
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
March 20-21, 2026

-Motions-

Theme “Love Knocks and Waits”

Omnibus Motion

2026-03-20-21_001 MOTION (Eric Hebert-Daly/Virginia Wallace) that the Nakhonha:ka Regional Council move the following:

1. That the agenda be adopted as distributed;
2. That the minutes of November 15, 2025, Fall General Meeting be approved as circulated (see **Appendix A**);
3. That the Regional Council appoint BCGO S.E.N.C.R.L. to conduct the Nakhonha:ka Regional Council’s 2026 review engagement;
4. That the Regional Council appoint BCGO S.E.N.C.R.L. to conduct the Finance & Extension Board’s 2026 review engagement;
5. That the Regional Council receive for information grants distributions awarded in March of 2026 as reported by the Granting & Enabling Leadership Team (see **Appendix B**);
6. That the cut off time for receiving emerging issues for addition to the agenda be 20:45;
7. That candidates who are not in an appointment and those present as invited guests be named as corresponding members of the Court;
8. That the following people serve as Scrutineers: Rev. Kent Chown, Norm Haslam;
9. That the following person serves as Parliamentarian: Rev. Rosemary Lambie;
10. That the following person serve as Chaplain: Rev. Samuel V. Dansokho
11. That the following people serve as the Equity Support Team: Rev. Dan Hayward, Shanna Bernier;
12. That this meeting include the behavioral covenant (to be shared in unison):

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 to 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 2025 Manual (see page 204), the expression Holy Manners is translated as rules of conduct based on respect and benevolence.

Virtual Manner

Use the Chat feature of Zoom appropriately:

-understanding that speaking in Public Chat is equivalent to speaking out loud in a meeting and is disruptive and rude and should be directed to the Chair of the meeting and used for Points of Order and/or matters of personal privilege;

-responding in Chat when invited to do so by the Chair;

-using direct messaging when desiring or needed to engage with another

Use of transcription not for use outside of the meeting/event

2025 Report Book

- See *Report Book (2025)* as **Appendix C**

2026-03-20-21_002 MOTION (/) that the Nakhonha:ka Regional Council receive and approve the Report Book (2025) as circulated.

Governance Handbook Updates

- See *Governance Handbook (March 2026)* as **Appendix D¹**
- See *Policy Regarding Proceeds from the Sale of Property* as **Appendix D²**
- See *Policy for Church Property Transfer to a Regionally Held Vehicle (Limited Partnership)* as **Appendix D³**

2026-03-20-21_003 MOTION (/) that the Nakhonha:ka Regional Council receive for information the updated Governance Handbook (March 2026).

Nominations Leadership Team Report – Executive Restructuring – Nathaniel MacMaster

- See *Nominations Leadership Team Report* in Report Book **Appendix C**

2026-03-20-21_004 MOTION (Nathaniel McMaster/) that the Nakonha:ka Regional Council concur with the recommendation of the Nominations Leadership Team approve the restructuring of the Executive as follows:

The current Executive (comprising 19 voting members) be replaced by an executive body called a Council of Elders comprising 12 voting members (“elders”).

Four of these voting members would be ex officio; that is, guaranteed a seat on the Council of Elders by virtue of another position held: the Executive Minister, the Treasurer, the Chair of the Finance and Extension Board, and the Chair of the Pastoral Relations Leadership Team.

The terms of the Chair of Finance and Extension and the Chair of Pastoral Relations on the Council of Elders would be determined by their terms in their respective office. The Treasurer would be elected by the Regional Council for one three-year term with possibility of re-election. The Executive Minister would be a member of the Council of Elders for their entire term of employment. Other staff of the Regional Council would be non-voting, corresponding members.

The remaining eight voting members would be members-at-large, elected to staggered three-year terms with the possibility of re-election once (a total of six consecutive years on the Council). They would then be obligated to stand down for three years before again being eligible for election to the Council. The Council would elect one of its members-at-large as Leading Elder for a two-year term, not eligible for re-election for four years. The four ex officio elders would not be eligible to serve as Leading Elder.

The responsibilities of the Leading Elder would be: to prepare the agendas for, and to chair meetings of, the Regional Council and the Council of Elders; to serve as primary spokesperson of the Regional Council; to attend meetings of the Planning Regional Gatherings Leadership Team; to participate in celebration of ministries and covenanting services, as well as other special services organized by the Regional Council; to provide an ecumenical presence at the services and events of partner organizations.

If an elder is elected Leading Elder in the first year of a three-year term, they would revert simply to being an elder in the third year. There would be one exception to the maximum term of six consecutive years: if an elder is elected Leading Elder in third year of a three-year term, they would automatically continue on the Council for a fourth year (to complete the two-year term as Leading Elder. They thus have the possibility of serving for seven consecutive years.

Each member-at-large would be appointed the liaison with one of the Regional Council leadership teams, viz., First Third Ministries, Granting and Enabling, Justice and Community Ministries, Nominations, Licensed Lay Worship Leaders, Living into Right Relations, *Planning Regional Gatherings, and La Table des ministères en français. The member-at-large elected Leading Elder would automatically be appointed the liaison for the Planning

Regional Gatherings Leadership Team.

The elder who is the liaison for a given leadership team cannot be a voting member of said leadership team; however, this would not preclude voting membership on another leadership team. For example, John Smith is elected by the Regional Council to the Council of Elders. He is already a member of the First Third Ministries Leadership Team. He cannot serve at the liaison with First Third Ministries, so is appointed the liaison to Granting and Enabling, where he is not a voting member. He nevertheless continues in his position as a voting member of First Third Ministries.

The proposed changes would take effect in June 2026.

-Appendices-

Appendices available on the Regional Council website (under *Documents*):

<https://nakhakaucc.ca/event/online-agm-march-2026/>

Appendix A	Minutes of November 15, 2025 (Fall General Meeting)
Appendix B	Grants Distributions Awarded in March of 2026
Appendix C	Report Book (2025)
Appendix D ¹	Governance Handbook (March 2026)
Appendix D ²	Policy Regarding Proceeds from the Sale of Property
Appendix D ³	Policy for Church Property Transfer to a Regionally Held Vehicle (Limited Partnership)