

## -MOTIONS-

**Omnibus Motion**

**2023-06-03\_001 MOTION** (/) 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 *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;

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- 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 38<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### **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.

### **Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization**

**2023-06-03\_003 MOTION** (E. Hébert-Daly/L. Byer-de Wever) that the Nakonha:ka Regional Council agree to amend 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".*

For more information about Remit 1 please visit: <https://generalcouncil44.ca/council/remit-1-establishing-autonomous-national-indigenous-organization>

**Executive 2023-24**

**2023-06-03\_004 MOTION (/)** 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:

*\*changes in red*

**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

**Nomination Leadership Team 2023-24**

**2023-06-03\_005 MOTION (L. Buchanan/H. Hliaras)** that the Nakonha:ka Regional Council direct the Regional Council Nomination Leadership Team to study and prayerfully reflect on the Regional Council policy concerning the composition of the Executive and to report back to the Regional Council.

**Closing Motions**

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**2022-06-03\_006 MOTION** (V. Epps-Nickson/) 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).

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

### **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://nakhaucc.ca/event/regional-council-gathering-june-2023/>