

**SHINING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES  
OF THE REGIONAL MEETING  
October 17 – 18, 2020**

The annual meeting of Shining Waters Regional Council took place on October 17 – 18, 2020 via video conference. The theme was *Becoming One in Christ*.

**SATURDAY, October 17, 2020**

**MORNING SESSION**

Words of Welcome, Opening of Meeting and constituting the Council

Shining Waters Regional Council gathered via Zoom video conference to begin the annual meeting of Shining Waters Regional Council. David Leyton-Brown, President, welcomed all those participating, introduced himself and Executive Minister, Peter Hartmans. He explained the model of how the participants would be together in this meeting.

Susie Henderson gave an orientation to the tools being used for this meeting.

President, David Leyton-Brown constituted the meeting in the name of Jesus Christ, and as the United Church gathered together, to deal with such business as should properly come before the Council.

David Leyton-Brown gave an Acknowledgement of the Land and Rev. Evan Noodin Swance-Smith brought pre-recorded greetings and a welcome to the territory.

Opening motions

**MOTION** by David Leyton-Brown/Kirsty Hunter that the following enabling motions be adopted,

- a) Roll of the Regional Council: that the roll of Roll of the Regional Council shall consist of:
  - All ministry personnel within the geographic bounds served by Shining Waters Regional Council (Basis of Union 6.2.1);
  - Ministers of denominations within mutual recognition agreements while under appointment or call (Basis of Union 6.2.2);
  - Lay members elected by the Community of Faith, respecting the balance of lay and ministry personnel where possible (Basis of Union 6.2.3);
  - Additional lay members as determined by the Regional Council if necessary, to respect a balance of ministry personal and lay members who are not ministry personnel in the membership of the Regional Council (2019 Manual C.1.2.b).

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- b) Bounds of the Regional Council Meeting: that the bounds of the Regional Council meeting for voting purposes shall be the zoom meeting ID 912 9221 5721 and when in session; that the Shining Waters Regional Council hold a Celebration of Ministry Service including admission and ordination to the Order of Ministry of The United Church of Canada on Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. to take place on zoom meeting ID 949 3351 4618, to fulfil its responsibility to ordain those whom the Office of Vocation has confirmed as having completed all the requirements for ordination and admit those whom the Office of Vocation has confirmed as having completed all the requirements for admission, and whom the Regional Council has confirmed have a covenantal relationship in place with a community of faith.
- c) Agenda: that the Agenda as posted to the regional website be the order of business, subject to those changes that are recommended by the Chairperson.
- d) Minutes: that the Minutes of the inaugural meeting of Shining Waters Regional Council held May 24 – 26, 2019 be approved as circulated.
- e) Adjournment of Sessions: that the Chairperson have the authority to recess the Regional Council when business, as ordered, is completed, until the next order of the day.
- f) Corresponding Members: that corresponding members shall be official guests of the Regional Council. Their names shall be included in the Record of Proceedings. (2019 Manual C.1.4)
- g) New Business & Nominations: that any Nominations for President-Elect, the Regional Council Executive, Commissions and Committees were received by the regional office before 9 a.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2020. Items of New Business shall be given to the Chairperson *before* 12:30 pm on Saturday, October 17, 2020.

### **PROCEDURAL MOTIONS**

1. The procedural and prayer microphone shall be the chat box.
2. Any handouts must be authorized by the Chairperson.
3. The Parliamentarian shall be the Heather Keachie.
4. The Chairperson will present proposals. The Chairperson will invite prayerful discernment and discussion on the wisdom of the proposal. When the Chairperson discerns that the sense of the meeting is such that we are ready to hear a motion on the proposal, they will invite the presenter to put the motion. Once the motion has been moved and seconded, Rules of Debate and Order shall be followed.
5. At the discretion of the chairperson, microphone time for each speaker will be limited to 1½ minutes per proposal and 1½ minutes per motion with the exception of the mover (who may speak at the beginning and end of a motion).

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6. Microphone time may be reduced at the discretion of the Chairperson in 30-second increments when any item of business exceeds 20 minutes.
7. The normal voting procedure shall be a show of hands using the YES and NO icons found at the bottom of the participants panel or \*9 for those on the phone. If two people are joined from the same household one person will vote with the Yes/No icons and the second will type YES or No in the chat. Those who wish to abstain will type ABSTAIN in the chat. Where a secret ballot is required, ballot sheets will be provided through the Regional Council website.
8. In the case of limited time for business, items will be dealt with in the following order: Proposals to Shining Waters Regional Council, Reports requiring a decision of the Regional Council, Reports for Information.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED.**

Introductions

President, David Leyton-Brown made a number of introductions.

Greetings from General Council

Rev. Michael Blair brought greetings from the General Council.

Worship

Members of the Intercultural Diversity Circle provided worship.

Discussion on Anti-Racism

President, David Leyton-Brown welcomed HyeRan Kim-Cragg as the keynote speaker on anti-racism. She has a great deal of experience in teaching, researching, and facilitating anti-racism in the United Church. Shining Waters Regional Council has made commitments to intentionally address racism within our midst and this discussion is part of our ongoing commitment.

The meeting took an all-purpose break.

Proposal for an Intercultural Diversity Commission

The Intercultural Diversity Circle gave a video presentation on this proposal and co-chairs, Francis Nyarko and Amy Lee were available to answer questions.

**MOTION** by Peter Hartmans/Kirsty Hunter that the proposal for an Intercultural Diversity Commission be approved; that it be referred to the Executive to develop a policy to be added to the Shining Waters Regional Council governance structure based on the proposal; and that the Nominations Committee present a nominations report to the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive to populate the Intercultural Diversity Commission for Shining Waters Regional Council.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

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The meeting broke for lunch.

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

Financial Report and Budget

A video presentation was made on the budget and Finance Administrator, Janet MacDonald was available for questions.

**MOTION** by Peter Hartmans/Kirsty Hunter that the Shining Waters Regional Council 2021 draft budget be approved.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Report of the Nominations Committee and Election

Kirsty Hunter, Chair of the Nominations Committee, presented the Nominations Committee Report.

President-Elect:

David Leyton-Brown announced that Betty Lou McNabb is received by acclamation as President-Elect.

Members of Executive, Commissions and Committees:

**MOTION** by Peter Hartmans/Kirsty Hunter that Shining Waters Regional Council elect those listed in the Nominations Report to serve on the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive, Commissions and committees of Shining Waters Regional Council for stated terms and that two additional members of the Equity Committee, Ruth Bramham and Lee Heard be elected provisionally pending the Executive revising the terms of reference contained in the Equity Committee Policy.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

The Nominations Committee was thanked for their work and the President thanked everyone who volunteered and will be offering leadership in the region.

Accountability Reports

The President called for questions related to the accountability report of the Executive.

**MOTION** by Peter Hartmans/Kirsty Hunter that the accountability reports be received for information.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

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The meeting took an all-purpose break.

Reflections by Ordinands, Admittands

The candidates for ordination, admission and recognition gave their reflections via pre-recorded video, which also included a verse of a hymn chosen by each.

Equity Action Plan

Members of the Equity Committee gave presentations and reflections on the Equity Action Plan. The President invited questions or comments.

**MOTION** by Peter Hartmans/Kirsty Hunter that the Equity Action Plan be received.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Peter Hartmans/Kirsty Hunter that Shining Waters Regional Council become an Affirming Ministry based on the 2020 Equity Action Plan; continue our membership in Affirm United/S' affirmer Ensemble, for an annual fee of \$1000; and host a region-wide public service of celebration for our Affirming commitment in 2021 (possibly on March 14, 2021 which is also Affirm United's PIE Day. PIE Day is an opportunity to be Public, Intentional and Explicit about our ongoing commitment to the full inclusion and celebration of LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people.)

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

New Business

A prayer request was received regarding a fire at a lobster compound in Middle West Pubnico, Nova Scotia overnight where Mi'kmaw fishers were storing their catches. Peter Hartmans offered prayer.

Announcements

Peter Hartmans offered some thanks and made announcements.

Blessing and Adjournment

The President declared the meeting adjourned. Rev. Michael Blair offered a closing blessing.

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**AFTERNOON SESSION**

Celebration of Ministries Service

The meeting of Shining Waters Regional Council held a Celebration of Ministries service virtually at 3:00 p.m. President, David Leyton-Brown presided assisted by Executive Minister Peter Hartmans. Tina Conlon and Eleanor Scarlett also provided leadership.

Leigh Kern of Toronto Urban Native Ministries gave the Acknowledgement of the Land. The scripture readings were Exekial 37: 1 – 13 read by Michaela Di Matteo and Marjorie King and Phillipians 4: 4- 9 read by Richard Choe. Peter Hartmans delivered the message.

Three people were ordained to the order of ministry: Lisa Naumann, Alydia Smith, and Brian Stevens. Joel Aguirre was admitted to the order of ministry of The United Church of Canada.

Steven Loweth was recognized as a Designated Lay Minister. Four people were celebrated as Licensed Lay Worship Leaders: Brian Packham, Lydia Pederson, Doug Reid, and Paul Stott.

Tina Conlon gave the Commissioning and Benediction.

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David Leyton-Brown, President

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Peter Hartmans, Executive Minister