

GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING**May 30th 2020****Session Two**

Appelé(e)s à être l'Église
Shonkwahonkarawis N'atsitewahteriwanhót'thase
Called to be the Church

The *Conseil régional* Nakonha:ka Regional Council of The United Church of Canada held session two of its Annual General Meeting (Zoom online virtual meeting room) on May 30th 2020, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Session one (also Zoom online virtual meeting room) was held on April 25th. The theme for this meeting was Appelé(e)s à être l'Église, Shonkwahonkarawis N'atsitewahteriwanhót'thase, Called to be the Church.

THE FOLLOWING REGISTERED THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE BUSINESS MEETING**Ministry (44)**

Mead Baldwin, Beryl Barraclough, Wayne Beamer, Janet Bisset, Arlen Bonnar, Linda Buchanan, Florence Bukam, Kent Chown, David Clinker, Samuel V. Danshoko, Ryan Fea, David Fines, Denis Fortin, Shaun Fryday, Pierre Goldberger, Attila Gyorgy, Cathy Hamilton, Mark Hammond, Helen Hliaras, Scott Hunter, Alyson Huntly, Reginald Jennings, Mher Khatchikian, Paula Kline, Dave Lambie, Joëlle Leduc, Patricia Lisson, Darryl Macdonald, Marie-Claude Manga, John Matheson, Jennifer Mountain, Birgit Neuschild, Angelika Piché, Maureen Scott Kabwe, Read Sherman, Ohannes Siwajian, Darla Sloan, Ian Smith, Phyllis Smyth, Tami Spires, Martha Nell Thomson, Douglas Throop and Neil Whitehouse.

Lay Delegates (49)

Judy Bachelder, Guy Lin Beaudouin, Elsa Beaumont Peters, Carol Bircher, Peter Bisset, Cameron Black, Fred Braman, Martha Bromby, Melvyn Bryant, Lisa Byer-de Wever, Diane Campbell, Beverly Clark, Elva Crawford, Hepta Deslandes, David Drew, Lynn Drew, Undeg Edwards, Valerie Epps Nickson, Vivienne Galanis, Gerard Gouw, Bob Graham, Marc Grenon, Charlotte Griffith, Richard Guay, Norm Haslam, Gail Hocquard, Marion Hodge, Thomas Kent, Janice Knowles, Jan Langelier, Colin Langille, Allan Marshall, David McCormack, Aaron Miechkota, L. E. Moir, Peter Mundie, Andrea Nugent, Raphaël Pérusse, Kristi Roht, Claudia Rourke-Frew, Natacha Sanson, Ivylin Scott, Dorothy Shaw, Frederick (Rick) Sheffer, Paul Stanfield, Nancy Stewart, James Vanstone, Fiona Wardrop and Vera Young.

Youth Delegates (4).

Denis Ashby, Diane Best, Rachel Lambie and Ben Ryan.

Regional Council Staff (9)

Shanna Bernier, Judy Coffin, Rev. Trisha Elliott, David-Roger Gagnon, Rev. Rosemary Lambie (voting member), Beverly Anderson-Levine, Joel Miller, Brian Ruse and Karen Valley.

Guests of the Regional Council (6)

Rita Beausejour, Jennifer Forest, Jessica Gauthier, Rev. Dr. Maylanne Maybee, Nora Sanders (General Secretary) and Renate Sutherland.

Quorum

This meeting had quorum.

Registration/Signing-in/ Special Instructions (9:00)

Rev. Kent Chown presented a PowerPoint presentation providing instructions for how to use Zoom functions during the meeting. Instructions included: how to mute and unmute; how to open the 'participants' tab in order to vote 'yes' or 'no' and 'go slower' in order to indicate abstention; how to open up the 'chat' box and type in comments or questions; how to share chat with 'everyone' or 'privately'; and what the telephone commands were for those only participating using the telephone (*6 to mute and unmute, *9 to raise hand).

Simultaneous translation

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Participant PIN Code: 44604512

Welcome and Opening Prayer & Acknowledgement and Welcome to the Land (9:15)

Rev. Linda Buchanan acknowledged the land, gave thanks for its faithful stewardship by indigenous people throughout the centuries, and welcomed all participants to the meeting. Participants were invited to write in the chat box the lands where they were participating from (Nations Indigenous to Quebec are Abenaki, Algonquin, Atikamekw, Cree, Huron-Wendat, Innu, Inuit, Maliseet, Mi'kmaq, Mohawk, Naskapi.).

Morning Worship**Scripture Reading**

Numbers 11: 24-30 (NIV)/ Nombres 11: 24-30 (Bible Parole de Vie) – Pierre Goldberger read verses 24-26 in French and Vivienne Galanis read verses 27-30 in English

God gives of his Spirit to the seventy elders

24 So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. 25 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again. 26 However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. 27 A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” 28 Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!” 29 But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!” 30 Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Dieu donne de son Esprit aux soixante-dix anciens

24 Moïse se retira et alla rapporter au peuple ce que le Seigneur avait dit. Ensuite il rassembla soixante-dix anciens d'Israël et il les plaça autour de la tente. 25 Le Seigneur descendit dans la colonne de nuée et s'entretint avec Moïse. Il préleva un peu de l'Esprit qu'il avait donné à Moïse, pour en répandre sur les soixante-dix anciens. Dès que l'Esprit fut sur eux, ils commencèrent à parler comme des prophètes, mais ils ne continuèrent pas. 26 Deux hommes, Eldad et Médad, qui figuraient sur la liste des soixante-dix anciens, étaient restés dans le camp au lieu de se rendre à la tente. L'Esprit se posa aussi sur eux et ils se mirent à parler comme des prophètes, en plein camp. 27 Un jeune homme courut avertir Moïse : « Eldad et Médad sont en train de prophétiser dans le camp ! » lui dit-il. 28 Josué, fils de Noun, qui était lieutenant de Moïse depuis sa jeunesse, s'écria : « Moïse, mon maître, fais-les cesser ! » 29 Moïse lui répondit : « Crois-tu que je sois jaloux d'eux ? Si seulement le Seigneur répandait son Esprit sur tous les Israélites, pour qu'ils deviennent tous des prophètes ! » 30 Alors Moïse et les soixante-dix anciens d'Israël regagnèrent le camp.

Opening Prayer – Marion Hodge and Rev. Joëlle Leduc presented.

Grand JE SUIS, enracine-nous par ta présence, nous ramenant à l'essence de nous-mêmes. Envoie ton Esprit sur nous qui sommes rassemblés et sur ceux et celles qui ne pouvaient pas être parmi nous aujourd'hui afin que nous agissions comme tu nous appelles à le faire, en incarnant les valeurs de justice sociale et d'intendance environnementale de l'Église Unie du Canada.

À travers le chaos de notre monde bouleversé, inondé de mauvaises nouvelles et de désinformation dans lequel nous sentons constamment ballotté par le vent, errant sans but, donne-nous une orientation, habilite-nous à accomplir ta volonté. Aide-nous, en tant que Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council, à recevoir l'information de façon réfléchie et d'y réagir avec sagesse. Permetts-nous de percevoir l'impact de nos décisions sur l'avenir de nos communautés et du monde dans lequel elles sont tissées pour les sept prochaines générations. Libère-nous des distractions qui nous empêchent d'écouter les prophètes parmi nous. Rends-nous réceptif-ve-s à la vérité, concentré-e-s sur ce qui est vraiment important et porteur de vie dans le travail de l'Église. Que ton Esprit rende nos paroles fécondes, en fasse des semeurs de conversation plutôt que des éteignoirs. En Jésus Christ, nous t'en prions. Amen.

Hymn – We Have This Ministry (VU 510) *Le ministere du Christ NVU 163* (Verses 1-2 in French and 3-1 in English)

Purpose of the outlined day (9:35)

President, Rev. Linda Buchanan provided an additional explanation for the outline of the agenda (AGM session two).

Call to Order

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

Au nom de Notre Seigneur, Jésus-Christ, chef souverain de l'Église, et par l'autorité qui m'a été conférée par l'Assemblée Inaugurale du Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council de l'Église unie du Canada, je déclare cette deuxième session de l'assemblée générale annuelle dûment constituée et qu'elle siègera pour le déroulement de toute affaire dont elle sera adéquatement saisie.

Duty of Care / Devoir de vigilance – Rev. Tami Spires

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

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

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

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

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

En 1959 (mille neuf cent cinquante neuf), Carol Rose Ikeler a écrit les paroles de l'hymne «L'Eglise est où que les gens de Dieu soient».

Ses paroles nous rappellent que si le peuple de Dieu se rencontre face à face, sur Internet ou par d'autres moyens,

nous sommes appelés à être le Corps du Christ et en tant que corps du Christ, nous avons une mission de bienveillance, de justice et de partager ce ministère.

Le Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council prend sérieusement le mandat de Jésus-Christ de vivre les soins de tous création, de s'exprimer lorsque l'injustice est vue et entendue, d'être une communauté qui est aimante, ouverte, inclusive et respectueuse.

Cette réunion et les gens sont priés de respecter dans nos paroles et nos actions toutes les croyances, les ethnies, les langues, les couleurs, les genres, l'orientation sexuelle et les voyages de foi.

Si quelqu'un entendre ou voir quoi que ce soit durant notre réunion qui va à l'encontre de nos normes communautaires, veuillez prendre la parole lors de notre réunion et nous le faire savoir. Si vous ne vous sentez pas à l'aise de parler, veuillez contacter l'aumônier(e) par téléphone ou par chat privé pendant la réunion.

Agenda

2020-05-30_085 MOTION (T. Spires/V. Epps-Nickson) that the agenda as circulated be adopted. **Carried**

Ordre du jour

2020-05-30_085 MOTION (T. Spires/V. Epps-Nickson) que l'ordre du jour soit adopté tel que diffusé. **Adoptée**

Scrutineers

2020-05-30_086 MOTION (T. Spires/ V. Epps-Nickson) that the following people serve as Scrutineers: Rev. Kent Chown and Shanna Bernier. **Carried**

Scrutateurs

2020-05-30_086 MOTION (T. Spires/ V. Epps-Nickson) que les personnes suivantes agissent à titre de scrutateurs et de scrutatrices : Rev. Pasteur Kent Chow et Shanna Bernier. **Adoptée**

Motions are carried forward from Session One / Motions reportées de la première session

Parliamentarians/Assesseeurs-conseil

2020-04-25_061 MOTION (T. Spires/V. Epps-Nickson) that the following people serve as Parliamentarians: Rev. Mead Baldwin and Fred Braman. **Carried**

Chaplain/Aumônier

2020-04-25_062 MOTION (D. Lambie/V. V. Epps-Nickson) that the following person serve as Chaplain: Rev. Tami Spires, (819) 452-3685. **Carried**

Motions reportées de la première session

Assesseeurs-conseil

2020-04-25_061 MOTION (T. Spires/V. Epps-Nickson) que les personnes suivantes agissent à titre d'assesseeurs-conseil: Pasteur Mead Baldwin et Fred Braman. **Adoptée**

Aumônier

2020-04-25_062 MOTION (D. Lambie/V. Epps-Nickson) que la personne suivante agissent à titre d'aumônier: Pasteure Tami Spires, (819) 452-3685. **Adoptée**

Report Book

(Report book is available on Regional Council website)

2020-05-30_087 MOTION (T. Spires/V. Epps-Nickson) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council accept the 2019 Report book as circulated. **Carried**

Cahier des rapports*(Cahiers des rapports est disponible sur le site du Conseil régional)***2020-05-30_087 MOTION** (T. Spires/V. Epps-Nickson) que le Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council accepte le cahiers des rapports tel que circulé. **Adoptée****Nominations****Executive/Exécutif****Executive/ Member at Large****2020-05-30_088 MOTION** (T. Spires/D. Lambie) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council nominate Vivienne Galanis to the Executive as a member at large for 2 years . **Carried****Membre général – Exécutif****2020-05-30_088 MOTION** (T. Spires/D. Lambie) que le Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council nommer Vivienne Galanis à l'exécutif en tant que membre général pour 2 ans. **Adoptée****Voting members on the Executive***(background for motion; see appendix B of Decisions Document)***2020-05-30_089 MOTION** (D. Lambie/T. Spires) that the following members of the Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive be voting members:

1. representative of the Finance & Extension Board
2. Chair of the RC Planning Meetings Team and
3. Executive Minister.

Carried**Membres votants sur l'Exécutif***(Information additionnelle, voir document des décisions, annex B)***2020-05-30_089 MOTION** (D. Lambie / T. Spires) que les membres suivants de l'exécutif du Conseil régional de Nakonha: ka soient des membres votants:

1. Représentant du Conseil des Finances et de l'Expansion
2. Président de l'équipe des réunions de planification du Conseil Régional
3. Ministre exécutif.

Adoptée**Executive 2020-21****2020-05-30_090 MOTION** (D. Lambie/T. Spires) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council nominate the following people to serve on the Executive:**Full voting Members:**

President (2 year maximum)	Rev. Linda Buchanan (1 year)
President Elect (Elected in “off year” for one year term)	Elect in 2020 (2 years)
Past President (one year)	(vacant)
Treasurer	Paul Stanfield (no term)
Executive Minister	Rev. Rosemary Lambie

Representative of the following Leadership Teams:

Property and Finance	Fred Braman (1 year)
Pastoral Relations	Rev. Darryl MacDonald (1 year)
New Ministry Development and Support/Visioning	Frederick (Rick) Sheffer (1 year)

Representative of La Table	Rev. Marie-Claude Manga (1 year)
Youth and Family Ministries	Rev. Joelle Leduc (1 year)
Right Relations	Robert Patton (1 year)
Justice and Community Ministries	Rev. Shaun Fryday (1 year)
Granting and Enabling Leadership Team	Rev. Barbara Bryce (1 year)
Planning Leadership Team	Rev. Tami Spires
Finance and Extension Board	Peter Bisset
Four (4) Full Voting Members at Large	Vivienne Galanis
	Marc Grenon (1 year)
	Rev. Pierre Goldberger (1 year)
	Rev. Samuel V. Dansokho (1 year)

Corresponding Non-Voting Members

Pastoral Relations Minister	Sabrina Di Stefano
Communications Staff Person	Judy Coffin
Program Assistant to the Executive Minister	Joel Miller
Regional Network Ministers	David-Roger Gagnon
Youth, Young Adult and Families Ministries	Shanna Bernier
Property, Finance and Administration Manager	Brian Ruse
Nominations	Rev. David Lambie

Carried (Tami Spires abstains)Exécutif 2020-21

2020-05-30_090 MOTION (D. Lambie/T. Spires) que le Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council nommer les personnes suivantes pour siéger au comité exécutif:

Membres votants:

Présidente (2 year maximum)	Rev. Linda Buchanan (1 year)
Président Élu-e (Elected in "off year" for one year term)	Elect in 2020 (2 years)
Past President (one year)	(vacant)
Trésorier	Paul Stanfield (no term)
Ministre exécutif	Rev. Rosemary Lambie

Représentant des équipes dirigeantes suivantes:

Immobiliers et de finances	Fred Braman (1 year)
Relations pastorales	Rev. Darryl MacDonald (1 year)
New Ministry Development and Support/Visioning	Frederick (Rick) Sheffer (1 year)
La Table des ministère en français	Rev. Marie-Claude Manga (1 year)
Ministère auprès des jeunes et des familles	Rev. Joelle Leduc (1 year)
Vivre des relations justes	Robert Patton (1 year)
Justice et d'implication communautaire	Rev. Shaun Fryday (1 year)
Financement et de soutien	Rev. Barbara Bryce (1 year)
Présidente de l'Équipe de planification des réunions du conseil régional	Rev. Tami Spires
Conseil des finances et de l'expansion	Peter Bisset
Four (4) Membres votants en général	Vivienne Galanis
	Marc Grenon (1 year)
	Rev. Pierre Goldberger (1 year)
	Rev. Samuel V. Dansokho (1 year)

Membres correspondants sans droit de vote

Responsable des relations pastorales

Communication et soutien administratif

Adjoint de programme à la ministre exécutive

Responsable du soutien aux réseaux et aux regroupements

Responsable du programme jeunesse et jeunes adultes

Gestionnaire des finances et du bureau

Nominations

Sabrina Di Stefano

Judy Coffin

Joel Miller

David-Roger Gagnon

Shanna Bernier

Brian Ruse

Rev. David Lambie

Adoptée (abstention - Tami Spires)**Introducing Nominees for General Council 44 Commissioners / Présentation des candidats aux postes délégués au 44^e Conseil général** (biographies available on Regional Council website / biographies disponibles sur le site Internet du Conseil régional)

*VOTE FOR 8, 2 places are reserved for

(1) President-elect who will serve as the General Council representative and

(2) Youth Pilgrim

Lay 44th General Council Commissioners

Fred Braman

L.E. Moir

Marc Grenon

Ben Ryan (under 30)

Denis Ashby

Valerie Nickson-Epps

Ordered 44th General Council Commissioners

Rev. Tami Spires

Rev. Cathy Hamilton

Rev. Marie-Claude Manga

Rev. Heather McClure

*VOTEZ POUR 8, 2 places sont réservées

(1) Président-e- élu-e qui agira en tant que représentant du Conseil régional et

(2) Pèlerin des jeunes

Délégués laïques au 44^e Conseil général

Fred Braman

L.E. Moir

Marc Grenon

Ben Ryan (moins 30)

Denis Ashby

Valerie Nickson-Epps

Délégués ministères ordonnés au 44^e Conseil

Pasteure Tami Spires

Pasteure Cathy Hamilton

Pasteure Marie-Claude Manga

Pasteure Heather McClure

Explanations on how to vote for General Council Commissioners

Kent Chown

2 ballots

1. 6 Lay, choose 4

2. 4 Ordered, choose 4

Vote for General Council Commissioner**2020-05-30_091 MOTION** (A. Piche/P. Goldberger) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council postpone voting for General Council Commissioners to Fall 2020, and keep nominations open. **Carried**

Vote pour délégués au 44e Conseil général

2020-05-30_091 MOTION (A. Piche/P. Goldberger) que le Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council reporter le vote des délégués au 44e Conseil général au printemps 2020, et garder nominations ouvert. **Adoptée**

Discussion: Payers were offered for those who submitted their nominations forms in light of the change to postpone election of Commissioners.

Presentation of Guideline to prepare for a slow reopening of Churches - Peter Bisset presented.*Current Situation*

- UCC Emergency Plan - Phase 6 in effect – Closure
- Government of Quebec - Closure Places of Worship
- General Guidelines Issued for Reopening of Churches

Task Group

(Implementation Plan: Reopening of Church Buildings)

- Task Group - Protocols
- Preopening Work Items
- Property & Building Protocols
- Worship Considerations
- Guidelines for Visitors, Tenants, Contractors

Work Plan of Community of Faith

- Review Protocols
- Complete Work in Preopening Protocol
- Prepare Phase 1 Plan
- Particular Attention : CNESST Cleaning Protocol

Nakonha:ka Regional Council					
Guideline: Reopening Protocols					
COVID-19					
Property & Building					
	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Instruction	Status
Access					
Opening Hours	Optional	Optional	Optional	Local decision	
Days of Week	Optional	Optional	Optional	Local decision	
Staff Access	Yes	Yes	Yes	Controls Apply for Social Distancing, Masks, Hand Washing,	
Church Groups Access	Limited	Yes	Yes	Controls Apply for Social Distancing, Masks, Hand Washing,	
Congregation Access	No	Yes	Yes	Controls Apply for Social Distancing, Masks, Hand Washing,	
Contracted Pers. Access	Yes	Yes	Yes	As required only for Cleaning Services, Emergency Repairs	
Tenants	No	No	Yes	Planned Reintegration	
Physical Elements					
Main Church Sign	Closed	Closed	Open	Update	
Parking Area	Open	Open	Open	No Controls - Identify entry point	
Exterior Temporary Signage	Optional	Optional	Optional	Indicates entrance point	
Entry Point	Single	Single	Optional	Maintain Single Point of Entry, Other Points of entry: Closed	
Registration Log	Yes	Yes	Yes	Best practice for security and safety	
Posting - Rules	Yes	Yes	Yes	Distancing, Masks, Hand Sanitizing, Seating Plan, Washrooms	
Social Distancing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Entry into Worship Space and Seating Plan	
Hand Sanitizing	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Mask Station	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Internal Wayfinding	Yes	Update	Update	Progressive opening of areas for church activity	
Room(s) Access -Signage	Yes	Update	Update	Progressive opening of rooms for church activity	
Emergency Exits	Yes	Yes	Yes	Wayfinding , Emergency Exits posted on church plan	

*Explanation that chats will be collected and questions will be followed up on. For immediate questions, send queries to Rev. Rosemary Lambie, Executive Minister.

Break-out Into Groups / Discussions en petites groupes 10:20)

1. “What are some concerns you have about the suggested process to reopen churches? / Quelles sont vos préoccupations concernant le processus suggéré pour rouvrir les églises? »
2. “Do you have any ideas on how to implement these within Communities of Faith? / Avez-vous des idées sur la façon de les mettre en œuvre dans les Communautés de foi? »

Stretch Break (10:40)

Introduction of Music (10:45)

David-Roger Gagnon introduced « Bénie soit Dieu » (NVU 237) - (Fr, Eng, Spanish)

Presentations of Networks (10:45)

Rainbow Network / Réseau Arc- en- ciel - Presentation by Aaron Meichkota

(At the end of the presentation a prayer offered by Raphaël Pérusse; refrain « Bénie soit Dieu » (NVU 237) was led by David-Roger Gagnon)

*A copy of this presentation if available on the Nakonhaka Regional Council website.

Réseau Vivre des relations justes – Presentation by Rev. Read Sherman

(At the end of the presentation a prayer offered by Rev. Angelika Piché; refrain « Bénie soit Dieu » (NVU 237) was led by Jessica Gauthier)

* script of presentation:

Who:

Current Network Members: Beryl Barraclough, Linda Buchanan, Julia Budd, Lisa Byer-de Wever, Grace Cawley, Samuel Dansokho, Susan Gabriel, Pierre Goldberger, Cameron Gray, Salinda Hess, Lee Ann Hogan, Rosemary Lambie (ex officio), Gabrielle Lamouche, Aaron Miechkota, Richard Miller, Andrea Nugent, Robert Patton, Elizabeth Sacca, Natacha Sanson, Maureen Scott Kabwe, Read Sherman, Tami Spires, Ingrid Thompson (emerita), Martha Nell Thomson

Where:

Typically, we have been meeting once a month via Zoom on the 2nd Weds. morning of each month from Sept to May. We've often held in-person meetings and events at St. Columba House, thanks to the invitation of our co-chair, presently on leave, Lisa Byer-de Wever. We are always looking for invitations to bring educational programming to communities of faith around the region - either in person by coming to you, or nowadays more likely by online means. We You can follow and be part of the conversation by our Facebook page - just search for Living into Right Relations.

What:

Our mandate has been to act as a clearinghouse for information around right relations; to serve the former presbytery and now region as a focus-point for 1) education opportunities for United Church people and Communities of Faith around settler and indigenous issues; 2) action when needed to support calls for justice from indigenous friends, communities and organizations, by inviting the church to show up to protests, write letters, call politicians and more; 3) engage with indigenous peoples, communities and organizations to build relationships based on respect and friendship.

Why?

L'Église pêle-mêle – Presentation by Rev. Joëlle Leduc

(At the end of the presentation a prayer offered by Denis Ashby; refrain « Bénie soit Dieu » (NVU 237) was led by Natacha Sanson)

* script of presentation; a copy of this presentation if available on the Nakonhaka Regional Council website.

Le Séminaire Uni – Presentation by Rev. Dr. Maylanne Maybee

(At the end of the presentation a prayer offered by Rev. Cathy Hamilton; refrain « Bénie soit Dieu » (NVU 237) was led by Rev. Davie Lambie)

*A copy of this presentation if available on the Nakonhaka Regional Council website.

1. Greetings from UTC! Salutations du Séminaire Uni. We say our students are formed in community for ministering in the world – formé en communauté pour server dans le monde.

My name is Maylanne Maybee. I was appointed Interim Principal of UTC in August 2018, with a mandate to engage our stakeholders in strategic planning toward a sustainable future for the school.

2. And this is our staff team – Caroline Leamon, our administrator and public face of the school, plus Alyson Huntly and Angelika Piché who are here and well known to most of you!
3. I want to start by telling you transparently that UTC – like much of the church and many of our faith communities – is in a time of discernment and structural transition. Our Board has determined that the status quo is no longer an option and we are beginning to explore other institutional partnerships.
4. We are doing this with the goal of realizing our mission, to educate and form courageous, compassionate, and innovative leaders for service and ministry in the church and the world of tomorrow.... A mission that focuses on what the church is becoming and will be, not what it once was. Our priority is to ensure that theological education in the Protestant, United Church tradition continues to be robust in Quebec.
5. We have a vision of what we want to be. For UTC – an inclusive and diverse learning community... where students develop the capacity to innovate, launch new ministries, work with God to “make all things new”
For the church – a place/space where people gather to be transformed by the Divine and by encounter with others
For the world – a global community of people who work for justice, welcome strangers and newcomers, dialogue together across difference
6. Our vision is founded on these core values: grounded in the Good News of Jesus Christ in the United Church tradition; in openness to discovering and developing new ways of being church; embracing diversity and ecumenism in its broadest sense – with other denominations and other faith traditions who share our values and vision; and grounded in intercultural engagement...
7. Informed by the languages and cultures of Quebec... a pluralistic, secular, and predominantly francophone context that challenges us, shapes our theology, our vision of church, and our practice of ministry and leadership formation.
8. In this liminal time, it's also an important TIME OF STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS..

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9. With you, our friends and grads serving in Nakonha:ka- many in leadership roles - Rosemary Lambie, our Executive Minister, Linda Buchanan, currently our chair, Joelle Leduc on the Youth and Young adult committee. Mark Hammond on Finance and Extension Board
 10. Strengthening our connections with congregations and community ministries - Paula Kline is director of Montreal City Mission, Wendy Evans chairs their board, Mark Hammond chairs St Columba House Board, with places like St. James United Church where our students worship, serve, and learn.
 11. Through our field placements sites - where our students have done or are doing supervised field placements – at Beaconsfield United Church, Cedar Park United, Laurentian Area Ministries, Mount Royal United, Montreal City Mission, Montreal West, Mountainside United Church, St. Columba House, St. James United... to name a few. Many of these churches, especially their UCW groups, are also faithful donors to UTC.
 12. With French Ministries... En renforçant les réseaux des ministères français dans toute la region
 13. Et, grace à nos amis Didier et Martine, avec la communauté protestante en France et en Europe!
 14. With the arts community through the Galerie du Séminaire and – so central to our values and identity – with the LGBTQ+ community, which we honour every two or three years with the Craig Chaplin Award, given last year to Rev. Cindy Bourgeois, the first transgender woman to be ordained in the United Church of Canada.
 15. And, of course, strengthening connections with and through our students
 16. This year Junior Smith received a Diploma in Ministry, Paul Whynacht, a Master of Divinity, and later this summer, Cathy Stewart - all three from the Ottawa area, who faithfully commuted by train between Ottawa and Montreal when they could, and participated by Zoom when they had to.
 17. And finally, with our alumni/ae far and wide. Last November we honoured the work and influence of Douglas John Hall, Professor Emeritus, with a symposium and gathering of UTC alumni.
 18. To conclude – how can you be part of a network to secure a strong future for theological education in Quebec? By creating a culture of call – encouraging younger congregants especially to consider studying for ministry, by engaging with UTC's projects and connecting with our programs, by hosting field placement sites, by making regular, generous, and undesignated donations, by volunteering your time and expertise.

And above all, by keeping us in your prayers. Thank you Nakonha:ka for your financial support of our strategic planning process, and thank you for your time.

Motion to extend duration of meeting

2020-05-30_092 MOTION (S. Dansokho/P. Goldberger) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council extend the duration of the meeting to 12:30. **Carried**

Prolongation du réunion

2020-05-30_092 MOTION (S. Dansokho/P. Goldberger) que le Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council étendre la durée de la réunion à 12h 30. **Adoptée**

Office of Vocation / Bureau de la vocation - Karen Valley presented.

*script of presentation:

Bonjour, Good morning

We are just finishing month 17 of our new structures and systems and week 10 of pandemic closures. In a time when it must seem like everything is changing around us and we feel that we have little control, I hope you have found today's meeting to be hopeful, helpful and reassuring that the church is alive and continuing amazing ministry!

It can be hard to keep up with all of the changes and handbooks and resources and processes and policies and contacts and steps and, and, and, ... Earlier in May, the Office of Vocation provided a number of updates in the Nakonha:ka Newsletter and on the website. Last week a new video was released on The United Church of Canada's YouTube channel that maps out the vocational life of ministry personnel from considering ministry to end of life, and details all the points in between. The video explains the roles and responsibilities of the Regional Councils and Office of Vocation, where things overlap, what has shifted January 1, 2019, and what is new.

This video is currently available in English and those doing simultaneous translation received it in advance for their work today.

Let's watch the video now.

The Quebec and East Ontario Candidacy Board welcomed several new members at the end of March: Rev. Cindy Casey, Rev. Heather McClure, Rev. Wendy MacLean and Gary Tompkins. During the first five months of 2020 through 18 interviews, the Candidacy Board has:

- terminated candidacy for one
- found Promise with five individuals
- authorized Candidacy for two
- authorized Readiness for Supervised Ministry Education for six
- authorized Readiness for Ordination for two
- authorized Readiness for Commissioning for one

The Candidacy Board and the Office of Vocation has Francophone support and resources to support applicants, candidates and ministry personnel as needed.

A major shift for the Candidacy Board, like the rest of you, has been from in person interviews and gatherings to Zoom. The National Candidacy Boards were to gather in person at the end of April to continue the learnings; these sessions have been moved online with monthly sessions and they have already taken part in two of these and two Racial Justice training pilot sessions (units 3&4). The Quebec and Eastern Ontario Candidacy Board is, like their national counterparts, in the process of reimagining the rest of the year's in person interviews to an online Zoom format that can be as accessible as possible to as many as possible.

Merci beaucoup pour votre soutien,
Blessings.

Philanthropy Unit / Unité de philanthropie

Rev. Trisha Elliott thanked members for making use of the recent financial resources webinars, and invited follow-up questions. Trisha also highlighted the Minute for Mission newsletter, and invited all to read the good news stories of the work of the United Church of Canada. Lastly, Trisha invited stories from local Communities of Faith to submit their stories to include in the Mission for Minute newsletter next year.

Acknowledging Retiree Rev. Ian Smith – (see pgs. 14-15 of Report book)

It was announced that Rev. Ian Smith was retiring, and all were directed to read Ian's bio in the Report Book. Ian was congratulated and thanked for his many years of service by the President and the rest of the court.

Acknowledging Memorial of Rev. Dr. Robert Deane Owen Moffat (see pg. 15-16 of Report book)

It was announced that Rev. Dr. Deane Moffat died on July 3, 2019 and the President highlighted various details of his bio.

Convenanting with Regional Council Executive

Alliance avec l'exécutif du conseil régional

Rev. Dr. Samuel V. Dansokho lead the convenanting service with an opening prayer.

(Invite the members of the Regional Council Executive to respond)

(Les membres de l'exécutif du conseil régional sont invités à répondre)

President: **Friends, do you believe you are called to exercise your spiritual gifts, to serve this Regional Council, and The United Church of Canada, as a member of Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive?**

Présidente: Chers amis, croyez-vous que vous êtes appelés à exercer vos dons spirituels, à servir ce conseil Régional et l'Église Unie du Canada comme membres de l'exécutif du Conseil régional Nakonha:ka?

Executive Members: **We do believe, God being our helper.**

Membres de l'exécutif: Nous le croyons, Dieu étant notre soutien.

President: **Will you faithfully perform the duties of your office within the polity of The United Church of Canada?**

Présidente : Allez-vous assumer avec foi les responsabilités qui vous sont demandées par l'Église Unie du Canada?

Executive Members: **We will, God being our helper.**

Membres de l'exécutif: Oui, Dieu étant notre soutien.

Hymn – I, The Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am, Lord) VU 509 / Je suis Dieu(e) des cieux, des mers NVU 84a (Verse 1 and refrain) – was sung in French.

44th General Council Commissioners

Although voting for 44th General Council Commissioners did not take place during this meeting, all those who submitted nominations were acknowledge and a prayer of thanksgiving for their willingness to serve was led by Rev. Joëlle Leduc. Nominees were encouraged to let their nomination stand in order to be voted on next year.

Hymn – I, The Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am, Lord) VU 509 / Je suis Dieu(e) des cieux, des mers NVU 84a (Verse 2 and refrain) -was sung in English.

Promises of the Regional Council

L'engagement du Conseil régional

(Invite members of the Regional Council to respond)

(Les membres du Conseil général sont invités à répondre)

President: **To the members of the Nakonha:ka Regional Council. Will you, the members of the Nakonha:ka Regional Council, support and encourage members of the Executive, and the 44th General Council Commissioners?**

Présidente:

Aux membres du Conseil régional Nakonha:ka: Les membres du Conseil régional Nakonha:ka, soutiendrez-vous et encouragerez-vous les membres de l'exécutif et les délégués au 44e Conseil général?

Members: **We will, God being our helper.**

Membres: Nous le ferons, Dieu étant notre soutien.

President of Regional Council: **Let us pray**

God of Love, we thank you for the many gifts offered in your service by these leaders among us. We ask for your blessings, that we will always seek your guidance and counsel, knowing that in serving others, they will find life and wholeness.

Président-e du Conseil régional: Prions

Dieu d'amour, nous te remercions pour les nombreux dons de nos dirigeants, ici parmi nous. Nous te demandons de nous bénir afin que nous recherchions toujours ta direction et tes conseils, sachant que le service des autres apporte la vie et la plénitude.

Members : **Amen**

Membres : **Amen**

Hymn – I, The Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am, Lord) VU 509 / Je suis Dieu(e) des cieux, des mers NVU 84a (Verse 3 and refrain) – French

Announcements

<p>On-line Ministry Support Gatherings First TUESDAY of the month on Zoom A time of prayer and reflection, of sharing ideas and resources, and of small group personal sharing Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 2 at 1:30pm For more information, please contact: David-Roger Gagnon DRGagnon@united-church.ca</p>	<p><i>Rassemblements de soutien en ligne aux pasteur.e.s Le premier MARDI du mois sur Zoom Un temps de prière et de réflexion, de partage d'idées et de ressources, et de partage personnel en petit groupe. Prochaine rencontre : le mardi 2 juin à 13h30 Pour plus amples renseignements, veuillez contacter : David-Roger Gagnon DRGagnon@united-church.ca</i></p>
<p>Online meeting to explore environmental initiatives and partnerships Monday June 15 at 1 pm jcoffin@united-church.ca</p>	<p><i>Réunion en ligne pour exploration des initiatives et partenariats environnementales Lundi 15 juin à 13 h jcoffin@united-church.ca</i></p>
<p>The Eco-Commoning Project Learn about Eco-Commoning on Thursdays in June with 3, 90-minute online sessions on commoning, social innovation and social enterprise! June 11, June 18, June 25 from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm LEARN MORE: info@community; innovationhub.org</p>	
<p>YAYA Check-in on Zoom Youth and young adults are invited every weekday at 3:00 pm to join Shanna and Dana for conversation, jokes, prayer & community. Contact sbernier@united-church.ca for more info!</p>	
<p>Bursary Committee *applications are due by June5, 2020</p>	
<p>Re: SABBATICAL LEAVE 2021 – Deadline for submitting an application extended to June 19, 2020. The Finance & Extension Board invites Ministry</p>	

<p>Personnel within the Nakonha:ka Regional Council to apply for a three months SABBATICAL LEAVE 2021, a time for reflection, renewal and new perspectives for ministry.</p> <p>For further information, please contact Renate Sutherland, Chair of the Sabbatical Leave Committee, at 514-695-1970 (email: renate.sutherland@bell.net) or access the website http://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/sabbatical-leave to submit a preliminary proposal to the Sabbatical Leave Committee.</p>	
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Closing Motions

2020-05-30_093 MOTION (R. Lambie/V. Epps-Nickson) that following the rise of session two of the Annual General Meeting of the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council, all powers of the Regional Council be granted to the Executive until the next general meeting. **Carried**

2020-05-30_094 MOTION (V. Epps-Nickson/R. Lambie) that the meeting be adjourned at 12:45 p.m., and that the President declares session one of the Annual General Meeting of the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council duly concluded. **Carried**

Motions de clôture

2020-05-30_093 MOTION (V. Epps-Nickson/R. Lambie) *qu'à la levée de séance de l'assemblée générale annuelle du Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council, tous les pouvoirs du Conseil régional soient accordés à l'exécutif jusqu'à l'ouverture de la prochaine assemblée générale. Adoptée*

2020-05-30_094 MOTION (V. Epps-Nickson/R. Lambie) *que l'assemblée soit ajournée à 12 h 45, et que la présidente déclare cette assemblée générale annuelle du conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council conclue. Adoptée*

Closing Blessing

Rev. Linda Buchanan

Rev. Linda Buchanan
Chair

Rev. Rosemary Lambie Executive
Secretary

Joel Miller
Recording Secretary

Appendices:

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Appendix A

* Report Book available on Regional Council website /
Cahiers des rapport disponibles sur le site Internet du Conseil régional

Appendix B**43rd General Council, October 19, 2019 For Action****GS 12 Manual Changes: Executive Minister Membership - 1****GS12 MANUAL CHANGES: EXECUTIVE MINISTER REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**

Origin: General Secretary

1. What is the issue?

Membership in the regional council includes “all ministry personnel within the geographic bounds served by the regional council” [section IV, Regional Councils, point 6.2.1 of The Manual 2019].

The Executive Ministers of the regional councils serve more than one regional council. If they are ministry personnel, should they be considered as “within the geographic bounds” of each of the regional councils they serve so that they hold membership by virtue of office in each of those regional councils? In the new structure, there is no prohibition against ministry personnel being a member of more than one regional council.

2. Why is this issue important?

For administrative efficiency, and following general practice from the previous structure, Executive Ministers should have the ability to make motions at meetings of the regional council that they serve, particularly motions dealing with procedural and governance matters. The Executive Minister would need to be a member of each of the regional councils they serve in order to be eligible to make motions.

They would also be entitled to vote at meetings of each regional council of which they were a member.

2. How might the 43rd General Council 2019 respond to the issue?

The General Secretary proposes:

That the 43rd General Council 2019 approve the policy that Executive Ministers are automatic members in each of the regional councils they serve because they are “within the geographic bounds served by the regional council” for each of those regional councils by virtue of their office.

*Version française

43^e Conseil général, 19 octobre 2019 À des fins d'action

GS 12 Changements apportés au Manuel : Affiliation des ministres exécutifs - 1

GS12 CHANGEMENTS APPORTÉS AU MANUEL : AFFILIATION DES MINISTRES EXÉCUTIFS AUX CONSEILS RÉGIONAUX

Provenance : secrétaire générale

3. Quel est l'enjeu?

Le conseil régional se compose de « tous les membres du personnel ministériel œuvrant sur le territoire couvert par le conseil régional » [section IV. Conseils régionaux, point 6.2.1 du *Manuel 2019*]. Les ministres exécutifs des conseils régionaux servent plus d'un conseil régional à la fois. S'ils font partie du personnel ministériel, faudrait-il les considérer comme *œuvrant sur le territoire couvert* par chacun des conseils régionaux où ils servent de sorte qu'ils pourraient être membres d'office de chacun de ces conseils régionaux? Dans la nouvelle structure, il n'est pas interdit pour un membre du personnel ministériel de faire partie de plus d'un conseil régional.

2. Pourquoi cet enjeu est-il important?

À des fins d'efficacité administrative, et à la lumière de la pratique générale de la structure précédente, les ministres exécutifs devraient pouvoir présenter des motions aux assemblées du conseil régional où ils servent, en particulier les motions portant sur les questions de procédure et de gouvernance. Les ministres exécutifs devraient être membres de chacun des conseils régionaux où ils servent afin d'avoir le droit de proposer des motions. Ils devraient également être autorisés à voter aux assemblées de chaque conseil régional dont ils sont membres.

4. Comment le 43^e Conseil général de 2019 peut-il répondre à cet enjeu?

La secrétaire générale propose :

Que le 43^e Conseil régional de 2019 approuve la politique que les ministres exécutifs deviennent automatiquement membres de chacun des conseils régionaux où ils servent parce qu'en *œuvrant sur le territoire couvert par chacun des conseils régionaux*, ils en sont membres d'office.

Appendix C

* biographies available on Regional Council website /
biographies disponibles sur le site Internet du Conseil régional