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**Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council**  
**Meeting of the Executive**  
**Thursday, April 7, 2022 – 9 AM**

**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
Marc Grenon	Member at large, President-Elect
Peter Bisset	Member, Finance and Extension Board
Fred Braman	Member, Property and Finance
Rev. Barbara Bryce	Member, Granting and Enabling Leadership Team
Rev. Samuel V. Dansokho	Member at large
Vivienne Galanis	Member at large
Rev. Pierre Goldberger	Member at large (Departed at noon)
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
Paul Stanfield	Member, Treasurer
Rev. Dave Lambie	Member, Nominations
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
Robert Patton	Member, Right Relations
Rick Sheffer	Member at large, Ministries in Development
Rev. Tami Spire	Member, General Meeting Coordinator

**Opening Devotions** – Rev. Dave Lambie led opening devotions, and led with a prayer and Samuel read Scripture: Isaiah 43: 16, 18-19. Afterward, Dave provided a small reflection inspired by an economic editorial in the Sherbrooke Record about revamping the health care system in Quebec. Dave reflected more on God saying, ‘do not dwell in the past, I am doing something new’ and invited all to ponder the new thing God is doing within this Regional Council.

**Land Acknowledgement** – Rev. Linda Buchanan acknowledged that she is a settler, and that members of this Executive are gathering on the unceded lands of First Nations People, and denounced the Doctrine of Discovery and the Indian Act. Linda reminded all of the commitment of The United Church of Canada to work towards reconciliation.

**Circle Time of Sharing** – All were invited to share.

**Equity Team**

**2022-04-07\_001 MOTION** (M. Manga/D. Ashby) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approves Rev. Samuel V. Dansokho as the Equity Team for this meeting. **CARRIED**

**Minutes of February 17, 2022**

**2022-04-07\_002 MOTION** (M. Grenon/V. Galanis) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive approve the minutes of February 17, 2022 as distributed. **CARRIED**

**Agenda**

**2022-04-07\_003 MOTION** (P. Bisset/B. Bryce) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive accept the agenda as amended: Additional correspondence h) and an additional item for discussion – Christian-Jewish dialogue – during Minister Supporting Networks and Clusters reporting. **CARRIED**

**Correspondence**

- a) March 14, 2022 Pat Hodge and Sandra Goorbarry, Laurentian Area Ministry reps re decision regarding ministry request (*for information – refer to Pastoral Relations*)
- b) March 17, 2022 Rev. Georgia Copland, retired re decision regarding Laurentian Area Ministry area ministry request (*for information – refer to Pastoral Relations*)
- c) March 17, 2022 Andriele Ferreira Muri Leite, Brazilian Methodist Church in Montreal re visit with the Bishop and conversation about partnership (*for information*).
- d) March 18, 2022 Rt. Rev. Richard Bott, Moderator and Rev. Michael Blair, General Secretary re copied on letter of appreciation to Rev. Dan Hayward for his service as a member and Chair of the Theology and Inter Church Interfaith Committee (*for information*)
- e) March 18, 2022 Diane Bosman, Program Coordinator General Council Office re copied on letter to Rev. Read Sherman for reappointment to the Justice and Reconciliation Fund Committee. (*for information*)
- f) March 21, 2022 Vicken Keshishian, Armenian Evangelical Church of Montreal re signed agreement and resolution to pension situation (*for information*)
- g) March 22, 2022 Rev. Linda Buchanan re request for change in pastoral relations (*referred to pastoral relations*)
- h) April 4, 2022 Jean Duhaime, Secrétaire, Dialogue judéo-chrétien de Montréal re invitation for dialogue after challenges at a learning session of GC 44 (referred to the GC 44 commissioners)

**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 and Richelieu Valley Pastoral Charges**

**2022-04-07\_004 MOTION** (D. Macdonald/M. Grenon) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Pastoral Relations Leadership Team to approve an SME site (Supervised Ministry education) for the Mount Bruno and Richelieu Valley Pastoral Charges, in order to offer a half time appointment to a student for a two year period which will be remunerated as per The United Church of Canada pay scale. This motion authorizes the Mount Bruno and Richelieu Valley Pastoral Charges to post a vacancy on Church Hub for a half time (20 hours) SME student minister. **CARRIED**

**II. Wesley United Church, NDG**

**2022-04-07\_005 MOTION** (D. Macdonald/M. Grenon) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Pastoral

Relations Leadership Team to approve the appointment of Rev. Ohannes Siwajian as part time supply, 24 hours/week to Wesley United Church, NDG/Montreal from May 1 – June 30, 2022. **CARRIED**

### III. Westmount Park United Church

**2022-04-07\_006 MOTION** (D. Macdonald/M. Grenon) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Pastoral Relations Leadership Team to approve an amended Call to Rev. Neil Whitehouse at Westmount Park United Church, amended to a ¾ time effective July 1, 2022. **CARRIED**

### IV. Laurentian Area Ministry

**2022-04-07\_007 MOTION** (D. Macdonald/M. Grenon) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Pastoral Relations Leadership Team to approve an SME site (Supervised Ministry education) for the pastoral charges of the Laurentian Area Ministry, in order to offer a half time appointment to a student for a two year period which will be remunerated as per The United Church of Canada pay scale. This motion authorizes the Laurentian Area Ministry to post a vacancy on Church Hub for a half time (20 hours) SME student minister. **CARRIED**

**2022-04-07\_008 MOTION** (D. Macdonald/M. Grenon) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Pastoral Relations Leadership Team to authorize the posting for a full time Ordained “co-ordinating minister” position for the Laurentian Area Ministry. **CARRIED**

- b) **Licensed Lay worship Leaders** – nothing to report at this time.
- c) **Care for Retirees** – nothing to report at this time.

## 2. Property and Finance

- a) Policy Regarding Proceeds from the Sale of Property – dialogue is ongoing with Living into Right Relations Leadership Circle.
- b) **Amend the 2022 Budget**  
**2022-04-07\_009 MOTION** (F. Braman/P. Bisset) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Property and Finance Leadership Team that the 2022 budget be amended to add a line item for an annual expenditure of \$10,000 by the Living Into Right Relations Leadership Circle (LIRR) and that pending this approval LIRR be given permission to spend funds for their activities. **CARRIED**
- c) **Valleyfield United Church**  
**2022-04-07\_010 MOTION** (F. Braman/P. Bisset) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Property and Finance Leadership Team that Brian Ruse be authorized to claim the unclaimed financial assets of Valleyfield United Church on behalf of Nakonha:ka Regional Council. **CARRIED**

Discussion: Amounts to between \$3000-\$4000.

- d) **Summerlea United Church lease agreement**  
**2022-04-07\_011 MOTION** (F. Braman/P. Bisset) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive receives the report of the Property and Finance Leadership Team that the renewal of the lease agreement between Summerlea United Church and Nakonha:ka Regional Council be for the three-year period between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2025. **CARRIED**

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e) **Dorval-Strathmore United Church**

**2022-04-07\_012 MOTION** (F. Braman/P. Bisset) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Property and Finance Leadership Team on the following resolutions:

Whereas the previously accepted offers for the church property of Dorval-Strathmore United Church have not resulted in closing,

RESOLVED that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Property and Finance Leadership Team to replace the January 20, 2022 motion concerning the sale of the Church Property of Dorval-Strathmore United Church by the following:

RESOLVED that Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council concur with the request of the Trustees of Dorval-Strathmore United Church (now part of Lakeshore Trinity United Church) to sell to Jean Béliveau on behalf of a corporation being formed, their Church Property, located at 310 Brookhaven Avenue, Dorval, QC H9S 2N7 – Lot 1,522,613 on an as-is, where-is basis for \$1,900,000 on the terms of the signed and accepted Counter-Proposal dated March 19, 2022, on the basis that the transaction close on or before May 20, 2022.

RESOLVED that the Regional Council's resolution of October 21, 2022 regarding the Use of Proceeds by the said Trustees continues to apply except as amended by the terms of resolution of November 18, 2021 for the amalgamation of Dorval-Strathmore United Church into Lakeshore Trinity United Church effective January 1, 2022. **CARRIED**

f) **Italian Church of the Redeemer**

**2022-04-07\_013 MOTION** (F. Braman/P. Bisset) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Property and Finance Leadership Team that an extension of the closing deadline for the offer to purchase to May 31, 2022.

RESOLVED that Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council concurs with the Trustees of the Italian Church of the Redeemer to extend the deadline from March 31, 2022 to May 31, 2022 for the closing of the Accepted Offer of October 24, 2021, as previously approved by the Regional Council, to purchase their church property (6980 rue Papineau, Montréal, QC, H2E 2G5 – Lot 3 792 346 du Cadastre du Québec) by l'Église Baptiste Évangélique Gethsémané. **CARRIED**

g) **Mid-Laurentian United Church (Rawdon)**

**2022-04-07\_014 MOTION** (F. Braman/P. Bisset) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Property and Finance Leadership Team that Mid-Laurentian United Church (Rawdon) hold an in-person Congregational Meeting (when pandemic restrictions allow), chaired by a representative of Regional Council, other than the incumbent minister, to vote on the sale of the church building. It is suggested, and if possible directed, that this meeting be combined with the Congregational Annual Meeting, the business to precede the vote of the proposed sale. **CARRIED**

Discussion: Cemetery is looked after by a committee; church portion only would be sold. It was suggested that the Regional Council provide resources to help congregations which are contemplating difficult decisions or actively grieving when decisions effectively close their church. It was suggested to propose the resource ORA Loss & Living Program. Judy Coffin has volunteered to follow up with ORA to discuss what resources can be made available to congregations fitting this description. It was suggested to perhaps create a budget line for supportive resources for congregations needing

mediation, etc. to help facilitate during potential conflicts that may arise when congregations have to face difficult decisions.

h) **Lacolle United Church**

**2022-04-07\_015 MOTION** (F. Braman/P. Bisset) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Property and Finance Leadership Team to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED that Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council, on the recommendation of its Property & Finance Leadership Team, concurs in the request of the Trustees and Congregation of Lacolle United Church to transfer its land and building (1 route de l'Église nord, Lacolle, Lot 4,938,719) to the Lacolle Municipality for the sum of \$1.00 with the covenant to renovate and use the property as a public library and possibly a community kitchen, with the proviso that the terms of the Deed of Transfer shall be approved in advance by the Regional Council's Property & Finance Leadership Team (or its representative). **CARRIED**

Discussion: City has committed to spend \$350,000 over the next three years to upgrade the building.

i) **Union (Montreal) United Church**

**2022-04-07\_016 MOTION** (F. Braman/P. Stanfield) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Property and Finance Leadership Team to concur with the request of both parties to amend the terms of the Loan Agreement of Union United Church (Montréal) with the Finance and Extension Board going forward with the covenant to make an immediate lump sum payment of \$36,505.48 and thereafter annual payments of \$25,000 on July 1 of each year until the loan principal is fully paid.

As recommended by the Treasurer of CrNRC and the F&E Board Finance Committee for accounting purposes, the accounts of the CrNRC and the F&E Board will indicate that the interest portion of the loan with Union United Church will be posted in the form of a grant from the Regional Council to Union United Church on an annual basis in the amount of \$21,372 (paid directly to the Finance and Extension Board from CrNRC).

The loan amendment will reflect the restructured payment plan. All other elements of the original loan agreement remain in effect. The amendment will require signature of the Chair and Treasurer of the Official Board of Union United. The F&E Board authorizes the President or any officer to sign the amendment to the loan agreement with Union United Church. **CARRIED**

Discussion: A motion could come from the RC requesting that the principle be paid by the F&E to the RC to pay the interest on the loan made by the F&E to Union UC.

**3. Granting and Enabling Leadership Team** – No report at this time; next deadline for grants in May 15<sup>th</sup>

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**4. Indigenous Ministry** – no report at this time.

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

- a) **Opening of Churches** – Peter Bisset reported that currently the only legal restriction is that masks must be worn. The RC still encourages safe practices (distancing, hand washing, etc.). Most recent suggestions re Covid are on the RC website:  
<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/resources/covid-19/>  
<https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=cdc0cf1d3f8a8fb5ab6228426&id=66782ee771>.

Although vaccine passports are not legally mandated, churches can still require them. Concern was raised, that despite the removal of most restrictions, Covid continues to spread and it is the hope that churches remain vigilant.

- b) **Clusters/Networks** – David-Roger Gagnon highlighted items in his report, see as **appendix A<sup>1</sup> and A<sup>2</sup>** (*French version*).

**-Christian-Jewish Dialogue**

David-Roger highlighted the hurt caused during the GC 44 preparatory meeting last evening. GC 44 Commissioners have been invited to a listening session set up by through Christian-Jewish dialogue.

It was suggested that a treasure/accountant be resourced to the St-Francis Cluster to fill a vacancy.

6. **Youth and Young Adults, and Family Ministries** – Shanna Bernier highlighted items in her report see as **appendix B**.

**2022-04-07\_017 MOTION** (D. Lambie/ V. Galanis) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive extend Denis Ashby's term as representative of the *Youth and Young Adults, and Family Ministries* to the Executive until the next general meeting (June 4, 2022). (D. Ashby abstains). **CARRIED**

7. **La Table** – Rev. Marie Claude Manga highlighted items in her report see as **appendix C**.

**2022-04-07\_018 MOTION** (D. Lambie/ M. Manga) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive extend this meeting by twenty (20) minutes. **CARRIED**

8. **Community and Justice Leadership Team** – no representative at moment (position remains vacant). However, groups will be present during the April 21<sup>st</sup> general planning team meeting.

Building Communications
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9. **Communications** – Judy Coffin submitted a written report, see as **appendix D**. Judy highlighted she welcomes suggestions for how to do more than broadcast information, and create a space for Communities of Faith to voice concerns and facilitate community building within the Regional Council. In terms of broadcasting information, Judy welcomes suggestions for focusing in on broadcasting what is needed (newsletter is becoming too long and less focused). There is concern that Communities of Faith may not be getting summaries (or are getting very limited summaries) of what is taking place at a RC level by their representative.

10. **Nominations** – Rev. David Lambie, nothing to report at this time.

11. **Regional Council Meetings** – Rev. Linda Buchanan reported that the team had its wrap-up meeting and on April 21<sup>st</sup> will begin planning for June. LIRR and members of Community and Justice Teams will be present and part of the planning. Linda provided some of the details of the agenda. Lakeshore Trinity will be the venue.

12. **Finance and Extension Board** – Peter Bisset, nothing to report at this time.

**New Business** – An Honorary Doctorate will be awarded to Rev Cathy Hamilton from the United Theological College and Linda will extend congratulations to her on behalf of the Executive.

**Opening worship for next meeting** – Denis Ashby

**Equity Monitor Reporting** – Samuel highlighted there was a positive tone during this meeting. Samuel showed concern for voices that were missing from the table (in particular Indigenous Ministry being absent today). Samuel reiterated the importance for communication and suggested that maybe a different order in the agenda be used – some were showing their fatigue towards the end of the meeting.

**Motion to adjourn**

**2022-04-07\_016 MOTION** (D. Lambie/S. V. Dansokho) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive adjourn this meeting at 12:23 PM. **CARRIED**

**Closing Prayer** – Rev. Linda Buchanan closed the meeting in prayer.

**Next meeting dates** -Thursday, May 19, 2022 9:00- 12:00 ZOOM  
- Saturday, June 4, 2022 ... RC at Trinity Lakeshore

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Rev. Linda Buchanan  
Chair, President

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Rev. Rosemary Lambie,  
Executive Minister

### Appendices

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Appendix A<sup>1</sup>**Supporting Networks and Clusters****Cluster Development Work**

- For the *West Island Cluster*, the next Combined Worship will be held on 29 May in person at Union Church (Merging Waters). We will have the joy of baptizing little Jacqueline Lisa Owers-Leduc during this celebration. The celebration will also be broadcast on the Web.
- For the *Saint-Francis Cluster*, the group will explore Chapter 3 of “Thriving Churches” together in April. The group continues a dialogue around the construction of a collaborative ministry in response to the question of food insecurity.
- The process of establishing a Cluster on the South Shore as well as the Richelieu and Châteauguay valleys is bearing fruit. Several conversations have been had, and the first steps for a new cluster have been taken. To start with, there will be an invitation to a “daily de-brief” conversation at the end of the afternoon of each day of the Homiletics Festival in May, gathering ordained and lay ministers to share their experience of the programme of each day. There will also be a first “Ministerial” gathering of ordained and lay ministers for these two regions in May. The invitation will be sent out after Easter. Given that there is one United Church congregation in this group that has a collaboration with two Presbyterian congregations, this project will be oecumenical. Exploratory conversations have begun to plan an outdoor celebration of several congregations in August, followed by an inter-congregational picnic.

**Network Development Work -Leadership Teams and Circles**

- The « *Living in Right Relations* » Leadership Circle will participate in the next planning meeting for the June General Assembly. The Circle will offer an awareness-deepening animation at the June General Assembly.
- The « *Pride & Friends* » Network: Thanks to Rita Beauséjour and Charles Dougherty for having accepted to animate the workshop during the General Assembly in March. Two new people have joined the Steering Committee for the Affirm United Process.
- The « *Environment* » Network: Thank you to Judy Coffin for coordinating the report as well as the PowerPoint presentation for the General Assembly in March. Thank you to Wendy Evans for her presentation, as well as Neil Whitehouse, Natacha Sanson, and Lee Ann Hogle for their help and participation in the animation of the workshop.
- The « *Justice & Communities* » Leadership Team is planning a meeting at the end of April, beginning of May.

**Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Montréal**

The Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Montréal has sent a letter to Moderator Richard Bott, to General Secretary Michael Blair, as well as the General Council, and to Executive Minister Rosemary Lambie and the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council expressing the concerns which arise from the report “Just Peace”. The letter offers a listening session for the delegates of the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council.

The resources to underline the day of the Christian Commemoration of the Shoah are available via our electronic newsletter, and congregations are encouraged to make use of them in order to include an element of commemoration during their worship of Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**David-Roger Gagnon, M.A.S.P.,** Minister Supporting Networks and Clusters



Appendix A<sup>2</sup>**Soutien aux réseaux et aux regroupements****Travail – développement des Regroupements**

- Pour le regroupement de *l'Ouest de l'Île*, la prochaine célébration conjointe de culte aura lieu le 29 mai en personne à l'Église Unie Union Church (Merging Waters). Nous allons avoir la joie de baptiser la petite Jacqueline Lisa Owers-Leduc pendant cette célébration. La célébration sera aussi diffusée sur la toile informatique.
- Pour le regroupement *Saint-François*, le groupe va explorer le Chapitre 3 de « Thriving Churches » ensemble en avril. Le groupe continue le dialogue au tour de la construction d'un ministère collaboratif afin de répondre à la question d'insécurité alimentaire à travers la région du regroupement.
- Le processus d'établir un regroupement sur la rive Sud ainsi que dans les vallées Richelieu et Châteauguay portent fruit. De nombreuses conversations ont eu lieu, et les premiers pas pour un nouveau regroupement sont pris. Pour débiter, il y aura une invitation à une « conversation bilan » en fin d'après-midi de chaque journée du Festival de l'homélie en mai, regroupant les ministres, ordonné.e.s et laïques, pour partager sur leur expérience du programme de chaque journée. Il y aura aussi un premier regroupement « Ministériel » des ministres ordonné.e.s et laïques de ces deux régions en fin mai. L'invitation sera envoyée après Pâques. Étant donné qu'il y a une paroisse de l'Église Unie dans ce regroupement qui à une collaboration avec deux paroisses Presbytérienne, ce projet sera œcuménique. Des conversations d'exploration débutent pour planifier une célébration de plusieurs paroisses à l'extérieur en août suivi d'un piquenique inter-paroissial.

**Travail – le développement des Réseaux – Équipes de Leadership et Cercles**

- Le Cercle de leadership « *Relations justes* » participera dans la prochaine réunion de planification pour l'Assemblée générale du début juin. Le Cercle offrira une animation de sensibilisation pendant l'Assemblée générale en juin.
- Le réseau « *Fierté et amies et ami.e.s* » : Merci à Rita Beauséjour et à Charles Dougherty d'avoir accepté d'animer l'atelier pendant l'Assemblée générale du mois de mars. Deux nouvelles personnes se sont jointes au comité pour chapeauter le processus S'Affirmer ensemble.
- Le réseau « *Environnement* » : Merci à Judy Coffin d'avoir coordonné le rapport ainsi que la présentation Powerpoint pour l'Assemblée générale de mars. Merci beaucoup à Wendy Evans de sa présentation, ainsi que l'aide de Neil Whitehouse, Natacha Sanson, Lee Ann Hogle, par leur participation dans l'animation de l'atelier.
- L'équipe de Leadership « *Justice et communautés* » planifier une réunion vers la fin avril-début mai.

**Dialogue Judéo-Chrétien de grand Montréal**

Le Dialogue Judéo-Chrétien de Grand Montréal a envoyé une lettre au Modérateur Richard Bott, au Secrétaire générale Michael Blair, ainsi qu'au conseil général, et à la Ministre Exécutif Rosemary Lambie et le Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council exprimant les inquiétudes qui soulèvent du rapport « Just Peace ». La lettre offre une séance d'écoute pour les délégué.e.s du Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council.

Le ressources pour souligner la journée de Commémoration Chrétienne du Shoah sont disponible par notre bulletin numérique, et les paroisses sont encouragées de s'en servir afin d'intégrer un élément de commémoration lors de leur culte le dimanche 1<sup>er</sup> mai.

**David-Roger Gagnon, M.A.S.P.,** Responsable des réseaux et des regroupements

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## Appendix B

### YAYA Report

This winter was hopefully the last where my primary focus was online events with no opportunity to bring youth or families together. While some meaningful connections were made or maintained with Youth Group and young adult discussions, it will never be a full replacement for the experience of gathered community.

With that in mind I have great excitement and anticipation for the next few months.

On April 30<sup>th</sup> we will have our first in-person Youth Forum since Nov. 2019 at Cedar Park United Church. This one-day event will be a great way to introduce youth who haven't attended before, and ease everyone back into things.

On the Victoria Day long weekend, we have a Youth Forum/Camp Alumni weekend planned for past participants and their families to come and enjoy the outdoors and reconnect with the ministries which mean so much to them.

United Spirit Camp Planning is well underway. We are hiring counselors and filling up our registrations and looking forward to a triumphant return to in-person sleep-away camp. There are many details to resolve to ensure the safety of everyone at camp, but we are up for the challenge.

The YAYA leadership team met recently and we discussed how there is some confusion about the name of the leadership team vs my title, and other ways we talk about youth and family ministries in the United Church of Canada. We have some ideas to rebrand ourselves, as "First Third Ministry" but that expression is meaningless in French. We are proposing a name change where we wouldn't have a direct translation in French, but that it could still capture the essence.

Today we are not bringing any motions to the floor, but the YAYA team wishes to clarify if and how we can choose to call ourselves.

## Appendix C

**Rapport – Ministères en français****Soirée pour la journée de l'inclusivité**

Tenu le 14 mars (PIE Day en anglais) avec deux invités; une personne trans et un homme gai qui a subi la thérapie de la conversion.

**Soirée sur le partenariat à l'international**

Deux personnes qui ont représenté l'Église Unie du Canada feront une présentation le soir du 26 avril à 19h sur leur expérience. Voici de quoi il s'agit :

L'Église Évangélique au Maroc, une église ayant des membres venant de plus de 40 pays différents, vivant dans un contexte musulman, est appelée à vivre ensemble.

Fritz et Emmanuela ont servi cette église pendant 4 ans, sous le leadership de Global Ministries, et ont hâte de vous partager leur expérience.

**Ateliers sur la viabilité et l'épanouissement des paroisses**

Les deux derniers ateliers porteront sur les questions de communications et marketing, ainsi que le soin de la création. L'horaire pour ces ateliers a été un peu bousculé par les séances d'apprentissage du Conseil général qui ont lieu en même temps alors nous travaillons à trouver des soirées qui conviendront mieux.

**Cours au Séminaire uni**

Le prochain cours offert au Séminaire sera « Les grands thèmes de la foi chrétienne » qui débutera le 6 mai pour six semaines. L'inscription est ouverte.

**Traductions**

Suite aux traductions des propositions pour le conseil général, il semble avoir un grand nombre de documents ressources qui sont en production aussi pour aider à éclaircir certaines choses et de permettre aux délégués de mieux comprendre.

**MonCredo**

Le nouveau site MonCredo avance. Nous sommes en train de bâtir le plan et l'équipe pour rendre ce projet vivant. Il nous faudra plusieurs personnes pour faire fonctionner le site comme nous le voulons – un site d'évangélisation au public qui n'a pas encore trouvé une communauté de foi. Plus de détails à venir.

**Personnel**

Nous accueillons Ruth Sandeu à titre d'Adjointe à la programmation pour les ministères en français. Elle est originaire du Cameroun, est membre de la paroisse de Saint-Marc, et elle habite Gatineau.

Nous accueillons aussi Etienne Marcoux qui remplacera Lou Lamontagne à titre de coordonnateur des traductions pour le Conseil général.

**Sainte-Claire**

Nous attendons toujours la confirmation du Conseil de paroisse de Trinity à Montréal pour approuver l'alliance Sainte-Claire et pour officiellement nommer le pasteur à son poste.

**Cathy Hamilton – Doctorat honorifique**

Cathy recevra le doctorat honorifique du Séminaire uni le 2 mai. Nous sommes très heureux qu'elle soit reconnue de cette manière.

**Kofi Akoussah admis**

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Nous sommes également heureux de voir le pasteur Kofi Akoussah admis au sein de l'Église Unie ce samedi 9 avril. Il est pasteur à Saint-Marc à Ottawa.

**Structuration / Plan annuel**

La Table des ministères en français vise au renouvellement de son plan annuel pour le 1<sup>er</sup> septembre pour être aligné avec le plan annuel du Conseil général. Au cours des prochains mois, nous allons recruter un petit groupe de travail pour aiguiller notre plan pour qu'il soit plus **conforme aux priorités stratégiques de l'Église Unie** (adoptées en octobre 2021). Et évaluer la viabilité certains projet et ainsi, prendre des décisions qui s'imposent.

POUR La TABLE

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Représentante

Appendix D

**2022-04-07 Communications Report to Executive  
Strategies to encourage dialogue and connection**

As we have experienced lately, one of our challenges as a regional council continues to be the promotion of healthy dialogue and relationship building: between leadership teams, between communities of faith, between regional council members, ministry personnel and staff.

I believe that the strength of our regional council lies in building more lateral connections, in a web of coherent communications and shared action, and a mindset of abundance versus scarcity. To that end, I am working on developing a new social media and newsletter strategy to include a series of questions that may lead readers to consider how they (as individuals, members of leadership teams or communities of faith) are being called to live their faith in connection with others, and to help us, as the executive leadership team, identify the strengths and needs of communities of faith in our regional council. Your input in creating thought-provoking and engaging questions would be extremely helpful.

Here are a few examples so far (with draft translations to be proofread before publishing):



**Strategies to streamline and focus communications**

A shift back to more streamlined messaging in newsletter and social media will focus on simple visual reminders and crucial regional council content in a welcoming format, such as important reminders (see examples below) with some local, national and international content. I have been doing a lot of proactive work to seek out content from communities of faith and other sources online, but may be diverting some of that energy in future to gathering resources that will help communities of faith and leadership teams be more proactive in preparing and executing their own communications strategies at a regional level.



**REMINDER:** As always, all feedback (positive or negative) is welcomed with an open heart.