

The United Church of Canada  
Shining Waters Regional Council

**EXECUTIVE**

**MINUTES of Meeting held February 3, 2022**, at 6:30 p.m.  
via video teleconference.

**PRESENT:** Allan Holditch, Isaac Kamta, David Leyton-Brown, Steven Loweth, Betty Lou McNabb, Allyce Mutungi, Moon Ja Park, Lynn Mooney, Daniel Reed

Staff: Jody Maltby (Acting Executive Minister), Rachael Howes (Administrative Support), Kim Uyede-Kai (Communities of Faith Support), Dale Hildebrand (Pastoral Relations Minister)

**REGRETS:** Jingle Ayupan, Kirsty Hunter

**GATHERING and OPENING**

Betty Lou McNabb opened the meeting at 6:34 p.m. and constituted the meeting in the name of Jesus Christ. She gave an acknowledgement of the land, and acknowledged our commitment to being a safe place for all people to gather and participate in our Region.

Betty Lou McNabb led a brief worship focussing on the season of Epiphany and how we carry our own light. She read from *Embers* by Richard Wagamese.

There was a time of check-in.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Isaac Kamta / David Leyton-Brown that the agenda for this meeting be approved as circulated.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Moon Ja Park / Allan Holditch that the Minutes of the meeting of the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive held December 2, 2021 be approved as circulated.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Commission Minutes**

The Executive received the Minutes of the Pastoral Relations Commission for August to December 2021 for information. Dale Hildebrand was available to answer questions.

**MOTION** by David Leyton-Brown / Daniel Reed that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council receive the Minutes of the Pastoral Relations Commission for August to December 2021 for information.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

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**Pastoral Relations Commission – Pulpit Supply Policy**

The Pulpit Supply Policy created and approved by the Pastoral Relations Commission was received for information. Dale Hildebrand gave some information about the policy and was available to answer questions.

**MOTION** by Allan Holditch / Allyce Mutungi that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council receive the new Pulpit Supply Policy for information.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Dale Hildebrand left the meeting.

**Email Votes**

The following decisions were made by email:

- Huttonville United Church – sale of property

approved and authorized the sale of the property of the former Huttonville United Church, being 2051, 2051A Embleton Road, Brampton, Ontario, to Peace and Harmony Centre, in the amount of One Million Six Hundred One Thousand (\$1,601,000.) with a closing date of October 29, 2021.

removed Ken Woolley, Alex Watson, and Christine Smaller as Trustees of Huttonville United Church with thanks for their service, and appointed Gloria Tozek as a Trustee.

**Indigenous translation of Shining Waters**

An Ojibway translation was presented at the December Executive meeting – *Waasagmigma* means Shining Waters in Ojibway. There was discussion about whether there should be input from other Indigenous languages. Betty Lou McNabb will check with Evan Smith of Toronto Urban Native Ministry. Kim Uyede-Kai suggested having a conversation with Martha Pedoniquotte and Betty Lou will contact her.

**Social and Ecological Justice Commission Policy – updated**

David Leyton-Brown presented an updated Social and Ecological Justice Commission Policy. It was updated because the Commission is now a permanent commission of the regional council.

**MOTION** by David Leyton-Brown / Moon Ja Park that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council approve the updated Social and Ecological Justice Commission Policy as presented.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

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**Nominations Committee:**

The Committee is working on nominations, especially to increase the membership of the Social and Ecological Justice Commission, and is preparing a call for nominations to go out to the Region this month.

- **Equity Lead**  
Each Commission is required, and has been asked, to name an Equity Lead. The Nominations Committee asked the Executive if they wanted to name an Equity Lead, as it is not a requirement. The Executive will be represented at meetings of the Equity Leads, but would the Executive benefit by having someone in that role? It was decided that the Executive will appoint an Equity Lead. David Leyton-Brown has agreed to be the Equity Lead until the regional council meeting in May. The Executive will revisit this item after May.
- **Position on the Executive held for a representative named by the Indigenous Spiritual Gathering**  
This will come back to a future meeting.
- **Current Recruitment Plan**  
A call for nominations is being prepared to go out this month and a town hall will be held for people to learn more about the various positions. The Nominations Committee is aware that they can not just rely on the application process, so individuals are encouraged to notify the Committee of people that they feel could be approached to serve.

**Regional Meeting Update – May 27-29, 2022**

Jody Maltby gave an update;

- An Agenda planning group is being created. An invitation has been sent to the four commissions to name someone for that group but there are no names yet. The group will focus on the educational aspects of the meeting.
- Friday, May 27th and Saturday, May 28 have been set aside for the meeting and it will be online. The question is should it be a full two days of meeting or divided into two half-days?
- Betty Lou McNabb has thought of a theme based on 1 Corinthians 12:7, "The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all."

**Update on General Council 44**

- The first training session for feed loops was today and the platform seems to be very user-friendly; Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> is the start of GC44;
- This will be a very different type of General Council meeting, as it is all online, and a different pace;
- To date, there is one candidate for Moderator.

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**Closing:** Betty Lou McNabb offered a closing prayer and the meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: to be determined by Doodle Poll.

