
Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council
Meeting of the Executive
Friday, January 17, 2020 – 9 a.m.

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Rev. Linda Buchanan	Chair, President
Rev. David Lambie	Member, Past-President
Fred Braman	Member, Property and Finance
Paul Stanfield	Member, Treasurer
Rev. Joëlle Leduc	Member at large
Rev. Samuel Dansokho	Member at large
Patricia Lisson, Diaconal Minister	Member, Justice and Community Ministries
Rick Sheffer	Member at large (depart 9:45 am)
Marc Grenon	Member at large
Rev. Marie-Claude Manga	Member, Representative of La Table
Peter Bisset	Corresponding Member, Finance and Extension Board (arrive 9:30 am)
Judy Coffin	Corresponding Member, Administration and Communication
Rev. Darryl Macdonald	Member, Pastoral Relations
Rev. Tami Spires	Corresponding Member, AGM Coordinator
David-Roger Gagnon	Corresponding Member,
Shanna Bernier	Corresponding Member, Youth, Young Adult and Families Ministries
Rev. Rosemary Lambie	Member, Executive Minister
Joel Miller	Corresponding Member, Program Assistant to Executive Minister, Recording Secretary

REGRETS/ABSENT

M ^e Sabrina Di Stefano	Corresponding Member, Pastoral Relations Minister
Rev. Barbara Bryce	Member, Granting and Enabling Leadership Team
Rev. Pierre Goldberger	Member at large
Robert Patton	Member, Right Relations

Opening Devotions – Samuel V. Dansokho led with an opening prayer.

Circle Time of Sharing –

Minutes of November 13, 2019

2020-01-17_001 MOTION (R. Sheffer/P. Lisson) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approve the Minutes of November 13, 2019 as received with correction of *clusters* to *networks* (1c).

Carried

Agenda

2020-01-17_002 MOTION (F. Braman/D. Lambie) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive accept the agenda as amended. **Carried**

Additions – Motion re Hatley; additions of item 8. Community and Justice Leadership Team.

Correspondence

- a) January 11, 2020 Jean-François Roberge, Minister of Education re acknowledgement of letter regarding Bill 40 (*for information*)
- b) January 16, 2020 Kyle Cote, Hatley United Church re sale of property and change in price because of wiring problems (*for action 3a*)
- c) November 28th, Éric Hébert-Daly, Responsable de La Table, re update on French Ministries (*for information, 7*)

Business Arising

Supporting and enhancing the life of Communities of Faith where ministry takes place

1. Governance**a) Sabbatical**

2020-01-17_003 MOTION (M. Grenon/P. Lisson) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive accepts the decisions of the Finance and Extension Board:

MOTION (R. Sutherland/J. Langelier) that the Sabbatical Leave Committee supports and recommends to the F & E Board the request for Sabbatical Leave 2020 of Rev. Samuel Dansokho, Minister at Plymouth-Trinity United Church in Sherbrooke, Québec for a time of reflection, renewal and new perspectives for ministry. This sabbatical leave is granted for a period of three months, September 1 – November 30, 2020 as outlined in the proposal of the applicant, and does not include the regular time of vacation. The sabbatical leave has an anticipated budget of \$12,000, which covers all the pulpit/contingency replacement costs and some personal costs.

Carried (*Samuel V. Dansokho abstains*)

- a) **Licensed Lay worship Leaders** – Rosemary reported on a conversation with Charlotte Griffith; discussions about oversight; Workshops planned in spring and fall, LLWL list needed from some of previous Presbyteries, agreement that relicensing of LLWL will take place at fall 2020 gathering.

Relicensing is a challenge with the larger geography. David Lambie and Wayne Beamer will be invited to continue the process, as well as others more central, to review interview processes.

- b) **Care for Retirees:** Death of Rev. Lester Bigby, former minister of Union United Church, Montreal

2. Pastoral Relations

- a) **2020-01-17_004 MOTION** (D. Macdonald/D. Lambie) That having received the properly completed form and confirmation from the Office of Vocations of the ministers good standing and recommendation of the Pastoral Relations Leadership Team from November 27, 2019, the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the Appointment of retired supply Rev. Mher Khatchikian to half time ministry at Rennie's United Church and Athelstan Presbyterian Church, for 20 hours per week ministry from October 1, 2019 to September 30th 2020. **Carried**
- b) **2020-01-17_005 MOTION** (D. Macdonald/D. Lambie) That having received the properly completed form and confirmation from the Office of Vocations of the ministers good standing and recommendation of the Pastoral Relations Leadership Team from November 27, 2019, the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the Appointment of Rev. Neil Whitehouse to half time ministry at

Westmount Park United Church, for 20 hours per week ministry from February 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021 added to the current half-time ministry. **Carried**

- c) **2020-01-17_006 MOTION** (D. Macdonald/D. Lambie) That having received the properly completed form and confirmation from the Office of Vocations of the ministers good standing and recommendation of the Pastoral Relations Leadership Team from November 27, 2019, the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the re-appointment of retired supply Rev. Wayne Beamer to half time pastoral care ministry at Richmond-Melbourne United Church Pastoral Charge, for 20 hours per week ministry from October 1, 2019 to June 30th 2020. **Carried**

Discussion: Richmond-Melbourne United Church and Rev. Wayne Beamer need to update themselves on Church Hub. All Pastoral Relations must be updated through Church Hub (online).

It was noted that the Wayne's ministry of Pastoral Care is being mainly done for senior population.

3. Property and Finance

- a) **2020-01-17_007 MOTION** (F. Braman/P. Stanfield) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive accepts the decisions of the Property and Finance Leadership Team on January 14, 2020.

MOTION (P. Stanfield/P. Bisset): that Fred Braman as chair be authorized to submit the current offer to purchase Hatley United Church to the Regional Council Executive for approval, if the buyer waives the inspection clause or approves the offer after the inspection. CARRIED.

*MOTION (B. Jay/S. Godbout): that the Property and Finance Leadership Team concurs with the recommendation of the trustees of Arundel United Church to sell the property at 12 rue du Village, Arundel, Québec J0T 1A0), lot #12A-4, to Jennifer Duplain and Pierre-Olivier Loiselle at a price of \$114,900. CARRIED. **Carried***

- b) Hatley United Church – sale of Church building and land – January 17, 2020

2020-01-17_008 MOTION (F. Braman/P. Stanfield) Resolved that the Conseil Régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council concur in the request of the Trustees of Hatley United Church to sell their church building and land (Lot 6,118,987 – at 57 Main, Hatley QC J0B 4B0) to Leo Bottos and Janis Timm-Bottos for the sum of \$129,000 on an as-is where-is basis and otherwise in accordance with the Promise.

Resolved further that the Hatley United Church Trustees shall not disburse the net proceeds of sale until the said Regional Council has approved their Plan of Disposition. **Carried**

4. Granting and Enabling Leadership Team

2020-01-17_009 MOTION (D. Lambie/ F. Braman) That the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the recommendations of the Granting and Enabling Leadership Team on January 15, 2020 as follows:

MOTION (S. Fryday/D. Clinker): that the Granting and Enabling Leadership Team recommends to the Regional Council Executive the approval of a Good Samaritan Fund grant of \$4,800 to Knowlton – Mountain Valley Pastoral Charge for their Seniors Outreach Project “Lift Your Spirit Lunch & Learn Series”. CARRIED.

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5. Community of Faith- no report

6. **Youth and Young Adults, and Family Ministries** (see appendix A) – Expression of interest from Montreal West United Church for transportation to Worshiplude in Ottawa. Workshops and training are in the works for youth workers and youth ministries.
7. **La Table** (see appendix B) – Recently held a meeting; highlights include: Minister and his wife coming from France in residence at UTC. Minister is giving a course online by the Minister (on preaching). Minister also works at Montreal City Mission (wife is giving courses in French). La Table was copied on letter from the Community and Justice Leadership Team to government regarding law 21 and Law 40 and are encouraged and thankful for leadership to address the situation; La Table is available for collaboration. There will be a General Meeting soon; there will be workshops – suggestions for workshops are welcome.
8. **Community and Justice Leadership Team** - 8 people met on Zoom, establishing rules of engagement (how to deal with issues as they arise). Actions include writing a letter re Bill 21 (press release), forward to Government; there have been press conferences, protest, marches (according to Supreme Court Bill 21 does not go against Peoples Human Rights. Question: Can letters be placed in the Regional Council newsletter as well.

A letter was also forwarded to government re Bill 40 to Minister of Education. Members of Leadership plan to be part of hearing on Religious Education curriculum and on Spiritual animation.

Hearings on Anti-racisms, Leadership Team would like to write a letter showing support and continued work towards anti-racism.

Outreach Ministries – St- Columba House Director is on compassionate leave.

Haiti School project – Work continues following the anniversary of earthquake in Haiti

Beaconsfield Initiative – Philippines (partners have been under death threat). The United Church of Canada is in full partnership with the United Church of Christ in the Philippines.

EDGE - Initiating conversation with St-James regarding redevelopment.

Building Communications

9. **Communications** – Stories are welcome so that they can be spread across the Regional Council. Leadership Teams are getting space on the website so they can engage with the Regional Council, beyond just communication. ‘Connection’ will be a big focus for the website in the near future. Open rate is about 40 %, follow up is being done with other 60% to be sure if they are actually getting newsletter. Subscriptions are still being requested through the website.
10. **Nominations** – YAYA and Family Ministry (welcoming of Joelle Leduc and Gillian Lalonde in new role of co-chairs); a volunteer has come forward to be representative to Jewish Christian Dialogue.; Newsletter – nomination of Chair Elect for the May; Nominations of Commissioners at May meeting for GC 43 in Calgary, 2021 – Breakdown of Commissioners (10) still need to be determined.

To be placed on agenda for next meeting (February 14th 2020) – discussion re GC Commissioners
11. **Regional Council Meetings** – Met yesterday; checklist and guideline for Communities of Faith interested in hosting meeting (will go on website and Facebook). Response letter was sent to one Community of Faith re their interest in hosting. There will be a focus on Clusters and Networks at the May Meeting. Suggestions are being looked at for future meetings: Workshops, more discussion time, how reporting is done, etc. Continued input from the Regional Council on what meeting’s agenda can look like. Hopefully some input from the Executive can be received by the next meeting (February 14th

2020) – Linda will provide a list to begin the thought process and circulate to the Executive. The theme for May meeting will be “Called to be the Church”.

We should be using all translations when referring to Regional Council name (not just in English and French).

New Business

Disability Report on Pastoral Relations Minister is due on January 28th

Opening worship for next meeting David Lambie

Closing Prayer – Linda Buchanan

Next meeting dates:

Proposed Executive meetings:

- Friday, February 14, 2020 9:00 – 12:00 ZOOM
- Friday, March 13, 2020 9:00 – 12:00 ZOOM
- Friday, April 17, 2020 10:00 – 2:00
- Friday, May 8, 2020 9:00 – 12:00 ZOOM

Adjournment

2020-01-17_010 MOTION (S. Dansokho/D. Macdonald) that the meeting be adjourned at 11:16 a.m. .

Rev. Linda Buchanan
Chair, President

Rev. Rosemary Lambie,
Executive Minister

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Appendix A

Youth Work Report – January 2020

2020 has begun! I have been in my job for a whole year. 2019 was about getting my bearings, doing existing programming as well as I can and figuring out priorities for 2020. I know there are populations who I want to connect with more this year (francophone youth, indigenous youth, racialized youth, young adults). I want there to be strong leadership development and better support for volunteer youth workers (Perhaps collaboration with UTC). I want to send many youth to Rendezvous and I want United Spirit Camp to be full and well publicized. I want to keep building bridges with ecumenical partners. Next step, figure out how to do all of that great sounding stuff.

First steps of 2020:

Planning and getting to Worshiplude. This event is going to be a bit pared down this year, but Nakonha:ka Regional Council will still be making a major impact and sending dozens of participants. Dana, my EOOR colleague has planned some cool changes and exciting programming for this event. So far, we have a carload from the west Island of Mtl. A younger group of kids from Trinity and my 22 seat bus from across the townships. We are being hosted again by Park Dale United Church.

Raising some money for Rendezvous: - Most of the funding will come a combination of local grants, the Trois Rivières Fund (hopefully) and personal contribution. I think there is a psychological effect of a Fundraiser, as unifying a community with a common goal and raising awareness of a need.

We are hosting a Pancake event in the St. Francis cluster, which will benefit kids going to Rendezvous, and I want to encourage other local congregations to direct their pancake money similarly.

I created an expression of interest form and I have had 5 youth express a need for funding. Other Young Adults have applied to be home group leaders and workshop leaders. Our regional council might easily have 12-15 participants in one form or another.

Planning Youth Forum: - Our team has met once, we selected a theme “Hope in the Darkness” –Finding optimism in a time of environmental crisis and war. We are hoping to examine the phenomenon of mental health problems spurred by the bad news world we live in, and seek to find strategies to mitigate that. We will be meeting in Cowansville Quebec, hosted by Emmanuelle United Church. We had a lot of fun at our last meeting looking over past booklets and themes from as far back as the early nineties, and we are excited about the legacy of Youth Forum and adapting and changing and renewing it each time.

Appendix B

Note du responsable
Novembre 2019

L'hiver est arrivé avec un peu d'insistance et plus tôt que d'habitude. J'ai l'impression que l'hiver sera long, mais bon...

J'aime la lumière que dégage la neige sur le sol, une neige qui rafraîchit, mais aussi qui illumine tout le paysage. Dans les villes, la neige a tendance à devenir rapidement sale par le passage des voitures et des piétons, tandis que le paysage de la campagne demeure blanc et propre. Or même en ville, il tombe régulièrement de nouvelles bordées de neige qui nous offrent une possibilité de renouveau, d'une belle page blanche, comme l'image du pardon qui nous est toujours offert. Ces nombreuses bordées rendent nos régions rurales semblables au Royaume de Dieu.

Je suis heureux d'avoir franchi la dernière étape vers mon ordination. Lors de ma dernière entrevue avec le Conseil des candidatures, mon ordination a été approuvée et fixée le 2 mai, à Cornwall. Je me prépare à cela depuis si longtemps qu'il m'est difficile de croire que c'est la fin de ce cheminement et le début d'un autre. Merci de votre encouragement tout au long du processus. De plus, je serai ordonné au poste que j'occupe maintenant, ce qui signifie que c'est l'ensemble des ministères en français qui seront ma première *paroisse*. Cela revêt une grande importance pour moi. De plus, je serai ordonné dans une paroisse située à mi-chemin entre Ottawa et Montréal, un clin d'œil à toutes ces années de va-et-vient entre ces deux villes pendant mes études!

Nous avons aussi vécu un beau moment de partage lors de la retraite à Sutton. Nous avons tissé des liens entre nos paroisses, de Toronto à Québec. Un grand *merci* au modérateur de s'être joint à nous lors de la retraite. Cette rencontre a approfondi notre connaissance les uns des autres, ainsi que notre foi et notre amitié. J'espère que nous en ferons une activité annuelle.

Voici quelques projets qui nous tiennent occupés ces temps-ci :

CarrefourÉglise arrive à son premier anniversaire. La version en français de ChurchHub, comme sa contrepartie en anglais, comporte toujours certains défis techniques, mais le tout semble fonctionner assez bien, au dire des personnes qui s'en servent. Si vous ne vous êtes pas encore servi de cette plateforme, la séance de formation tenue le vendredi 22 novembre à Lachine a été enregistrée et est disponible en ligne. Cette formation s'adresse à toutes les personnes ayant un rôle de gestion ou de direction, tant le clergé que les laïques, qui s'occupent des aspects officiels de leur paroisse. Les rapports, les recherches de pasteurs et pasteuses, tout est rassemblé sur cette plateforme. À partir de 2020, les autres outils de gestion seront désuets. Il est donc essentiel de bien s'initier à cette nouvelle façon de faire. Si vous souhaitez participer à la prochaine séance de formation, laquelle aura bientôt lieu à Montréal, écrivez-moi à ehebert@egliseunie.ca.

Nous avons reçu les résultats du **sondage Léger!** Ils comportent de nombreuses données qui seront utiles à nos paroisses, à nos pasteurs et pasteuses, et aux personnes qui désirent créer de nouveaux ministères au sein de l'Église Unie. Nous offrirons une présentation des résultats aux paroisses qui souhaitent en prendre connaissance. Je me déplacerai pour rencontrer les conseils de paroisse ou les équipes qui veulent mieux comprendre le contexte francophone dans le cadre de nos ministères au Québec. Ces données s'avèrent aussi intéressantes pour les gens qui veulent démarrer de nouveaux projets et pour les personnes chargées des communications auprès du grand public. Je vous invite donc à communiquer avec moi pour fixer une date de rencontre.

Le Comité du développement des nouveaux ministères est à la recherche de **nouvelles idées concernant la mise en place de projets et de communauté de foi**. Avec les résultats du sondage, le comité lance un appel à tous les membres de l'Église Unie qui pourraient avoir des idées pour répondre aux besoins spirituels des francophones au Canada. Veuillez joindre la présidente du comité pour remplir un court formulaire dans lequel vous pourrez

décrire votre idée. Toutes les idées iront au comité à des fins de discernement et possiblement d'appui, le cas échéant. La présidente du comité est la pasteure Christine-Marie Gladu, à cmarieglada@hotmail.com.

Nous offrirons, tout au long de l'Avent, **un nouvel événement intitulé *Pèlerins d'espérance***, qui aura lieu à la fois sur Facebook et en personne. C'est une occasion de vivre un rassemblement de prière, de méditation et de partage, suivi d'un léger repas. Bienvenue à tous et à toutes. L'événement est affiché sur la page Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/pelerinsdesperance/>), sur laquelle vous trouverez une réflexion pour chaque jour de l'Avent. Vous pourrez aussi vivre ce partage en personne les dimanches, à 17 h 30, au Séminaire Uni, au 3521, rue Université, Montréal. Une belle façon de cultiver le calme pendant une période d'intense activité. Le thème de l'événement portera sur l'écologie. Pour en savoir plus, veuillez communiquer avec Angelika, à apiche@utc.ca.

Nous venons d'annoncer le **voyage *Venez voir en Palestine et en Israël***, organisé par l'Église Unie, entièrement en français. Le voyage aura lieu du 10 au 21 juin 2020. Si vous ou une autre personne que vous connaissez êtes intéressés, consultez la page www.egliseunie.ca/venezvoir pour plus d'information.

La Table des ministères en français a maintenant plusieurs alliances avec les conseils régionaux à travers le Canada. À Toronto (Shining Waters) et en Nouvelle-Écosse et les Bermudes (région 15), les alliances sont conclues. À Nakonha:ka et dans l'Est ontarien/Outaouais, les ententes sont approuvées, mais pas encore signées. Dans six autres régions, des ébauches d'alliances font l'objet de discussions. Ce dossier progresse! Pour prendre connaissance des documents pertinents et des décisions de la Table, consultez le site web <https://egliseunie.ca/contact/la-table-des-ministeres-en-francais/>.

La **Prédication** est à l'œuvre! Notre rencontre hebdomadaire se fait tous les mercredis et est ouverte à tous ceux et celles qui animent des cultes de façon régulière ou occasionnellement. C'est une façon de réfléchir en groupe sur les extraits bibliques qui sont au lectionnaire dominical. Bien que je ne fais plus de prédications les dimanches, les discussions et les échanges m'apportent beaucoup dans ma vie. Le caractère riche de la réflexion de nos leaders francophones ne cesse de m'impressionner. Si vous souhaitez vous joindre à nous, visitez le site <https://zoom.us/j/4984678897> à partir de 8 h les mercredis matin. Il y a aussi un groupe sur Facebook pour les gens qui veulent communiquer par cette voie.

Le Conseil général a tenu une rencontre virtuelle le 19 octobre. Dans le cadre de cette rencontre, le Conseil général a donné son autorisation pour **modifier les Principes de l'Union** de manière à ce que l'article 10.0 inclue les personnes de toutes identités de genre. Il a également autorisé un renvoi de catégorie 1 afin de sonder la volonté de l'Église à respecter ce changement. Pour en savoir plus, veuillez consulter les documents sur le [site](#).

Le temps de l'Avent arrive à grands pas! Notre modérateur a pris l'habitude de faire des vidéos en anglais et en français. Son dernier, [sur l'Avent](#), est maintenant disponible en ligne. De plus, nous offrons [des prières et des activités](#) dont vous pourrez vous servir durant cette période.

Dans toutes vos préparations pour l'Avent, je vous souhaite plus d'espoir que de découragement, plus de paix que de chaos, plus de joie que de stress, plus d'amour que de conflits, et la naissance d'une nouvelle énergie qui vous portera jusqu'à la fin de la prochaine année liturgique!

Que Dieu vous accompagne de toutes les manières. - Éric