC



Originally from South Korea I began my appointment as minister on the 1st of July 2015 at Mid-Laurentian United Church in Rawdon. Growing up as Methodist in South Korea, I was ordained in April 2003 and had served as Air Force Chaplain (Rank: Captain) until 2007. After my military chaplaincy years, I left my home country to gain different types of training. In 2007 I moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts in the United States to deepen my knowledge of diverse forms of ministry and early Christian history at Harvard University. After graduating in 2011, I returned to South Korea and worked as an English instructor at Sogang University. In August 2012 I ended up moving to Montreal in Canada to complete Ph.D. studies at McGill and also sought for admission into the order of ministry of United Church of Canada. I am currently bi-vocational, teaching part-time at McGill and doing ministry in Rawdon.

Retirees

Rev. Mher Katchikian



As a youth and as a young adult, he was very active in the Youth and Christian Endeavour Union circles. He received his pastoral call in his early twenties, and entered the Near East School of Theology (Beirut-Lebanon) and was graduated in 1980, B.Th., M.Div.

Upon graduation, he assumed the pastorate of

- Armenian Evangelical Martyrs' Church of Aleppo, Syria: 1980 - 1985.
- Holy Trinity Armenian Evangelical Church of Kessab, Syria: 1985 - 1987.
- Armenian Evangelical churches in Athens, Greece: 1987 - 1993.
- Armenian Evangelical Church of Montreal (UCC): 1993 - 2009.
- Huntingdon Pastoral Charge (Huntingdon, Rennie's & Athelstan) 2010 – 2018.
- Rennie's United & Athelstan Presbyterian Churches: 2018 – 2019.

Along with his pastoral work, Rev. Katchikian has been the President of the Armenian Missionary Association of Canada (AMAC) and a Board member in the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America (AEUNA)

He was the Chair of the United Church Coalition of Ethnic Ministries. (2002 – 2007)

Mher says ...

“The first 29 years of my ministry I preached the Gospel in Armenian language only.

The past 9 years of my ministry, with God's grace and provision and through the encouragement of sincere and dedicated Christian friends and ministers, I was able to continue serving our United Churches, preaching in English language confidently.

Thank God for all His abundant blessings & Guidance”.

Sally Meyer, Diaconal Minister



Originally, from Sutton, QC, Sally studied for diaconal ministry at the Center for Christian Studies in Winnipeg and was commissioned at Beaconsfield United Church, Beaconsfield QC in 2004.

She was settled to rural ministry south of Montreal, serving a combination of the Hemmingford-Covey Hill Pastoral Charge and Lacolle-Clarenceville Pastoral Charge, which included the annual service at Odelltown. Sally played a key role during the Ice Storm in mobilizing local help to open the church for all those in need of meals and shelter. Sally served at St. Lambert United Church July 2012 - December 2016 and then returned to Hemmingford and Lacolle-Clarenceville. Sally also served as Chair of the M&O Conference Interview Board for a number of years.

Milestones and Anniversaries

<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
Quebec	Smyth, Phyllis Norma	55
Quebec	Close, William J.	50
Quebec	Baldwin, Mead R.	40
Quebec	Moffat, R. Deane	40
Quebec	Bonnar, Arlen J.	35
Quebec	Fryday, Shaun E.	35
Quebec	Lawson, Steven W.	35
Quebec	Hummel, H. Elisabeth	25
Laurentien	Dore, Gerald	20
Quebec	Jennings, Reginald	20
Quebec	Triskle, K. Carl	20
Quebec	Meyer, Sally	15
Quebec	Evans, Wendy Ann	10
Quebec	Hamilton, Catherine Ann	10

Memorials

Rev. Faye Wakeling **June 29, 1939 - November 29, 2018**



Faye died peacefully on November 30 at the age of 79. Minister of the United Church of Canada, deeply loving her family and friends, she dedicated her life to Peace and Justice and we thank her for that powerful example.

Survived by her husband, Pierre Goldberger, her children Christopher (Yolande), Lauren, and James (Melissa); her grandchildren Janel, Laura, Sophie, Tristin, Shawn, and Amanda; her stepchildren Christophe (Juan) and Céline; her brother, Ted (Heather) and her nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. She will be greatly missed by those whose lives she touched.

Faye came early to her faith, in her family and church, growing up in Dundas, Ontario. Graduating from Queens as a physiotherapist, she worked in Kingston, then in Montreal, where she moved with her family.

She took many leadership roles in her congregation of Dominion-Douglas, and eventually felt a call to ordered ministry. She took her ministry studies at McGill, and after graduation and ordination, was appointed director of St. Columba House in Pointe-St-Charles, from 1983-1998. There, she was a member of the Women's Collective, who produced *Hope Is The Struggle*-a community in action. This was also part of her focus for her PhD in Religion, which she received from Concordia. Her faith grew deeper from these and other experiences to become a commitment to human rights, feminism, indigenous rights, peace, and justice. Faye represented the UCC at the WCC gathering, Peace, Justice and the Integrity of Creation, and the UN Women's Forum in Beijing. She went to Cuba and Chile as part of Quebec delegations of solidarity, and was a human rights advocate in Honduran and El Salvadorian refugee camps. She was also an engaged and supportive presence with the Mohawk people in Kanehsatake during the Oka Crisis, 1990.

Becoming involved with Latin American solidarity led Faye and Pierre in 1997-2004 to answer a call to accompany Mayan peoples in a Guatemala emerging from civil war, Faye worked with the women of the *Fraternidad Presbyteriales Mayas*, again as a popular educator and theological reflector, bringing a sense of dignity and empowerment to these women and their communities. On their return, she continued with Pierre in her support for Right Relations with Indigenous Peoples, and solidarity and justice in Canada and around the world. Faye served with joy as Voluntary Associate Minister with Camino de Emaus, her Spanish-language congregation and as interim minister with Union United Church in Montreal.

Faye's creative spirit, which was with her all her life and gave her such pleasure, was expressed in her love of her family, her hospitality, her music and painting and drawing, her enjoyment of the arts, love of the outdoors, the world of water, and all the natural world, kayaking and canoeing in forests, ocean and lakes. She loved to travel, especially with family, and visited a wide variety of special places that touched her heart.

Rev. James W. Johanson
March 15, 1933 – July 18, 2018



Jim aspired to ministry from childhood. He was born to a Brethren father and Presbyterian mother, and attended a Brethren assembly. After being baptized as an adult, he joined an evangelical Baptist church

Jim attended Toronto Baptist Seminary for two years, then returned to Windsor, his home, and attended Assumption University. While attending classes with future Roman Catholic priests, he joined the Convention Baptist Church. He was received as a student for Baptist ministry at McMaster University Divinity College, graduating with a B.D .

He was ordained at Humber Blvd. Baptist Church in Toronto, which he served for three years. He was then called to Sunny Brae Crescent Baptist Church in Toronto. From there Jim returned to Windsor to be Associate at Temple Baptist Church, while doing graduate studies at the University of Windsor. He received his M.A. there.

He joined the United Church of Canada, and his first United Church charge was Bothwell-Wabash. While serving that charge, he also served the Delaware people at Moraviantown United Church. During this time, Jim completed a Master of library science. which would encourage the readers on the reserve. He also earned a Master of Philosophy from Waterloo University.

The next call was from Cottam-Albuna charge where he served 3 years. He was then called to the Sarnia-Kettle Point Native charge. Of the all, the churches he served and loved, his time with native churches was most cherished. He was even given a native name. Suhgahteh which means ‘the sun is shining’. During this time, Jim established libraries, transported children to Sunday School and adults to hospitals, and was always there for this congregations. He often had native preachers in the pulpit, and used an Ojibway hymn book every Sunday.)

2018 Summary of Actions by Transition Commission

2018-06-21_1 MOTION (P. Stanfield/M. Moser) that Region 13 office will be at Summerlea United Church. **Carried**

2018-06-21_2 MOTION (D. Lambie/P. Goldberger) Décision prise en faveur de Sabrina Di Stefano en tant que PM de la région 13. Les tâches seront à réviser. **Accepté**

2018-06-29_3 MOTION (P. Lisson/P. Goldberger) that Dave Lambie serve as recording secretary for the commission. It is important to keep a record of decisions. **Carried**

2018-06-29_4 MOTION (P. Lisson/M. Moser) acceptance of the minutes of June 21, 2018 minutes as taken by M. Moser and R. Lambie and distributed. **Carried**

2018-06-29_5 MOTION (P. Lisson/P. Goldberger) acceptance of the agenda as prepared by R. Lambie, with the addition of Christian Education under “Priorities”. **Carried**

2018-06-29_6 MOTION (P. Lisson/M. Moser) suggestion that United Theological College bursary applicants be asked to respond to what is their vision for the future of the United Church of Canada. **Carried**

2018-08-1_7 MOTION (R. Sheffer/P. Lisson) that minutes of June 29, 2018 be amended to include the priorities from agenda. **Carried**

2018-08-1_8 MOTION (R. Sheffer/J. Leduc) that agenda be accepted with addition of ‘move and use of space’ added. **Carried**

2018-09-25_9 MOTION (R. Sheffer/J. Leduc) to accept minutes of August 1, 2018. **Carried**

2018-09-25_10 MOTION (P. Stanfield/B. Patton) to accept Agenda: but placing the “dates of the next meetings” first on the agenda in case of people having to leave before the meeting is ended. **Carried**

2018-09-25_11 MOTION (R. Sheffer/M. Moser) that the Region 13 Transition Commission accept the LAM funding proposal of \$50,000/year for three years, subject to an annual progress review. **Carried** (*Joëlle Leduc abstaining*)

2018-10-13_12 MOTION (P. Stanfield/R. Sheffer) to accept minutes of September 25, 2018 with corrections to the spelling of Rick and Bob’s family names. **Carried**

2018-10-13_13 MOTION (D. Lambie/J. Leduc) to accept agenda, moving future meeting dates to the first order of business. **Carried**

2018-10-13_14 MOTION (P. Lisson/M. Moser) that TC13 accept the job description for the ‘Finance and Office Administrator’ as amended. **Carried**

2018-10-13_15 MOTION (J. Leduc/M. Moser) that TC13 accept the job description for ‘Responsable des Communications specialist’ as amended. **Carried**

2018-10-13_16 MOTION (P. Stanfield/R. Sheffer) that we ensure that internet speed be 10 (ten) Meg up and down. **Carried**

2018-10-13_17 MOTION (J. Leduc/P. Lisson) that, on the website, we present all information in the languages available (Mohawk, French, English) side by side, with access to other languages (i.e. Spanish, Italian) when possible. **Carried**

2018-10-13_18 MOTION (P. Stanfield/M. Moser) that TC13 request F&E for necessary funds, up to \$5,000, to hire a consultant to set up Region 13 website and communications. It was further suggested that Rev. Chown be approached to serve as this consultant. **Carried**

2018-10-18_19 MOTION (P. Lisson/R. Sheffer) to accept the minutes of October 4, 2018:
Corrections: November: jeudi/Thursday 1@ 09h30; mercredi/Wed 14@ 09h30; mercredi/Wed 28 @09h30.
Carried

2018-10-18_20 MOTION (J. Leduc/P. Stanfield) to accept the agenda. **Carried**

2018-10-18_21 MOTION (P. Lisson, R. Sheffer) that TC13 establish the need for a Finance & Property Committee based on the mandate in the document Establishing Regional Council Structures (ERCS) pp.3-4.
Carried

2018-10-18_22 MOTION (P. Lisson, M. Moser) that TC13 establish a nominating committee to do its function according to ERCS p. 6. **Carried**

2018-10-18_23 MOTION (P. Stanfield/J. Leduc) that TC13 accept and transmit the Mission Report grants to the appropriate bodies. **Carried** (*R. Sheffer abstaining*)

2018-11-1_24 MOTION (R. Sheffer, M. Moser) to accept the minutes of October 18, 2018 as distributed.
Carried

2018-11-1_25 MOTION (P. Lisson/P. Goldberger) to accept the agenda. **Carried.**

2018-11-1_26 MOTION (P. Lisson, P. Stanfield) that until a more permanent decision is made, TC13 approve some of the \$43,000 for the continuation of the YAYA ministry. **Carried**

2018-11-14_27 MOTION (R. Sheffer/M. Moser) to accept minutes of November 1, 2018. **Carried.**

2018-11-14_28 MOTION (R. Sheffer/P. Lisson) to accept agenda with item #5 moved up to #3. **Carried**

2018-11-14_29 MOTION (J. Leduc/M. Moser) to accept the revised job description for Children, Youth, Young Adult. **Carried**

2018-11-28_30 MOTION (R. Sheffer/D. Lambie) to accept Minutes of November 14, 2018 with the following change: Under (b) After discussion the motion (not including the two sentences before that in the draft. **Carried**

2018-11-28_31 MOTION (M. Moser/P. Stanfield) to accept the agenda: include order of the day 10 am Regional Pastoral Minister & Office of Vocation Minister re processes. **Carried**

2018-11-28_32 MOTION (R. Sheffer/R. Patton) that Karen Valley and Sabrina Di Stefano be permanent corresponding members of the TC. **Carried**

2018-11-28_33 MOTION (P. Stanfield/R. Patton) that the Regional Leadership Teams of Volunteers be accepted as the initial Nominations list, with capacity to add names of interested parties, and the document being translated. Mission Support was added and there is need for clarification about the understanding of Ministries in French/La Table. **Carried**

2018-12-7_34 MOTION (R. Sheffer/M. Moser) to accept the minutes of November 28, 2018 with the following change: In the list of “nominations” a re-wording of item M: Periodic “Summer Event” style experiences, including music, drama, worship and prayer. 3. add after “presbytery structure”, including leadership teams to be added as needed. **Carried**

2018-12-7_35 MOTION (R. Sheffer/P. Lisson) to accept the agenda with the following

Additions: thank you notes to committee members who have served the presbyteries and Conference. The place of community ministries more clearly named than Communities of Faith. **Carried**

2018-12-7_36 MOTION (R. Sheffer/J. Leduc) that we request La Table to name a representative to the new Executive (not Transition Commission). **Carried**

2018-12-7_37 MOTION (P. Lisson /P. Stanfield) to continue to use the current M&O policy for Licenced Lay Worship Leaders guidelines until the new executive reviews (attached). **Carried** (*Rick Sheffer abstains*)

2018-12-7_38 MOTION (P. Stanfield/R. Sheffer) to approve the 2019 budget of the Finance and Extension Board. **Carried**

2018-12-11_39 MOTION (M. Moser/ R. Sheffer) to accept the Minutes of December 7, 2018 with the following corrections: request La Table to name a representative to the new Executive for inaugural meeting (not Transition Commission); the addition of our acknowledgement of the wonderful ministry of Faye Wakeling who was called home on November 30. Further, under 3. Ministries in French. The document needs clarification. Add “the network should include other ministries such as Montreal City Mission and St. Columba House which do a lot of ministry in French. They do not fall under the authority of La Table, but of the Regional Council.” **Carried**

2018-12-11_40 MOTION (R. Sheffer/P. Stanfield) to accept the agenda. **Carried**

2018-12-11_41 MOTION (P. Stanfield /P. Lisson) to approve the mandate of the Finance and Property Leadership Team; date received: December 11, 2018; to be reviewed: before December 31, 2020 **Carried**

2018-12-11_42 MOTION (P. Lisson/R. Sheffer) that the signing officers for the new Conseil régional Nakhonka Regional Council bank account will be the Executive Minister, the Chair, the Treasurer and a member of the Executive, which cheques requiring any 2 of 4 signatures. The exception will be for amounts greater than \$5000.00 in which case the Executive Minister must be one of the signatures. **Carried**

2018-12-11_43 MOTION (P. Lisson/R. Sheffer) that Paul Stanfield be elected as the Treasurer for Conseil régional Nakhonka Regional Council. **Carried** (*Paul Stanfield abstaining*)

2018-12-11_44 MOTION (M. Moser/R. Patton) that Dave Lambie be elected as the Chair for Conseil régional Nakhonka Regional Council. **Carried** (*Dave Lambie abstaining*)

2018-12-11_45 MOTION (M. Moser/R. Sheffer) that the four signing officers for Conseil régional Nakhonka Regional Council be Rosemary Lambie, Executive Minister; Dave Lambie, Chair; Paul Stanfield, Treasurer and Patricia Lisson, member of the Executive. **Carried**

2018-12-11_46 MOTION (P. Lisson/P. Stanfield) that in light of the letter sent to all staff from the national United Church of Canada in July 2017, the Transition Commission recommends that the Quebec Presbytery pay two weeks' severance to the two staff that have been terminated. **Carried**

2019 Summary of Actions by Executive

2019-01-17_1 MOTION (M. Moser/J. Leduc) that the minutes of December 11, 2018 be approved as received. **Carried**

2019-01-17_2 MOTION (M. Moser/P. Stanfield) That the agenda be accepted as circulated. **Carried**

2019-01-17_3 MOTION (J. Leduc/R. Sheffer) That Communities of Faith will pay an amount of 0.42 cents per kilometer as reimbursement for travel by car to Ministry Personnel, Lay Worship Leaders, and Ministry Site Supervisors, and accept as written the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Mileage Policy for Ministry Personnel, Lay Worship Leaders, and Ministry Site Supervisors. **Carried**

2019-01-17_4 MOTION (J. Leduc/B. Patton) That the Policy entitled Nominations Leadership Team be adopted. **Carried**

2019-01-17_5 MOTION (J. Leduc/M. Moser) that, from the time this motion is made up to the time of the Inaugural Meeting on May 25th 2019, contact information of Regional Council Representatives be kept confidential. **Carried**

2019-01-17_6 MOTION (M. Moser) that the meeting be adjourned at 11:47 a.m. **Carried**

2019-01-31_7 MOTION (M. Moser/P. Stanfield) That the minutes of January 17, 2019 be approved as received. **Carried**

2019-01-31_8 MOTION (P. Stanfield/M. Moser) That the agenda be accepted as modified. **Carried**

2019-01-31_9 MOTION: (J. Leduc/P. Lisson) That Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive receives the Minutes of the Quebec Presbytery at its final meeting on November 10, 2018 for information. **Carried**

2019-01-31_10 MOTION: (P. Lisson/R.J. Leduc) That Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive ratify the following decision made by the Quebec Presbytery at its final meeting on November 10, 2018:

a) *MOTION: (Gerard Gouw/Tami Spires) RESOLVED that the Québec Presbytery- Consistoire du Québec adopt the amended agenda of November 10, 2018, with the addition of the following: Pastoral Relations Report, Chair's Report and Mission and Service presentation. CARRIED.* This motion is **Carried**

2019-01-31_11 MOTION (P. Stanfield/P. Lisson) That Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive ratify the following decision made by the Quebec Presbytery at its final meeting on November 10, 2018:

b) *MOTION: (Heather McClure/Mead Baldwin) RESOLVED that the Québec Presbytery Consistoire du Québec set time of adjournment of the meeting at 4:30 p.m. CARRIED.* This motion is **Carried**

2019-01-31_12 MOTION (P. Lisson/J. Leduc) That Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive ratify the following decision made by the Quebec Presbytery at its final meeting on November 10, 2018:

c) *MOTION: (Gerard Gouw/ Samuel V. Dansokho) RESOLVED that the Québec Presbytery- Consistoire du Québec adopt the amended minutes of the September 15, 2018 Presbytery meeting. CARRIED.* This motion is **Carried**

2019-01-31_13 MOTION (J. Leduc/P. Lisson) That Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive ratify the following decision made by the Quebec Presbytery at its final meeting on November 10, 2018:

d) *MOTION: (Heather McClure /Read Sherman) that the Québec Presbytery - Consistoire du Québec receive for information the Executive Minutes of September 5, 2018 and Executive minutes of October 11, 2018. CARRIED. This motion is **Carried***

2019-01-31_14 MOTION: (P. Lisson/J. Leduc) That Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive ratify the following decision made by the Quebec Presbytery at its final meeting on November 10, 2018:

e) *MOTION: (Heather McClure/Gerard Gouw) that Quebec Presbytery confirm that each of the presbytery-accountable ministries listed on the attached schedule to this motion meets the criteria to be recognized as a community of faith by the regional council in the new three-council model. CARRIED. This motion is **Carried***

2019-01-31_15 MOTION (P. Stanfield/P. Lisson) That Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive ratify the following decision made by the Quebec Presbytery at its final meeting on November 10, 2018:

Mountainside United Church Mission Plan

f) *MOTION: (Fred Braman/Paul Stanfield) RESOLVED that Québec Presbytery – Consistoire du Québec concur in the request of Mountainside United Church that the proceeds of its sale of the Church Buildings be applied first to a contribution to the Erskine & American Trust Fund (\$650,000), such fund being renamed the Erskine & American - Mountainside Trust Fund, and that the balance of the proceeds (about \$3,136,000) be applied as set forth in the Mission Plan approved by Mountainside United Church, and that Presbytery express its utmost thanks to the Session and Congregation of Mountainside United Church for their discernment and thoughtfulness. CARRIED with abstention by Rosemary Lambie and David Lambie and with Cathy Hamilton opposed. This motion is **Carried***

2019-01-31_16 MOTION (P. Lisson/P. Stanfield) That Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive ratify the following decision made by the Quebec Presbytery at its final meeting on November 10, 2018:

g) *MOTION: (Fred Braman/Heather McClure) RESOLVE that on the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee the Québec Presbytery – Consistoire du Québec concur in request of the Trustees of Arundel United Church to market the manse located at 12 rue du Village, Arundel, Quebec within the price range submitted to the Presbytery and on an as-is, where-is basis with the proviso that the final sale is subject to the approval of the Presbytery / Region 13. FURTHER RESOLVED that as the Proceeds are not required to fund Arundel United Church's portion of the Laurentian Area Ministry (LAM) housing allowance, no restriction is placed on the Proceeds upon eventual receipt. CARRIED with David Lambie opposed and Joelle Leduc abstaining. This motion is **Carried***

2019-01-31_17 MOTION (P. Lisson/J. Leduc) That Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive ratify the following decision made by the Quebec Presbytery at its final meeting on November 10, 2018:

h) *MOTION: (Fred Braman/Dave McCormack) RESOLVED the Québec Presbytery – Consistoire du Québec concur in the recommendation of the Trustees of the Erskine & American - Mountainside Trust Fund for a grant of \$7,950 to Concordia University MultiFaith and Spirituality Centre for its programme to sponsor Québec students to The Parliament of the World's Religions in Toronto in November 2018 with the encouragement that the outcomes be shared with Presbytery. CARRIED. This motion is **Carried***

2019-01-31_18 MOTION (P. Lisson/R. Sheffer) That Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive ratify the following decision made by the Quebec Presbytery at its final meeting on November 10, 2018:

Richmond-Melbourne PC

i) *MOTION: (Heather McClure/ Mher Katchikian) RESOLVED that the Quebec Presbytery - Consistoire du Quebec appoint the Rev. Wayne Beamer as Pastoral Charge Supervisor to the Richmond-Melbourne Pastoral Charge. CARRIED. This motion is **Carried***

2019-01-31_19 MOTION (R. Sheffer/J. Leduc) That Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive ratify the following decision made by the Quebec Presbytery at its final meeting on November 10, 2018:

Licensed Lay Worship Leaders (LLWL) Covenanting Service

Lee Ann Hogle led the members of the court in a service of covenanting with the Licenced Lay Worship Leaders of the former Québec-Sherbrooke Region. The following individuals were covenanted: Tracey Badger, Charlotte Griffith, Heather Kingdon-Aulis, Shirley Knutson (Waterville only), Carolyn Linde, Allan Marshall, Pamela Naylor, Brenda-Lee Strickland, Virginia Wallace, and Keith Whittall. A covenant was also made with Lay Worker Joan Shea.

j) *MOTION: (Renata Sutherland/Read Sherman) that the Quebec Presbytery - Consistoire du Québec supports the resolution of the Finance and Extension Board and approves the two applicants for Sabbatical Leave 2019: Rev. Arlen Bonnar, Minister of St. James United Church and Rev. Shaun Fryday, Minister of Beaconsfield United Church, for a time of reflection, renewal and new perspectives for ministry. These Sabbatical Leaves are granted for a period of three months in 2019 as outlined in the proposals of each of the applicants, and does not include the regular time of vacation. The two Sabbatical Leaves have an anticipated budget of up to \$12,000, to be divided equally between the two applicants. The two applicants are in agreement that their grant of \$6,000 for sabbatical leave covers all pulpit/contingency replacement costs at each of the above mentioned churches and some personal costs. CARRIED with abstention by L.E. Moir and Phyllis Smyth. This motion is Carried*

2019-01-31_20 MOTION (J. Leduc/P. Lisson) That Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive ratify the following decision made by the Quebec Presbytery at its final meeting on November 10, 2018:

k) *MOTION: (Tami Spires/Mead Baldwin) RESOLVED that the Québec Presbytery – Consistoire du Québec request the Transition Commission for Region 13 to prioritize the need for the ministry of youth and young adults and ensure that there is a staff position in place as soon as possible or for March 1 2018. CARRIED with Patricia Lisson, Joelle Leduc, Paul Stanfield and David Lambie abstaining. This motion is Carried*

2019-01-31_21 MOTION (P. Lisson/P. Stanfield) That Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive receives the Minutes of the Quebec Presbytery Executive at its final meeting on December 4, 2018 for information. **Carried**

2019-01-31_22 MOTION (P. Lisson/P. Stanfield) That Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive ratify the following decisions made by the Quebec Presbytery Executive at its final meeting on December 4, 2018:

a) *MOTION: (Heather McClure/Charlotte Griffith) that the Executive of the Quebec Presbytery - Consistoire du Québec refer to the Nakonha:ka Regional Council the request and notice of motion, presented by Union United Church (Montreal), and; furthermore ask that the Property and Finance Committee of the Nakonha:ka Region be assigned to work with Union United Church on their financial situation. CARRIED with Rick Sheffer abstaining and Samuel V. Dansokho opposed*

Letter to the Region naming community of faith

At its meeting held November 10, 2018 the Quebec Presbytery - Consistoire du Québec voted to confirm that each of the presbytery-accountable ministries met the criteria to be recognized as a community of faith by the regional council. The Executive discussed the definition of a community of faith and declared that the Montreal City Mission and Saint Columba House were communities of faith as defined in the manual. Other mission units will need to be assessed on a case by case basis.

b) *MOTION (Fred Braman/Heather McClure) that the Executive of the Quebec Presbytery - Consistoire du Québec recognize Montreal City Mission (MCM) and Saint Columba House (SCH) as communities of faith*

and encourage other outreach ministries to apply to the Nakonha:ka Regional Council for recognition where appropriate. **CARRIED**

Motion for transferring assets to the Nakonha:ka Regional Council

As required by the General Council, the Executive voted on the following motion to transfer Presbytery assets to the Region.

c) **MOTION:** (Fred Braman/Arlen Bonnar)

1. that Consistoire du Quebec Presbytery—Consistoire du Québec Treasurer, Paul Stanfield be named as the person responsible for paying the final liabilities and accounting for any funds dispersed to the Conseil Regional Nakonha:ka Regional Council;
2. that Consistoire du Quebec Presbytery—Consistoire du Québec remit any and all existing monies and funds to Conseil Regional Nakonha:ka Regional Council with the exception of \$50,000 for final liabilities;
3. that Consistoire du Quebec Presbytery—Consistoire du Québec retain such monies as allows for a final Audit for the year 2018;
4. that Consistoire du Quebec Presbytery—Consistoire du Québec transfer all necessary documents including the Minute Books to Conseil Regional Nakonha:ka Regional Council;
5. that for greater certainty, Quebec Presbytery—Consistoire du Québec transfer all of its assets, entitlements, contracts and other rights to Conseil Regional Nakonha:ka regional Council subject to the assumption of accrued liabilities if any; and
6. that all of the foregoing is effective January 1, 2019. **CARRIED**

Pastoral Relations

Rev. Heather McClure presented the following four motions.

Richmond Melbourne Pastoral Charge

d) **MOTION** (Heather McClure/Paul Kline) that pending Conference/Regional **RESOLVED** the Québec Presbytery – Consistoire du Québec concur with the request of RichmondMelbourne P.C. and appoint Wayne Beamer, Ordained Minister retired, from January 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019, part-time at 20 hours per week, with the following terms for category F Cost of Living Group (COL) 2: salary (housing included) \$31,200 per annum, basic telephone \$1080, continuing Education, and all other terms according to The Manual. **CARRIED**

Bedford Pastoral Charge

e) **MOTION** (Heather McClure/Rick Sheffer) **RESOLVED** the Québec Presbytery – Consistoire du Québec receive and approve the Joint Needs Assessment Process report from Bedford Pastoral Charge, and that a Vacancy be declared for a part-time (20 hours) minister (ordained, diaconal or DLM), effective immediately. **CARRIED**

Mount Bruno United Church and Richelieu Valley United Church

f) **MOTION** (Heather McClure/Arlen Bonnar) **RESOLVED** the Québec Presbytery – Consistoire du Québec receive and approve the Joint Needs Assessment Process report **CARRIED**

g) **MOTION:** (Charlotte Griffith / Fred Braman) that Québec Presbytery – Consistoire du Québec re-license Rosanne Baatz as a lay worship leader for the year 2018-2019. **CARRIED**

h) **MOTION:** (Paula Kline/Heather McClure) that the time of adjournment be extended to 4:00 p.m.

MOTION: (Rick Sheffer /Paul Stanfield) **RESOLVED** that the Québec Presbytery –Consistoire du Québec Executive approve the re-imbursement of costs of the Soul of the Community workshops held March 17, 2018 and October 27, 2018 in the amount of \$1,360 from the Transition/Transformation account. **CARRIED**

Administration and Finance Accounting Write Offs Report

The following accounting procedures were agreed to by the Administration and Finance Committee on December 4, 2018 and presented to the Executive for concurrence. The Executive agreed to write off the following receivables for 2018.

- a) \$3,524.79 owed by the Armenian United Church (to be written off from accounts payable).*
- b) \$1,935 for Northlea United (to be written off from the 2018 Assessments) The Pastoral Charge closed in 2017 and should not have been assessed in 2018.*
- c) transfer \$2,095.26 to the 'due to managed funds (Kelley Trust)'. This is the unused balance of money that was awarded to the Living into Right Relations from the Kelley Trust to be used in 2018. The balance will be moved to the Finance and Extension Board due to account.*

Assessments St. James United Church

The Executive requested that Fred Braman, Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee, meet with the treasurer of St. James United Church to discuss outstanding assessments owed to the Presbytery. If a reasonable offer is made to satisfy the year end the Executive authorized Mr. Braman to settle the matter.

- i) MOTION: (Heather McClure/ Paul Stanfield) that the Executive of the Québec Presbytery – Consistoire du Québec authorize Fred Braman, chair of the Administration and Finance Committee, to negotiate if possible, an acceptable settlement of the assessments owed to the Presbytery by St. James United Church. CARRIED with Arlen Bonnar abstaining*

Authorization to deal with any Emerging Administration and Finance Business

- j) MOTION (Barbara Bryce/Rick Sheffer) that the Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee and the Treasurer of the Québec Presbytery – Consistoire du Québec be authorized to deal with any emerging Administration and Finance business until December 31, 2018. CARRIED*

Huntingdon Pastoral Charge Audit The Québec Presbytery – Consistoire du Québec has received the results of an audit that was ordered by the Presbytery in response to concerns raised by Huntingdon Pastoral Charge with respect to its minister's salary package. It was initially agreed that the Pastoral Charge would be financially responsible for the audit however, it was determined by the auditor that the payroll was administered correctly.

- k) MOTION: (Fred Braman/Paul Stanfield) that the Québec Presbytery – Consistoire du Québec waive the requirement that Huntingdon Pastoral Charge cover the cost of the audit of the minister's salary package since it has been determined by the auditor that the pay was administered correctly. CARRIED*

The Québec Presbytery – Consistoire du Québec will cover the costs Tuition Costs The Québec Presbytery has received a request from the Montreal and Ottawa Conference to help cover the tuition costs arising from an immigration issue involving the Québec government and the minister of a congregation in Québec Presbytery – Consistoire du Québec.

- l) MOTION: (Fred Braman/Paul Stanfield) that the Québec Presbytery – Consistoire du Québec pay its share of the tuition costs in the amount of \$5694.99 subject to this amount being refunded to the Québec Presbytery – Consistoire du Québec should the fee be reimbursed by the Québec government. CARRIED*

- m) MOTION: (Fred Braman/Paul Stanfield) RESOLVED that the Québec Presbytery – Consistoire du Québec accept the offer of Westmount Park to host the Phoenix Library with thanks. CARRIED*

Name Change Rosemere Pastoral Charge to Riverside Pastoral Charge

The statistics co-ordinator of the United Church of Canada has requested that the Québec Presbytery Consistoire du Québec amend its motion regarding the formation of Riverside United Church to include a name change of the pastoral charge.

- n) MOTION (Fred Braman/Paul Stanfield: RESOLVED that on the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee the Executive of the Québec Presbytery – Consistoire du Québec confirm the name*

of the Rosemere Pastoral Charge be changed to Riverside Pastoral Charge with the effective date being January 15, 2018. CARRIED

Erskine and American-Mountainside (E&A-M) Trust Fund

Fred Braman requested that the Erskine and American - Mountainside Trustees be given authority to award any emergency grants that may arise between December 5, 2018 and December 31, 2018 with the proviso that they not exceed the \$25,000 remaining in the 2018 budget and that all trustees must be in agreement.

o) MOTION: (David Lambie/Arlen Bonnar) that the Québec Presbytery – Consistoire du Québec delegate to the four Trustees of the Erskine and American – Mountainside Trust the authority to respond to any emergency requests that may arise up to December 31, 2018 and award grants not to exceed the \$25,000 remaining in its 2018 budget with the proviso that any Decisions by the trustees be unanimous. CARRIED with abstention by Fred Braman and Heather McClure

Motion is **Carried**

2019-01-31_23 MOTION (M. Moser/P. Lisson) That Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive receives the Minutes of the Consistoire Laurentien at its final meeting on November 12, 2018 for information. **Carried**

2019-01-31_24 MOTION (M. Moser/P. Lisson) That Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive ratify the following decisions made by the Consistoire at its final meeting on November 12, 2018:

a. Motion : Le Consistoire Laurentien approuve la nomination de M. Akoussah ainsi que les dispositions de cette alliance dont les exigences ont été respectées. Proposé par Darla et Angelika, accepté à la majorité.

Motions pour la cessation du Consistoire Laurentien

*b) MOTION 1 : Que le Consistoire Laurentien confirme le mandat de ses dirigeants et des membres de son exécutif, de ses comités et de ses commissions jusqu'au 31 décembre 2018.
Proposé par Darla Sloan et par Angelika Piché, accepté l'unanimité.*

*c) MOTION 2 : Que le Consistoire Laurentien confirme que chacun des ministères responsables, identifié dans l'annexe jointe** à cette motion, remplit les critères pour être reconnu en tant que communauté de foi par le conseil régional et par la Table des ministères en français dans le nouveau modèle à trois conseils.
Proposé par Darla Sloan et par Angelika Piché, accepté l'unanimité.*

*d) MOTION 3 déjà votée par le CL le 3 octobre 2018
Tout solde financier du CL au 31 déc. 2018 sera versé à la Table des ministères en français.
Proposé par P-Paul Lafond et Darla Sloan, accepté à l'unanimité.*

Motion is **Carried**

2019-01-31_25 MOTION (R. Sheffer/ P. Lisson) That the Nakonha:ka Regional Council adopt the Authorization to Perform Marriages and Volunteer Associate Minister Policy. **Carried**

2019-01-31_26 MOTION (R. Sheffer/M. Moser) That the Nakonha:ka Regional Council adopt the Community of Faith Supervision Practice and Policy. **Carried**

2019-01-31_27 MOTION (R. Sheffer/J. Leduc) That should the need arise for an urgent decision between meetings, the Chair, the Treasurer and one of the signing officers be empowered to act as a sub-Executive along with the Executive Minister to address the situation. **Carried**

2019-01-31_28 MOTION (R. Sheffer /P. Stanfield) That David Clinker be appointed Chair of the Good Samaritan Fund. **Carried**

2019-01-31_29 MOTION (R. Sheffer /P. Stanfield) That the following Nakonha:ka Regional Council grants: Erskine & American-Mountaininside Trust, Good Samaritan Fund, F.W. Kelly Trust, Ste-Thérèse Fund, BHAL-JUN 발전 Fund, St. Andrew's – Trois-Rivières Fund (Ministry), St. Andrew's - Trois Rivières Fund (Quebec-Sherbrooke), be processed according to the status quo of the previous year (*see appendix C for description of how funds are administered*), and that the decision making committee members remain the same for each of the funds, with the power to add , subject to the approval of the Regional Council Executive. **Carried**

2019-01-31_30 MOTION (P. Lisson/P. Stanfield) That the Nakonha:ka Regional Council create a working group to look at how decisions are made for the allocation of grant funds. **Carried**

2019-01-31_31 MOTION (P. Lisson) that the meeting be adjourned at 11:58 a.m. **Carried**

2019-02-14_32 MOTION (R. Sheffer/J. Leduc) That the agenda be accepted as circulated. **Carried**

2019-02-14_33 MOTION (R. Sheffer/P. Lisson) That Eric Hebert-Daly, Fred Braman and Brian Ruse be corresponding members for today's meeting. **Carried**

2019-02-14_34 MOTION (R. Sheffer/J. Leduc) that Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive adopt the policy entitled "the Ministry Personnel Involved in a Former Pastoral Charge Policy". **Carried**

2019-02-14_35 MOTION (P. Lisson/R. Sheffer) that Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive will receive the approved Minutes of the Property and Finance at each meeting to address responsibilities. **Carried**

2019-02-14_36 MOTION (P. Stanfield/P. Lisson) that Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive will receive the items for actions of the draft Minutes of the Property and Finance at each meeting in order to address on-going responsibilities. **Carried**

2019-02-14_37 MOTION (M. Moser/J. Leduc) that the Chair of Property and Finance Leadership Team as an additional signing officer for the banking. **Carried**

2019-02-14_38 MOTION (P. Lisson/R. Sheffer) that Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive will receive the document put forward by the Property and Finance committee entitled "Conseil Régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council – United Church of Canada Policies on Leases, Major Renovations and Other Major Assets with delegation" for information . **Carried**

2019-02-14_39 MOTION (P. Stanfield/P. Lisson) that Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive adopt the amended policy (Appendix **B**) entitled "Conseil Régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council – United Church of Canada Policies on Leases, Major Renovations and Other Major Assets with delegation", and to distribute in both English and French. **Carried**

2019-02-14_40 MOTION (R. Sheffer/ P. Stanfield) that Conseil Régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council, on the recommendation of its Property and Finance Leadership Group, concur in the request of the Trustees of Lennoxville United Church to sell their manse property in Stanstead, QC (37 boul. Notre-Dame est, Stanstead J0B 3E2 – Lot 5,076,198) to Brian Gibson and Shirley Gallup for the price of \$140,000 on the terms of their offer of February 1, 2019. **Carried**

2019-02-14_41 MOTION (R. Sheffer/P. Lisson) that the Regional Council communicate with the United Church of Canada Foundation to amend the terms of the trust for the Good Samaritan Fund (The Agreement to Establish an Organizational Long-Term Fund with the United Church of Canada Foundation) to change references from the Québec Presbytery to the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council, and to increase the disbursement percentage from 3.5% to 5%, and, where the Regional Council considers it to be an exceptional circumstance, to 6% or 7%, and to delegate the implementation of these terms to the Property and Finance Committee. **Carried**

2019-02-14_42 MOTION (J. Leduc) that the meeting be adjourned at 2 p.m. **Carried**

2019-02-28_43 MOTION (P. Lisson/ M. Moser) That the minutes of January 31, 2019 be approved as amended.

2019-02-28_44 MOTION (P. Lisson/P. Stanfield) That the minutes of February 14, 2019 be approved as circulated.

2019-02-28_45 MOTION (M. Moser/P. Lisson) That the agenda be accepted as circulated. **Carried**

2019-02-28_46 MOTION (P. Lisson/M. Moser) that Nakonha:ka approve the request for \$8000 from the BHAL-JUN 발전 Fund received on December 20, 2018 from Rev. David Fine. **Carried**

2019-02-28_47 MOTION (P. Lisson/P. Stanfield) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive receives the request for change of pastoral relations, effective May 31st 2019 from Rev. David Lefneski on February 20, 2019 for information and refers to the Pastoral Relations Minister for next steps. **Carried**

2019-02-28_48 MOTION (P. Lisson/R. Patton) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive acknowledges that the Rev. Robert Thompson was appointed June 1, 2018 for a two-year period of transition to work with Union United Church; the Quebec Presbytery being fully cognisant of the financial strains of the community of faith, and therefore agreeing to support 50% of the cost of salary to enable the appointment ending May 31, 2020. While the presbytery no longer exists, the appointment continues. Therefore, the Executive agrees to continue the 50 % salary funding of the two-year appointment in order to encourage the ministry of the community of faith. \$40,000 come from \$35000 governance and shared services plus \$5000 in contingency. **Carried**

2019-02-28_49 MOTION (P. Lisson/P. Stanfield) that Nakonhaka Regional Council concurs with the disbursal report for February 21, 2019 of the Erskine& America-Mountainside Trust Fund. **Carried**

2019-02-28_50 MOTION (P. Stanfield/M. Moser) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive receives the Draft Governance Policy Handbook. **Carried**

2019-02-28_51 MOTION (M. Moser/R. Patton) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the Policy regarding Proceeds from the Sale of Property. **Carried**

2019-02-28_52 MOTION (P. Stanfield/R. Sheffer) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the Policy regarding Financial Appeals at the Annual Meeting. **Carried**

2019-02-28_53 MOTION (P. Stanfield) that the meeting be adjourned at 12:07 p.m. **Carried**

2019-03-21_54 MOTION (M. Moser/P. Lisson) That the minutes of February 28th be approved as received. **Carried**

2019-03-21 55 MOTION (P. Lisson/P. Stanfield) That the agenda me accepted as circulated. **Carried**

2019-03-21_56 MOTION: (P. Lisson/R. Sheffer) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive receives from the Minutes of the Property and Finance Leadership Team of March 5, 2019 (page 10) the recommendation that the draft financial statements of the Québec Presbytery be approved, after incorporating the change from the previous motion (a reduction of \$8,370 of the Québec Presbytery's indebtedness to the Finance & Extension Board as at December 31, 2018). **Carried**

2019-03-21_57 MOTION: (R. Sheffer/P. Stanfield) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the recommendation (Page 11) to take action on the draft resolution concerning the Hudson Pastoral Charge as follows:

Resolution regarding possible redevelopment of sites of Wyman Memorial United Church and Côte St-Charles United Church properties

Whereas Hudson Pastoral Charge, by decisions of its Congregation and Church Council on February 3 and 6, 2019 has authorized a request for permission, in the first instance for the transactions recited below:

RESOLVED that Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council concur in the request of the Hudson Pastoral Charge for permission, in the first instance:

- 1. To market the remaining Church Building and land of Wyman Memorial United Church in Hudson in the price range set forth in the request*
- 2. To contract with the Finance and Extension Board a bridge loan of about \$400,000 to redevelop the Côte St. Charles United Church property pending receipt of the proceeds from the sale contemplated in paragraph 1.*
- 3. To redevelop the Côte St. Charles United Church property, building on the existing foundation (21 feet extension to the sanctuary) and adding a wing for one multi-purpose room, two offices, accessible washrooms and a small elevator, etc. at a cost not exceeding \$400,000*
- 4. To work with EDGE for the development of a new ministry plan*
- 5. Using the proceeds of the sale contemplated in paragraph 1, as well as the \$282,326 anticipated from the first partial sale of church land already approved in principle by Presbytery, to cover the deficit until sale and to repay the bridge loan and/or redevelopment with the balance to be used, limited to 5% of the capital base to support ongoing operations of the Pastoral Charge including new ministry possibilities to be identified in the ministry plan.*
- 6. The contemplated sale in paragraph 1, will require final approval before implementation by the Regional Council*
- 7. The redevelopment in paragraph 3 shall require the final approval of the Property & Finance Leadership Group before any contracts are signed or work commenced.*
- 8. The Ministry Plan shall require final approval by the Regional Council.*
- 9. The Regional Council commends the Pastoral Charge for its faithfulness and foresight.*

Carried

2019-03-21_58 MOTION (P. Lisson/M. Moser) Creating a task group to talk with Property and Finance and Finance and Extension Board to find a resolution around the payment of interest and capital of loan to Union United Church. **Carried**

2019-03-21_59 MOTION: (P. Lisson/P. Goldberger) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive acknowledges (from Page 11) and from correspondence (c) Erik Matheson that due to the upcoming closure of the Southwest Mission in June, their Mission Support grants will cease after the second quarter payment. This frees up an amount of \$17,500 of Mission Support grants which can be reallocated to the Mission and Ministry side of the 2019 budget. **Carried**

2019-03-21_60 MOTION (P. Goldberger/J. Leduc) That the remaining Mission Support Grant remain earmarked for Southwest Mission until there is a formal proposal brought to the Regional Council about the mission's future. **Carried**

2019-03-21_61 MOTION (R. Sheffer/P. Goldberger) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the request of Hudson Pastoral Charge in correspondence (e) for a grant of \$3000 to pay the EDGE invoice; said funding to come from the Mission and Ministry side of the budget. **Carried**

2019-03-21_62 MOTION (P. Lisson/M. Moser) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council accepts with regret the request for a change in pastoral relations and retirement of Sally Meyer, Diaconal Minister effective June 1st 2019 and give thanks for her ministry among us. **Carried**

2019-03-21_63 MOTION (M. Moser/J. Leduc) Having attended the Liaison Training session on December 6th

2018 provided by the Montreal and Ottawa Conference and the Liaison Training session provided by the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council on March 16th 2019:

2019-03-21_64 MOTION the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council appoint the Rev. Janet Bisset, Mr. Marc Grenon, Rev. Mher Katchikian, Rev. Dave Lambie, Rev. Marie-Claude Manga, Rev. Jennifer Mountain, Rev. Birgit Neuschild, Rev. Scott Patton and Rev. Tami Spires as the recognized trained Liaisons authorized to serve the Conseil Régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council in this capacity. **Carried**

2019-03-21_65 MOTION (P. Lisson/R. Sheffer) that having received the properly completed form and confirmation from the Office of Vocation that the named ministry personnel is in good standing, the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs with the request of Greenfield Park United Church and approves the call to the Rev. Birgit Neuschild, Ordained Minister, beginning July 1st 2019, full time, with the following terms for Category F, Cost of Living Group (COL) 3. **Carried**

2019-03-21_66 MOTION (P. Lisson/P. Goldberger) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive appoints the Reverend Scott Patton as Liaison working with St. John's United Church, Pointe Claire. **Carried**

2019-03-21_67 MOTION (R. Sheffer/M. Moser) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive appoints Marc Grenon as Liaison working with Bedford Pastoral Charge. **Carried**

2019-03-21_68 MOTION (R. Sheffer/P. Lisson) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive sets the deadline of April 15th for receiving provisional calls and appointments for candidates for ordination, commissioning and admission. **Carried**

2019-03-21_69 MOTION (M. Moser/J. Leduc)

Attendu qu'il y a dans la région un manque de soins pastoraux criant tant dans la communauté anglophone que dans la communauté francophone, il conviendrait de couvrir ces besoins en créant des réseaux et des regroupements dans les deux langues;

Attendu que les nouvelles technologies peuvent faciliter l'établissement et le développement de tel réseaux et regroupements,

Il est proposé pour l'année 2019 à 2020 l'ouverture de deux postes bilingues à temps partiel dans le but de développer le réseautage et les regroupements dans le grand Québec, la Gaspésie, le Saguenay et la Côte Nord d'une part, puis le grand Montréal et les Cantons de l'est d'autre part. **Accepté**

(Translation)

Whereas there is in the Region an obvious lack of pastoral care both in the anglophone community and in the francophone community, it would be good to address this need creating networks and clusters in both languages.

Whereas the new technologies are helpful in establishing and developing networks and clusters,

It is proposed that for the year 2019 to 2020 two bilingual part time positions be opened in order to develop networking and clustering in the bigger Quebec area including Gaspésie, Saguenay and Côte Nord and secondly in the bigger Montreal area including the Eastern Townships. **Carried**

2019-03-21_70 MOTION (P. Lisson) that the meeting be adjourned at 12:03 p.m. **Carried**

2019-04-04_71 MOTION (P. Stanfield/ R. Sheffer) That the minutes of March 21st be approved as received. **Carried**

2019-04-04_72 MOTION (P. Lisson/P. Stanfield) That the agenda be accepted as circulated. **Carried**

2019-04-04_73 MOTION (R. Sheffer/P. Lisson) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive receives the recommendation of the Property and Finance Leadership Team to approve the draft financial statements of the Québec Presbytery dated March 8th (which incorporate the reduction of \$8,370 in the amount owed to the F & E Board from Québec Presbytery and acknowledge that the Property & Finance Leadership Group has adopted the income statement template to be used for reporting quarterly financial results of the Region. **Carried**

2019-04-04_74 MOTION (P. Stanfield/R. Sheffer) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive authorizes the Executive Minister to sign a lease with Summerlea United Church for office space, and for the duration of three years. **Carried**

2019-04-04_75 MOTION (M. Moser/J. Leduc) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive appoint Rev. Janet Bisset, Rev. Darryl MacDonald, Rev. Jennifer Mountain, Rev. David Lambie, Rev. Birgit Neuschild and Rev. Mher Katchikian to serve on the Pastoral Relations Leadership Team. **Carried**

2019-04-04_76 MOTION (M. Moser /J. Leduc) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive accept the draft position description for Minister supporting Clusters and Networks, and authorize the Executive Minister to present said job description to the General Council office for approval. The job description is renewable after one year. **Carried**

2019-04-04_77 MOTION (P. Lisson/R. Sheffer) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive appoints Shirley Cartnell or Joan Benoit as the representative to the Archives Consultation and if not, she approach who she thinks is suitable. **Carried**

2019-04-04_78 (P. Lisson) that the meeting be adjourned at 12:07 p.m. **Carried**

2019-04-25_79 MOTION (P. Lisson/J. Leduc) That the minutes of April 4th be approved as corrected. **Carried**

2019-04-25_80 MOTION (M. Moser/J. Leduc) That the agenda be accepted as amended. **Carried**

2019-04-25_81 MOTION (P. Stanfield/P. Lisson) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive accepts the 2019 Amendment to 2012 Good Samaritan Fund agreement (“GSF 2012”) between the United Church of Canada Foundation – la Fondation de l’Église Unie du Canada (“UCCF”) and Conseil regional Nakonha:ka Regional Council (“NRC”) as successor to Montreal Presbytery of the United Church of Canada (“MP”). **Carried**

2019-04-25_82 MOTION (P. Stanfield/J. Leduc) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive receives for information the Q1 Income Statements (see appendix A). **Carried**

2019-04-25_83 MOTION (P. Lisson/P. Stanfield) That the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive mandate the Property and Finance Leadership Team to create a property strategy, using Edge as a resource, in consultation with the visioning of Communities of Faith, feeding the creation of a vision of ministry for the Regional Council. **Carried**

2019-04-25_84 MOTION (P. Lisson /P. Stanfield) That the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive create a timeline to receive an interim report on property strategy from the Property and Finance and Leadership Team after six months, with regular updates, and a full report in one year. **Carried**

2019-04-25_85 MOTION (P. Lisson/R. Sheffer) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive ensure that reporting on property strategy be included in the Report Book for the Inaugural Meeting on May 25th 2019. **Carried**

2019-04-25_86 MOTION (P. Lisson/P. Goldberger) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive receives the request for change of pastoral relations, effective July 1st 2019 from Beryl Barraclough, Designated Lay Minister, on April 16th 2019 for information and refers to the Pastoral Relations Minister for next steps. **Carried**

2019-04-25_87 MOTION (P. Lisson/J. Leduc) that having received the properly completed form and confirmation from the Office of Vocation that the named ministry personnel is in good standing, the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs with the request of Merging Waters Pastoral Charge and approves the provisional call to Ryan Fea, Ordinand, beginning July 1st 2019, full time, with the following terms for Category A, Cost of Living Group (COL) 4: salary (housing included) \$ 56,741.00 per annum, basic telephone \$600 per annum, Continuing Education and Learning Amount \$ 1,415 per annum, and all other terms according to The Manual. **Carried**

2019-04-25_88 MOTION (P. Lisson/P. Goldberger) that having received the properly completed form and confirmation that the named ministry personnel is in good standing, the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs with the request of Rennies United Church and retroactively approves the appointment of the Rev. Mher Katchikian, Ordained Minister, beginning July 1st 2018 and ending June 30th 2019 half time, with the following terms for Category F, Cost of Living Group (COL) 2: salary (housing included) \$ 27,166 per annum, basic telephone \$700 per annum, Continuing Education and Learning Amount \$ 700 per annum, as well as travel and other considerations \$14 300 and all other terms according to The Manual. **Carried**

2019-04-25_89 MOTION (P. Lisson/P. Goldberger) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council accepts with regret the request for a change in pastoral relations and retirement of the Rev. Mher Katchikian, Ordained Minister, effective July 1st 2019 and gives thanks for his ministry among us. **Carried**

2019-04-25_90 MOTION (P. Lisson/M. Moser) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive appoints the Reverend Birgit Neuschild as Liaison working with SouthWest United Church, Verdun. **Carried**

2019-04-25_91 MOTION (P. Lisson/J. Leduc) The Quebec Presbytery Consistoire du Quebec, at a meeting of its Executive held on December 4th 2018, during which it approved the Joint Needs Assessment Report from the Mount Bruno and Richelieu Valley United Church but neglected to declare a Vacancy as requested; that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive declare a vacancy for a fulltime (40 hours) or a part-time (30 hours) minister (ordained, diaconal or designated lay minister) effective immediately. **Carried**

2019-04-25_92 MOTION (P. Lisson/R. Sheffer) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive appoints the Reverend Jennifer Mountain as Liaison working with Mount Bruno and Richelieu Valley United Church. **Carried**

2019-04-25_93 MOTION (P. Lisson/J. Leduc) that having received the properly completed form and confirmation that the named ministry personnel is in good standing, the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs with the request of Knowlton Mountain Valley Pastoral Charge and approves the appointment of the Rev. Steven Lawson, Ordained Minister, beginning July 1st 2019 and ending June 30th 2020 part-time (20 hours), with the following terms for Category F, Cost of Living Group (COL) 2: salary (housing included) \$ 30 541.50 per annum, basic telephone \$681.36 per annum, Continuing Education and Learning Amount \$ 707.50 per annum, and all other terms according to The Manual. **Carried**

2019-04-25_94 MOTION (P. Stanfield/P. Goldberger) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive appoints Joan Benoit as the representative to the Archives Consultation in London June 16-18, 2019. **Carried**

2019-04-25_95 MOTION (P. Lisson/R. Sheffer) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive support the statement from religious groups (see appendix **D**) **Carried** (P. Goldberger abstains)

2019-04-25_96 MOTION (P. Lisson/J. Leduc) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive circulate a press release in response to Bill 21 (see appendix E). **Carried**

2019-04-25_97 MOTION (P. Stanfield/P. Goldberger) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive receives the financial report from Consistoire Laurentien. **Carried**

2019-04-25_98 MOTION (J. Leduc) that the meeting be adjourned at 2:36 p.m. **Carried**

2019-05-09_101 MOTION (P. Stanfield/R. Sheffer) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive authorize \$350 to be taken from contingency fund to pay for Christian Jewish Dialogue of Montreal membership. **Carried**

2019-05-09_102 MOTION (P. Stanfield/R. Sheffer) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive adopts the recommendation of members of the Synode Montreal & Ottawa Conference Finance Committee, (moved by B. Cornelius/P. Stanfield), that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approve the 2018 Draft Audited Statements of Synode Montreal & Ottawa Conference. **Carried**

2019-05-09_103 MOTION (P. Stanfield/R. Sheffer) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive adopts the recommendations of the Property and Finance Leadership Team on May 7, 2019.

“MOTION: (Paul Stanfield/Rick Sheffer) that the Property and Finance Leadership Group recommend to the Regional Council Executive that the accounting firm Tretiak Holowka be appointed to conduct the 2019 review engagement of the financial statements of Nakonha:ka Regional Council. **CARRIED.**

MOTION: (Jim Vanstone/Dave McCormack) that the Property and Finance Leadership Group recommend to the Regional Council Executive that the draft agreement with “Georgeville Preservation” be approved in principle with the following changes: an advance sale would require the permission of Nakonha:ka Regional Council; use of the building by the congregation for funerals, weddings, and baptisms needs to be made a clear priority (Item 8); if the property is sold within 20 years the proceeds will be split equally between “Georgeville Preservation” and Nakonha:ka Regional Council. **CARRIED.**

MOTION: (Dave Clinker/Paul Stanfield) that the Property and Finance Leadership Group recommend that the Regional Council Executive ratify the F & E motions offering loans of \$250K to St. James United Church and \$35K to the Korean United Church. **CARRIED.**

MOTION: (Dave McCormack/Dave Clinker) that the Property and Finance Leadership Group recommend to the Regional Council Executive that the request for financial assistance for a stove for St. Jean United Church be directed towards the Trois-Rivières French Ministry Fund. **CARRIED.” Carried**

2019-05-09_104 MOTION (R. Sheffer/ P. Stanfield) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the 2018 Financial Statements of the Québec Presbytery of the United Church of Canada as prepared by Tretiak Holowka (draft March 8, 2019). **Carried**

2019-05-09_105 MOTION (R. Sheffer/M. Moser) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive mandate the Executive Minister and Pastoral Relations Minister to respond to the request from Mount Royal United. **Carried**

2019-05-09_106 MOTION (M. Moser/R. Sheffer) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the application from Camino de Emaus for \$3700 to replace appliances. **Carried**

2019-05-09_107 MOTION (P. Lisson/J. Leduc) that having received from Mount Royal United Church a Request for Categorization of Lay Ministry Position for a Children and Youth Minister, the Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concur with the Pastoral Relations Assessment and approve the categorization of the position description as being Congregationally Accountable. **Carried**

2019-05-09_108 MOTION (B. Patton/P. Lisson) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council appoints the Rev. Mead Baldwin as supervising minister of Baldwins Mill United Church. **Carried**

2019-05-09_109 MOTION (P. Lisson/B. Patton) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the composition of the Executive in principle. **Carried**

2019-05-09_110 MOTION (P. Lisson/J. Leduc) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive Regional approves the Regional Council Living Mission. **Carried**

2019-05-09_111 MOTION (P. Lisson/J. Leduc) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive Regional approves the memorandum of understanding. **Carried**

2019-05-09_112 MOTION (P. Lisson/J. Leduc) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the amended Draft Governance Policy Handbook. **Carried**

2019-05-09_113 MOTION (P. Lisson/J. Leduc) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive adopts the Covenant Relationship between La Table, the General Secretary and the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council. **Carried**

Staff Reports **Executive Minister**

In the spring of 2018, each presbytery was asked by the General Secretary to name a representative to form a regional transition commission. Given that only two presbyteries were involved in this process, the decision was made to have two representatives from Consistoire Laurentien and two from each of the former Montreal and Quebec-Sherbrooke presbyteries. Conferences were invited to name a president or past president to be on the commission. The Indigenous Ministries Council also named representatives.

The **transition commission** was formed using those named as representatives; Susan Gabriel, Rev. Pierre Goldberger, Rev. David Lambie, Rev. Joëlle Leduc, Patricia Lisson D.M., Monique Moser, Robert Patton, Paul Stanfield and Rick Sheffer.

The commissions were voted into existence at the **General Council 43** in Oshawa in July 2018, but the working group had already begun in late May, on the assumption that all would pass.

We met as a **Transition Commission** 16 times between June 7th and December 11th, almost all of which were for half-days in person. Hours of volunteer time was spent building relationships, hearing stories of different areas, sharing hopes, passions and concerns, and then discerning how to move forward.

We identified a **Vision** of the Commission by which we evaluate progress based on:

- Supporting and enhancing the life of Communities of Faith where ministry takes place
- Nurturing Social Justice and Outreach programs
- Building Communications

We had presentations or **consultations** and support from General Council staff; David Allen on many things, David Armour and Erik Matheson on budgeting and the financial packages being offered for technology and equipment, Nora Sanders and Eric Hebert-Daly on the Covenant agreement with La Table des ministres en français, and with Karen Valley and Sabrina Di Stefano on the difference between Office of Vocation and the new pastoral relations process.

We created our budget based upon **two hypothetical pots of money** to use, \$325,000 for governance and services (administration) and \$289,000 for mission and ministry. There was also money from the Finance and Extension Board that have substantially supported the outreach ministries and special funds for projects and sabbaticals.

We had timelines and **deadlines** imposed at intervals, decisions that had to be made so that ministry could continue, such as Mission Support granting, and budget planning including evaluating needs for office space and staffing.

Conversations, searching for a suitable location and initial planning began for an **Inaugural meeting** of the new Regional Council at St. Lambert United Church on May 25, 2019. We will be blessed to have the Moderator as one of our General Council participants.

Through the autumn, we worked on **staffing needs, job descriptions, policies and governance structures**. An “open space” exercise was conducted at the November Quebec Presbytery to begin building ‘Leadership Teams’ and to find out how the wider church wanted to be involved. More names have been added since that time and the invitation to serve continues.

We asked for suggestions for the new name during the fall, with the decision to be made at the November presbytery meetings at which time everyone had a secret ballot vote.

Four names were presented and Nakonha:ka was sent in by our Mohawk congregation in Kanesatake (Oka). Elder Satewas Gabriel has for many years welcomed up to the land as part of the opening worship for the Conference Annual General Meeting.

We have two Mohawk communities of faith in our new regional council, and although there are people from many other nations living in the area, none of them have churches. The United Church of Canada added the Mohawk words "all my relations" to the crest a number of years ago in recognition that they were the first Indigenous nation to join The United Church of Canada.

The work Nakonha:ka is reference to "the people of the east, the people of the rising sun", and there are no Mohawk communities in Canada further east than Quebec. We solicited possible names for the new regional council and through a ballot voting process at both presbytery meetings, and invitations sent to our Indigenous communities for their input, a decision of who the new us would be, using a trilingual name.

Dave took the Minutes until December when we selected him to be the **Chair**, and we asked Paul Stanfield to be initial **Treasurer** as we worked on finding ways to work with the numbers.

Staff positions were gradually filled to have staff in place to start the year.

Shanna Bernier - Youth and Young Adult Ministries (full time)

Judy Coffin -Communications and Administration Assistant (17.5 hours per week)

Beverly Anderson-Levine – Archives (Wednesday)

Sabrina Di Stefano - Pastoral Minister (full time)

Rev. Rosemary Lambie - Executive Minister (full time, shared with 12 &13)

Joel Miller - Program Assistant to Executive Minister, Recording Secretary (FT as EM)

January 1, 2019 arrived with us not feeling *really* ready to be the new **Executive**, but knowing that we had worked steadily, had made good progress and were excited to be leading the way. Joel Miller took over the taking of Minutes for the Executive and all staff are corresponding members and receive Minutes.

There have been eight meetings in 2019, and the focus has been on establishing the **governance structure and having working policies** in place. Many of these policies are compilations of former presbytery and Conference policies, and will help hold all of us accountable to the ethical standards of practice of the wider church.

Liaisons have been trained to engage in the new pastoral relations process, and the Office of Vocations has sent out invitations to use the new HUB system.

One of the challenges has been addressing requests for information or assistance before a structure was in place with individuals named as responsible to make such decisions.

Some initial **Leadership Teams** have be formed (to be added to at the Inaugural meeting through Nominations) to address emerging issues, particularly around property and finance, and pastoral relations.

The staff of Regional Councils 11, 12 & 13 as well as shared staff and General Council staff had a two-day retreat in early March to do relationship building and find ways to share resources, working together within their respective and across the 3 regional councils.

Communication has been forefront in our efforts to be transparent. While getting a working website continues to be a challenge because of the company engaged by the General Council office to help guide them, Judy (with translation expertise from Rev. Denis Fortin) has been creating a **weekly Friday newsletter** to help people be informed and save dates.

We will be electing more members to the Executive on May 25 and Leadership Teams (replacing committees) will begin to live into our new reality as we also decide how to meet in the future.

Thanks for this challenging and yet life-giving opportunity to serve the church and help us transform together. I am deeply appreciative of the staff and dedicated volunteers who have already committed many hours to achieve so much.

Respectfully submitted, Rosemary Lambie (Rev.) Executive Minister

Program Assistant to the Executive Minister

From the time the seeds were planted during the comprehensive review, to these Inaugural Regional Council meetings, I have had the opportunity of witnessing and being part of the United Church of Canada's restructuring. From the vantage point of a Conference Administrator, and now, a Program Assistant to the Executive Minister, I have taken part in the administrative process that has been necessary for implementing the changes which now shape the new governance models of these Regional Councils.

I am thankful for the talents and gifts that shape the staff of the Regional Councils, and I know I will continue to benefit from each as we grow in our respective roles to best serve within the United Church of Canada.

Tasks of the Program Assistant to the Executive Minister within each of the Regional Councils include:

Executive Minister Support: Provides daily, high level, ongoing administrative support to the Executive Minister including, hospitality, the flow of communication, proactively providing appropriate back-up material to assist, the Executive Minister and correspondence as required.

Executive: Recording Secretary for each of the Regional Council Executive meetings (Executive minutes are available on the Regional Council websites or through me).

Marriage Licenses & Voluntary Associate Minister: Processing marriage license application forms and annually updating Quebec and Ontario Marriage license lists (application forms are available on the website or through me).

Keeping a record of all Voluntary Associate Ministers, which is updated annually (retired Ministers or Ministers not in a call or appointment must be a Voluntary Associate Minister in order to apply for a temporary marriage license).

(Please see the Authorization to Perform Marriage and Voluntary Associate Minister (VAM) Policy in your Regional Council's Governance handbook for more information).

General Meeting: Recording Secretary at each of the Regional Council General meetings. Preparing annual report books (General meeting minutes and report books are available on the Regional Council websites or through me).

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Miller

Program Assistant to Executive Minister

Pastoral Relations Minister

Since the implementation of the United Church structural changes in January 2019, there has not been a dull moment for those working on matters pertaining to pastoral relations.

Regional Council Liaisons

On December 6th 2018, in anticipation of imminent Pastoral Relations needs in the New Year, the Nakonha:ka Regional Council joined forces with Eastern Ontario Outaouais and East Central Ontario Regional Councils to provide Liaison Training to those that would serve in this capacity in our respective Regional Councils. A second training session was also provided on March 16th, 2019 at the Regional Council Office in Lachine with the collaboration of Rev. Whitman Strong, Pastoral Relations Minister for Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council.

As a result of these two trainings, the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive at its meeting on March 21st 2019, appointed the Rev. Janet Bisset, Mr. Marc Grenon, Rev. Mher Katchikian, Rev. Dave Lambie, Rev. Marie-Claude Manga, Rev. Jennifer Mountain, Rev. Birgit Neuschild, Rev. Scott Patton and Rev. Tami Spires as the recognized trained Liaisons authorized to serve the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank those who have courageously taken on this role in this time of great change, the work is demanding and relies on the generosity of volunteers. We are always ready to train new Liaisons for anyone having a specific call to this very important ministry.

Pastoral Relations Leadership Team

We have also managed to see to the formation of a Pastoral Relations Leadership Team, which keeps a watchful eye on the needs and demands of Communities of Faith and Ministry Personnel across this Regional Council. This Leadership Team meets monthly. The Leadership Team receives requests for supervision and liaison needs, it receives and attends to the approval by the Regional Council Executive of Community of Faith Profiles, it follows up on pastoral concerns in relation to ministry personnel. It is helpful in my new role as Pastoral Relations Ministers to work in collaboration with other team members who are in contact with different geographic areas of this Regional Council, each bringing past experiences, history and knowledge of every one of our Communities of Faith and sharing concerns for the well-being of both Ministry Personnel and Congregations.

ChurchHub

Also new to our Church, **ChurchHub.ca** is part of a significant shift in the life of the church. *It is both a policy that was passed by General Council to be “regularized as the required process for ministry personnel and communities of faith to search for calls and appointments” and the support structure for communication between the denomination, ministry personnel, communities of faith and members who participate in regional and denominational ministry* (<https://www.united-church.ca/leadership/supporting-ministry/churchhub>).

The General Council Office has, since November 2018, sent out invitations to ChurchHub to members of the Order of Ministry and since April 2019 to Communities of Faith. If you are a member of the Order of Ministry or a representative from a Community of Faith and have not received an invitation to ChurchHub please email ministry@united-church.ca.

Annual Declaration with Respect to Criminal Records

A simple reminder that, following the changes to the Police Record Checks Policy, each year, by June 30th, each candidate or ministry personnel must certify that no criminal charges have been filed against them in the preceding year. This certification is done online through your ChurchHub account.

Failure to provide such certification annually will require that the ministry personnel or candidate provide a current (dated within six months) level 1 and level 2 police records check to bring them back into good standing.

Failure to provide such certification above may affect the person's standing and may result in a recommendation from the Remedial Committee that the individual's name be placed on the Discontinued Service List (Disciplinary).

In conclusion...

I am extremely grateful for all those who have been generous with their time, their wisdom, their experience, whether they have been serving as a liaison, or supervising communities of faith, or serving as a member of the Pastoral Relations Leadership Team. Thank you for all that you do and for being available when I call on you with what seems like never ending requests. I would also like to thank all Ministry Personnel and Communities of Faith for their patience in the last five months as we have been implementing new policies and practices, adapting to new technology and new ways of doing.

Respectfully submitted, Sabrina Di Stefano, Pastoral Relations Minister

Finance and Office Administrator Report

I was hired in late 2018 as the Finance and Office Administrator for Nakonha:ka Regional Council and have been working in that position since January 1st. My main duties are management of the Regional Council's finances, providing administrative and office support to the Lachine office, and providing support to various leadership groups, including Property & Finance, Granting and Enabling, Trusts and Funds, and Mission Support. In addition, I administer the finances of the Finance & Extension Board, provide administrative support to the Board, and for the issuance of Sabbatical and Bursary grants.

One of my main activities since January has been setting up an accounting system for the Regional Council. This involved choosing and installing an accounting software package, setting up the various accounts, and recording all financial transactions since January 1st. Since the Region's accounting is now done internally, it is very current and allows for instantaneous production of financial statements and reports for any desired period. I will be producing quarterly financial statements, with the ability to compare year-to-date revenue and expenditures versus budgeted amounts. If desired, monthly financial statements and reports can also be provided.

The last few months seem to have flown by, as each day is unique and brings new tasks and challenges, such as depositing and issuing cheques, performing tasks for meetings, dealing with phone and email inquiries, conducting general office duties, coordinating the application process for various grants and bursaries, and so on. Although I have an accounting background, the United Church work environment is new to me. I have had the additional challenge of learning about the United Church's polity and theology, and how to deal with the social and cultural realities of the Regional Council (not to mention an abundance of acronyms!).

I have met and interacted with many new people over the last few months, hope to meet many more in the future, and appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the mission and ministry of Nakonha:ka Regional Council.

Brian Ruse, CPA, CGA
Finance and Office Administrator
Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

I am four months into my new position as Program Support Minister for Youth and Young Adults and I sometimes still feel like this situation cannot be real because getting this job was a dream come true. Clichés and gushing aside, I am truly grateful to be working for the Nakonha:Ka regional council. As many of you know, I am not new to church work, or youth work. The better part of the last decade, I have been working at a congregational, presbytery and conference level with children, youth and young adults. I have loved volunteering and working part time planning youth events, but it was always my dream to make church work my career and not simply a passion project. The time since January 1st has rushed by, and I have been working hard to get my bearings and figure out, along with everyone else in the United Church of Canada, what the new regional councils will mean for my ministry.

The programming for Youth starting off with bang as I immediately needed to coordinate transport and lodging for the 50 youth and leaders who participated in EOOR's regional Youth Gathering "Worshiplude" which takes place during Ottawa's annual Winterlude festivities. We were privileged to meet our Moderator, stay in the historic and welcoming church of Parkdale United and enjoy the beautiful national capital together. Spring Youth Forum, which was held in Magog QC April 12-14th had the theme "Right Relations – Justice Issues for Indigenous peoples". We experienced the Blanket Exercise, a difficult and meaningful experience for youth to face their settler privilege and relearn the history of Canada from a different perspective. I am planning a bilingual Young Adult retreat in September, with Ecumenical collaborations.

The role of a Youth Minister is diverse and varied. I book buses, I coordinate rides, I buy snacks, and I listen to the woes of stressed out university students and the hopes and dreams of seventh graders. I plan games, buy nametags, pray, learn and read. Sometimes all of that happens in 48 hours with little to no sleep. Youth Ministry happens in weird spaces and times. It happens on a bus full of exhausted people who still cannot keep from singing. It happens late at night when a young person discusses theology with regard to their sexual orientation. Youth and young adults are vulnerable and they are aching for affirmation and safe space. I make that space happen and I let the spirit unfold the rest.

I am so excited to have the time and space to do my work well. It is so amazing to have time to reflect, refuel and correct the things that can be done better in the future. I am listening to hear the needs as well as what communities of faith are doing for the young people in our region. More conversations need to happen. I need to meet more people and connect with the folks outside my pre-existing network. I will reach out to francophone people and to our indigenous communities of faith. This is a work in progress and it will take time for me to form trusting relationships with people.

Youth Work is a long-term investment, not only in the Church, but in the world. A world where empowering youth to seek justice and love their neighbour is more important than ever.

Respectfully submitted, Shanna Bernier, YAYA Ministry

Communications

January 2019 marked the beginning of a new adventure as we officially marked our transition to a new structure of governance as Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council, replacing the former Montreal and Ottawa Conference, Quebec Presbytery and Consistoire Laurentien. Transition can be challenging, but fortunately, many members of the region have brought their wisdom and experience to the process... and some have brought new energy and vision, as well!

One of the most unsettling aspects of change can be a sense of isolation and uncertainty as we try to figure out how this new version of relationship with each other will work. My overarching goal for regional communications is to support an environment of connection and empowerment as we share our visions---and our struggles---reminding ourselves that we are not alone. Open communications throughout all levels of governance and across geographical, linguistic and cultural boundaries can be a valuable source of mutual support, whether for sharing common interests and challenges or exploring unique ones, such as the multilingual needs of Nakonha:ka. Did you know that communities of faith are celebrating worship in at least 11 languages across our region? Isn't that amazing?

With that goal in mind, some of the vital initiatives that have more than filled my hours since starting my role as Communications and Administrative Assistant include the following:



Identity

Who are we now? How do we want to move forward? Our name, our visual identity and the ways in which we communicate are all connected, and are designed to convey a sense of possibility, of rootedness in the place and the people of our region, and an environment of mutual support.

Our name, *Nakonha:ka*, is a Mohawk word meaning “people of the East.” Our logo shows a joyful and diverse crowd celebrating the rising of the sun in the East along the shores of a rippling body of water.

Contact Information

Good connections rely on good information, so part of my focus has been to verify, update and expand contact lists from various sources. My goal is to include anyone who would like to receive information directly *[Note: due to stringent anti-spam laws (CASL), it is also important **not** to include anyone who would prefer to be left out!]* I am grateful for the assistance of current contacts within communities of faith who continue to update information and invite other members to join our mailing list, so that the lists are more accurate and complete over time.

Newsletter

Our regional newsletter, emailed out weekly in both English and French, was created to be a streamlined and timely source of information, highlighting national, regional and local topics of interest, events and other important developments. *[Note: Many thanks to Denis Fortin of the MiF translation team who proofreads my translations every week, often under intense time pressure!]* All are welcome to subscribe; recipients are strongly encouraged to share the information with other members of their communities of faith, especially those who don't have computers or email. Communities of faith and interest groups are also encouraged to submit their photos, news and events, particularly unique opportunities that may benefit the region as a whole.

Social Media

Social media is an effective and cost-efficient way to reach out beyond church walls into our local communities, so I encourage all members of the region to connect and share photos, videos, events and reflections about who we are and why we do what we do. Nakonha:ka has a private Facebook group for members of the region, as well as a presence on Twitter and YouTube, with Instagram to follow shortly.

Website

Last---but definitely not least---be sure to bookmark the new regional website, because it will be your main source for ALL important information for the region: contact info, policies, forms, minutes, upcoming events, programs, funding and grants, governance, as well as resources for the important work we do together... and hopefully, sources of inspiration to do it with joy!

Staying Connected

Whether through road trips to communities of faith or online meetings with colleagues across regions, I have met some amazing people in this United Church of ours who are called by the Spirit to share a message of hope. I am here to help.

Submit newsletter materials (photos, stories, events, etc.) to jcoffin@united-church.ca

Subscribe to regional newsletter at <http://eepurl.com/ghSnNP>

Follow on Twitter: @Nakonhaka_uccan

Join Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Nakonhaka/>

See videos on YouTube: <http://bit.ly/YouTube-Nakonhaka>

Consult website: www.nakonhakaucc.ca

Judy Coffin

Communications and Administrative Assistant

Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council

United Church of Canada

Archives Report

The Archives and History Committee met in April and November of 2018. The minutes of all four presbyteries were examined for the last time, some at the Annual General Meeting in May 2018 others at the Conference office in Lachine in June by the Conference Archivist.

Montreal Archives:

In September 14 boxes of records were sent to the Archives nationales- Vieux Montréal :

1 box of annual reports (2016), 3 boxes of Aujourd'hui Credo (1954-1988), 6 boxes of records from Trinity United Church –Rosemount, 3 boxes of records of Ste-Thérèse-Rosemere United Church (1834-2007) and 1 box of records of St. John's United Church, St-Jean-sur-Richelieu.

Most inquiries continue to be for baptism and marriage records and are mostly by email. There are some requests for biographical information about ministers and historical records of pastoral charges. Cemetery inquiries are becoming more common.

The work at the Quebec Presbytery office to organize their records for archiving, destruction or moving to the regional office has been completed and the 32 boxes of documents and 6 tubes of plans have been moved temporarily to Lachine awaiting pick up.

There are several boxes of records brought to the office in Lachine that have been triaged and organized which must be sent to Ottawa and Gatineau.

Gatineau: (Nancy Pitre)

A blitz was organized at Rupert Church in November to prepare more of Grace United's records to be archived.

Quebec-Sherbrooke : (Julie Roy)

The BANQ-Sherbrooke continues to house our records from the former Quebec-Sherbrooke Presbytery which are outside of the Eastern Townships and to provide reference services.

Eastern Townships Resource Centre , Bishop's University: (Jody Robinson)

The ETRC continues to provide reference services and to accession, process and describe records from the Eastern Townships pastoral charges.

Ottawa & Seaway Valley – Ottawa City Archives : (Larry Richardson)

Our records from Ontario pastoral charges and Ottawa Presbytery continue to be housed in the Ottawa City Archives .

Heritage Trust Fund

After the restructuring the Heritage Fund was split proportionally between Nakonha:ka and Eastern Ontario – Outaouais regions.

We are hoping to maintain contact between the people in regions 12 and 13 responsible for and interested in archives. Region 11 has a long standing arrangement with Central Archives to house and manage their records.

Beverly Anderson-Levine
Regional Council Archivist

Regional Council Leadership Team Reports **Finance and Extension Board**

The Finance and Extension Board, commonly referred to as the F and E Board, is one of the best kept secrets of the Region. Many have heard the name but not so many know the important roles that it plays in supporting and furthering ministry in our Region.

Incorporated under the United Church of Canada Act in 1926 immediately following the creation of the United Church of Canada, the F and E Board was a principal financing means for the development of congregations and other UCC ministries in our region and remains so today.

As a separate corporation within the purview of the Conseil Regional Nakonha:ka Regional Council and under the governance of its Officers and Members representing the Region, the principal functions of the F and E Board are:

- overseeing the investment management of the Region's investment portfolio carried out by professional investment management firms, presently FIERA Investment Management and Letko Brosseau and Associates. This includes the General Investment portfolio and also investments held in trust and/or restricted funds which together provide funding support from the Region for meeting various ministry needs;
- being a principal provider of funding for the Regional Council activities including for Mission Support and other mission and ministry support; \$530,000 is being provided for 2019 for these purposes;
- providing a lending program to support ministry development and sustainability generally, though not exclusively, for fixed asset projects such as building renovation and/or repair. Currently over \$1 million in loans is approved and outstanding;
- providing building/property repair and development/redevelopment advice and accompaniment;
- management of the Sabbatical Leave Program for Ministry personnel and Bursary Programs for students to further their education.

Over the years funding, in large measure, of operations of the Montreal and, latterly, the Quebec Presbyteries by the F and E Board was a principal reason why Presbytery assessment rates in our Region were among the lowest in Canada. Under the new church restructuring arrangements, assessments on Communities of Faith are now levied directly by the National Church. There are, however, provisions for Regional Councils to levy their own assessments in addition to the national assessment if they see fit to meet regional needs in addition to funding provided by the National Church. Funding support by the F and E Board allows for a much greater range of programs, staffing and support for the Region than would otherwise be available without exercising this additional Regional Council assessment levy.

Going forward it is expected that building/property matters will be one area of increasing focus for the Region and for F and E Board advice and financing regarding repair, upkeep and renovation as buildings age and, where potential exists, for repurposing, sale, or redevelopment. As well, reviews of financing policies to meet the needs of a changing church are underway.

We welcome expressions of interest in learning more about the F and E Board and in serving on the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick (Rick) Sheffer
President
Finance and Extension Board
May 2019

Good Samaritan Fund Grant

Introduction:

The Rev'd David Clinker and Ms. Renate Sutherland, reported on behalf of the Good Samaritan Fund Granting Committee, whose membership includes the Rev'd Shaun Fryday (chairperson), Ms. Linda Norris, and Ms. Shelley Goulet and Maitre Guy-Lin Beaudoin.

The Good Samaritan Fund investment now stands at \$6,315,527.68, and, has yielded \$229,961.24 in grant money to be disbursed in 2019. This amount is based on the 3.5% annual draw on the fund that provides the grant money.

The committee received fifteen (15) applications by its February 28, 2019 deadline. The committee was pleased that applications came from all over the presbytery's geographic area. The grant request from the applications totalled \$273,375. This represented \$43,413.76 more in requests than available grant money.

At a meeting of the committee on May 7, 2019, the following grants were awarded after careful consideration. All grants are for a 1 year period. The total awarded was \$227,975, which does not exceed the available \$229,961.24.

Beaconsfield United Church is awarded \$11,530.00 for its Seniors Ministry's "Loonie Breakfast Program" and "Around the Table Lunch Program". This is the second grant for this program.

Cedar Park United Church was awarded \$10,680.00 for its "Congregational Care Coordinator for Seniors" position. This is the second grant for this program.

Hemmingford Pastoral Charge received a grant of \$16,600.00 for its Seniors Outreach Program. It previously received a grant in 2017 for its "Seniors in Isolation" program, and again in 2018.

Laurentian Area Ministry was awarded \$19,815.00 for its weekly "Open Circle" seniors program. This was the second grant offered.

Montreal City Mission was awarded \$10,000.00 for the "Roger Snelling Seniors Mobile Legal Clinic". They have received Good Samaritan grants since 2013.

Montreal City Mission was awarded \$15,000.00 for its new "Saisons/Seasons" senior program. This is the first grant for this new program;

Montreal West United Church was awarded \$6,000.00 for its "Extra Miles Program" MWUC has previously received 5 grants for its senior's programming.

NDG Senior Citizens Council was awarded \$12,000.00 for its "Tax Preparation Support and Outreach" program. This was the Council's first request to the GS Fund.

Richmond Melbourne United Church was awarded \$25,000.00 for its "Seniors Spiritual Wellness Program". This is the second grant awarded to this pastoral charge for this program.

Riverside United Church was awarded \$20,000.00 for its "Riverside Cares Mobile Pastoral Care Group". This program has received one year grants in 2015, 2016, 2017, under their former name "Northlea Cares Mobile Pastoral Care Group".

Riverside United Church was also awarded \$14,000.00 for its "Out to Lunch" program. The grant is for 1 year. This program has received one year grants since 2016.

St. Columba House was awarded \$25,000.00 for its "The Connection: Seniors Program". The program has

received grants since 2015.

St. Paul's United Church - Ayer's Cliff Magog Georgeville Pastoral Charge was awarded \$7,350 for their "Healthy Seniors Living – Exercise Program". This is their first grant.

Union United Church of Montreal was awarded \$15,000.00 for its Seniors Engagement Project. . Union had received one previous grant in 2015.

The West Island LGBTQ Centre was awarded \$20,000.00 for their West Island Senior=s Rainbow Program. Grants have been awarded since 2013

Comments, Recommendations, and Motions.

The Good Samaritan Fund continues to receive more grant requests than revenue to disburse. The Committee was truly disappointed that it could not grant the full requests of all applicants.

The committee is also aware that more funding is needed for seniors programming across the region.

In order to enable greater seniors' programming the committee suggests that there be an increase in the annual draw down from the fund from 3.5% to 5%, to increase grants when needed and appropriate. This will not only allow for a greater funding of seniors ministries, but will continue to allow for some of the investment return to be capitalized back into the fund. In 2019 a 5% drawdown would yield \$328,516.05 for grants.

The committee also recommends approval of a second round of applications in 2019, to enable other organizations to approach the fund.

Therefore, the following three (3) motions are being made to the Region:

1. *That the Conseil Régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council (NRC) approve an increase in the percentage, from 3.5% to a maximum of 5%, drawn annually from the Good Samaritan Fund to be made available for grants, beginning in 2019.*
2. *That NRC approve a second round of applications for grants from the Good Samaritan Fund in 2019, with an application deadline of September 15, 2019.*
3. *That NRC grant the Good Samaritan Grant Committee the status of a Commission for the remainder of 2019, in order to have the power to decide on the second round of applications with its decisions to be filed for information with the Minutes of the NRC Executive.*

The committee noted with thanks the administrative help received from Brian Ruse of the Regional Office, and David Armour at the United Church of Canada Foundation in the General Council Offices.

Atlantic School of Theology

Greetings from Atlantic School of Theology!

You might already know about us: we are a small ecumenical university in Halifax, NS, founded in 1971 when three theological schools merged together: Pine Hill (United Church of Canada); King's College (Anglican); and Holy Heart (Roman Catholic). We continue our close relationship with the United Church, and two-thirds of our degree students are United Church members. People from across Canada (every province) study with us.

In 2018-19, we continued to have a 'steady' enrolment pattern with 156 students. We offer the M.Div. (residential) degree; M.Div. (summer distance) degree; M.A. (jointly with Saint Mary's University); Diploma in Youth Ministry; Diploma in Theological Studies; and Diploma in the New Evangelization (a Roman Catholic initiative). As a full-integrated ecumenical theological university, we delight in the growth and graces we enjoy through constant contact and shared learning with peers from other Christian traditions. United Church of Canada students (from any Region) who are preparing for ministry enjoy a full tuition bursary for all years.

Continuing Education is an important aspect of what we do. This past year we offered a unique Social Enterprise Symposium and an online Feminist Spirituality course, for example. An increasing number of ministers are taking our M.A. degree (online or on campus) to further their learning.

A few campus renovations have been taking place, including the construction of Halifax Hospice on our property. We're happy to get to know this new neighbour and partner as they fulfill their important mission.

AST was a co-founder of the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Public Affairs, and has been involved for many years with its work. This year, in response to CCEPA's desire for increased autonomy, AST withdrew from the governance aspect of CCEPA, and CCEPA moved off our campus. We will remain active in their programming.

Like everyone associated with the United Church, we are adjusting to the new polity and structures that have been approved—for example, we have adapted the terms of reference for appointments to our Senate, and we are learning how best to relate to the new Candidacy Boards. If you have advice or suggestions for us, please get in touch any time. Our central aim is to serve the church, and we deeply value the partnership we share with you.

Respectfully,
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Our Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone,
We live in God's world.
We believe in God :
 who has created and is creating,
 who has come in Jesus,
 the Word made flesh,
 to reconcile and make new
 who works in us and others
 by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church
 to celebrate God's presence
to live with respect in Creation
 to love and serve others,
 to seek justice and resist evil,
 to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
 our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
 God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.