
WINTER GENERAL MEETING**March 24-25, 2023****MOTIONS****Session One****March 24, 2023 (evening)****Omnibus Motion**

2023-03-24-25_001 MOTION (V. Nickson/R. Patton) that the Nakhonha:ka Regional Council move the following:

1. That the agenda be adopted as distributed;
2. That the minutes of November 18-19, 2022 Fall General Meeting be accepted circulated (see **Appendix A**);
3. That the following person serve as Scrutineer: Rev. Kent Chown;
4. That the following person serve as Parliamentarian: Rev. Darryl MacDonald;
5. That the following people serve as Chaplains: Rev. Rosemary Lambie and Norman Robert Boie;
6. That Rev. Tami Spires and David-Roger Gagnon serve as the Equity Support Team;
7. That this meeting includes the behavioral covenant – Holy Manners *The 2023 Manual, Appendix, 2*.

“We will

- keep God at the center of everything we do;
- each speak for ourselves;
- speak for a purpose;
- separate people from problems;
- allow for full and equitable participation;
- attend to others carefully without interruption;
- welcome the conflict of ideas;
- take a future orientation;
- demonstrate appreciation;
- honor the decisions of the body;
- commit to holding one another to account when we do not keep our holy manners;
- keep the discussion at the table;
- be mindful of our body language;
- check in about good use of time;
- allow the quiet people to speak, with an invitation to speak; and
- sincerely say what we really feel.”

The Very Reverend Marion Pardy introduced Holy Manners as a resource for the 38th General Council 2003. Holy Manners has been used as resource for the conduct of meetings by subsequent General Councils and their executives. It has been adapted here for use as a resource by all councils and church bodies.

Receive for information from the Granting and Enabling Leadership Team the following distribution from the F. W. Kelley Fund:

1. Montreal Diocesan Theological College: United Church Orientation Learning Circle: \$2,500

The Erskine & American – Mountainside Fund:

1. Beaconsfield United Church: Refugee Support and Integration Program: \$15,000
2. Knowlton – Mountain Valley PC: Sunday Service Virtual Publication Project: \$1,800
3. Montreal City Mission: Power Within! Power Without!: \$15,000
4. Montreal Diocesan Theological College: United Church Orientation Learning Circle: \$2,500
5. Mount Royal United Church: Communauté francophone de l'Église Unie Mont-Royal: \$21,730
6. Roxboro United Church – Family Life Centre: Pastoral Care Team Training: \$2,000
7. Sainte Geneviève United Church – ORA Loss and Living: Grieving Together: workshops for faith communities in transition: \$5,000
8. St. James UC: Edge Project – Tracing the Journey: \$8,500
9. St. James UC: Résonance: A Musical Meditation Offering to the City: \$14,475
10. West Island LGBTQ2+ Centre: Youth Based Programming and Youth Outreach: \$35,000
11. Westmount Park United Church: Faith in Nature: Wild Church & House Plant Project: \$13,672

The amount granted to date for 2023 is \$134,677 and the remaining balance available for 2023 is \$66,692.

The Good Samaritan Fund:

1. Riverside UC: Out to Lunch program: \$8,000
2. Richmond-Melbourne UC: Seniors' Spiritual Awareness Program – Phase 6: \$35,000
3. Montreal City Mission: Let's Talk!/Parlons!: \$25,000
4. Quebec Community Health & Social Services Foundation: Patient Navigator Project: \$35,000
5. Riverside UC: Riverside Cares: \$35,600
6. West Island LGBTQ2+ Centre: Seniors' Programming: \$30,000
7. Saint Paul's UC, Magog: Healthy Seniors' Living – Exercise Program: \$13,262.32
8. Montreal West UC: Extra Miles Senior Visiting Program: \$15,000
9. Emmanuel UC: Outdoor Community Sanctuary – Phase II: \$15,975

The amount granted to date for 2023 is \$212,837 and the 2023 grant amount available for the Good Samaritan Fund is \$369,781.18.

The Bhal-Jun Fund:

1. Beaconsfield United Church: Refugee Support and Integration Program: \$10,000
2. Saint James UC: Nurturing, Cultivating & Rooting Community of Friends: \$4,000
3. Beaconsfield UC: Assert Human Rights Under Marcos 2.0: Strengthen ICHRP: \$9,000

The Trois-Rivières French Ministry Fund:

1. Église Unie de Sainte-Adèle: Projet d'outreach, d'accueil et d'intégration: \$7,000

CARRIED

Session Two
March 25, 2023 (morning)

Report Book (2022)

- *See Report Book (2022) as Appendix B*

2023-03-24-25_002 MOTION (N. Haslam/K. Chown) that the Nakonha:ka Regional Council receive and approve the Report Book (2022) and annexes as distributed: The annexes are retirees Rev. Lee Ann Hogle and Rev. Rosemary Lambie (Past-Executive Minister). **CARRIED**

Update to LLWL Policy

2023-03-24-25_003 MOTION (C. Griffith/L. Hogle) that the Nakonha:ka Regional Council receive for information the recommendation of the Licensed Lay Worship Leaders Team regarding the Police Records Check for Licensed Lay Worship Leaders and support for students taking the online LLWL course such that;

Whereas the church is called to play an active role in promoting God's redemptive power in all walks of life,

Whereas we wish to encourage all God's children to answer God's call and not put undue impediments to becoming a Licensed Lay Worship Leader

Whereas we, the church, have the obligation to be transparent, offer an example of the highest integrity and provide a safe environment for all members of our church family

Whereas the current Licensed Lay Worship Leaders policy for Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council does not explicitly outline what is to be done if a Police Records Check turns up a conviction,

Whereas there is currently no obvious national consultative body for the LLWL Leadership Team to refer to for LLWL's such as the Office of Vocation for ordained ministers,

Whereas the LLWL Leadership Team has no way of knowing which students are currently enrolled in the online course

Therefore; the following addition be made to the current Regional Council Governance handbook p. 42

1. *Police Records Check* The LLWL Leadership Team are required to exercise due diligence by requesting to see a Police Records Check (Vulnerable Sector) issued within the past 6 months before recommending granting initial license, and every 6 years subsequently. Licensed Lay Worship Leaders are expected to meet the same standard as Ministry Personnel. <http://www.united-church.ca/files/handbooks/police-records-checks.pdf>. Failure to provide a current Police Check at the appropriate intervals will result in non-renewal of one's license.

Addition: In the case of a Police Records Check (Vulnerable Sector) that turns up a conviction, the process outlined in the Police Records Check (2019) document will be followed.

If the LLWL Leadership Team nevertheless recommends licensing, certain convictions would require publication of the past offender's name and conviction and greater ongoing supervision may be required (e.g. violent crimes such as murder, assault, abduction). This would take place at the time of licensing. In the case of someone training to become an LLWL, the student may wish to request an initial discussion regarding their past criminal record prior to the 6-month requirement, in order to ascertain if their offense would be an impediment to licensing.

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2. While deliberating on the suitability and guidelines required of a student with a criminal record the LLWL Leadership Team will avail themselves of the legal counsel of the United Church - General Council, and consult with the authorities in matters of Restorative Justice.
 3. A network be set up across all Regional Councils, comprised of all Licensed Lay Worship Leaders Leadership Teams, the purpose of which would be to share policy and best practices in licensing and supporting our Lay Worship Leaders.
 4. Each Regional Council LLWL Leadership Team be informed of all students from their region who are currently enrolled in the online training course sponsored by Canadian Shield Regional Council, the better to offer local support and periodic local evaluations in preparation for eventual licensing (adopted by the Executive on October 20).

CARRIED**Policy on Leases, Major Renovations and Other Major Assets with delegation**

2023-03-24-25_004 MOTION (B. Bisset/R. Sheffer) that the Nakhonha:ka Regional Council receive for information from the Property & Finance Leadership team that the Policy on Leases, Major Renovations and Other Major Assets with delegation be amended to add the following paragraph:

“This policy shall also extend to Leases, Major Renovations and Other Major Assets of Incorporated Ministries under the oversight of this Regional Council with references to sanctuaries or church buildings replaced by ‘the property used by the Incorporated Ministry’ to carry on its ministry” (adopted by the Executive on February 15, 2023) **CARRIED**

Policy on donations by communities of faith to charities outside the purview of the United Church

- see *Policy on donations by Communities of Faith to Charities outside the purview of the United Church of Canada* as **Appendix C**

2023-03-24-25_005 MOTION (P. Bisset /R. Sheffer) that the Nakhonha:ka Regional Council receive for information from the Property & Finance Leadership team the “Policy on donations by communities of faith to charities outside the purview of the United Church – February 2023”(adopted by the Executive on February 15, 2023). **CARRIED**

Closing Motions

2023-03-24-25_006 MOTION (R. Patton/V. Nickson) that following the rise of the *Ne wahtkwanonweraton* (closing words) for 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 on June 3, 2023 at Plymouth-Trinity United Church (Sherbrooke). **CARRIED**

2023-03-24-25_007 MOTION (R. Patton/V. Nickson) that the meeting be adjourned at 12:17 PM, and that the President declares this general meeting of the Nakhonha:ka Regional Council duly concluded. **CARRIED**

Appendix

Appendix A	Minutes of November 18-19, 2022 Fall General Meeting
Appendix B	Report Book (2022)
Appendix C	Policy on donations by Communities of Faith to Charities outside the purview of the United Church of Canada

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The United Church of Canada

Nakonha:ka Regional Council
Winter General Meeting
Decisions and Appendices

March 24-25, 2023
Zoom Teleconference

All appendices are available on the Regional Council website (under download documents):
<https://nakhakaucc.ca/event/march-2023-regional-council-gathering-online/>