
SPRING GENERAL MEETING**June 4, 2022**

*Daring Justice,
Iatehatitsanis ne kaianeren,
Une quête audacieuse de justice*

The *Conseil régional* Nakonha:ka Regional Council of The United Church of Canada held its Spring General Meeting on Saturday, June 4th 2022 at Lakeshore Trinity United Church Friday, beginning at 10 AM. Participants were also able to participate through Zoom. The theme for this meeting was “Daring Justice, Iatehatitsanis ne kaianeren, Une quête audacieuse de justice.”

THE FOLLOWING REGISTERED THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE BUSINESS MEETING**Ministry Personnel (40)**

Beryl Barraclough, Mead Baldwin, Wayne Beamer, Janet Bisset, Arlen Bonnar, Barbara Bryce, Linda Buchanan, Kent Chown, James Christie, David Clinker, Gonzalo Cruz, Samuel Vauvert Dansokho, Rosa Elena Donosa, Ryan Fea, Shaun Fryday, Frank Giffen, Steve Gillam, Christine-Marie Gladu, Pierre Goldberger, Attila Gyorgy, Cathy Hamilton, Helen Hliaras, Lee Ann Hogle, Maureen Scott Kabwe, Pierre-Paul Lafond, Andrew Lairenge, Dave Lambie, Steve Lawson, Joëlle Leduc, Patricia Lisson, Marie-Claude Manga, Birgit Neuschild, Angelika Piché, Read Sherman, Ohannes Siwajian, Darla Sloan, Phyllis Smyth, Tami Spires, Douglas Throop and Stephane Vermette.

Lay Delegates (30)

Judy Bachelder, Guy-Lin Beaudoin, Carol Bircher, Peter Bisset, Fred Braman, Martha Bromby, Diane Campbell, Alan Coffey, Elva Crawford, Undeg Edwards, Colin Forde, Satewas (Harvey) Gabriel, Vivienne Galanis, Gerard Gouw, Marc Grenon, Richard Guay, Norm, Haslam, Janice Knowles, L. E. Moir, Valerie Nickson, Helga Ovando, Claudia Rourke-Frew, Natacha Sanson, Dorothy Shaw, Frederick (Rick) Sheffer, Paul Stanfield, Shirley Stark, Diane Stevenson-Cantin, Fiona Wardrop and Vera Young.

Corresponding Members - Candidates (4)

Lisa Byer-de Wever, Bailie Eastwood, Cynthia Reynolds and Virginia Wallace.

Lay Delegates Under 30 (2)

Rachel Lambie and Bethan Wardrop.

Regional Council Staff (7)

Judy Coffin, David-Roger Gagnon, Rev. Daniel Hayward (full-voting member), Rev. Rosemary Lambie (full-voting member), Joel Miller, Brian Ruse and Karen Valley.

Guests of the Regional Council (10)

Adedeji Akintayo, Hugh Ballem, Norman Robert Boie, Craig Buchanan, Rafael De Castro, David Hawkins, Alicia Loria, Jimmy Lynch, Kelley Malloy and Sosan Montour.

Regrets (26)

Rita Beauséjour, Shanna Bernier, Diane Best, Charles Dougherty, David Drew, Lynn Drew, Denis Fortin, Charlotte Griffith, Mark Hammond, Éric Hébert-Daly, Gail Hocquard, Scott Hunter, Reg Jennings, Elisabeth Jones, Paula Kline, David Lefneski, Johanna Morrow, Jennifer Mountain, Robert Patton, Adele Rouleau, Benjamin Ryan, Dyanne Saanum, Nancy Stewart, Brenda Lee Strickland and Neil Whitehouse.

Quorum

This meeting had quorum.

Registration

Attendees were invited to register at Lakeshore Trinity United Church at 9 AM. Delegates using Zoom were invited to register at 9:30 AM.

Special Instructions/ Welcome to Lakeshore Trinity United Church

Rev. Kent Chown provided instructions for how the meeting format (in person and on Zoom) would interact with each other during the day. Rev. Steven Gillam welcomed all in attendance and provided housekeeping details (bathrooms, emergency exits, lunch, etc.).

Welcome to the land

Satewas Harvey Gabriel welcomed participants to Mohawk territory and also provided an updated on the translation project of the bible into Mohawk.

Settlers Acknowledgement of Land

Rev. Linda Buchanan, President, and Chair of the meeting, acknowledged her own settler-roots on this land, and gave thanks to the Mohawk Peoples for its stewardship throughout the millennia. Linda called for The United Church of Canada's continued work towards truth and reconciliation, and right relations with all First Nations Peoples, and its support for dismantling the doctrine of discovery.

Thanksgiving Prayer- Ohenton Kariwatekwen.

Sosan Montour (from Kahnawake Community) led the Ohenton Kariwatekwen (Thanksgiving Prayer).

Presentation on theme: Daring Justice

Lisa Byer-de Wever, Co-chair of Living into Right Relations Leadership Circle, shared a presentation as a teaching on the theme of this meeting 'Daring Justice'. Her presentation included a video presentation by Adrian Jacobs on the following key topics: Treaties are Sacred Agreements; Tow Row Wampum; Treaties, Responsibilities and Peace; Dutch Response. At the end of the presentation, there were closing remarks and time for questions. The video used for this presentation can be located at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5UDh3AJYpY>.

Opening Prayer

Following the presentation Christine-Marie Gladu share an opening prayer.

Scripture Reading

Mark 7:31-37 was read by Norm Haslam.

Hymn

Hymn (MV 145) "Draw the Circle Wide" was sung in French and English (Vs 1 – French Vs 2 English Vs 3 – French).

President's Words

Rev. Linda Buchanan shared some of the details that went into the planning for this meeting, and highlighted that because it had been a few years since the Regional Council had met in person, the decision was to have hybrid-meeting (online and in person). All necessary precautions had been taken to ensure everyone's safety while attending in person and it was the hope that all would take time to reconnect during breaks and at lunch.

Call to Order

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

Omnibus Motion

2022-06-04_001 MOTION (B. Bryce/S. Fryday) that the Nakhonha:ka Regional Council move the following:

1. That the agenda be adopted as distributed;
2. That the minutes of March 11-12, 2022 Winter General Meeting be accepted as corrected (see **appendix A**);

Corrections: Under attendance for both the Friday and Saturday, David Simons is a *lay delegate* (not *lay delegate under 30*); on page 5 there is a reference to Saint James United Church – correct spelling St. James.

3. That the following people serve as Scrutineers: Rev. Kent Chown, Janice Knowles and Brian Ruse;
4. That the following person serve as Parliamentarian: Fred Braman;
5. That the following people serve as Chaplains: Steven Gillam and Darla Sloan;
6. That Lisa Byer-de Wever, Rev. Marie-Claude Manga and Rev. Tami Spires serve as the Equity Support Team;
7. Granting & Enabling Leadership Team decisions re grant distributions for concurrence:

MOTION (F. Braman/L. Moir): that the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council concurs with the recommendation of the Granting and Enabling Leadership Team for the following grants from the Erskine & American Mountainside Trust Fund:

Applicant UCC Organization	Grant
1.) Beaconsfield United Church: Beaconsfield United Church Women's Collective	\$15,000
2.) Beaconsfield United Church: Solid Rock Men's & Interfaith Ministry	\$12,500
3.) Camp Cosmos: Amazing Kids at Camp	\$10,000
4.) Trinity United Church: Église Unie Sainte-Claire	\$11,000
5.) Montreal City Mission: Seeding the Hub	\$15,000
6.) Mountainside United Church: Transfer of Mission Boat Replica	\$305.72
7.) Saint Columba House: Promoting healthy nutrition and physical activity habits among children	\$6,873.25
8.) West Island LGBTQ2+ Centre and Beaconsfield United Church Refugee Integration Support Program (BUC-RISP): LGBTQIA+ Migrants and Refugees Support Program	\$10,000
Granted for second application cycle 2022	\$80,678.97
Granted for first application cycle 2022	\$124,500.00
2022 remaining balance available	\$13,711.03

MOTION (F. Braman/L. Moir): that the Granting and Enabling Leadership Team recommends that Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council concur with the recommendation of the Erskine &

American – Mountainside Fund Trustees to accept the resignation of Rev. Ryan Fea as a Trustee, effective June 30, 2022.

MOTION (F. Braman/L. Moir): that the Granting and Enabling Leadership Team recommends that Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council concur with the recommendation of the Erskine & American – Mountainside Fund Trustees to appoint Rev. Youngho Jang as a Trustee, effective July 1, 2022.

MOTION (D. Clinker/R. Sutherland): that the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council concurs with the recommendation of the Granting and Enabling Leadership Team for the following grants from the Good Samaritan Fund:

Institution	Project	Grant
1.) Emmanuel United Church	Emerging Vision – Outdoor Sanctuary	\$18,341.43
2.) Montreal City Mission	Gathering at Table – Community of Friends	\$35,000
3.) COCLA	Interconnexion âinés	\$30,000
4.) Riverside United Church	“Out to Lunch” program	\$20,000
5.) Église Unie Saint-Pierre	Retraite sur les défis spirituels du vieillissement	\$4,998.60
6.) Camino Emaus de l’Église Unie	“Camino de Oro” at Camp d’action biblique	\$1,200

MOTION (R. Sheffer/F. Braman): that the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council concurs with the recommendation of the Granting and Enabling Leadership Team for the approval of a \$4,000 grant from the Bhal-Jun Fund to Saint Columba House for their “Cooking to Connect: Phase II” project.

MOTION (H. Hliaras/M. Khatchikian): that the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council concurs with the recommendation of the Granting and Enabling Leadership Team for the approval of a \$5,500 grant from the Trois-Rivières French Ministry Fund to Trinity United Church for the “Église Unie Sainte-Claire” project.

MOTION (F. Braman/D. Sloan): that the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council concurs with the recommendation of the Granting and Enabling Leadership Team for the approval of a \$7,000 grant from the Trois-Rivières French Ministry Fund to Camino de Emaus de l’Église Unie for their “Camp Familial Biblique ” project.

MOTION (F. Braman/D. Sloan): that the Conseil régional Nakhonha:ka Regional Council concurs with the recommendation of the Granting and Enabling Leadership Team for the approval of a \$24,000 grant over three years (\$10,500 in 2022, \$7,500 in 2023 and \$6,000 in 2024) from the Bhal-Jun Fund to Montreal Dio for their “Certificate in Bilingual Ministry” project.

Report for information purposes:

The Kelley Fund Trustees have granted the full requested amount of \$4,000 to Montreal Dio for the project “The Call of the Church in a Post(ish) Pandemic World” and have granted \$5,000 of the total requested amount of \$21,500 to Trinity United Church for the “Église Unie Sainte-Claire” project.

CARRIED

Duty of Care

Rev. Tami Spires shared the following information to remind attendees on individual expectations while interacting during the meeting:

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

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

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

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

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

Equity Team – Criteria to consider when making a meeting more Equitable

Rev. Marie-Claude Manga highlighted some criteria that each attendee should consider, to help create a meeting space that is equitable for all participating:

1. Am I responding with my bias(es)?
2. Just because we've always done it this way, should we continue?
3. Who is missing around our table in this discussion? (Do we need to consult wider?)
4. Whose voices haven't been heard? Have I spoken too much?

Contact info: Equity Team

Attendees were invited to contact members of the Equity Team should the need arise:

- Lisa Byer-de Wever
- Rev. Marie-Claude Manga
- Rev. Tami Spires

Contact info Chaplain

Attendees were invited to contact Chaplains during the meeting should the need arise:

- Rev. Darla Sloan
- Rev. Steven Gillam

Nominations

Rev. Tami Spires shared recommendations of the Nominations Team regarding the Executive.

Executive 2022-23

2022-06-04_002MOTION (V. Wallace/P. Lisson) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council nominate the following people to serve on the Executive:

Full voting Members:

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

Representative of the following Leadership Teams:

Property and Finance	Fred Braman
Pastoral Relations	Rev. Dave Lambie (interim)
Representative of La Table	Rev. Marie-Claude Manga
First Third Ministry	Denis Ashby
Living into Right Relations	Robert Patton
Justice and Community Ministries	Rev. Pierre Goldberger
Granting and Enabling Leadership Team	Rev. Barbara Bryce
General Meeting Planning Leadership Team	Valerie Epps-Nickson
Finance and Extension Board	Peter Bisset
Nominations	Rev. Linda Buchanan

Five (5) Full Voting Members at Large (2 years)

1. Vivienne Galanis
2. Rev. Tami Spires
3. Rev. Samuel V. Dansokho
4. Colin Forde
5. Rev. Christine Marie Gladu

Corresponding Non-Voting Members

Pastoral Relations Minister	Rev. Dan Hayward
Communications Staff Person	Judy Coffin
Program Assistant to the Executive Minister	Joel Miller
Minister Supporting Clusters & Networks	David-Roger Gagnon
First Thirds Ministries	Shanna Bernier
Property, Finance and Administration Manager	Brian Ruse

CARRIED**Finance & Extension Board**

2022-06-04_003 MOTION (R. Sheffer / P. Bisset) that the Conseil regional Nakonha:ka Regional Council approves the nomination of the following individuals to the Finance & Extension Board from June 1, 2022 to May 30, 2024:

- Diane Campbell
- Monique Moser
- Paula Kline
- Craig McAlpine
- David McCormack
- Marc Grenon
- Thomas Kent
- Paul Clarke

CARRIED**44th General Council Commissioners**

Rev. Linda Buchanan announced that L.E. Moir will serve as a lay Commissioner to the 44th General Council representing Nakonha:ka Regional Council. L.E. Moir had already been elected as an alternate, and now will step-in for a vacancy that has occurred.

Leadership Teams, Cluster and Networks Members List 2022

- see **Appendix B**

Rev. Tami Spires also highlighted the Leadership Teams, Cluster and Networks Members List 2022 and invited Team members to provide any updates as necessary to Judy Coffin.

Beaconsfield Initiative in the Philippines

Patricia Lisson, Diaconal Minister and Guy-Lin Beaudoin shared a presentation on the Beaconsfield Initiative, Human Rights in the Philippines and ICHRP-Canada. A link to the video presentation is located on the Regional Council website: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-gathering-june-2022/>. Following the presentation Patricia and Guy-Lin responded to questions

Following the Presentation, Rev. Samuel Vauvert Dansokho remarked that additional time for learning and praying should be scheduled to allow for more education on the Beaconsfield Initiative.

The West Island LGBTQ2+ Centre

Bailey Eastwood, David Hawkins and Adedeji Akintayo shared a presentation on the The West Island LGBTQ2+ Centre. Prior to this presentation gratitude was expressed towards Rev. Shaun Fryday for his guidance, support and vision for the centre. A link to the video presentation is located on the Regional Council website: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-gathering-june-2022/>.

Jim Christie – Gatherings for 2025 in Honor of the 100th Year Anniversary of The United Church of Canada

With the permission of the President, the Rev. Dr. James Christie, VAM/SJUC, and Ambassador-at-Large, Canadian Multi-faith Federation, extended greetings from Wood Lake Press to the Council, and highlighted the first of two publications dedicated to the 100th. Anniversary of the UCC. Both books, the recently released, Keys of the Kingdom and the forthcoming The United Church of Canada spring from the creative and collaborative genius of the Rev. Dr. Brian Brown. (Dr. Christie distributed 10 complimentary copies from Woodlake to Council members.)

Conjoined, the two books might be regarded as a Back to the Future reflection on the UCC. At 100, critical reflection will be a necessity in advance of June 25th., 2025. But Brown and his team remain convinced that there is much to be celebrated, and a prophetic future for the UCC in the next 100 years. To that end, he draws from our rich and sometimes complicated heritage to reflect on past achievements, our transformed and transforming present, and a secure and faithful discipleship to Christ as the years unfold.

Dr. Christie noted especially in “Keys”, the section addressing the establishment of the Canadian Multi-faith Federation, Sisters of Zion, SJUC Commemorative Library. The books and documents have arrived; the physical installation is underway, and this large, comprehensive world class library may be understood to be hosted by Nako’ha’ka Region, and stewarded by SJUC.

Also on behalf of Woodlake and Dr. Brown, Ambassador Christie noted the sponsorship by Woodlake of televised cross-Canada liturgical celebrations in a number of Canadian cities, culminating on June 10, 1925 at SJUC. The intent is to draw other congregations and Mission Units in our region to participate in the planning and execution of these liturgical expressions.

Provisionally, Dr. Christie is happy to begin building a partnership, with all who wish, welcome.

Please contact him at: j.christieworldview@icloud.com

UCRD (United Church Book Store)

It was announced that a promotion code was created for this gathering, and would be valid from June 4 to June 18 to get 20% off orders over \$60.

Lunch

Rev. Linda Buchanan led the grace before lunch.

Celebration of Ministries

The Celebration of Ministries service began with the Processional Hymn (VU 593/NVU 239a) Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love. and was followed by Words of Welcome, the Call to Worship, the Lighting of the Christ Candle, the Prayer of Approach and Scripture readings Luke 11:37-42 and Deuteronomy 31:1-6.

Sermon

Rev. Joëlle Leduc shared a reflection on the theme for this Regional Council meeting: Daring Justice, which was followed by the hymn (VU 375/NVU 47) Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness.

Recognition of Retirees

Rev. Joëlle Leduc led the reciting of the Affirmation (taken from the Song of Faith) which was followed by the recognition of retirees: Rev. Shaun Fryday, Rev. Lee Ann Hogle and Rev. David Fines.

Recognition of Amalgamation

Rev. Steve Gillam share the amalgamation story of St. John's United Church and Dorval Strathmore United Church into Lakeshore Trinity United Church. This was followed by the singing of Hymn (VU 641) Lord Jesus you shall be my song.

Installation of New President Marc Grenon

Marc Grenon was installed as the Regional Councils President. Following the reciting of vows, Marc was presented with symbols (stole, talking stick, The Manual and quilt – quilt prepared by Susan Gabrielle; as a reminder of our Regional Councils continued work towards Truth and Reconciliation) and greeted with hymn (VU 958) Halle, Halle.

Gratitude was expressed towards Rev. Linda Buchanan for her dedicated service as President during these past few years. It was highlighted that Linda led with grace and enthusiasm during the pandemic; a pandemic which presented many new challenges for the Regional Council and The Church as a whole.

Covenanting with the Executive, with Leadership Teams; Promises of the Regional Council

In his new role as Regional Council President, Marc Grenon led in the Covenanting with the Executive, with Leadership Teams, and the Promises of the Regional Council. This was followed by the singing of hymn (VU 958) Halle, Halle.

Ne wahtkwanonweraton - Thanksgiving Prayer (Closing Words)

Lisa Byer-de Wever led the Ne wahtkwanonweraton (closing words); the continuation of Nia wen Takwaieatison (Thanksgiving Prayer).

Closing Benediction

Marc Grenon led the closing benediction which was followed by the singing of (VU 205) Like the Murmur of the Dove Song.

Closing Motions

2022-06-04_004 MOTION (R. Lambie/V. Epps-Nickson) that following the rise of this general meeting of the Nakhonha:ka Regional Council, all powers of the Regional Council be granted to the Executive until the next general meeting. **CARRIED**

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The United Church of Canada

Nakonha:ka Regional Council
Spring General Meeting

June 4, 2022
Lakeshore Trinity United Church and
Zoom teleconference

2022-06-04_005 MOTION (V. Epps-Nickson/R. Lambie) that the meeting be adjourned at 3:15 pm, and that the President declares this general meeting of the Nakonha:ka Regional Council duly concluded. **CARRIED**

Rev. Linda Buchanan
Chair

Rev. Rosemary Lambie
Executive Minister

Joel Miller
Recording Secretary

Appendices

Appendix A Minutes of March 11-12, 2022 Winter General Meeting
Appendix B Leadership Teams, Cluster and Networks Members List 2022

Appendix available on the Regional Council website (under download documents):
<https://nakhaucc.ca/event/regional-council-gathering-juin-2022/>