
-DECISIONS-

Omnibus Motion

2023-06-03_001 MOTION (M. Baldwin/V. Nickson) that the Nakonha:ka Regional Council move the following:

1. That the agenda be adopted as distributed;
2. That the minutes of March 24-25, 2023 Winter General Meeting be accepted as circulated (see **Appendix A**);
3. That the 2022 Financial Statements of the Nakonha:ka Regional Council be received as circulated (see **Appendix B**);
4. That the Regional Council appoint BCGO S.E.N.C.R.L. to conduct the Nakonha:ka Regional Council's 2023 review engagement;
5. That the amended 2022 Financial Statements of the Finance & Extension Board be received as circulated (see **Appendix C**);
6. That the Regional Council appoint BCGO S.E.N.C.R.L. to conduct the Finance & Extension Board's 2023 review engagement;
7. That the following individuals be nominated to the Finance & Extension Board from June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2025: Peter Bisset, Fred Braman, Jim Fyles, Jim Moffat, Royal Orr, Ted Rutherford, Paul Stanfield and Frederick (Rick) Sheffer;
8. That the following amendment to the Mileage Policy for Ministry Personnel, Lay Worship Leaders, and Ministry Site Supervisors be received: Insertion of the *General Council rate*, as determined periodically in the Minimum Salaries & Reimbursements for Ministry Personnel handbook, for cost of travel, and replace the reference to the precise kilometer rate for travel and to refer generally to the General Council rate as determined;
9. That the following amendment to the Policy on Proceeds from the Sale of Property be received: For a community of faith that is not disbanding, guideline "e" to be removed: "Before the distributions above, the Regional Council also asks that consideration be given to donating up to 2% of the net proceeds (but no more than \$5,000) from the sale of church property (except when it is the sale of a manse), be remitted to help fund the work of the Regional Council Archives". For a community of faith that is disbanding, guideline "i" to be removed: "2% of the net proceeds, limited to \$5,000 from the sale of church property be remitted to help fund the work of the Regional Council Archives"
10. That the following people serve as Scrutineers: Vivienne Galanis, Cathy Hamilton and Rev. Kent Chown;
11. That the following person serve as Parliamentarian: Fred Braman;
12. That the following people serve as Chaplains: Christine-Marie Gladu and Pierre Goldberger
13. That Shanna Bernier and Rev. Tami Spires serve as the Equity Support Team;
14. That this meeting includes the behavioral covenant – *Holy Manners – A litany – 1* by Rev. Michael Blair, *General Secretary, 2023*

* (PowerPoint Presentation)

One Voice: Called together by Christ as a community of broken but hopeful believers, striving to be faithful servants of God in our time and place as we offer our varying gifts,

Many Voices: We commit to keeping God at the center of everything we do;

One Voice: We confess, that we have not always lived up our vision of community, we need the Spirit to reorient us, to live an emerging faith, challenging us to live by grace rather than entitlement,

Many Voices: We commit to be truthful in our communications by: speaking for ourselves; and speaking purposefully;

One Voice: We are called as a diverse community of people celebrating our differences;

Many Voices: And so, we commit to honouring our intercultural vision through welcoming the conflict of ideas; making space for the full and equitable participation of all, enabling especially people who are quiet to speak; being mindful of our body language; listening carefully without interruption and separate people from problems;

One Voice: We are called to be bold disciples,

Many Voices: As we live into our call to discipleship we will hold one another to account when we do not keep to our commitments; We will take a future orientation in our discussions and imagination; demonstrate appreciation; And honouring the decisions of the body;

One Voice: We are called to lead in hope with purpose and vision as members of a community held and inspired by God, partnering with God in the mending of the world

Many Voices: So, we commit to keeping the discussion at the table and to be faithful stewards of our time.

All: We affirm that we are Called by God, as disciples of Jesus, to offer leadership to The United Church of Canada as it seeks to be a bold, connected, evolving church of diverse, courageous, hope-filled communities united in deep spirituality, inspiring worship, and daring justice. Amen

In the 2022 Manual (see page 204), the expression Holy Manners is translated as rules of conduct based on respect and benevolence.

CARRIED

Standing against the rise in homophobia and transphobia in our society

2023-06-03_002 MOTION (É. Hébert-Daly/B. Eastwood) that the Conseil Regionale Nakonha:ka Regional Council issue a statement through its leadership [to be published on their communication channels as well as sent to news media and political leaders] standing against the rise in homophobia and transphobia in our society, and the idea that children need to be “protected” from the LGBTQ2+ community. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization

2023-06-03_003 MOTION (N-R Boie/M-P Point) that the Nakonha:ka Regional Council agree to the remit that amends the Basis of Union to reflect:

1. That The United Church of Canada will be organized as follows: (1) a three-council structure, consisting of communities of faith, regional councils and a Denominational Council*; and (2) an autonomous National Indigenous Organization; and
2. That once the new autonomous National Indigenous Organization is established within The United Church of Canada, it will have its own mechanisms to make any future changes to its structure and processes, and, therefore will not be subject to the remit process under section 7.4.1 of the Basis of Union**; and
3. The changes required for the establishment of the autonomous National Indigenous Organization.

** The "Denominational Council" and the "General Council" are often used interchangeably.*

*** The detailed proposed changes to the Basis of Union are listed in a chart on page 5 of the Study Guide, under the section heading "Frequently Asked Questions".*

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2023-06-03_004 MOTION (H. Hliaras/J. Langelier) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council receive and approve the recommendations from the Nominations Leadership Team to nominate the following people to serve on the Executive:

Full voting Members:

President (2-year maximum)	Marc Grenon (2024)
President Elect (Elected in “off year” for one-year term)	vacant
Past President (one year)	Rev. Linda Buchanan (interim)
Treasurer (no term)	Paul Stanfield
Executive Minister	Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly (new)

Representative of the following Leadership Teams:

Property and Finance	Fred Braman
Pastoral Relations	Rev. Christine Marie Gladu (new)
Representative of La Table	Rev. Pierre Goldberger (new)
First Third Ministry	Denis Ashby
Living into Right Relations	Leadership in rotation (new): Rev. Jan Jorgensen/ Rev. Read Sherman/ Lisa Byer-de Wever
Justice and Community Ministries	Bailey Eastwood (new)
Granting and Enabling Leadership Team	Rev. Barbara Bryce (interim)
General Meeting Planning Leadership Team	Valerie Epps-Nickson
Finance and Extension Board	Peter Bisset
Nominations	Rev. Linda Buchanan (new)

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

1. Rev. Tami Spires (2024)
2. Rev. Samuel V. Dansokho (2024)
3. Rev. Marie-Claude Manga (new) (2025)
4. Erika (Qian) Liang (new) (2025)
5. Adedeji Sunday Akintayo (new) (2025)

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**Nomination Leadership Team 2023-24**

2023-06-03_005 MOTION (L. Buchanan/H. Hliaras) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council commission the Regional Council Nomination Leadership Team to the study and prayerful reflection on the

Regional Council policy concerning the composition of the Executive and to report back with a suggested way forward for the Conseil regional Nakonha:ka Regional Council Executive. **CARRIED**

Closing Motions

2022-06-03_006 MOTION (V. Epps-Nickson/ L. Gage) that following the rise of the Celebration of Ministry Service, all powers of the Regional Council be granted to the Executive until the next general meeting (dates to be determined). **ADOPTÉ**

2022-06-03_007 MOTION (V. Epps-Nickson/ L. Gage) that the meeting be adjourned at 3:27 pm, and that the President declares this general meeting of the Nakonha:ka Regional Council duly concluded. **ADOPTÉ**

Appendices

- Appendix A Minutes of March 24-25, 2023 Winter General Meeting
- Appendix B 2022 Financial Statements of the Nakonha:ka Regional Council
- Appendix C Amended 2022 Financial Statements of the Finance & Extension Board

Appendix available on the Regional Council website (under download documents):
<https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/regional-council-gathering-june-2023/>