

Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council**Meeting of the Executive****Thursday, May 20, 2021 – 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
Denis Ashby	Member at large, Rep. Youth and Family Ministries
Peter Bisset	Member, Finance and Extension Board
Fred Braman	Member, Property and Finance
Rev. Barbara Bryce	Member, Granting and Enabling Leadership Team
Rev. Samuel Dansokho	Member at large
Vivienne Galanis	Member at large
Rev. Pierre Goldberger	Member at large
Marc Grenon	Member at large
Rev. Rosemary Lambie	Member, Executive Minister
Rev. Darryl Macdonald	Member, Pastoral Relations (joined at 9:30 a.m.)
Rev. Marie-Claude Manga	Member, Representative to La Table (departed at 10 a.m.)
Robert Patton	Member, Right Relations
Rick Sheffer	Member at large, Ministries in Development
Rev. Tami Spires	Member, General Meeting Coordinator
Paul Stanfield	Member, Treasurer
Shanna Bernier	Corresponding Member, Youth, Young Adult and Families Ministries
Judy Coffin	Corresponding Member, Administration and Communication
Rev. Dan Hayward	Corresponding Member, Pastoral Relations Minister
Rev. David Lambie	Corresponding Member, Past-President, Nominations
Joel Miller	Corresponding Member, Program Assistant to Executive Minister, Recording Secretary
Brian Ruse	Corresponding Member, Finance and Office Administrator

REGRETS/ABSENT

NO REP	Member, Justice and Community Ministries
David-Roger Gagnon	Corresponding Member, Minister Supporting Networks & Clusters
M ^e Sabrina Di Stefano	Corresponding Member, Pastoral Relations Minister

Opening Devotions – Prior to Vivienne Galanis leading opening devotions, she reminded all of the death of Sara Surjadinata on Tuesday May 11, 2021 in her 83rd year, and provided a small discourse of thanksgiving for Sara's life. Vivienne opened this time of devotion referring to the devastating bushfires in Australia, and shared a prayer written by pastor Rowena, who wrote it out of her experience on December 31st of huddling on the beach with family, friends and townsfolks as the bushfires ravaged through her town.

Circle Time of Sharing – All welcomed Rev. Dan Hayward, interim Pastoral Relations Minister and introduced themselves and some of the roles they've taken on. Dan also introduced himself.

Acknowledgement of the Land – Linda acknowledged that we are treaty people, settlers on indigenous lands, and gave thanks for the stewardship of these lands for thousands of years by First Nations peoples; and also

reminded all that we as the Church have made a commitment to continue to work towards reconciliation and living in right relations. All were invited to share where they were joining from.

Minutes of April 15, 2021

2021-05-20_065 MOTION (T. Spires/MC. Manga) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approve the Minutes of April 15, 2021 as received with minor corrections. **Carried**

Agenda

2021-05-20_066 MOTION (M. Grenon/V. Galanis) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive accept the agenda as circulated. **Carried**

Correspondence

- a) March 29, 2021 Marc Grenon, Chair of Quebec & East Ontario Candidacy Board, re updates from March 19 & 23 2021 Interviews (*for information*)
- b) April 21, 2021 Rev. Lee Ann Hogle, Ayer's Cliff- Magog-Georgeville Pastoral Charge re notice of retirement effective June 30, 2022 (*refer to PR*).
- c) April 27, 2021 Garth Fields, Chair of Official Board for Ayer's Cliff- Magog-Georgeville Pastoral Charge re notice of retirement of Rev. Lee Ann Hogle effective June 30, 2022 and request for a Liaison to begin process (*refer to PR*).
- d) April 28, 2021 Marc Grenon, Chair of Unified Board for Wesley United Church, Bedford Pastoral Charge re Wesley United Church Ministry Plan and Legacy Fund (*for action – 2iv*)
- e) May 5, 2021 copied on letter from GCO to Anglican College re status of Alyson Huntley (*for action- 1a*)
- f) May 7, 2021 Alfredo J. Mancini, Partner KAUFMAN LAWYERS LLP re pension payment for Rev. Hovhannes Svadjian (*responded and referred to GC Pension and Benefits*)
- g) May 19, 2021 Rev. Linda Buchanan, Lennoxville United Church and pastoral charge supervisor for Hatley United Church re amalgamation (*for action – 2*)

Business arising

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

1. Pastoral Relations

a) Calls /appointments/ changes

i) Mount Bruno United Church

2021-05-20_067 MOTION (D. Macdonald /M. Grenon) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the recommendation of the Pastoral Relations Team to post a vacancy on Church Hub for a half time (20 hr/wk.) ministry personnel or student minister to the Mount Bruno United Church, effective September 1, 2021. **Carried**

ii) Knowlton-Mountain Valley Pastoral Charge

2021-05-20_068 MOTION (D. Macdonald/M. Grenon) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the recommendation of the Pastoral Relations Team to reappoint retired supply Rev. Steve Lawson as quarter-time ministry personnel (10 hours/week) to the Knowlton-Mountain Valley Pastoral Charge July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022. **Carried**

iii) Westmount Park United Church

2021-05-20_069 MOTION (D. Macdonald/M. Grenon) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the recommendation of the Pastoral Relations Team to appoint

Rev. Neil Whitehouse for an additional quarter-time appointment (10 hours/week) to the Westmount Park United Church June 1, 2021- May 31, 2022. **Carried**

iv) United Theological College in transition

2021-05-20_070 MOTION (D. Macdonald/M. Grenon) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive recognize the ministry of Alyson Huntly, D.M. as Director of United Church Studies at the Montréal Diocesan Theological College. This is one of the requirements for the Diocesan College to be recognized as a Conditional Employer, which will allow Alyson to continue to participate in the United Church of Canada's pension plan, group insurance plan, and the Employee Assistance Program. **Carried**

Discussion: There is a new form for re-appointments effective June 1st 2021.

- b) **Licenced Lay worship Leaders:** summery report provided as **appendix A**
- c) **Care for Retirees** – Judy Coffin and Dan Hayward are consolidating information contained in Dynamic 365 to get an accurate list (David-Roger Gagnon has compiled information to be included in the updated list).
- 2. Property and Finance - See appendix B - 2020 Nakonha:ka Regional Council financial statements**
 - i) **2021-05-20_071 MOTION** (F. Braman/P. Stanfield) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the 2020 Nakonha:ka Regional Council financial statements with the change of the creation of a contingency reserve fund. **Carried**
 - ii) **2021-05-20_072 MOTION** (F. Braman/P. Stanfield) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive amend its April 9, 2021 motion concerning the sale of the Centenary United Church property to ratify the reduction by the Centenary United Church Trustees of the price to read \$1,050,000 according to the terms of the Amendment AM13320 of April 20, 2021, and confirm the authority of the said Trustees to conclude the said sale and make any further adjustments, if required, up to \$25,000.

2021-04-15_055 MOTION (F. Braman/P. Stanfield) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approved the Minutes of Email Voting ending April 9, 2021

2021-04-09_001 MOTION: (F. Braman/P. Stanfield) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concur in the request of the Trustees of Centenary United Church (Pointe Saint-Charles, Montréal) for the sale of its church property at 585 rue Fortune, Montréal, QC H3K 2R7, Cadastral description 1,381,419, to Émilie Richer and Yann Lamontagne for a price of \$1,080,000 without any legal warranty of quality at Buyer's own risk and otherwise on the terms of Offer number PP63710 of April 5, 2021, amended by Enhancement EA37873 also dated April 5, 2021, and such Trustees are authorized to proceed with the said sale.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Centenary United Church Trustees are directed to hold the net proceeds of the foregoing sale in Trust and not to disburse any part thereof until the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council has approved their Plan of Distribution of the Net Proceeds and their Ministry Plan.

Carried

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- iii) Centenary United Church (Pointe-Sainte Charles) Ministry Plan – see **appendix C**
- 2021-05-20_073 MOTION** (F. Braman/P. Stanfield) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the Ministry Plan submitted by **Centenary United Church (Pointe-**

Saint-Charles) and the Distribution of the Net Proceeds from the sale of its church building (about \$1,000,000) as follows:

- a) 10% to Healing Fund for the Indigenous Communities of the United Church of Canada;
- b) 10% to the Finance and Extension Board of the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council for future church development in this region;
- c) 25% to a Continuing Ministry Fund for Centenary United Church to be held by its Trustees under the Congregational Investment Program of The United Church of Canada Foundation and to be disbursed for the ministry of that Community of Faith in the context of its partnership with Saint Columba House, subject to the prior consent of the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council;
- d) 22% to be retained by the Trustees of Centenary United Church for the operations of that Community of Faith;
- e) 9% to Saint Columba House for its operations;
- f) 9% to Montreal City Mission endowment fund to support the legal and advocacy work with refugees;
- g) 9% to Saint Columba House for its Endowment Fund and future ministry;
- h) 6% to the Mission and Service Fund of The United Church of Canada with \$15,000 earmarked for justice and human rights work with the United Church of Christ – Philippines.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Regional Council commend the Congregation of Centenary United Church (Pointe-Saint-Charles) for its vision and generosity of spirit.

Carried

iv) Wesley United Church (Bedford) Ministry Plan – see **appendix D**

2021-05-20_074 MOTION (F. Braman/P. Stanfield) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the Ministry Plan and Plan of Distribution submitted by **Wesley United Church (Bedford)** as adopted by its Congregation on April 9, 2021 and in particular approves the Plan of Distribution of the Net Proceeds from the sale of its church building (about \$158,000) as follows:

- a) 10% to the United Church of Canada for Indigenous Ministries,
- b) 10% to the Finance & Extension Board of Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council for future ministry in our region,
- c) 2% to the Archives Fund of the Regional Council
- d) the balance (about \$123,000) to the Trustees of Bedford Pastoral Charge to form Wesley United Church Legacy Fund to be administered by such Trustees with annual disbursements limited to 5% for administrative needs of the community of faith and a maximum to \$7,500 for supporting United Church ministries and local charities as it has done in the past,
- e) The Regional Council directs the said Finance & Extension Board to distribute the net proceeds held by it from the sale of the Wesley United Church Property accordingly;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Regional Council commend the Congregation of Wesley United Church – Bedford for its vision and generosity of spirit.

Carried

- v) **2021-05-20_075 MOTION** (F. Braman/P. Stanfield) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs in the request of the Trustees of St. James United Church (Montreal) to approve of the terms of the relationship with United Property Resource Corporation (UPRC) for the development of the St. James United Church site subject to final approval of a Definitive Agreement and related documents, on the basis that any distribution of funds for St. James Trustees, beyond the grandfathering of their right to the existing income stream and a trust for the St. James Church Building repair, will be shared
- a) 10% to the Indigenous Ministry of The United Church of Canada,
 - b) 10% to the Finance & Extension Board of Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council and
 - c) 10% to the Mission & Service Fund of the United Church of Canada,
 - d) with the remaining 70% to the Trustees for the benefit of the St. James United community of faith.

Carried

Discussion: It was noted that the Finance & Extension Board will have membership on the seat of the Board of Directors.

- vi) **2021-05-20_XXX MOTION** (S. V. Dansokho/) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the Amalgamation of Hatley United Pastoral Charge with Lennoxville United Pastoral Charge effective May 31st 2021, with 90% of Hatley United PC's assets going to the United Steeples Fund and the balance transferred to Lennoxville United Pastoral Charge. Encroaching on the capital must be approved by the Pastoral Charge at a Congregational meeting, and any spending exceeding 5% of capital, in a calendar year, must be approved by the Regional Council.

2021-05-20_076 MOTION (F. Braman/Paul Stanfield) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive refer the above matter to the Property and Finance Leadership, except for the date of amalgamation (May 31st 2021). **Carried**

2021-05-20_077 MOTION (F. Braman/P. Stanfield) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approve the amalgamation of Hatley Pastoral Charge into Lennoxville Pastoral Charge effective May 31st 2021, subject to the financial arrangement being confirmed by the Property and Finance Leadership Team. **Carried**

Discussion: The Property and Finance Leadership Team will be meeting on June 5th and will prepare a recommendation for email poll.

3. **Granting and Enabling Leadership Team** – Rev. Barbara Bryce; it is recommended that the grants from GELT (EAM, Good Samaritan, Bhal Yun, Trois Rivières Funds) be included in the omnibus motion on June 12th at the AGM.

Nurturing Social Justice and Outreach programs
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4. **Indigenous Ministry** – no report

5. **Community of Faith/ Clusters/Networks**

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- a) **Opening of Churches** – Peter Bisset shared a spreadsheet – see **appendix E** - providing protocols recently updated by the Quebec Government. All Community of Faiths are encouraged to follow (and create if not done so already) their reopening plans. It was highlighted that it is important to remind folks that green is still a category with protocols. Annual meetings have been extended to the end of the year.
- b) **Clusters/Networks** – West Island Cluster is gathering on the 30th of May; Cedar Park will host, followed by Zoom community-time. Joel will set up the account.
6. **Youth and Young Adults, and Family Ministries** – Shanna Bernier/Denis Ashby – Correction to information; the grant applied to was the Canada Summer Jobs Grant. See report attached hereto as **appendix F**
7. **La Table** – Rev. Marie-Claude Manga highlighted items in her report; see **appendix G**

Discussion: The Regional Council needs to establish a protocol for translations. Joel will share reports received for the AGM on June 12th with the Strategic Communications Team who will determine what needs to be translated.

It was noted that Morgan Pierre Point and Normand Robert Boie have demonstrated promise for ministry in The United Church of Canada

8. **Community and Justice Leadership Team**

-Application for Technology Support Grant – see **appendix H**

2021-05-20_078 MOTION (F. Braman/D. Ashby) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive support the request of Montreal City Mission for a Technology Support Grant of \$584.78 to purchase a Xerox Versalink B405/DN All-in-One Monochrome Laser Printer. **Carried**

Building Communications

9. **Communications** – Judy Coffin highlighted items from her report, see **appendix I**
10. **Nominations** – Rev. Dave Lambie noted that Rev. Shaun Fryday will not be representing Justice and Community Ministries but no representative is named to replace him. Dave noted there is a sense of tiredness and this reflects on the lack of interests in joining the Executive. There is a vacancy on nomination.

Discussion: It was noted that there still needs to be consensus on what is the age for YAYA representative (is it under 35 like how the Province sees youth)? The Nominations Team will work with YAYA to write up a recommendation to help provide consensus on what the age of YAYA should be.

Fred Braman reiterated who the *members of the Regional Council* are referring to the Manual 2021. A list of YAYA representative will be drawn up and circulated to the Executive for an email vote prior to the AGM on June 12th.

C.1.2 Lay Members

Communities of faith that are congregations or pastoral charges continue to elect representatives to the regional council in the same way they elected representatives to the presbytery prior to January 1, 2019. They may also change the way in which they elect

representatives within denominational policies, with the agreement of the regional council, and by including it in the covenant between the community of faith and regional council.

The lay members of the regional council are members of the United Church who are not ministry personnel and who are

a) elected by communities of faith on the following basis:

i) one representative from each community of faith with 100 or fewer members;

ii) two representatives from each community of faith with 101 to 200 members;

iii) three representatives from each community of faith with 201 to 300 members;

iv) four representatives from each community of faith with more than 300 resident members; and

b) additional lay members as determined by the regional council if necessary to respect a balance of ministry personnel and lay members who are not ministry personnel in the membership of the regional council. (2021)

The regional council determines for itself the best way to respect this balance which may include adding lay members to ensure diversity or particular experience and competencies within the regional council.

Darryl Macdonald has agreed to extend time as rep for Pastoral Relations for one more year, as have Fred Braman for Property and Finance LT and Rick Sheffer for New Ministries LT.

2021-05-20_079 MOTION (T. Spires/D. Ashby) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive extend this meeting by 20 minutes. **Carried**

11. Regional Council Meetings – Rev. Tami Spires highlighted that Adele Halliday will be with us to present on Anti-Racism within The United Church of Canada <https://broadview.org/united-church-anti-racism-equity-officer/>.

Rev. Linda Buchanan; see proposed amendments to Regional Council general meetings criteria as **appendix J**. Linda will present during the AGM on June 12th.

See AGM Planning Team minutes of April 29th as **appendix K¹**; see Liturgical Worship Planning Team minutes of May 15 as **appendix K²**

12. Finance and Extension Board – Peter Bisset

i) **2021-05-20_080 MOTION** (P. Bisset/R. Sheffer) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves the Finance & Extension Board of the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Nominations Report for 2021-2022

The following persons be nominated as members of the Finance & Extension Board of the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council:

Terms ending May 31, 2022:

1. Diane Campbell
2. Marc Grenon
3. Tom Kent
4. Paula Kline
5. Craig McAlpine
6. Dave McCormack

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7. Monique Moser
 8. Peter Mundie

Terms ending May 31, 2023:

1. Peter Bisset
2. Fred Braman
3. Jim Fyles
4. Jim Moffat
5. Edward (Ted) Rutherford
6. Frederick (Rick) Sheffer
7. Paul Stanfield

An exemption for the ten-year rule is requested for Messrs. Braman, Rutherford, Sheffer and Stanfield for reasons of particular experience for the functioning of the Board. **Carried**

ii) **2021-05-20_081 MOTION** (B. Bryce/F. Braman) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive receives from Finance & Extension Board of the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council, and accepts, the proposed slate of officers for 2021 – 2022: President, Peter Bisset; Treasurer, Paul Stanfield. **Carried**

Discussion: No nomination for Secretary at this time; resignation occurred last month.

iii) Finance & Extension Board 2020 Annual Report – see **appendix L**

2021-05-20_082 MOTION (P. Bisset/P. Stanfield) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive adopts the 2020 Annual Report of the Finance and Extension Board of the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council. **Carried**

Note: In the distributed document, there is one page that still needs to be signed by Peter and Paul. A further addition will be the representation letter, which will have the same date as the approval of the financial statements (May 20, 2021) and is only issued after their approval.

iv) **2021-05-20_083 MOTION** (P. Bisset/P. Stanfield) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive adopts the 2020 Finance and Extension Board of the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council draft financial statements. **Carried**

Opening worship for next meeting – Rev. Tami Spires

Motion to adjourn

2021-05-20_084 MOTION (B. Bryce/T. Spires) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive adjourn this meeting at 12:30 PM.

Closing Prayer – Rev. Linda Buchanan

Next meeting dates: Regional Council gathering Saturday, June 12 9:00 – 4:00 ? ZOOM
Thursday, September 16 9:00 – 12:00 ZOOM
Thursday, October 21 9:00 – 12:00 ZOOM
Regional Council gathering Saturday, November 13 9:00 – 4:00 ? ZOOM

 Rev. Linda Buchanan
Chair, President

 Rev. Rosemary Lambie,
Executive Minister

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Appendix A

LLWL Enrichment Day Summary – April 24th 2021

Opening and welcome: Charlotte Griffith

Worship: Don Wood

Scripture: Lamentations 3: 19-24

Reflection: Hope. Hope emanates from faith. God's love is as fresh as the morning and as sure as the sunrise. Shared the rescue story of 13 children and their coach caught in a cave in Thailand. Miracles still happen in the 21st century.

Morning Session with Rev. Wayne Beamer: Preaching that Engages

*Background information – see attachments from Rev. Beamer

Discussion “around the table” about the Good Samaritan parable:

*who are our neighbours? Anyone that we come into contact with

*how do we attain eternal life? Kindness to others, reaching out, being a good neighbour

*compassion: antimaskers – how do their actions affect others?

*being a good neighbour? The George Floyd situation and the responses of others to what happened to him.

*covid and global society and issues: the teacher of the law wanted to justify himself

*it was the religious people who passed by the man who had been beaten – question of altruism: do we help because we are internally good or is there a benefit to us?

*it is not always easy to be a good neighbour

*loving God and being a good neighbour: sometimes it is hard to be a good neighbour; someone comes up to your car at a stop light looking for money can create feelings of fear, trepidation, nervousness; sometimes it is hard to do the right thing

*...and he was moved to compassion: vaccination process – which countries have served themselves first?

The Samaritan put himself into action. How do we convince folks to go and get vaccinated?

The Samaritan gave money to the innkeeper. We have to be generous in our actions.

*When the lawyer stood up to address Jesus – it was the keeping of the law that was most important for him – compassion

*the man lying by the side of the road: the first vision was of George Floyd. No one really jumped in to do anything. The person filming the scene was an observer and didn't help out. (out of fear perhaps?)

*lack of compassion and empathy in the Good Samaritan parable. The elderly

Asian lady in NYC who was knocked down by a big man. Lack of compassion still today.

*the George Floyd situation: little compassion shown by folks even though they were there watching (again, out of fear perhaps?)

*neighbourly act situation: supposition - the robber was not properly employed so he robbed the man; the innkeeper trusted the Samaritan to pay him

*in Montreal: beautiful flowers and trees on one side of a street while on the other side there was nothing; the people who planted the trees and flowers are good Samaritans

*the person in the ditch was being judged for his race, colour, etc...We haven't evolved very far (George Floyd situation); even the smallest gestures should be noted

*the generosity of strangers always surprises us. Covid lockdown and stress and antidotal stories of generosity – virtual choirs; the factory in Knowlton that prepared meals for the truckers delivering to the factory

*who is your neighbour? Acts of benevolence – when a neighbour could not care for her 3-month old son, Hepta's mother adopted the boy and he became her brother

*the golden rule! To improve life by applying the golden rule on a daily basis. Saddened to see that the golden rule is not being applied. Black lives matter is being claimed to be a serious terrorist threat by certain groups of people in the USA

The Story of the Prodigal Son: Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

- contains an infinite number of issues of the day
- What themes are present in the story?
- What strikes us immediately in 2-3 words?
- *compassion of father towards the wayward son
- *unfairness and resentment of the brother
- *jealousy (on behalf of the brother)
- *empathy (for the younger brother who came back)
- *forgiveness, welcoming
- *love (the father said "you are always with me")
- *anger (on behalf of the older brother)
- *incomprehension by father of elder son
- *younger son – rebellious, selfish
- *kindness and compassion of father in his explanation to his elder son
- *recognition he is coming from a dark place (younger brother)
- *faith of the younger son in his father (he knew that his father would forgive him)
- *justified anger of the elder son
- *rebirth (return of the son)
- *not so much about the sons but more about the father – unconditional love of the father (parent) for both sons
- *a true resurrection story
- *repentance of son
- *looking for happiness (younger son) - we go searching for it and may or may not find it
- *selfishness: younger son took half of his father's security and assets and said goodbye and went off

Break Out Room Discussion (Charlotte and Gail)

Several themes to consider for a sermon:

- *Unconditional love of the father/parent
- *Unfair treatment of elder son: injustice, resentment
- *Arrogance of younger son: but he had faith in his homecoming – party, celebration, re-birth
- *Joy: the forgiving of the younger son was shared with others
 - Forgiveness of someone who has done us wrong or hurt us
 - Make the joy grow by sharing it with others
- *The father/parent loves each son equally, regardless – does the older son come to the party? Does the younger son stick around after he is fed and feeling better? The father doesn't care – he still loves both of his sons.

Remedy:

- *be forgiving like the father and love regardless; we may not LIKE someone or a situation they have created, but we can LOVE them just the same.

Themes:

- *forgiveness
- *anger – usually associated with fear and unfairness
- *instant gratification: leads us to being lost; the grass is not always greener on the other side; swallowing our pride

*selfishness of younger son: leaving elder son to do all of the work; having the father give away half of his worth (similar to selfishness of anti-maskers)

Recommended Reading:

Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen

LUNCH BREAK

Check In Time...

- *staying in, staying safe, doing well, worship on-line
- *haven't gone out grocery shopping since March 2020, attending church services on Zoom
- *48 years married in April, secretary for several organizations so spends a lot of time on the computer
- *very little pulpit supply so is focusing on studies at AST, works in a school which is stressful with masks and face shields and never letting down your guard
- *doing well, daughter leaves nearby so sees her often, does lots of skiing in the winter and long walks when there is no snow, attends on-line worship with Rev. Heather McClure and weekly sharing time
- *a good year, does lots of reading, and writing for a community paper, occupies himself sometimes just by going for a drive, has preached twice on Zoom
- *trying to keep busy, attends in person worship, her congregation has now moved to St. Columba House, does a lot of pastoral care calls and running errands for folks
- *attends in person services twice/month, still works full-time from home, everyone in Metis area is doing quite well
- *went right into Zoom mode for church services after March 2020, created a YouTube channel, never spent so much time worrying about her appearance, always looking for people willing to help out with Zoom services, is looking at offering hybrid services in the future
- *misses her kids, life is pretty exciting and pretty scary in the Laurentian Area Ministries (LAMS) (Joelle Leduc took a new call in August, Cathy Hamilton retired, and Georgia Copeland re-retired), she has been spending a lot of time on Zoom since they all left, provides pastoral care, LAMS will offer hybrid services over the summer
- *has not been doing much since we last met, still works, enjoys cooking, eating, and baking, looking forward to Zoom training
- *celebrated her birthday in December (her best birthday ever) (it was interesting how they got around covid restrictions), she did a service on Christmas Eve, she and her daughter have bought a duplex together in preparation for possible Alzheimer's in the future (for her not her daughter)
- *has spent much time in Montreal with her son who has cancer, has been reading a lot, is looking forward to her family coming again in the summer
- *working a lot with LAMS, she and Kelly Molloy are holding down the fort
- *it is incredible what we can learn about Zoom, doing a tremendous amount of hosting McGill lectures, participated in Advent and Lent studies on Zoom, spends time helping out a neighbour
- *led worship upwards of 20 times/year for the last 5 or 6 years so is taking a sabbatical right now, shared the music of their very talented LAMS musician with us – Lambert (CD - Donne-moi la foi)
- *has been spending a lot of time with new grandchildren this spring, periodically attends Zoom worship either with Rev. Lee Ann Hogle at Magog or Rev. Ivan Gregan from Port Wallis, Nova Scotia
- *employed and working from home, thinks often of those who have lost their jobs, no worship services since Covid began, trying to establish a routine of exercise and self-care, keeping in touch with friends, gives thanks to God every day
- *very busy with work, works from home most of the time but goes into the school to provide supply, continues to attend church on Zoom, looks forward to puttering in her garden
- *busy with work and church, reading a lot, has had some health concerns

Charlotte closed with a prayer from A Wee Worship Book at 2:30 pm
Until next time folks....

Appendix B

Financial statements of

**CONSEIL RÉGIONAL
NAKONHA:KA REGIONAL
COUNCIL**

December 31, 2020

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Review engagement report

To the Members of
Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council that comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2020, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council as at December 31, 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

CONSEIL RÉGIONAL NAKONHA:KA REGIONAL COUNCILStatement of financial position
as at December 31, 2020

(unaudited)

	General Fund	Restricted Funds	2020	2019
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets				
Cash	421,241	26,910	448,151	235,669
Accounts receivable from pastoral charges (Note 3)	3,837	-	3,837	10,957
Accounts receivable other	417	-	417	23,068
Government rebates receivable	814	-	814	752
Prepaid expenses	1,723	-	1,723	-
	428,032	26,910	454,942	270,446
Current Liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	6,700	-	6,700	5,632
Net assets				
Unrestricted fund	-	-	-	240,461
Internally restricted fund (Note 5)	421,332	-	421,332	-
Restricted funds (Schedule 1)	-	26,910	26,910	24,353
	421,332	26,910	448,242	264,814
	428,032	26,910	454,942	270,446

Approved on behalf of the Regional Council

CONSEIL RÉGIONAL NAKONHA:KA REGIONAL COUNCILStatement of changes in net assets
year ended December 31, 2020
(unaudited)

	Internally Restricted Fund \$	Unrestricted General Fund \$	Restricted Funds \$	2020 \$	2019 \$
Net assets, beginning of year	-	240,461	24,353	264,814	-
Excess of revenue over expenses		180,871	125	180,996	254,814
Internally restricted (Note 5)	421,332	(421,332)	-	-	-
Contribution during year		-	2,432	2,432	10,000
Net assets, end of year	421,332	-	26,910	448,242	264,814

CONSEIL RÉGIONAL NAKONHA:KA REGIONAL COUNCILStatement of operations
year ended December 31, 2020
(unaudited)

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	2020	2019
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue				
Grants from the United Church of Canada	681,000	-	681,000	681,000
Grants from the Finance & Extension Board	530,000	-	530,000	530,000
Montréal and Ottawa Conference	-	-	-	83,968
Miscellaneous	20,803	-	20,803	25,385
Donations	1,000	125	1,125	130
	1,232,803	125	1,232,928	1,320,483
Expenses				
Salaries and benefits	406,695	-	406,965	404,920
Mission support	506,214	-	506,214	550,000
Mission expenses	75,696	-	75,696	34,737
Office and administrative	46,557	-	46,557	44,653
Accounting and review	10,998	-	10,998	8,466
Committee expenses	5,126	-	5,126	15,867
Travel	608	-	608	4,785
Bad debts	38	-	38	2,241
	1,051,932	-	1,051,932	1,065,669
Excess of revenue over expenses	180,871	125	180,996	254,814

CONSEIL RÉGIONAL NAKONHA:KA REGIONAL COUNCILStatement of cash flows
year ended December 31, 2020
(unaudited)

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	2020	2019
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Operating activities				
Excess of revenue over expenses	180,871	125	180,996	254,814
Changes in non-cash operating working capital items:				
Funds held in trust	-	-	-	2,767
Accounts receivable from pastoral charges	7,120	-	7,120	26,934
Accounts receivable other	17,651	5,000	22,651	(23,068)
Government rebates receivable	(62)	-	(62)	4,495
Prepaid expenses	(1,723)	-	(1,723)	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,068	-	1,068	(5,689)
Funds held in trust	-	-	-	(2,767)
Due to Finance & Extension Board	-	-	-	(95,892)
	204,925	5,125	210,050	161,594
Investing activities				
Contributions to funds	-	2,432	2,432	10,000
Net increase in cash	204,925	7,557	212,482	171,594
Cash position, beginning of year	216,316	19,353	235,669	64,075
Cash position, end of year	421,241	26,910	448,151	235,669

CONSEIL RÉGIONAL NAKONHA:KA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Statement of cash flows
year ended December 31, 2020
(unaudited)

1. Purpose

The Conseil Régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council ("the Regional Council") is a branch of the United Church of Canada, constituted under the *United Church of Canada Act* (1926). The Regional Council incorporates communities of faith and outreach ministries from the former Consistoire Laurentien and Consistoire du Québec Presbytery. The Regional Council oversees its constituent churches, missions, and outreach ministries, adopting measures to promote their religious life. Service is directed towards its members and the ecumenical and secular society within its geographic bounds, particularly the poor.

Effective January 1, 2019 the presbyteries and conference courts of the United Church of Canada across Canada were replaced with 16 independent regional councils. As such the Québec Presbytery of the United Church of Canada ceased operating as at December 31, 2018 having realized all of its assets, satisfied its liabilities and remitted all of the remaining funds to the Conseil Régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council which continued with the charitable status of the Québec Presbytery. The Regional Council also succeeded to all the assets and liabilities of the Québec Presbytery, the Consistoire Laurentien and a portion of the Montréal and Ottawa Conference as agreed with Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council.

In order to maintain its registered charity status, the Regional Council must meet certain spending requirements ("disbursement quota") according to the *Income Tax Act*. The disbursement quota is a minimum amount that the registered charity must spend on charitable programs or as gifts to qualified donees in order to maintain its registered charity status. As at December 31, 2020, the Regional Council complied with the requirement.

2. Accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting standards for Not-for-Profit organizations using the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.

Fund accounting

The General Unrestricted Fund accounts for all current operations and programs of the Regional Council.

The Internally Restricted Fund is a contingency reserve fund created by the Regional Council.

The Restricted Funds account for and report all activities of the following externally imposed restrictions:

The Heritage Archives Fund

The Archives Fund was established as a result of the United Church of Canada Policy whereby Pastoral Charges contribute 2% from the sale proceeds of closing or amalgamating congregations to a maximum contribution of \$5,000. The funds are to be used to assist with the care and maintenance of the archival records of the closing or amalgamating pastoral charge, and to assist Archivists in meeting the demand in processing, arranging and describing the records so that they are accessible for future generations for continuing use.

The Heritage Trust Fund was formed to provide financial support for the Montréal and Ottawa Conference archives and to be an on-going fund source to ensure the support and preservation of the heritage of the United Church and its antecedent denominations in the Regional Council area.

During the year, the above two funds were combined into the Heritage Archives Fund.

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year ended December 31, 2020
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2. Accounting policies (continued)*Financial instruments*

The Regional Council initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value, except for certain related party transactions that are measured at the carrying amount or exchange amount, as appropriate.

The Regional Council subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments in equity instruments, bonds that are quoted in an active market, which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in net income.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash and accounts receivable.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

There are no financial assets measured at fair value.

Impairment

Financial assets measured at cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of the write-down is recognized in net income. The previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in net income.

Transaction costs

The Regional Council recognizes its transaction costs in net income in the period incurred. However, the carrying amount of the financial instruments that will not be subsequently measured at fair value is reflected in the transaction costs that are directly attributable to their origination, issuance or assumption.

Revenue recognition

Grants and donations are recognized when received or receivable has been confirmed. Revenue from pastoral charges is recognized on the accrual basis and when collection is reasonably assured.

Accounting for a controlled not-for-profit organization

The Regional Council elected not to consolidate the accounts of a controlled not-for-profit organization. Summary financial information is provided in Note 6.

CONSEIL RÉGIONAL NAKONHA:KA REGIONAL COUNCILNotes to the financial statements
December 31, 2020
(unaudited)**2. Accounting policies (continued)***Use of estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts of assets and liabilities as well as the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Such estimates and assumptions also affect revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

3. Accounts receivable from pastoral charges

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Accounts receivable pastoral charges	6,116	13,138
Provision for doubtful accounts	2,279	2,241
	3,837	10,957

4. Related party transactions and balance

The Regional Council is a branch of the United Church of Canada from which it received grants during the year.

The grant from and the due to the Finance and Extension Board in the financial statements was received from and is payable to a controlled registered charity as described in Note 6.

The due to the Finance and Extension Board is non-interest bearing with no fixed repayment terms.

The transactions have been valued in these financial statements at the exchange amount which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

5. Interfund transfer and internal restriction

At its November 21, 2020 general meeting, the Regional Council, when adopting the 2021 Budget, decided that any amounts which would otherwise be considered operation surpluses for 2020 and 2021 would be contributed in its financial accounts to a Contingency Reserve Fund for the expenditures that are very likely to become necessary in 2021-2023 inter alia to compensate for needs of the Regional Council and its constituent communities of faith caused directly or indirectly by the COVID-19 pandemic. This decision also applies to the operation surplus shown in its 2019 Financial Statements. The Regional Council or its Executive may decide at any time to authorize expenditures to be charged to the Contingency Reserve Fund.

6. Commitments

The Regional Council has an operating lease agreement for its premises which expires June 30, 2022. The future minimum lease payments over the next two years are as follows: 2021 - \$26,700; and 2022 - \$13,716.

CONSEIL RÉGIONAL NAKONHA:KA REGIONAL COUNCILNotes to the financial statements
December 31, 2020
(unaudited)**7. Controlled not-for-profit organization**

The Regional Council controls the Finance and Extension Board of the Conseil Régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council (the "Board"). The Board, a registered charity, manages the funds entrusted to it, acquires and helps maintain buildings within the Regional Council and provides sabbatical and bursary funds. The Board is also empowered to promote and carry on mission work with a concern for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the church, which is accomplished through its programs and annual grants transferred to the Regional Council.

According to the Board's constitution, the Regional Council elects the members of the Board, approves the Board's budget, and any changes to the By-Laws of the Constitution of the Board. The financial information of the Board has not been consolidated in the Regional Council's financial statements. Financial statements of the Board are available on request. Financial summaries of the Board as at December 31, 2020 and 2019 and for the periods then ended are as follows:

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
<i>Financial Position</i>		
Total unrestricted assets	14,428,155	13,954,571
Total restricted funds (b)	5,603,728	5,428,924
Total assets	20,031,883	19,383,495
Total liabilities	18,545	37,909
Total restricted funds (b)	5,603,728	5,428,924
Total net assets unrestricted	14,409,610	13,916,662
	20,031,883	19,383,495

Restricted Funds:

F.W. Kelley Fund, Erskine & American - Mountainside Trust Fund, St. John's Hall Bursary Fund, St. John's Hall Endowment Fund, Ste Thérèse Fund, Bhal-Yun Fund, Grand-Mère Fund, Institut Français Évangélique Fund, Trois-Rivières French Ministry Fund, and Québec Sherbrooke Area Support Fund.

CONSEIL RÉGIONAL NAKONHA:KA REGIONAL COUNCILNotes to the financial statements
December 31, 2020
(unaudited)**7. Controlled not-for-profit organization (continued)**

	General Fund	Restricted Funds	2020	2019
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Results of operations</i>				
Total revenue	1,179,610	450,218	1,629,828	1,632,602
Total expense	686,662	275,414	962,076	989,977
Excess of revenue over expense	492,948	174,804	667,752	642,625

Total expenses include a grant to the Regional Council of \$530,000 (2019 - \$530,000)

	General Fund	Restricted Funds	2020	2019
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Cash flows</i>				
Cash from operations	(182,001)	(105,465)	(287,466)	594,075
Cash for financing and investing activities	62,733	105,465	168,198	(627,468)
Net (decrease) in cash	(119,268)	-	(119,268)	(33,393)

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8. Financial instruments*Risks and concentrations*

The Regional Council is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments, without being exposed to concentrations of risk. The following analysis provides a measure of the Regional Council's risk exposure at the balance sheet date, December 31, 2020.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Regional Council's main credit risks relate to its accounts receivable from former pastoral charges. As of January 1, 2019, the Regional Council no longer collects pastoral charges.

9. Other information*Good Samaritan Fund*

The Good Samaritan Fund was established as a donor-directed fund with the United Church of Canada Foundation following the closure and sale of the Griffith-McConnell Residence (an outreach mission of the Regional Council). The terms of the Agreement with the Foundation provide that the Regional Council may alone designate grants from the income of the fund to ministry programs involving seniors in the Province of Québec.

The maximum annual amount of the grant is a variable percentage of the fund balance. If the Regional Council fails to designate grants, then the Foundation has the right to make grants to similar causes that year anywhere in Canada to comply with their disbursement quota under tax regulations. The fund balance at the end of 2020 was \$7,418,224 (2019 - \$7,040,238).

The total 2020 annual grant amount designated by the Regional Council from the Good Samaritan Fund was \$315,554 (2019 - \$229,961).

10. Financial impact of COVID-19

Events have occurred as a result of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic that have caused economic uncertainty. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the effectiveness of government responses, remain unclear at this time. Management has implemented an emergency assistance program for communities of faith at the discretion of the Regional Council. The overall impact of these events on the Regional Council and its activities is too uncertain to be estimated at present. The financial impacts will be accounted for when they are known and can be evaluated.

CONSEIL RÉGIONAL NAKONHA:KA REGIONAL COUNCILNotes to the financial statements
December 31, 2020
(unaudited)**SCHEDULE 1**

Heritage Archives Fund	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Receipts		
Montréal and Ottawa Conference	-	14,223
Donations	125	130
	125	14,353
Expenditures	-	-
Excess of receipts over expenditures	125	14,353
Contributions		
Legacy from the Estate Lillian Madelyn Rider	-	5,000
Hatley United Church – portion of sales proceeds	2,432	-
Trinity United Church – portion of sales proceeds	-	5,000
	2,432	10,000
Net assets, beginning of year	24,353	-
Net assets, end of year	26,910	24,353

Appendix C**Centenary United Church Ministry Plan**

Trustees of the Centenary United Church,
585 Fortune Street,
Montreal, Quebec
May 10, 2021

Dear Regional Council Executive/ Property and Finance Leadership Team,

Following the Policy Regarding proceeds from the Sale of Property (September 2019) of the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council, The Trustees of Centenary United Church are presenting the distribution of the proceeds of the sale, the fees resulting from the sale, the ensuing ministry plan, and an estimated yearly budget adopted by the Congregation on May 6, 2021.

The Centenary community of faith recognizes our mission statement as foundational, forming the guiding principles for designing our mission plan and future ministry:

"Centenary United is a Christian Community of Faith serving the Pointe St. Charles area of Montreal. Our Christian faith inspires our sense of community. We recognize and celebrate God's love for all of creation through our worship and fellowship. We seek to be a loving, friendly community that worships God and serves others. Come as you are – we would love to get to know you."

The Trustee's of Centenary United Church is presenting the subsequent Ministry Proposal and the Plan of Distribution of the Net Proceeds of the Sale of 585 Fortune Street building of Centenary United Church to the Regional Council Executive as follows;

1. The Congregation intends to continue its worship and programing services at Saint Columba House on the present arrangements for the foreseeable future. It is understood that any future donations otherwise than in the context of its partnership with Saint Columba House will require advance Regional Council approval.
2. The Congregation is planning to develop a pastoral care program for the community of faith and the broader community of Point St. Charles using a portion of the interest from the investment and the capital;
3. To collaborate with Saint Columba House to broaden the Senior's program in Point St. Charles;
4. The trustees are recommending the Plan of Distribution, including the budget of the community of faith, as follows;
 - a) 10% to Healing Fund for the Indigenous Communities of the United Church of Canada
 - b) 10% to the Finance and Extension Board of the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council for future church development in this region;
 - c) 25% to a Continuing Ministry Fund for Centenary United Church to be held by its Trustees under the Congregational Investment Program of the United Church of Canada Foundation and to be disbursed for the ministry of that Community of Faith in the context of its partnership with Saint Columba House, subject to the prior consent of the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council;
 - d) 22% to be retained by the Trustees of Centenary United Church for the operations of that Community of Faith;
 - e) 9% to Saint Columba House for its operations;
 - f) 9% to Montreal City Mission endowment fund to support the legal and advocacy work with refugees;
 - g) 9% to Saint Columba House for its Endowment Fund and future ministry;

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- h) 6% to the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada with \$15,000 earmarked for justice and human rights work with the United Church of Christ – Philippines.

The final agreed-upon price of the property is \$1,050,000. The change in the last offer is related to the finding of asbestos in the basement and an oil tank. So a motion to amend the motion of April 9 is necessary.

Motion 1. "RESOLVED that the Regional Council Executive amend its April 9, 2021 motion concerning the sale of the Centenary United Church property to ratify the reduction by the Centenary United Church Trustees of the price to read \$1,050,000 according to the terms of the Amendment AM13320 of April 20, 2021, and confirm the authority of the said Trustees to conclude the said sale and make any further adjustments, if required, up to \$25,000."

I am attaching a document detailing the distribution of \$998,800.00, describing the \$51,200.00 of sale's fees and the pro-format budget for a typical year \$ 21,300.00 for the Congregation. The deed will be signed on July 6, 2021.

The funds held in trust and the amount designated for active use provides room for growth, innovative ministry, and new partnerships.

Best regards,
Patricia Lisson & Valerie Epps (Trustees of Centenary United Church)

Appendix D

Wesley United Church Ministry Plan and Legacy Fund

Our Mission Statement:

Spread God's love, Share our Riches

The congregation of Wesley United Church met in Stanbridge East United Church hall on Friday, April 9, 2021 to formulate a plan for the proceeds from the sale of our historic church building at 53 River Street, Bedford, Quebec. It has consulted with its members and proposes the following.

Vision of ministry

Our vision for ministry sees a number of new ventures that we can do better together between the Bedford Pastoral Charge and the Cowansville Area Pastoral Charge rather than separately (for example we now share ministry personnel). We see:

1. Creative and lively worship, including Bible Study using multimedia resources (i.e. the purchase of equipment or supplies).
2. Outreach to seniors in the area, both in seniors' facilities and in their own homes. We envision offering programs for seniors and maintaining contact with those living on their own.
3. Outreach to children and youth in the neighbourhoods within the Bedford Pastoral Charge, through family resources and schools.
4. Since we consider our place of worship and cemetery as an expression of ministry, we will maintain both our place of worship and our cemetery in a good state of repair.
5. Co-ordinate together with local organisations and the Bedford Charge's Outreach Committee for the needs and projects of the community.

Legacy gifts to the United Church

The remittances to the United Church for Indigenous Ministry, its Regional Council and Archives relate to the sales of church buildings as of 2020. They were not policy on buildings sold before that date. The congregation wishes that these legacy offerings contribute to the life and vitality of ministry and mission in the United Church. The amounts are:

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| 1. Indigenous Ministry | \$ 15,799.24 |
| 2. Regional Council | \$ 15,799.24 |
| 3. Archives | \$ 3, 159.85 |

The congregation concurs with these amounts and invites into celebration what these legacy monies mean for the life and mission of our wider church. This is an opportunity to educate a new generation as to the evolution of ministry in relationship with our indigenous communities and the new regional structure of our denomination.

The Wesley congregation continues its commitment to support **Mission & Service** in its yearly budget and declines to give a one-time gift at this time.

Legacy Fund

Of the remaining monies Wesley Congregation will invest and distribute funds that will be known as Wesley United Church Legacy Fund.

Not more than 5% can be used for administrative needs.

The congregation will support United Church missions and local charities as it has done in the past and will donate up to \$7,500 annually from its fund.

The remaining members of the congregation are the de facto committee of the fund and will meet in person twice a year. Agreement on distribution of monies may be agreed to by email.

This ministry plan will be submitted to our regional council and its Finance and Extension Board by the chair of the Wesley United Board.



Marc A. Grenon
Chair
Wesley United Church Unified Board

c.c. Members of Wesley United

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Zoom Teleconferencing

Appendix E

Appendix F**Report for YAYA Leadership Team**

Team members: Jillian Lalonde (Co-Chair), Joëlle Leduc (Co-Chair, Currently on parental leave), Gary Tompkins, Bailey Eastwood, Rachel Lambie, Denis Ashby (interim executive representative), Virginia Wallace, Ellie Hummel (Corresponding member), Judith Bricault, Jean- Daniel Williams, Georgia Baret-Lamey, Esther Guillen, Jennifer Carroll & Shanna Bernier (Staff).

The Yaya Leadership team feels that we accomplished many goals and enjoyed intentional growth of our team in the past year, which is cause for celebration. Despite working in a time of extreme change and disruption to the programming model that youth-ministry has used for decades, we managed to host events, reach out to children, youth, and young adults teams and deepen our relationships with different parts of the United Church.

In terms of significant program development, there were two programs which offered activities and Christian education for children and youth.

- For more than a year, Children's church at home has been offering a weekly worship program on Facebook live, and the accompanying Facebook page is a space for regular updates and resources related to children and family ministry.
- In June 2020, United Spirit Camp went online and created a week-long program for children connected to our camp, as well as a mail-out to all past campers from the 2 previous years. As a spin-off from the week of camp, we hosted 3 seasonal Campfires online, with singing, story-telling and connection. In 2021, United Spirit Camp is very pleased and excited to have received a grant from the Federal Government for two staff positions, to run a 3-week long online program in July, as well as creating and mailing out camp boxes which were developed in partnership with the Pacific Mountain Regional Council.

Many of the members of our team participated in and led Rendez-vous online in August of 2020. The experience was a mix of joyful and frustrating moments. We felt first-hand how a large scale online event can both increase and complicate accessibility. Following our experience and reflection, our team wrote and co-signed a letter to the Moderator and General Secretary explaining some of our frustration with the lack of Bilingual content, and the failure to invite or accommodate Francophone youth as a part of an ongoing pattern with the Rendez-vous events. We received a reply, and we hope that we can continue the conversation about exclusion and welcome of our Francophone members. As a part of this particular issue, we forged new connections with La table des Ministères en Français. We hope to continue to do more collaboration in the areas of shared priority ex: resources for children's ministry.

Due to the collective trauma we have all been facing, a lot of Shanna's work this year was focused on Pastoral care to the YaYa community. This was achieved in ongoing support and the "Yaya Check-In" calls which happen almost every Thursday, as well as the creation and mailing of over 100 Care packages in the Fall of 2020 and the Spring of 2021.

Our YAYA leadership team supports and facilitated other youth led spin off programming, by the sharing of professional ZOOM accounts. One of our young leaders, Ben Ryan, created a Tuesday night Dungeons & Dragons group, which is open to beginners and youth from all backgrounds and circumstances. The participants are mostly folks who have attended Youth Forum and camp, and it is lovely to see community building transported to a new place, led by young people who have been a part of our Regional Council programs.

Not all online programming took off; Shanna attempted 3 creative young adult workshops last summer, but beautiful weather, lower covid restrictions, and ZOOM fatigue led to very low participation.

When we are visioning for the future, and the hope of reopening and returning to some face to face events in the Fall, we have a few named priorities:

- The creation of a Francophone lead youth event
- Sustaining and creating more intentional young adult ministry - and hosting another retreat for young adults.
- Hosting a regional Messy Fiesta to encourage and support congregations who are hoping to start their own Messy Church ministry.

In conclusion, the YaYa leadership team remains enthusiastic, hopeful and committed to providing quality, accessible experiences of Church and community for people in the first third of their lives. We are grateful for the ongoing support and recognition of this important ministry.

Appendix G

Rapport de la Table des ministères en français

1. Lors de la dernière réunion de l'exécutif du Conseil régional de Nakonha:ka a accepté de faire un comité paritaire avec La Table pour trouver une solution à la question de la reconnaissance des célébrants laïques. Le premier pas a été franchi : le comité sera composé de David Lambie, Marc Grenon et Lee Ann Hogle pour le Conseil régional, et Nicole, Samuel et Christine-Marie de la part de la Table. Un sondage est sorti pour trouver une date qui convient à tout le monde.
2. Planification stratégique – la rencontre en français avec le modérateur a eu lieu le 6 mai avec 34 participants
3. Un atelier sur la viabilité des paroisses a eu lieu le 8 mai et nous prévoyons faire une suite de cette activité en lançant une programmation avec une cohorte francophone avec EDGE dans un avenir rapproché sur le financement, les partenariats, etc. Probablement en huit modules.
4. Quatre pasteurs francophones se sont inscrits au programme de formation pour la mission interculturelle à AST qui débutera au mois de juin.
5. La paroisse de Saint-Jean se prépare à travailler avec EDGE pour trouver une orientation à la veille de la retraite du pasteur.
6. La communauté de foi de Sainte-Claire fête son premier anniversaire cette semaine. Un rapprochement plus aigu est en développement avec la paroisse de Trinity United Church (Montréal), incluant le transfert du rôle du M&P vers la paroisse et aussi, la possibilité d'être la paroisse qui ferait la reconnaissance des membres en règle de l'ÉUC s'il y en a besoin. Sainte-Claire accueille environ 25 à 30 personnes chaque semaine dernièrement.
7. La Table est en train de revoir le mandat d'Aujourd'hui Credo pour que la revue électronique ait à la fois un mandat de présenter la théologie et l'approche de l'ÉUC à la population francophone, ainsi que de continuer à publier des articles d'actualité.
8. La Table été acceptés pour un emploi d'été en communications. Le poste est affiché.
9. Au début mai, une entente a été conclue entre le bureau du Conseil général et Dio pour assurer une continuité de la formation en français.

Marie-Claude Manga
C/O le responsable des ministères en français.

Appendix H

CA 5.1A

Application for Technology Support Grant

- ☐ Congregations
☒ Community Ministries

Please refer to our website for policy: www.united-church.ca/leadership/church-administration/capital-assistance-programs.

- Maximum grant amount for up to \$1,500 matching grant per application. Grants are reserved for modest-income congregations and ministries with unrestricted funds of less than \$37,500.
- Applications are to be approved by your regional council before the Financial Support Group (FSG) can consider you for funding. Keep a copy of this application for your records.
- Supporting documents must accompany your application:

- ☒ Financial Statements (Income Statement, Budget sheet, etc)
☒ Brief description of the project

- ☒ Quotes and estimates
☒ Charitable Status printout

Applicant's Contact Information

Pastoral charge	Montreal City Mission			# of preaching points #
Name of applying congregation or community ministry	Name: Paula Kline / Montreal City Mission			
	Mailing address: 1435 rue City Councillors			
	City: Montreal	Province: QC	Postal code: H3A 2E4	
	Contact person: Paula Kline	Phone: 514 844 9128 ext. 102 E-mail: info@montrealcitymission.org		
	Charitable Status No. 107718868 RR 001			
Regional council: Nakonha:ka Regional Council				

Financial Plan for Equipment

Total cost	\$ 594.78	Have you received a Technology Support Grant in the past? yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> Approval date (mm/yy) April 28th, 2021 Approval amount \$ 594.78 Amount drawn to date \$
Cash on hand	\$ 594.78	
Grant amount	\$ 594.78	
Balance	\$ 0	
Restricted Funds: \$		Unrestricted Funds: \$
Have you purchased the technology? yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>		
What equipment will be purchased? Xerox Versalink B405/DN All-in-One Monochrome Laser Printer		
Comments:		

Local Mission Unit Action

It was moved by Heather McShane and seconded by Logan Littlefield
 and carried that the trustees/board of Montreal City Mission
 be authorized to make application to Finance (FIN) for a Technology Grant of \$ 594.78, and to apply to regional council for formal approval.

<i>H. H. Shome</i> CA 5.1A	
<i>Date of meeting</i> April 28th, 2021	<i>Signature of Chairperson or Secretary</i>
Regional Council Action (if applicable)	
The foregoing application was duly considered at a meeting of _____ Regional Council and approved.	
<i>Date of meeting</i>	<i>Signature of Secretary of Regional Council</i>

Appendix I

Communications report for Executive meeting – May 20, 2021

Rather than share a list of tasks, objectives and accomplishments this month, I would like to offer a conversation starter. Through all the research and engagement that happens through my role as communications person, various resources and needs emerge on a regular basis, and so I offer the following for consideration.

FOR DISCUSSION: assessing potential / need to develop and support some new Regional Council connections based on common interests, roles or objectives, such as:

- a) **pastoral care *****
- b) **technology**
- c) **church administrators/secretaries (communicators)**
- d) **music**
- e) **other TBD**

THE SEED

The initial seed for this conversation is the new rollout of tools in ChurchHub, but this also inspired some thoughts of how these tools might be useful in a larger context.

Ongoing developments in ChurchHub/D365 include having communities of faith add the contact information for people who serve in various roles such as Board Chair, Board Secretary, Music Director, etc. I have also requested the addition of **Church Office Admins/Secretaries** (vital info), as well as the possibility of identifying **Tech teams** and **Pastoral Care teams** (valuable info).

THE FRUIT

Through my role in regional communications, participation in various national events and groups (such as the advisory team for EDGE) and my continued connection with the ORA Loss & Living Program at Ste. Genevieve United Church, there are some common threads emerging regarding the need for conversations and accompaniment through the grief wave that already exists and will continue post-COVID. I feel that it may be useful for us as a Regional Council to strengthen and support a healthy pastoral care network as we continue to navigate COVID and post-COVID needs of our communities of faith, and wider communities. Having a better sense of existing resources as provided by communities of faith through ChurchHub could be a starting point to help us to identify our current strengths in order to support further development of both pastoral care networks and technological expertise networks across the Regional Council as we face a brave new world post-COVID.

In particular, **building and strengthening a pastoral care network** across our Regional Council could be a win-win-win initiative for:

- a) supporting ministry personnel in providing pastoral care (as well as receiving it),
- b) giving a new sense of purpose to members of communities of faith and
- c) building a sense of trust and connection with wider communities, all of whom could benefit from compassionate care as we all deal with the fallout from collective COVID grief and loss.

A few years ago, Family Life Centre hosted a weekend seminar on pastoral care with a panel of presenters and small group activities; if there is interest, perhaps something like this could be adapted to an online format which could also be recorded and used again as a video resource for in-person workshops (for areas without good internet connection or Zoom capability) once COVID guidelines allow gatherings again.

There is also a related **opportunity to train or develop more individuals as community connectors** (increasing the number of people in communities who are aware of community resources and are able to refer people to relevant contacts, events, activities and resources offered by churches, social services, health services,

recreational services, etc.) using the Compassionate Communities model documented by Dr. Julian Abel and Lindsay Clarke in the book "The Compassion Project" (*I have access to four copies in the ORA Loss & Living Program library if anyone is interested*). This model demonstrated a 17% reduction in emergency admissions by tackling issues of isolation and loneliness; partly by increasing the number of knowledgeable people throughout the community with a two-hour training, resulting in those connectors being able to refer and direct people to social, mental, physical and spiritual resources in the course of their normal interactions at the community level (friends, family, colleagues, etc.); and partly by developing stronger relationships between health care providers, municipalities and community organizations, including churches.

RESOURCES AND POTENTIAL PARTNERS

As Rosemary has pointed out to me, many are still struggling to navigate ChurchHub. Maybe we could start by ensuring that all of our communities of faith have access to a regional team of ChurchHub mentors?

The training of community connectors could likely be done in our Regional Council in conjunction with community organizations such as West Island Resource Centre (and their equivalent organizations in other areas of the province). Through my connection with ORA Loss & Living Program at Ste. Genevieve United Church, I have also been working with the Community Development Manager at Montreal Institute of Palliative Care over the past few years to increase awareness of the Compassionate Communities model.

This direction towards community collaboration and partnerships would also be very much in line with the Soul of Community initiative that was being promoted through Saint Columba House and Montreal City Mission over the past couple of years and the overall goal of being a more relevant church in the world, by supporting our vulnerable neighbours in alignment with other community organizations. Cedar Park United Church has also been working on developing an intentional Caring Community model for several years, and I am sure there are others within our Regional Council with similar backgrounds and experience.

A recent West Island community council meeting online gathered communities of faith and charitable organizations together to discuss how common causes and energies could be shared, with an introduction to the Waybase platform for Canadian churches and charities. I followed up with some of my connections at General Council and EDGE for some insight about Waybase and other tools that might be available through EDGE for connecting people and information for community collaboration, including demographic assessments of local communities and their needs.

Big picture: wondering how and if we might encourage, promote and support the development of these types of community connections; it could also strengthen our internal sense of connection and being mutually supported while communicating to people in local communities that the local church still has relevance to their daily lives, whether they are currently churchgoers or not... and that they are not alone!

Judy **Coffin**
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Appendix J

Annual Meeting

The Regional Council will meet in person for the first year 2019 and the Executive will make a recommendation to the Regional Council regarding future annual meetings.

Annual Meeting Requirement

The Manual C.4.1

The regional council must meet at least annually.

The annual meeting may be a meeting of the entire regional council or the executive of the regional council, as determined by the regional council.

Meetings: General

The Manual C.4.2

The regional council must decide

- a) whether and, if so, how often it will meet regularly between annual meetings as the entire regional council or the executive;
- b) the time and place for the annual and other regular meetings, and the procedure for calling annual and other regular meetings; and
- c) how it will hold special meetings for urgent business between regular meetings.

Minimum numbers of members

Minimum Number of Members at Meetings

The Manual C.4.3

The regional council may meet only if a minimum number of members is present. For meetings of either the regional council or its executive,

- a) if there are fewer than 60 members, at least 1/3 of them must be present;
- b) if there are 60 or more members, at least 20 members must be present; and
- c) there must be at least one ministry personnel and one lay member who is not ministry personnel present.

Corresponding members are not counted for this purpose.

The Executive may make a recommendation to the Regional Council in 2020 regarding minimum numbers of members.

Regional Council Annual General Meetings

In accordance with *The Manual C.4.1 & C.4.2*

The Planning Leadership Team, in collaboration with the President, will hold the authority and responsibility for the date, timing, agenda, location, logistics, worship, and all other details involved in holding a Regional Council General Meeting. The Planning Leadership Team can empower sub-Teams to do specific work.

The Regional Council will hold 3 General Meetings on an Annual basis;

- 1) Between January and April, entirely online, will include but not be limited to:
 - a) accepting reports on the work of the preceding calendar year which will form The Annual Report booklet of the Regional Council. All Leadership Teams will include a written report; other written reports will be encouraged, including reports from Networks, Clusters, Regional Council Staff, and other Partners in Ministry.
 - b) making any changes to the Regional Council Governance Handbook.
- 2) Between May and August, in-person with the ability to join online, will include but not be limited to
 - a) [accepting] the work and recommendations from the Office of Vocation regarding Ordinations, Commissioning, and Admissions.
 - b) accepting the work of the Regional Council Nomination Leadership Team (including voting on Commissioners and executive members).
 - c) Celebration of Ministry
- 3) Between September and December, entirely online, will include but not be limited to:
 - a) the task of approving the budget for the upcoming year,
 - b) liturgy to covenant with Regional Council Licensed Lay Worship Leaders (every second year)

All General meetings will include worship and relationship building opportunities along with the task within the above seasonal schedule. When possible, a meeting can include guest speakers, workshops, and other suitable activities.

In between General Meetings the Regional Council Executive will be commissioned to make decisions on behalf of the Regional Council, including all urgent business.

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Appendix K¹

CrNRC Meeting Planning Team
Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Équipe de planification
April 29, 2021/29 avril 2021 ~ 1:00 pm/ 13 h 00
Minutes

Present - Linda Buchanan, Valerie Epps-Nickson, Shirley Stark, Shanna Bernier, Kent Chown, Tami Spires, Rosemary Lambie, Joel Miller, and David-Roger Gagnon.

Regrets from - Joëlle Leduc, Judy Coffin, Robert Patton and Denis Ashby.

Welcome and Check-in / Bienvenue et enregistrement

All were invited to share.

Opening Prayer / Prière d'ouverture

Linda opened the meeting with a prayer.

Acknowledgement of the Land/Reconnaître la territoire

Tami acknowledged the land giving thank for its stewardship throughout the centuries by Indigenous Peoples and reminding that we are called to work towards reconciliation.

Approval of the agenda / Approbation de l'ordre du jour

CONSENSUS MOTION moved that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

Approval of the Minutes from April 8, 2021 / Approbation du procès-verbal du 8 avril 2021

MOTION (L. Buchanan/J. Miller) that the minutes of April 8, 2021 be accepted as circulated. **Carried**

Business Arising / Affaires découlant

- Outreach to possible new team members – Tami reported that she has been in contact with possible new team members, and although it was too short notice to invite them to this meeting, folks have been made aware of the liturgical planning meeting on May 12th;
- Outreach to possible new parliamentarians – Joel will reach out to Fred Braman; Linda will reach out to Melvin Bryant and Jennifer Mountain;
- Names of volunteers are listed in minutes of April 8th;
- Kent Chown will approach Ian Smith as possible additional scrutineer;
- Equity Team will be Tami and Shanna; Shanna will reach out to Marie-Claude Manga and Darla Sloan to join the team;
- It was suggested that a translations support team be created for motions needing to be translated on the fly. Linda will approach Samuel V. Dansokho;
- Chaplains: Still to be determined.

YAYA / Jeunes et jeunes adultes – Shanna reported that she hopes to engage children to be part of worship.

Communications / Communications – The registration form for the next meeting is almost ready to go with modifications requested last time, but if there are any other updates or information you would like from participants, please let Judy know. Ditto with the order of the day; Judy will share the draft (including any modifications made today) in next week's newsletter and on the web site.

Technology / Technologie – Kent, all voting will be done by poll. In order for users on tablets to be able to see polls the host must be logged in through the desktop app.

Worship Team / Équipe de liturgie – Valerie reported that Cathy Hamilton has joined the team. See a copy of the minutes from meeting held on April 20th as **appendix A**

New Business / Nouvelle entreprise:

- Order of the Day for RC Meeting/ ordre je jour pour rendez-vous de Cr (see **appendix B**)
- Whats App – make sure names on group chats are current for meeting.

Date/place/time of next planning team meeting / Date/place/heure de la prochaine réunion

May 27th (Thursday) 1 PM

Closing Prayer / Prière de clôture – Joel Miller

Adjournment / La clôture

MOTION (S. Stark) moved that the meeting was closed at 3 PM..

*Appendix A*Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council
Liturgical Planning Meeting
April 20, 2021 – 9 am

Present: Valeri Epps-Nickson (Chair), Joel Miller, Cathy Hamilton, David-Roger Gagnon, Linda Buchanan, Shanna Bernier
 Regrets: Tami Spires, Robert Patton, and Denis Ashby

Valerie welcomed new member Cathy Hamilton to the team.

Theme: Roll the Stone Away – using the Easter story (using Book of John) – it is suggested to explain why this scripture was chosen when at the Regional Council meeting in June. Discussions ensued about what the explanation may look like:

“Coming out of the Covid crisis”

“Growing in adversity”

The lectionary for the following Sunday was read – regarding planting seeds

There will be three sections:

1. The first including the welcoming to the land, Thanksgiving Prayer, Celebration of Candidate (using planting seeds story - Mark 4:26) -20 mins
2. Celebrating the Ministries of Communities and Ministers (using Lazarus story – John 11:1-44, Luke) - it was decided that Beatrice would read – 20 mins We would use a starting point of January 1, 2019 for the Communities of Faith as this was the date of the new Regional Structure.
3. Celebrating retirees it was suggested that we could have a slide with photos, acknowledging milestones and anniversaries, covenanting with Commissioners, Executive, Teams, Networks, and regional Council (using Easter story) – 25 mins

(there is a spare 5 mins)

It was suggested to ask if Alma would be interested in providing translation in mohawk again during a dramatic reading.

It was suggested that part of the worship include a memorial for closed buildings (since January 1, 2019) – using a PowerPoint. It was noted that this time could also be used to demonstrate hope and celebration when having to decide to sell a building; opportunities to merge and grow still exists... continues the story of “Lazarus, come out!”

Joel will begin to tabulate a list going through past minutes and we could approach Property and Finance Team as well as the Archives for any information they might have

It was suggested that Lambert be approached to provide music. Music could also include virtual choir at Cedar Park, United St-Francis Cluster and La Table resources. We have to be sure we have copyright permission to use any music that is not posted for public use.

 Next meeting May 12 from 1pm to 2:30pm
Appendix B

**Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council
June 12th Meeting 2021 (Draft)**

Online meeting: Saturday March 20th 9am-12pm		
8:30-9am	Coffee & Conversation (Sign in/ Registration)	
8:45-9am	Learning how to vote on Zoom	Kent
9:00-9:20	(Acknowledgement (Welcome) of the land) Welcoming and Opening Prayer (including celebration of Candidates)	(Worship Team)(Mark: Seed)
9:20-9:30	Call to Order, Enabling Motions (omnibus motion), 'Officers' (Purpose of the outlined day) [Duty of Care and Equity]	
9:30-9:40	Breakout Rooms (introductions)	
9:40-10:00	Becoming an Anti-Racist United Church: with Adele Halliday	
10:00-10:20	Breakout Rooms	
10:20-10:40	Becoming an Anti-Racist United Church: with Adele Halliday	
10:40-10:45	Break	
10:45-11:05	Prayer & Worship (celebrating the ministries of communities and ministers)	(Worship Team) (Lazarus)
11:05-11:15	Covid Task Group Update	
11:15-11:30	Nominations Leadership Team (next executive and commissioners)	
11:30-11:40	Annual Report Booklet & changes to the handbook	
11:40-11:55	Room for any changes in the agenda	
11:55-12:25	Celebration of Ministry (Retirees & Milestones) (covenanting with commissioners and executive and Leadership Teams)	(Worship Team) (Easter)
12:25-12:30	Closing (with reminders and enabling motions)	

Appendix K²Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council
Liturgical Planning Meeting
May 12th 2021 – 1 PM

Present: Valeri Epps-Nickson (Chair), Joel Miller, Cathy Hamilton, Linda Buchanan, Shanna Bernier Tami Spires, Robert Patton.

Regrets: David-Roger Gagnon, Denis Ashby.

It was noted that Denis Ashby will be stepping down from the team in order to focus more on school.

Linda opened the meeting in prayer.

Worship 1

The first including the welcoming to the land, Thanksgiving Prayer, Celebration of Candidate (using planting seeds story - Mark 4:26-29) -20 mins

1. Welcoming to the land – Robert will contact Setawas Harvey Gabriel to welcome to the land.
2. Thanksgiving Prayer – Robert Patton
3. Scripture reading for the opening worship will be Mark 4:26-29 The Parable of the Growing Seed. It was suggested to read the passage three times in each language (English, French, Mohawk). Alma will translate and read passage in Mohawk. Link it to the idea of the seeds planted in the candidates (as we celebrate candidate).
4. *Candidates to Celebrate*
 - Candidate **Aaron Miechkota** has been authorized as ready for Supervised Ministry Education.
 - Candidate **Raphaël Pérusse** has been affirmed to continue with his Supervised Ministry Education.
 - Candidate **Virginia Wallace** - Interviewed in the Atlantic region - Classified Candidate Supply."
 - Candidate **Lisa Byer**
 - *Others...will know by May 26th*
5. The hymn "In the Bulb there is a Flower"
Possible Musical Leadership:
 - Lambert from LAM – Cathy will approach Lambert
6. Prayer following the worship – to be confirmed (Presbytery may have a prayer that could be used).

Worship 2

Celebrating the Ministries of Communities and Ministers (using Lazarus story – John 11:1-44, Luke)

1. Memorials – Cathy Hamilton will see if new Pastoral Relations Minister Rev. Dan Hayward will help lead; Cathy will provide explanation to weave the liturgy together
2. Beatrice will read from Ralph Milton Children's Bible; John 11 1-45 Healing of Lazarus.
3. Presentation of Churches that have been sold:

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- Hatley United Church working on amalgamation with Lennoxville, hoping for motions for next week
 - Wyman Memorial United Church had two buildings of which Wyman was the larger and has sold. They are reconstructing the Cote St Charles building
 - Wesley United, Bedford Pastoral Charge had 4 churches on the pastoral charge, so worshipping with a different building.
 - Centenary United Church moving into St Columba House but continuing.

Hymn: Now the Green Blade rises (VU 186)

Worship 3

Celebrating retirees it was suggested that we could have a slide with photos, acknowledging milestones and anniversaries, covenanting with Commissioners, Executive, Teams, Networks, and regional Council (using Easter story) – 25 mins

1. Linda and Rosemary will lead liturgy to celebrate retirees (and acknowledging milestones and anniversaries)
2. Scripture reading (Mark 16:1-4)
3. Covenanting with Commissioners, Executive, Teams, and Regional Council
4. Closing Benediction – Linda will provide explanation behind this worship section – triumphant in adversity, etc.

Hymn: “Come Holy Ghost” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRX2HLNFDtM>

Next meeting May 26 9:30 AM