
FALL GENERAL MEETING***Deep Spirituality***
Teionho'tes kariwi:iostontsera
Une spiritualité profonde

The *Conseil régional* Nakonha:ka Regional Council of The United Church of Canada held its fall general meeting on Friday evening and Saturday morning of November 18-19, 2022, and online. The theme for this meeting was “Deep Spirituality, *Teionho'tes kariwi:iostontsera* (Mohawk), *Une spiritualité profonde*.”

Session One**Friday, November 18th 2022 (evening)**

THE FOLLOWING REGISTERED THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE BUSINESS MEETING

Ministry Personnel (32)

Mead Baldwin, Janet Bisset, Arlen Bonnar, Barbara Bryce, Linda Buchanan, Kent Chown, James Christie, David Clinker, Christine Marie Gladu, Pierre Goldberger, Attila Gyorgy, Cathy Hamilton, Helen Hliaras, Lee Ann Hogle, Reg Jennings, Elisabeth Jones, Jan Jorgensen, Mher Katchikian, Andrew Lairenge, Dave Lambie, Steve Lawson, Joëlle Leduc, Darryl Macdonald, John Matheson, Jennifer Mountain, Angelika Piché, Maureen Scott-Kabwe, Phyllis Smyth, Tami Spires, Douglas Throop, Stephane Vermette, Neil Whitehouse.

Lay Delegates (29)

Judy Bachelder, Carol Bircher, Peter Bisset, Fred Braman, Martha Bromby, Diane Campbell, Diane Cantin, Beverly Clark, Alan Coffey, Elva Crawford, Lynn Drew, David, Drew, Undeg Edwards, Vivienne Galanis, Gerard Gouw, Marc Grenon, Charlotte Griffith, Richard Guay, Norm Haslam, Janice Knowles, Jan Langelier, L. E. Moir, Johanna Morrow, Valerie Nickson, Robert Patton, Natacha Sanson, Dorothy Shaw, Rick Sheffer, Vera Young.

Corresponding Members - Candidates (4)

Adedeji Akintayo, Jessica Gauthier, Kelley Molloy, Cynthia Reynolds.

Lay Delegates Under 35 (1)

Bethan Wardrop.

Regional Council Staff and Office of Vocations Ministers (7)

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

Guests of the Regional Council (10)

Hugh Ballem, Wayne Beamer, Hepta Deslandes, Kirsty Hayward, Alicia Loria, Monique Moser, Alma Ransom, Brenda Lee Strickland, Renate Sutherland, Michael Woytiuk.

Regrets (29)

Denis Ashby, Beryl Barraclough (DLM), Deborah Beattie, Lisa Byer-de Wever (Candidate), Rev. Samuel Vauvert Dansokho, Rev. Rosa Elena Donoso, Bailey Eastwood (Candidate), Colin Forde, Rev. Denis Fortin, Ann Fowles, Louise Gage, Tessa Griffin, Gail Hocquard, Thomas Kent, Rev. Cruz Gonzalo, Rachel Lambie, Rev. David Lefneski, Rev. Marie-Claude Manga, Lorane McKenzie, Birgit Neuschild, Rev. Caroline Penhale (OV), Morgan-Pierre Point, Rev. Lillian Roberts (OV), Darla Sloan, Joan Shea, Alwin Spence, Paul Stanfield, Shirley Stark, Virginia Wallace.

Quorum

This meeting had quorum.

(6:30 PM) Registration

Attendees were invited to join the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Special Instructions

Rev. Kent Chown provided instructions for using Zoom. Instructions included: how to rename yourself, corresponding to your preferred language for breakout rooms and whether or not you are a voting member, how to mute and unmute; how to open the 'participants'; how to open up the 'chat' box and type in comments or questions; how to share chat with 'everyone' or 'privately'; and what the telephone commands were for those only participating using the telephone (*6 to mute and unmute, *9 to raise hand); how to use the interpretation feature within Zoom to have access to simultaneous translation; how to use the poll function when voting; difference of screen presentation on computer vs tablet; how closed captioning works.

Thanksgiving Prayer- Ohenton Kariwatekwen.

Robert Patton to lead Ohenton Kariwatekwen (Thanksgiving Prayer). Slides were shown with pictures themed around the prayer.

"Loving Creator, in our language we say Takwaiehtison, we come to you with thankful and hope filled hearts. As we gather each day it is our responsibility that we give greetings, love, and thanks to each other as peoples, that we gather each and every day and show respect for all your creation. For this wonderful day, we give thanks for being able to walk on this place we call Mother Earth, that we have a relationship with her. That she takes care of us as a mother. We have a responsibility to give her that same love and respect that we give our mothers in all our Nations. And we realize that everthing we need to have a good life, to have peace in our minds, to have strong and healthy body is all in front of us and it comes from our Mother Earth. It then is our responsibility to give back and not to take too much and to take care of her. As we meet each other each day this is a ceremony and as we greet each other we give great thanks or as we say Niawen Kowa. We give thanks for the waters and the fish life that keep our waters clean and give us food. We give thanks for all the medicines. From the beginning they were instructed to take away sickness. They were and always wanting and ready to heal us. We are happy that there are still among us those special few who remember how to use these gifts you have given. So, with one mind we send our greeting and thanks. We give thanks for all the tree life and all the birdlife that bring us beautiful music. Each day they remind us to enjoy life. We give thanks for the four winds. We hear their voices in the moving air as they refresh us and purify the air we breathe. We give thanks for the Thunderes or as we say Ratiweras. We give thanks for our Eldest Brother, the Sun, and for Grandmother Moon. We give thanks for the stars that shine and guide us.

We give thanks for all the Elders and enlightened teachers that lead us in good paths. You have blessed us through all our relations, and we give you our thanks.

Now, we are at the place where we end our words of Thanksgiving, of being thankful for all that we have named. It is not our intention to leave anything out. If anything was forgotten, we leave it to each person to send such greetings and thanks in their own way in the Sanctity of silence.

And now our minds are one."

(6:45 PM) Acknowledgement of Land

Marc Grenon, President and Chair for this meeting, led the *Land Acknowledgement*, calling all to give thanks to the First Nations Peoples for their stewardship of these lands throughout the millennia, calling members of The United Church of Canada to continue to work towards truth and reconciliation and right relations with all First Nations Peoples, and calling for the support for dismantling the doctrine of discovery.

Opening Worship

The Opening Worship was led by Valerie Nickson, who shared as the opening scripture, Ephesians 3:14-21,

followed by introducing the spiritual practice of the *Body Prayer* from the Order of Julian of Norwich – a video was shown explaining how to practice the body prayer. This time of opening worship was closed with the singing of hymn VU 238 “How Great Thou Art”.

A link to the video presentation of the *Body Prayer* is available on the Regional Council website under *Spiritual Practices*: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/november-2022-regional-council-gathering-online/>

(7 PM) Words of Welcome from the President

Marc Grenon, President, welcomed all in attendance and shared the following details:

- Introduced the theme for this general meeting; *Deep Spirituality, Teionho'tes kariwi:iostontsera, Une spiritualité profonde,*
- Reminded the Regional Council of its commitment to make the tasks for this fall meeting to 1. approve the 2023 budgets of the Regional Council and Finance & Extension Board budgets for the upcoming year, 2. to covenant with Regional Council Licensed Lay Worship Leaders (every second year); and to conduct immediate business coming to the Regional Council,
- Announced that Rev. Dan Hayward is acting Executive Minister,
- Announced that a special service recognizing the retirement of Rev. Rosemary Lambie, Executive Minister, would be part of this meeting.

Call to Order

Marc Grenon, President:

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 Nakonha: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

2022-11-18-19_001 MOTION (D. Clinker/L. Buchanan) that the Nakonha:ka Regional Council move the following:

1. That the agenda be adopted as distributed;
2. That the minutes of June 4, 2022 Spring 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. Linda Buchanan and Rev. Joëlle Leduc.
6. That Rev. Tami Spires, David-Roger Gagnon and Shanna Bernier serve as the Equity Support Team;
7. That this meeting includes the behavioral covenant – Holy Manners *The 2021 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 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.

CARRIED

Note from the Equity Team

Rev. Tami Spires, David-Roger Gagnon and Shanna Bernier reminded those in attendance of the importance for creating a safe and equitable environment, and iterated that should the need arise, attendees were invited to contact members of the Team throughout the meeting.

Chaplain

Attendees were invited to contact the Chaplains should a need arise; Rev. Linda Buchanan and Rev. Joëlle Leduc

(7:20 PM) Finance and Extension Board Proposed 2023 Budget

Peter Bisset presented the 2023 budget of the Finance & Extension Board and the following documents were circulated prior to the meeting:

- a) (spreadsheet) 2023 F&E budget see **appendix B¹** / (tableur) Budget du FE 2023 voir **annexe B¹**
- b) (narrative budget) 2023 F&E budget see **appendix B^{1(a)}** / (budget narratif) Budget du FE 2023 voir **annexe B^{1(a)}**

NOTICE OF MOTION (P. Stanfield/P. Bisset) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council approves the 2023 budget for the Finance & Extension Board as presented.

Property & Finance Leadership Team Proposed Regional Council 2023 Budget

Fred Braman presented the 2023 budget for the Regional Council and the following documents were circulated ahead of the meeting:

- a) (spreadsheet) 2023 RC budget see **appendix B²** / (tableur) Budget du CR 2023 voir **annexe B²**
- b) (narrative budget) 2023 RC budget see **appendix B^{2(a)}** / (budget narratif) Budget du CR 2023 voir **annexe B^{2(a)}**

NOTICE OF MOTION (P. Stanfield/P. Bisset) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council approve the Regional Council 2023 budget as presented.

Scripture Reading

Following both presentations, Scripture was read: Genesis 41:1-39 – Pharaoh’s Dreams

(7:45) Table Group Discussions

Following the scripture reading, Marc Grenon, President and Chair announced that it was time to move into breakout rooms and consider the following question: What bible stories about money have particular meaning to you?

(8:05) Granting and Enabling

Rev. Barbara Bryce shared the following motion and answered questions:

2022-11-18-19_002 MOTION (B. Bryce/M. Katchikian) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council receive for information the following:

a) Grant application to Bhal-Jun Fund

A grant of \$3,500 from the Bhal-Jun Fund was awarded to St. James United Church for their project “Nurturing, Cultivating & Rooting Community of Friends”. A decision on the request for the remaining grant of \$4,000 has been deferred to 2023.

b) Grant applications to Good Samaritan Fund

The following grants were awarded from the Good Samaritan Fund:

- Montreal City Mission: Tackling Ageism: \$10,000
- Eva Marsden Centre for Social Justice & Aging: Tax Clinic: \$17,500
- New Hope Seniors’ Centre: West-end Intergenerational Network: \$20,000

c) Grant application to Kelley Fund

A grant of \$3,000 was awarded to Montreal City Mission for their project “A Moveable Feast”.

d) 2023 Mission Support grants

Beaconsfield United Church	\$17,100
Camino de Emaùs de l’Église Unie	\$64,600
Campus Ministry: Bishop’s University/Champlain College	\$2,500
COCLA: Mount Royal United Church	\$26,600
Église Unie St. Pierre et Pinguet	\$28,975
Kanesatake United Church	\$15,000
Montréal City Mission	\$139,175
Rennie’s United Church	\$14,000
Saint Columba House	\$143,450
Union United Church (Montréal)	\$28,500
West Island LGBTQ2+ Centre	\$17,100
Westmount Park United Church	\$8,000

The total amount of the Mission Support grants for 2023 is \$505,000. This amount will be fully funded by a grant from the Finance & Extension Board of the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council.

CARRIED**(8 :10 PM) 44th General Council Update**

Rev. Cathy Hamilton provided updates regarding General Council 44. A link to Cathy’s video presentation is available on the Regional Council website under Other Resources and videos. <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/november-2022-regional-council-gathering-online/>. Information regarding General Council 44 can also be obtained at <https://generalcouncil44.ca/>

(8:25 PM) Bill 96 (legal Implications)

Fred Braman provided information regarding Bill 96 and its implications for the Church. A link to Fred’s video presentation is available on the Regional Council website under Other Resources and videos. <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/november-2022-regional-council-gathering-online/>. Additional information regarding Bill 96 can be obtained at <https://www.assnat.qc.ca/en/travaux-parlementaires/projets-loi/projet-loi-96-42-1.html>

(8:45 PM) Hymn and Prayer

Norm Haslam led a prayer which was followed by the singing of hymn VU 641 "Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song".

(8 :50 PM) Good Night Blessing

Shanna Bernier led the *Good Night Blessing*, introducing the spiritual practice of *Praying with Our Senses*. This was followed by the singing of hymn MV 92 "Like a Rock"

A link to the video presentation of the *Praying with our Senses* is available on the Regional Council website under *Spiritual Practices*: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/november-2022-regional-council-gathering-online/>

Session Two**Saturday, November 19th 2022 (morning)**

THE FOLLOWING REGISTERED THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE BUSINESS MEETING

Ministry Personnel (31)

Mead Baldwin, Janet Bisset, Arlen Bonnar, Linda Buchanan, Kent Chown, James Christie, David Clinker, Christine Marie Gladu, Pierre Goldberger, Attila Gyorgy, Cathy Hamilton, Helen Hliaras, Lee Ann Hogle, Reg Jennings, Elisabeth Jones, Jan Jorgensen, Mher Katchikian, Andrew Lairenge, Dave Lambie, Steve Lawson, Joëlle Leduc, Darryl Macdonald, John Matheson, Jennifer Mountain, Angelika Piché, Darla Sloan, Phyllis Smyth, Tami Spires, Douglas Throop, Stephane Vermette, Neil Whitehouse.

Lay Delegates (28)

Denis Ashby, Judy Bachelder, Carol Bircher, Martha Bromby, Diane Campbell, Diane Cantin, Beverly Clark, Alan Coffey, Elva Crawford, Undeg Edwards, Vivienne Galanis, Gerard Gouw, Marc Grenon, Charlotte Griffith, Richard Guay, Norm Haslam, Janice Knowles, Jan Langelier, L. E. Moir, Johanna Morrow, Valerie Nickson, Robert Patton, Natacha Sanson, Dorothy Shaw, Rick Sheffer, Paul Stanfield, Shirley Stark, Vera Young.

Corresponding Members - Candidates (5)

Adedeji Akintayo, Jessica Gauthier, Kelley Molloy, Cynthia Reynolds, Virginia Wallace.

Lay Delegates Under 35 (1)

Rachel Lambie

Regional Council Staff and Office of Vocations Ministers (9)

Shanna Bernier, Judy Coffin, David-Roger Gagnon, Rev. Daniel Hayward (full-voting member), Rev. Rosemary Lambie (full-voting member), Joel Miller, Rev. Caroline Penhale (OV), Rev. Lillian Roberts (OV), Brian Ruse.

Guests of the Regional Council (16)

Hugh Ballem, Wayne Beamer, Deborah Beattie, Hepta Deslandes, Ann Fowlis, Tessa Griffin, Kirsty Hayward, Gail Hocquard, Alicia Loria, Lorane McKenzie, Monique Moser, Joan Shea, Alwin Spence, Brenda Lee Strickland, Renate Sutherland, Michael Woytiuk.

Regrets (22)

Beryl Barraclough (DLM), Peter Bisset, Fred Braman, Lisa Byer-de Wever (Candidate), Rev. Barbara Bryce, Lynn Drew, David Drew, Bailey Eastwood (Candidate), Colin Forde, Louise Gage, Thomas Kent, Rev. Samuel Vauvert Dansokho, Rev. Rosa Elena Donoso, Rev. Denis Fortin, Rev. Cruz Gonzalo, Rev. David Lefneski, Rev. Marie-Claude Manga, Birgit Neuschild, Morgan-Pierre Point, Alma Ransom, Maureen Scott-Kabwe, Bethan Wardrop.

Quorum

This meeting had quorum.

(8:45 AM) Reconnect to Meeting

Attendees are invited to reconnect on Zoom at 8:45 AM.

(8:50 AM) Special Instructions

Rev. Kent Chown provided a quick refresher for how to use the features in Zoom (see details in the minutes from Friday evening session, following *Registration*).

(8:55 AM) Gathering Music

The Following hymn was sung as gathering music: MV 28 “God of the Bible”

(9:00 AM) Morning Blessing

As the *Morning Blessing*, Joel Miller introduced *Christian Meditation*. Joel read from the Scriptures: Isaiah 43:19, Romans 12:1, Psalm 51:10 and Galatians 5:22-23. Afterwards, Joel gave instruction on how to practice *Christian Meditation* and allowed a couple of minutes for the group to try an exercise in this spiritual discipline. As a closing, the following scripture passages were read: Philippians 4:8 and 2 Peter 3 :18 and the following hymn was sung: Hymn VU 82 “A Light is Gleaming”

A link to the video presentation of the *Christian Meditation* is available on the Regional Council website under *Spiritual Practices*: <https://nakhakaucc.ca/event/november-2022-regional-council-gathering-online/>. Additional information can be found visiting: <https://wccm.org/>

(9:10 AM) Regional Council Clusters

David-Roger Gagnon introduced each of the following *Clusters* and their presenters:

- Laurentian Area Ministry – LAM (Kelley Molloy)
- St. Francis Cluster (Ann Fowlis)
- West Island and Riverside Cluster (Rev. Helen Hliaras and Rev. Christine Marie Gladu)
- South Shore and Valleys Cluster (Rev. Jennifer Mountain)

A link to each of the video presentations of Clusters is available on the Regional Council website under *Clusters*: <https://nakhakaucc.ca/event/november-2022-regional-council-gathering-online/>.

(9:35 AM) First Third Ministries: United Spirit Camp, Youth Forum updates

Shanna Bernier provided updates for First Third Ministries, United Spirit Camp and Youth Forum.

A link to Shanna’s video presentation is available on the Regional Council website under *Other resources and videos*: <https://nakhakaucc.ca/event/november-2022-regional-council-gathering-online/>.

(9:45 AM) Office of Vocations

Rev. Caroline Penhale and Rev. Lillian Roberts introduced themselves in their new roles as Office of Vocation Ministers for this Regional Council; in particular, Rev. Penhale will work with the candidates for ministry and Rev. Roberts with accreditation and discipline of ministry personnel.

More information about the Office of Vocations can be found at <https://united-church.ca/leadership/supporting-ministry/office-vocation>.

(9:55 AM) LLWL Presentation

Charlotte Griffith provided background information on how Licensed Lay Worship Leaders are licensed and relicensed, and Rev. Lee Ann Hogle presented those who would receive their license (fall 2022- fall 2024):

22-11-18-19_003 MOTION (L. Hogle/V. Galanis) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council receive the recommendation of the Licensed Lay Worship Leaders Team to license the following people as Licensed Lay Worship Leaders within the Regional Council for 2 years (fall 2022- fall 2024):

Debbie Beattie, Hepta Deslandes, Tessa Ann Griffin, Charlotte Griffith, Stéphane Godbout, Norman Haslam, Gail Hocquard, Shirley Knutson, Carolyn Linde, Lorane McKenzie, Kelley Molloy, Pamela Naylor, Valerie Epps Nickson, Joan Shea, Alwin Spence, Brenda-Lee Strickland, Morgan-Pierre Point and Virginia Wallace.

CARRIED

(10:10 AM) Voting Finance & Extension Board 2023 Budget

2022-11-18-19_004 MOTION (P. Stanfield/P. Bisset) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council approves the 2023 budget for the Finance & Extension Board as presented. **CARRIED**

Voting Regional Council 2023 Budget

2022-11-18-19_005 MOTION (P. Stanfield/P. Bisset) that the Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council approve the Regional Council 2023 budget as presented. **CARRIED**

(10:20 AM) Break

A 10-minute break was had by all.

(10:30 AM) Gathering Music/ Musique de rassemblement

To bring members back to the meeting, the following was sung as gathering music: MV 90 “Don’t be Afraid”. This was followed by a Prayer led by Rev. Mead Baldwin

(10:35 AM) Deep Spirituality

Presentations were given on diverse *Spiritual Practices*:

- Labyrinth (Rev. Elisabeth Jones)
- Taizé (Connie Osborne, Rev. Christine-Marie Gladu)
- Celtic (Rev. Darryl Macdonald)
- Nature Walk (Rev. Neil Whitehouse)

A link to the video presentations for each of the spiritual practices addressed are available on the Regional Council website under *Spiritual Practices*: <https://nakonhakaucc.ca/event/november-2022-regional-council-gathering-online/>.

(10:55 AM) Table Group Discussions – Deep Spirituality

Following the presentation on spiritual practices, Marc Grenon, President and Chair announced that it was time to move into breakout rooms and consider the following question: 1. What does deep spirituality mean to you? 2. What are some of your practices/disciplines?

(11 :25 AM) Recognition of Rev. Rosemary Lambie Executive Ministers for Her Years of Service

Colleagues and friends honored Rev. Rosemary Lambie, Executive Ministers of Nakonha:ka Regional Council (also as Ministry Personnel within The United Church of Canada, and as Executive Secretary of Montreal & Ottawa Conference), for her years of dedicated service to the Church, and expressed gratitude for her leadership, and wishing her well as she moves into retirement. In particular, the following things were done to honor Rosemary:

- Singing of hymn VU 664 “I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry” – one of Rosemary’s favorites,
- Introducing a fund in Rosemary’s name that would go to help fund indigenous ministries within the Regional Council,

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- Sharing a *word-cloud* with messages collected for Rosemary, giving her thanks and wishing her many Blessings,
 - The Reading of messages of encouragement to Rosemary from dear friends (Rev. Doug Stewart, Past Montreal & Ottawa Conference Personnel Minister, and Rev. Ryk Allen, Past Montreal & Ottawa Conference Executive Minister),
 - Presenting Rosemary with a collection of children's books (for her to read to her 10 grandchildren), a box of wine and cheese (as a reminder that she always provided the same to her cherished volunteers when they were expected to be away from home at an overnight function), plant and a scrapbook filled with fond memories of times with Rosemary while she led Montreal & Ottawa Conference, and through the transition into current structure of Regional Councils,
 - The time of celebration ended with the singing of VU 424 "May the God of Hope Go with Us" – another one of Rosemary's favorites.

(11:35 AM) Closing Motions

2022-11-18-19_006 MOTION (D. Hayward/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**

2022-11-18-19_007 MOTION (V. Epps-Nickson/D. Hayward) that this general meeting be adjourned following the rise of the closing worship, and that the President declares this general meeting of the Nakhonha:ka Regional Council duly concluded. **CARRIED**

(11:40 AM) Covenant with Licensed Lay Worship Leaders (LLWL) & Closing Worship

Rev. Lee Ann Hogle and Charlotte Griffith led the covenanting liturgy which was used as a means for the Regional Council to enter into covenant with its Licensed Lay Worship Leader (LLWL). Afterwards, and to celebrate the LLWLs the following hymn was sung: VU 958 Halle, Halle, Halle. Following which, the closing hymn was sung: MV 161 I Have Called You by Your Name.

Reflection – "Deep Spirituality: The Disabled God."

Rev. Dan Hayward, Pastoral Relations Minister and acting Executive Minister, shared a reflection entitled *Deep Spirituality: The Disabled God*.

Ne wahtkwanonweraton - Thanksgiving Prayer (Closing Words)

Robert Patton to lead the Ne wahtkwanonweraton (closing words); the continuation of Nia wen Takwaieatison (Thanksgiving Prayer).

Now our closing is a continuation of our Thanksgiving Address.
Nia wen Takwaieatison, ne wahtkwanonweraton.

Thank you, my Creator, you who made us. I send you my greetings, my love and kindness, my Thanksgiving. Let us bring our minds together and give our thanks to Shokwaiatison, our Creator for bringing us together tonight. We give thanks for giving us this new technology to enable us to meet at a distance and still be together and do your work. We thank our Creator for blessing us with words, words of wisdom, knowledge and music to share so your work can be done in our world.

As we close, just as in our circles, we close our bundles, giving our Creator our respect and Niawen Kowa. We now carry our bundle forward to our next gathering. We thank our Creator for allowing us to have our meeting and now as we close we again thank you Takwaieatison, Loving Creator for watching over our loved ones to find them the way we left them. We carry the love and teaching with us in all we do. Now we end our words

Etonaiawen, Amen

Marc Grenon, President, Chair

Rev. Dan Hayward
Acting Executive Minister

Joel Miller
Recording Secretary

Appendices

Appendix A Minutes of June 4, 2022 Spring General Meeting
Appendix B¹ (spreadsheet) 2023 F&E budget
Appendix B^{1(a)} (narrative budget) 2023 F&E budget
Appendix B² (spreadsheet) 2023 RC budget
Appendix B^{2(a)} (narrative budget) 2023 RC budget

Appendix available on the Regional Council website (under download documents):
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