
Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council
Meeting of the Executive
Thursday, May 7, 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
Rick Sheffer	Member at large
Marc Grenon	Member at large
Rev. Darryl Macdonald	Member, Pastoral Relations (9:30 -10:55 a.m.)
Rev. Samuel Dansokho	Member at large
Paul Stanfield	Member, Treasurer
Patricia Lisson, D.M.	Member, Justice and Community Ministries
Rev. Barbara Bryce	Member, Granting and Enabling Leadership Team
Robert Patton	Member, Right Relations
Rev. Pierre Goldberger	Member at large
Rev. Joëlle Leduc	Member at large
Peter Bisset	Corresponding Member, Finance and Extension Board
Rev. Tami Spires	Corresponding Member, AGM Coordinator
Judy Coffin	Corresponding Member, Administration and Communication
David-Roger Gagnon	Corresponding Member, Minister Supporting Networks & Clusters
Shanna Bernier	Corresponding Member, Youth, Young Adult and Families Ministries (departed of 10:45 a.m.)
Rev. Rosemary Lambie	Member, Executive Minister
Joel Miller	Corresponding Member, Program Assistant to Executive Minister, Recording Secretary
 <u>REGRETS/ABSENT</u>	
M ^c Sabrina Di Stefano	Corresponding Member, Pastoral Relations Minister
Rev. Marie-Claude Manga	Member, Representative to La Table

Opening Devotions – Rev. Samuel V. Dansokho opened the meeting with a Prayer, and referred to the lectionary readings of last week and this coming Sunday; last week, the story was around how “Jesus is the gate” (John 10:9) and those that come through it are saved, come in and go out through it, and will find pastures. This week’s Lectionary is about Jesus being the way, the truth and the light (John 14:6). Samuel asked all to reflect on these passages.

Circle Time of Sharing – All were invited to share.

Minutes of April 17, 2020

2020-05-07_059 MOTION (D. Lambie/M. Grenon) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approved the minutes of April 17, 2020 as received. **Carried**

Agenda

2020-05-07_060 MOTION (D. Macdonald/B. Bryce) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive accept the agenda as amended; addition of item b) under new business. **Carried**

Correspondence

- a) April 16, 2020 Rev. Neil Whitehouse, Westmount Park United Church, re copied on invitation to Mountainside United Church to engage in join dialogue (*for information 4a*)
- b) May 4, 2020 Dennis H. Brown, Interim Chair SouthWest United Church Council re request to renew appointment for Beryl Barraclough DLM (*for action 1a*)
- c) May 4, 2020 Rev. Rosa-Elena Donoso-Cruz, pasteure, Camino de Emmaus re update on challenges in ministry (*for information 4b*)
- d) May5, 2020 Maria Pimpinella, Insurance & Risk Management | Mission through Finance re 2020 Mission Support application (*for action – communicate to recipients*)
https://www.united-church.ca/search/all?search_api_multi_index_1=All&search_api_multi_index_1=All&default_node_index_type=All&default_node_index_type=All&search_api_multi_fulltext=mission+support+grants

Discussion: Deadline for applications to the Regional Council is September 15th

Business arising

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

1. Pastoral Relations

- a) **2020-05-07_061 MOTION** (D. Macdonald /D. Lambie) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive on the recommendation of the Pastoral Relations Team, approves the reappointment of Beryl Barraclough, Designated Lay Minister, beginning July 1st 2020 and ending June 30th 2021, part-time (20 hours) to SouthWest United Church. **Carried**
- b) **2020-05-07_062 MOTION** (D. Macdonald/D. Lambie) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive on the recommendation of the Pastoral Relations Team, declared a full time vacancy for the Harrington Harbour Pastoral Charge, a shared ministry with the Anglican Church of Canada, effective immediately. **Carried**
- c) **Licensed Lay worship Leaders** – report from Saturday April 18 from Charlotte (see **appendix A**)
2020-05-07_063 MOTION (D. Macdonald/S. Dansokho) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive receives the report from the License Lay Worship Leaders. **Carried**
- d) **Care for Retirees** – David-Roger has the entire ongoing list (on Dynamic 365), and is beginning to contact retired ministry personnel to let them know they are remembered and see if there is any support they need from the Regional Council.

2. Property and Finance – Review Engagement of the 2019 Financial Statements (see **appendix B**)

- a) **2020-05-07_064 MOTION** (F. Braman/P. Stanfield) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the 2019 Financial Statements as prepared by the firm Tretiak Holowka. **Carried**

Discussion: Notes were added to original draft re COVID 19 and effect on investments; re Good Samaritan Fund, it has reached \$7,000,000; means funding for this year can be up to \$300,000.

- b) **2020-05-07_065 MOTION** (F. Braman/P. Stanfield) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the recommendation of the Property and Finance Team to appoint the

firm Tretiak Holowka to perform the review engagement of the financial statements of conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council for the year 2020. **Carried**

- 3. Granting and Enabling Leadership Team** – Barbara Bryce; deadline is May 22nd to receive applications and they will be decided on in June.

Nurturing Social Justice and Outreach programs
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4. Community of Faith/ Clusters/Networks

- a) **Westmount Park** – A team is working on how the large facility might be redeveloped as a non-profit and hopefully a relationship can begin with members of Mountainside.
- b) **Camino de Emaus** – Their letter (correspondence c) provided an update and they also submitted a request for funding. It was noted that Kelley Trust has just approved the Camino request for 3 months funding.
- c) **Clusters/Networks** – David-Roger presented a proposal for care of clergy and lay ministers (see **appendix C**) –

020-05-07_066 MOTION (R. Sheffer/F. Braman) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approve the request for \$1,500 to support care of clergy and lay ministers initiative, using funds from the budget Cluster and Networks, schedule 5 in the income statement (up to \$5,000) set up through the Regional Council as outlined in proposal (appendix C). **Carried**

- 5. Youth and Young Adults, and Family Ministries** – Shanna/Joëlle – Youth Forum online, met on Saturday April 18th (duration of 4 hours) 30 people participated; 3 young adult leaders, 2 leaders from Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, 3 special guests (artist, social worker, university chaplain). United Spirit Camp will not be gathering this year due to uncertainty with Covid19. In lieu, online presence will happen during the week that the camp was scheduled. The Team met, will continue to meet monthly, during its recent meeting, recapped what is being done currently, and beginning to identify people currently not on the team, looking at starting Messy Church in the Regional Council. Rendezvous 2020 is being re-imagined as having online sessions instead. T-shirts and tuques are being sold.
- 6. La Table** – Ministerial Network is meeting regularly every Tuesday morning. Letter that was sent from the Regional Council was well received.
- 7. Community and Justice Leadership Team** – nothing new to report since last meeting, hope to bring more information to the Regional gathering on May 30th.
- 8. Indigenous Ministry** – There is continued concern for isolated communities, especially the Heiltsuk community who have faced many young suicides recently. All were asked to keep these communities in their thought and prayers.

Building Communications

- 9. Communications** – Get pieces of communication to Judy as soon as possible, taking into account time delay for translation. EDGE has provided a good space to discuss post Covid 19. Items of interest will be in this week's newsletter. News-worthy stories about how the Church is working during this time (beyond its own walls) need to be shared.
- 10. Nominations**

- a) Dave update on nominations process (Nominations List, see **appendix D**); letter to Regional Council regarding Nomination of GC 44 Commissioners (see **appendix D¹**)

Notes shared by the Chair of Nominations:

- President-Elect (vacant)
- Christian Jewish Dialogue representative (vacant)
- Nominations Leadership Team – needs more members!
- Executive - Member at Large – nominee Vivienne Galanis
- Executive- New Ministry and Development – Rick Sheffer has agreed to represent the Team on the Executive
- Justice and Communities Ministry – Shaun Fryday will represent the Leadership Team on the Executive.

Discussion: Questions are surfacing about the process for choosing the Executive; is it a slate or is there room for change? The confusion needs to be addressed for the benefit of the entire Regional Council. Team representatives are chosen by the team, which only leaves 4 Members at Large terms to be elected, so perhaps their term should be limited to one year to two, staggered.

- b) **2020-05-07_067 MOTION** (R.Sheffer/M. Grenon) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive change the approved Terms of Reference (May 2019) for the Executive to include the position of Finance and Extension Board Representative on the Regional Council Executive as a Voting Member of the Executive. **Carried**

- Structure of Executive assented to on May 25th 2019 (see **appendix E**)

- c) **2020-05-07_068 MOTION** (F. Braman/R. Sheffer) that the Conseil regional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive extend the duration of this meeting by 15 minutes. **Carried**

- d) **2020-05-07_069 MOTION** (F. Braman/R. Sheffer) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive receive the proposed Finance & Extension Board slate of officers for 2020 – 2021: President, Peter Bisset; Treasurer, Paul Stanfield; Secretary, John Meaker subject to approval of the Nominations Report by the conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council. **Carried**

MOTION: (P. Mundie/D. Campbell) RESOLVED that the Finance & Extension Board accept the proposed slate of Finance & Extension Board officers for 2020 – 2021: President, Peter Bisset; Treasurer, Paul Stanfield; Secretary, John Meaker, subject to approval of the Nominations Report by the conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council. **CARRIED.**

- e) **2020-05-07_070 MOTION** (D. Lambie/B. Bryce) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approve the Finance & Extension Board Nominations Report for 2020-2021 and reported to conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council:

Terms ending May 31, 2021

Peter Bisset	St. Lambert
Fred Braman	Montreal West
Jan Langelier	Merging Waters
Peter Mundie	Wyman Memorial (Hudson)
Edward (Ted) Rutherford	St. John's (Pointe Claire)
Frederick (Rick) Sheffer	Cedar Park
Paul Stanfield	Mount Royal

Renate Sutherland	Cedar Park
Bruce Walsh	Cedar Park

Terms ending May 31, 2022

Diane Campbell	Roxboro
Marc Grenon	Bedford
Thomas Kent	Creek-Waterloo
Rev. Paula Kline	Montreal City Mission
Craig McAlpine	St. Andrews-Chateauguay
Dave McCormack	Lennoxville
Monique Moser	Église St. Jean (Montréal)

*Note that terms as indicated are renewable.

Carried (*Fred Braman, Rick Sheffer, Paul Stanfield, Peter Bisset, Marc Grenon abstain*)

MOTION: (P. Mundie/M. Grenon) RESOLVED that the Finance & Extension Board accept the Nominations Report for 2020-2021 subject to the approval of the conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council. CARRIED.

11. Regional Council Meetings: Tami/Linda

- a) Spring meetings: Saturday, April 25 and May 30, 2020; 9am – noon, by Zoom – debriefing meeting to take place on May 12th 1-3 p.m.
- b) Fall meeting: November worship focus on LLWL recognition, clusters, 2021 budget

Discussion: making room for more debate and discussion.

12. New Business

- a) Finance and Extension Board - Peter Bisset invited all to thank Rick Sheffer for his many years of service
 - Finance & Extension Board Annual Report (see **appendix F**)

2020-05-07_071 MOTION (P. Bisset/F. Braman) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive receive the Finance & Extension Board 2019 annual report. **Carried**

- b) Covid 19 – de-confinement procedures for the churches; guidelines are coming from the General Council Office.

Opening worship for next meeting – Barbara Bryce

Motion to adjourn

2020-05-07_072 MOTION (D. Lambie/R. Sheffer) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive adjourn this meeting at 12:16 p.m.

Closing Prayer – Linda Buchanan led a closing prayer.

Next meeting dates

- Thursday, June 18, 2020 9:00 – 12:00 ZOOM

Rev. Linda Buchanan
Chair, President

Rev. Rosemary Lambie,
Executive Minister

Appendices

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