

## SHINING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL MEETING November 13, 2021

The annual meeting of Shining Waters Regional Council took place on November 13, 2021 via video conference. The theme was *A Time for Every Purpose*.

#### MORNING SESSION

##### Words of Welcome, Opening of Meeting and constituting the Council

Shining Waters Regional Council gathered via Zoom video conference at 9:00 a.m. 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.

Jody Maltby 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 safe space statement. Rev. Evan Noodin Swance-Smith brought pre-recorded greetings and a welcome to the territory.

##### Opening motions

**MOTION** by Peter Hartmans / Betty Lou McNabb 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 913 1998 6777 and when in session.
- 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 meetings of Shining Waters Regional Council held October 18-19, 2020, May 30, 2021, and June 17, 2021 be approved as circulated.
- e) Accountability reports: that the reports as presented in the Resource Book be accepted for information.
- f) 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.
- g) Corresponding Members: that corresponding members shall be official guests of the Regional Council. Their names shall be included in the Record of Proceedings (2021 Manual C.1.5).
- h) New Business & Nominations: (Nominations are closed. The deadline was October 29, 2021). Items of New Business shall be given to the Chairperson *before* 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 13, 2021.

Procedural

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 Beth Moore.
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).
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 RAISE HAND icon 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 Raise Hand icon 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.

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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, including the chaplains, parliamentarian, and General Council representative.

Worship

Members of the Social and Ecological Justice Commission provided worship.

Proposals to Shining Waters Regional Council

Susan Eagle presented proposal #SW2021-01 *Continuation of Social & Ecological Justice Commission*.

**MOTION** by Susan Eagle / Eleanor Scarlett that Shining Waters Regional Council adopt the proposal #SW2021-01 *Continuation of Social & Ecological Justice Commission*, as presented.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Robin Wardlaw presented proposal #SW2021-02 *Raising Our Voice for Human Rights*

**MOTION** by Robin Wardlaw / Brian McIntosh that Shining Waters Regional Council adopt the proposal, #SW2021-02 *Raising Our Voice for Human Rights*, as presented.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

The meeting took an all-purpose break.

Budget and Financial Report

A draft budget for 2022 was presented and Finance Administrator, Janet MacDonald, was available for questions.

**MOTION** by Dong-Chun Seo / Steven Loweth that Shining Waters Regional Council approve the 2022 draft budget as presented.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Erik Mathiesen, Executive Officer of Finance at General Council, gave a presentation, *National Perspective – CRA News, Assessments, M & S*.

The meeting broke for lunch, and Peter Hartmans offered grace.

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**AFTERNOON SESSION**

In Memoriam

A time of worship was held to remember those ministry personnel that have passed away since the October 2020 Regional Council meeting, as well as the churches that have closed in that period.

Proposals to General Council

**MOTION** by Donna Bowman-Woodall / Barbara Hendren that Shining Waters Regional Council forward the proposal #GC2021-01 *Ministry Personnel Salary Equity* to General Council with concurrence

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Robin Wardlaw / Brian McIntosh that Shining Waters Regional Council forward the proposal #GC2021-02 *Raising Our Voice for Human Rights* to General Council with concurrence.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Audrey Brown registered her abstention.

**MOTION** by Tina Conlon / Lois Brown that Shining Waters Regional Council forward the proposal #GC2021-03 *Decriminalization of Illicit Substances for Personal Use and Harm Reduction*, to General Council with concurrence

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Barry Rieder / Robin Wardlaw that Shining Waters Regional Council forward the proposal #GC2021-04 *Jurisdiction of Clergy* to General Council with concurrence.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

The meeting took an all-purpose break.

**MOTION** by Barry Rieder / Robin Wardlaw that Shining Waters Regional Council forward the proposal #GC2021-05 *Care of the Church's Marginalized* to General Council with concurrence.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Brian McIntosh / Robin Wardlaw that Shining Waters Regional Council forward the proposal #GC2021-06 *Vocational Process Accountability* to General Council with concurrence.

**MOTION**

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION** by Peter Hartmans / Cynthia O'Connell that Shining Waters Regional Council forward the proposal #GC2021-06 *Vocational Process Accountability* to General Council with non-concurrence.

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**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Brian McIntosh / Robin Wardlaw that Shining Waters Regional Council forward the proposal #GC2021-07 *Senior GCO and Regional Staff Performance Reviews* to General Council with concurrence.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Brian McIntosh / Robin Wardlaw that Shining Waters Regional Council forward the proposal #GC2021-08 *Review of New Structure* to General Council with concurrence.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Brian McIntosh / Robin Wardlaw that Shining Waters Regional Council forward the proposal #GC2021-9 *Vocational Review and Discipline Accountability* to General Council with concurrence.

**MOTION**

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION** by Audrey Brown / Eleanor Scarlett that Shining Waters Regional Council forward the proposal #GC2021-9 *Vocational Review and Discipline Accountability* to General Council with non-concurrence.

**MOTION**

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION** by Angus MacLennan / Audrey Brown that Shining Waters Regional Council attach a comment to the proposal #GC2021-04 *Jurisdiction of Clergy*, that the word “encourage” be added in front of the section suggesting chaplains.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Report of the Nominations Committee and Election**

Betty Lou McNabb, Chair of the Nominations Committee, presented the Nominations Committee Report.

**MOTION** by Betty Lou McNabb / Steven Loweth 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 the stated terms.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Betty Lou McNabb / Steven Loweth that the terms of the current members of the Shining Waters Regional Council Social and Ecological Justice Commission be extended by one year to end in 2022.

**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.

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Installation of President

Executive Minister, Peter Hartmans, gave recognition and gratitude to the outgoing President, David Leyton-Brown.

President, David Leyton-Brown, and Executive Minister, Peter Hartmans installed Rev. Betty Lou McNabb as the new President of Shining Waters Regional Council.

Blessing and Adjournment

The new President, Betty Lou McNabb, declared the meeting adjourned and offered a closing blessing.

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David Leyton-Brown, President

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Peter Hartmans, Executive Minister