
Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council
Meeting of the Executive
Thursday, November 18, 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
Marc Grenon	Member at large, President-Elect
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 (joined at 10:52 AM)
Rev. Dave Lambie	Corresponding Member, Nominations
Rev. Rosemary Lambie	Member, Executive Minister
Rev. Darryl Macdonald	Member, Pastoral Relations (Departed at 11 AM)
Rev. Marie-Claude Manga	Member, Representative to La Table
Rick Sheffer	Member at large, Ministries in Development
Shanna Bernier	Corresponding Member, Youth, Young Adult and Families Ministries
Judy Coffin	Corresponding Member, Administration and Communication
David-Roger Gagnon	Corresponding Member, Minister Supporting Networks & Clusters
Rev. Dan Hayward	Corresponding Member, Pastoral Relations Minister
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
Denis Ashby	Member at large, Rep. Youth and Family Ministries
Peter Bisset	Member, Finance and Extension Board
M ^e Sabrina Di Stefano	Corresponding Member, Pastoral Relations Minister
Robert Patton	Member, Right Relations
Rev. Tami Spires	Member, General Meeting Coordinator
Paul Stanfield	Member, Treasurer

Opening Devotions – Rev. Barbara Bryce led opening devotions reflecting on the in-between-moments of our lives, especially during the season of the month of November, and gave thanks that God remains present with us.

Circle Time of Sharing – All were invited to share.

Land Acknowledgement – All were reminded that we gather as settlers on the traditional territory of our Indigenous brothers and sisters and that as members of The United Church of Canada we are called to continually work towards reconciliation and right relations. We are called to give thanks for Indigenous peoples' stewardship of these lands for thousands of years. We are called to remember the pain and suffering that comes out of residential schools, for which up to 7000 unmarked graves have been discovered thus far: 7000 children taken from their Indigenous communities across Canada.

Equity Team

2021-11-18_118 MOTION (V. Galanis/D. Macdonald) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approve Marie-Claude Manga as the Equity Team for this meeting. **CARRIED**

Minutes of October 21, 2021

2021-11-18_119 MOTION (D. Macdonald/F. Braman) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approve the minutes of October 21, 2021 as circulated. **CARRIED**

Agenda

2021-11-18_120 MOTION (M. Grenon/S. Dansokho) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive accept the agenda as amended to include a motion under Pastoral Relations as well as a motion under New Business. **CARRIED**

Correspondence

- a) October 21, 2021 Rev Tami Spires, United Eaton Valley Pastoral Charge re edit to Proceeds of Sale for Property Policy (*action taken at Regional Council gathering*);
- b) November 1, 2021 Rev. Heather McClure, pastoral charge supervisor for St. Andrew's United Church, Sept-Iles re process for disbanding (*referred to Property and Finance*).

Business arising

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

1. Pastoral Relationsa) **Calls /appointments/ changes****I. Beaconsfield**

2021-11-18_121 MOTION (D. Macdonald/M. Grenon) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concur with the recommendation of the Pastoral Relations Leadership Team to approve the two-year appointment of Bailey Eastwood, SME candidate half time (20 hours/week) to Beaconsfield United Church, November 23, 2021 to November 24, 2023. **CARRIED**

II. Kahnawake

2021-11-18_122 MOTION (D. Macdonald/M. Grenon) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concur with the recommendation of the Pastoral Relations Leadership Team that whereas Rev. Jan Jorgensen is recognized by The United Church of Canada under the mutual recognition of ministry provisions of the Full Communion agreement with the United Church of Christ, Rev. Jan Jorgenson be appointed half-time for three years, as an exceptional measure, (December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2024) to the Kahnawake Pastoral Charge, in team ministry with Robert Patton, Congregational Designated Minister; salary, Category F COL 2 \$30,482.50. She and Robert share a \$2,250 travel budget. All other terms standard (e.g. half-time means half the Continuing Education allowance).

III. 2021-11-18_123 MOTION (D. Macdonald/M. Grenon) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs in the recommendation of the Pastoral Relations Leadership Team in an appointment to Rev. Daniel Hayward full-time as Pastoral Relations Minister as a permanent position effective February 1, 2022. **CARRIED**

Discussion: Prayers and best wishes for Sabrina Di Stefano.

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- b) **Licensed Lay worship Leaders** – Nothing to report at this time.
- c) **Care for Retirees** – David-Roger Gagnon announced that the Advent-to-Epiphany meditation booklet is near completion; he is preparing to hold a time on zoom for retirees in mid-December for gathering.

2. Property and Finance

a) Dorval -Strathmore United Church and St. John's United Church, Pointe Claire

2021-11-18_124 MOTION (F. Braman/R. Sheffer) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive accepts the recommendation of the Property and Finance Leadership Team to concur in the joint request dated November 12, 2021 of Dorval-Strathmore United Church and St. John's United Church (Pointe-Claire) for the amalgamation of Dorval-Strathmore United Church into St. John's United Church effective January 1, 2022, with the following provisos:

1. The name of the amalgamated entity shall become Lakeshore Trinity United Church,
2. The Governance structure shall remain that of St. John's United Church but the membership is merged and the officeholders of Dorval-Strathmore United Church shall be invited to assume equivalent roles in the amalgamated entity.
3. All assets and liabilities of both amalgamating entities, past, present and future shall vest in the amalgamated entity as of January 1, 2022.
4. The call of Rev. Steve Gillam shall continue as a single call from the amalgamated entity.
5. The Regional Council declares that no surplus arises upon the amalgamation and in view of the resolution already adopted by Regional Council for the Proceeds of Sale of the Dorval Strathmore United Church property, no further sharing is required, but the Trustees shall not disburse for each of the first three years of the amalgamated entity (2022-23-24) more than 5% of their capital base arising from their 75% share of the Proceeds from the sale of the Dorval-Strathmore property plus up to the \$264,700 outlined in their three-year capital expenditure plan, subject to paragraph 7 below, unless with Regional Council concurrence. From 2025 forward, the Trustees of the amalgamated entity are bound only to exercise their discretion within the general Trustees' guidelines of The United Church of Canada, subject as well to Regional Council policies.
6. The ministry plan of continuing the ministry led by Reverend Gillam half-time in each congregation, but on a full-time basis for the single amalgamated congregation, is approved.
7. The three-year capital expenditures plan remains subject to the Regional Council Policy on Major Renovations which requires advance consultation and approval for each element from the Property & Finance Leadership Team on behalf of the Regional Council.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Regional Council congratulates the Congregation and Boards of both amalgamating entities for their discernment and faith in continuing their respective ministries together. **CARRIED**

b) St. Andrew's United Church in Sept-Îles Québec

2021-11-18_125 MOTION (F. Braman/R. Sheffer) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive accepts the recommendation of the Property and Finance Leadership Team to concur with the Board and Congregation of St. Andrew's United Church in Sept-Îles, Québec for the disbanding of that community of faith effective December 31, 2021 in accordance with their motions of November 9, 2021, which include:

- a) A transfer of their share in the local cemetery corporation to the other faith partners or otherwise as determined by the Regional Council to be effected prior to year-end by the local Board or after disbandment by the Regional Council.

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- b) Donations to local charities traditionally supported by the Congregation amounting to \$10,200, and \$1,500 to the Mission and Service Fund for 2021.
 - c) After the above 2021 expenses and other minor items, it is estimated that the projected Net Assets (there is no property to be sold) will be \$18,500, to be distributed as follows: Mission & Service Fund \$1,850 (10%); United Church of Canada for Indigenous Ministries \$1,850 (10%); Finance and Extension Board of the Regional Council for its Mission Strategy Fund \$1,850 (10%); Regional Council Archives \$400 (2.16%)
 - d) The remaining Net Assets, projected to be \$12,550, will be transferred to the Trois-Rivières Fund for Eastern Region Travel (held by the Finance and Extension Board) to be used in priority to cover the costs of providing clergy for the funeral/memorial services for the five remaining members

RESOLVED that the Regional Council directs that in early December 2021 the Treasurer will transfer any remaining funds in the bank account to the Regional Council to pay any remaining expenses and implement this resolution and shall endeavor to terminate the present CRA registration by December 31, 2021

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Regional Council express its gratitude to the Congregation and Board of St. Andrew's United Church (Sept-Îles) for their long service and their discernment and sharing in this act of disbandment. **CARRIED**

Discussion: New 2022 assessments have been circulated by the National Church. More information will go out soon with the newsletter. Training will be made available to teach church treasures how to update payment information on Church Hub.

- 3. **Granting and Enabling Leadership Team** – Rev. Barbara Bryce informed that she has responded to inquiries about grants decisions.

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- 4. **Indigenous Ministry** – Robert Patton sends regrets.
- 5. **Community of Faith/ Clusters/Networks**
 - a) **Opening of Churches** – no report
 - b) **Clusters/Networks** – David-Roger Gagnon highlighted items in his report, see as **Appendix A**

Discussion: It was hoped that Pride & Friends will also begin encouraging/helping Communities of Faith to participate in the Affirming process, alongside the Regional Council's beginning the process.

- 6. **Youth and Young Adults, and Family Ministries** – Shanna Bernier provided an oral report, and explained that she is planning a hike in Sutton as a means to engage young people, and move away from continuous online participation. Many youths are showing interest in Youth Forum. A youth commissioner to General Council 44 may soon be chosen; need to get their paperwork processed.

Discussion: The importance of youth forums was echoed by members at this meeting and thanks were extended to Shanna for her work.

- 7. **La Table** – Rev. Marie Claude Manga highlighted various items in her report, see **appendix B**

Discussion: Église St-Claire motions from La Table are coming to this body in the near future. Members of this Regional Council are encouraged to continue to use their voice to boost inclusion of French hymns in Let us Sing 2025. Marie-Claude will be retiring in February 2022.

8. Community and Justice Leadership Team – no representative at moment (position remains vacant).

Building Communications

9. Communications – Judy Coffin, no report, but highlighted the efficacy of the use of the narrative budget during General Meeting. Judy asked for continued narrations be submitted to her from Leadership Teams to tell their stories.

10. Nominations – David Lambie, no report at this time. Fred Braman announced his resignation as General Council Commissioner representing this Regional Council as a result of workload for the Church. The Executive acknowledges this decision and the alternates shall be approached to serve as replacement Commissioner.

11. Regional Council Meetings – Rev. Tami Spires sent regrets. Rev. Linda Buchanan highlighted comments received during the General Meeting; reminded members that the Regional Council is meeting again in March. It was suggested that the Executive meeting following the fall General Meeting be held a little later (i.e. early December).

12. Finance and Extension Board – Peter Bisset sent regrets, no report.

New Business

Plymouth-Trinity United Church Giving Sanctuary

2021-11-18_126 MOTION (R. Sheffer/MC. Manga) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive express its spiritual and moral support to Plymouth-Trinity United Church in its giving sanctuary to the asylum-seeking family in Sherbrooke, Quebec. **CARRIED** (Rev. Samuel V. Dansokho abstains)

2021-11-18_127 MOTION (F. Braman/P. Goldberger) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive sends its above resolution (2021-11-18_126 MOTION) immediately to the Secretary of the General Council for the Executive of General Council's immediate consideration. **CARRIED** (Rev. Samuel V. Dansokho abstains)

2021-11-18_128 MOTION (F. Braman/R. Sheffer) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive agree to reimburse Plymouth-Trinity up to \$10,000 in legal fees as it inquires about its rights and legal obligations in providing sanctuary. **CARRIED** (Rev. Samuel V. Dansokho abstains)

The Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive will inform Montreal City Mission that if it incurs any extra expenses due to advocating the human rights of the asylum-seeking family, the Regional Council is prepared to support it.

A letter campaign could begin on behalf of Plymouth-Trinity's providing sanctuary, but more details need to be made available, so that this information could be included in letters sent to the Immigration Minister. Rosemary will provide Samuel with template letters to eventually be shared widely.

Fundraising events can take place in order to raise funds to support Plymouth-Trinity as it provides sanctuary to the asylum-seeking family.

Opening worship for next meeting – Rev. Samuel V. Dansokho

Motion to adjourn

2021-11-18_129 MOTION (B. Bryce/MC. Manga) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive adjourn this meeting at 11:36 AM. **CARRIED**

Closing Prayer – Rev. Linda Buchanan shared a closing prayer.

Next meeting dates

- Thursday, January 20, 2022 9:00- 12:00 ZOOM
- Thursday, February 17, 2022 9:00- 12:00 ZOOM
- Friday, March 11 6:30-9:00 & Saturday, March 12, 2022 9:00- 12:00 ZOOM
- Thursday, April 21, 2022 9:00- 12:00 ZOOM

Rev. Linda Buchanan
Chair, President

Rev. Rosemary Lambie,
Executive Minister

Appendices

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Appendix A

Soutien aux réseaux et aux regroupements -Soutien aux ministres à la retraite**Travail – développement des Regroupements**

- Pour le regroupement de *l'Ouest de l'Île*, les planifications sont en cours pour la célébration conjointe de culte en fin de janvier 2022. Il y a un plan pour un rassemblement des ministres en présentiel en début décembre.
- Pour le regroupement *Saint-François*, le groupe continue dans l'utilisation du nouveau livre « *Thriving Churches* » comme outil de réflexion afin de pouvoir tisser des projets communs entre paroisses. Nous étudierons ensemble le Chapitre 2 en fin novembre. Le processus budgétaire est complété.
- Les conversations pour le regroupement potentiel dans l'éventuel Réseau *Châteauguay-Richelieu* reprendront en début de l'année.
- La conversation continue pour un éventuel regroupement sur la rive sud. Il a été convenu que toute étape « formelle » attendra les réunions des conseils en début de 2022 pour formaliser le processus.

Travail – le développement des Réseaux – Équipe de Leadership et Cercles

- Le Cercle « *Relations justes* », par la personne de Lisa Beyer de-Wever, a présenté à la réunion générale du Cr Nakonha:ka RC sur l'atelier qu'on nous offre afin d'aider les paroisses dans leur processus de reconnaissance territoriale. Merci beaucoup à Lisa pour la présentation!
- Le réseau « *Fierté et amies et ami.e.s* », par l'animation de Rita Beauséjour et Charles Dougherty, a présenté au Cr Nakonha:ka RC la demande formelle que le Cr entame le processus prescrit par S'Affirmons ensemble pour en devenir un Cr inclusif. La motion a été adoptée. S'il y a des gens qui souhaitent se joindre à ce projet, s.v.p., veuillez communiquer avec David-Roger Gagnon le plus tôt possible. Merci à Rita et à Charles de leur animation de la présentation !
- Le réseau « *Environnement* » continue son développement, et je continue à soutenir Judy Coffin dans le développement du réseau. Pour le moment, personne ne s'est porté bénévole pour le leadership de ce réseau. Nous mettons l'accent sur le partage de ressources et des renseignements.
- L'équipe de Leadership « *Justice et communautés* » a eu une 2^{ième} réunion en début novembre, et les membres ont articulé une vision pour le travail et une direction pour l'avenir.

Regroupement des pasteurs et des pasteuses à la retraite

Le livret de méditation pour le temps de l'Avant à l'Épiphanie est presque terminé. Les efforts sont en route pour inviter les ministres à la retraite à un 5 à 7 avant Noël sur Zoom.

Dialogue Judéo-Chrétien de grand Montréal

Nous cherchons toujours une possibilité de cohabitation avec une des églises unies du centre-ville et la Synagogue « Renouveau » pour laquelle Rabba Sherril Gilbert offre un ministère. Le Dialogue a eu une réunion importante la semaine passée pour articuler la vision pour l'avenir du groupe.

David-Roger Gagnon, M.A.S.P.

Responsable des réseaux et des regroupements

Supporting Networks and Clusters & Support to Retired Ministers

Cluster Development Work

- For the *West Island Cluster*, plans are under way for a joint worship celebration at the end of January 2022. There is a plan to have an in-person ministers' gathering in the beginning of December.
- For the *Saint-Francis Cluster*, the group continues to use "Thriving Churches" as a tool for reflection in order to weave together common projects between communities of faith. We will be studying Chapter 2 together at the end of November. The budget process is completed.
- The conversations for the eventual Cluster of *Châteauguay-Richelier* will resume in the beginning of the New Year.
- The conversation for an eventual South-Shore Cluster continues. It has been agreed that any "formal" steps will await the council meetings in the beginning of 2022 to formalize the process.

Network Development Work -Leadership Teams and Circles

- The « *Living in Right Relations* » Circle, in the person of Lisa Beyer de-Wever, presented to the general meeting of the Cr Nakonha:ka RC on the workshop they are offering to help congregations in their Territorial Acknowledgement process. Thank you to Lisa for the presentation!
- The « *Pride & Friends* » network, through the animation of Rita Beauséjour and Charles Dougherty, presented to the Cr Nakonha:ka Rc the formal request that the RC undertakes the process prescribed by Affirm United toward becoming an inclusive RC. The motion was adopted. If there are people who would like to join this project, please, contact David-Roger Gagnon as soon as possible. Thank you to Rita and Charles for their animation of the presentation!
- The « *Environment* » network continues in its development, and I continue to support Judy Coffin in the development of this network. For the moment, no one has volunteered to provide leadership for this network. We have placed the focus on the sharing of resources and information.
- The « *Justice & Communities* » Leadership Team had a 2nd meeting at the beginning of November, and members articulated a vision for the work and a direction for the future.

Retired Ministers Support

The Advent-to-Epiphany meditation booklet is almost completed. Efforts are under way to invite retired ministers to a 5 à 7 before Christmas on Zoom.

Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Montréal

We are still looking for a co-habitation possibility with one of the United Churches in the down-town and a Renewal Synagogue community for which Rabba Sherril Gilbert offers ministry.

The Dialogue had an important meeting last week to articulate the vision for the future of the group.

David-Roger Gagnon, M.A.S.P.

Minister Supporting Networks and Clusters

Appendix B**Rapport de la Table à l'exécutif régional**
18 Novembre 2021

Nous continuons avec les 40 jours dans la lutte contre le racisme. Plusieurs articles sur le site egliseunie.ca en français, et un atelier qui a eu lieu avec Samuel au début du mois sur les mots qui font des maux – activité très dynamique.

Pierre Goldberger et Christine-Marie Gladu font un atelier mardi soir (le 23) à partir du texte biblique de la femme cananéenne qui implore Jésus au nom de sa fille – et ce que cela veut dire pour notre approche à la justice raciale et postcoloniale.

Les ateliers sur la viabilité et l'épanouissement de nos communautés de foi ont débuté fin octobre, nous passons à la deuxième séance mercredi prochain touchant la question de la planification stratégique.

Les vidéos de la conférence *Amour et Justice* sont maintenant disponibles à tous et à toutes (en anglais et en français). ---voir les liens en bas de page---

Nous faisons des ateliers sur les « personas », pour approfondir notre connaissance de notre public cible dans la création de notre site web et notre approche à l'évangélisation auprès des gens qui ne connaissent pas l'Église Unie (voir la pièce jointe – à noter que certaines dates ont été déplacées pour permettre une meilleure participation).

L'alliance de Sainte-Claire est en préparation par l'exécutif de la Table et la communauté de foi. L'ébauche sera disponible suite à la réunion de l'exécutif de la Table la semaine prochaine. Elle sera ensuite acheminée à l'exécutif du Conseil régional et la paroisse de Trinity United à Montréal à la recherche d'une approbation globale pour une alliance 'unifié' au lieu d'avoir des alliances individuelles entre les instances.

Nous sommes en train de travailler pour trouver des solutions pour les francophones face au nouveau projet « Gathering Online/Then Let us Sing ». Il semble que le projet est uniquement en anglais pour l'instant. La partie Gathering Online pour préparer des cultes est moins problématique, car nous allons offrir des prières accessibles par thème, temps liturgique, et référence biblique éventuellement, mais c'est une plus grande inquiétude au sujet de l'avenir de notre recueil de cantiques « Nos Voix Unies ». Il semble que les cantiques seront repris par l'outil / logiciel web, mais l'interface du logiciel sera uniquement en anglais. Cela rendra inaccessibles aux francophones les cantiques de l'Église Unie à partir de 2025 lorsque le projet prendra sa fin. Le stock des copies imprimées de NVU est maintenant épuisé, et nous n'avons plus la possibilité de faire la réimpression faute de permissions des droits d'auteurs.

Les capsules éducatives d'Angelika sur la prière sont maintenant disponibles sur la chaîne YouTube de MonCredo. Elles seront intégrées dans le site web quand il sera prêt.

Nous commençons à nous préparer pour le mois de l'histoire des personnes d'ascendance africaine en février 2022. Nous avons déjà quatre blogues et plusieurs prières qui sont en voie de préparation.

Nous cherchons toujours une occasion de faire un exercice des couvertures avec Kairos en mars 2022.

Nous faisons la traduction de plusieurs propositions pour le CG44 – qui veut dire que toutes les propositions seront disponibles en anglais et en français – et que le Conseil général se déroulera avec traduction pour faciliter la participation de tout le monde.

Les liens vers les activités qui ont déjà eu lieu :

Soirée avec Camino (en espagnol) : <https://youtu.be/MCWerc56nsM>

Soirée pour lutter contre le racisme avec Samuel (les mots qui font des maux) : https://youtu.be/teno9ru_pK4

Discussion sur l'accueil de personnes LGBTQI dans les espaces religieuses (Activité de FrancoQueer en Ontario) : <https://youtu.be/jp5y-JphG0w>

Discours de Carolina Costa sur la construction d'une communauté dynamique : <https://youtu.be/2NL9aOLO8Uo>

Capsule vidéo de Stéphane Vermette sur ce que ça veut dire être une communauté courageuse (1:30) : <https://youtu.be/vQ-wi3gD67k>

Culte jeudis en noir : https://youtu.be/W_Vs_dWxCMo

Culte en espagnol, anglais et français de solidarité : https://youtu.be/Y7-zL3_OpME

Atelier de Stéphane Vermette sur la création de l'Église Sainte-Claire (en anglais) : https://youtu.be/K_K19LmpEjo

Culte bilingue axé sur la musique de l'Église Unie : <https://youtu.be/nmuN4QCmVBc>