

Shining Waters Regional Council  
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# General Council Update

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the General Council



A scenic landscape photograph of a mountain valley. In the foreground, a calm lake reflects the surrounding scenery. The middle ground is filled with a dense forest of evergreen trees, interspersed with bright yellow wildflowers. In the background, majestic mountains with patches of snow rise against a clear blue sky. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

# Vision and Call, Strategic Planning

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# Vision

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**Deep Spirituality**  
**Bold Discipleship**  
**Daring Justice**

- A year of preparing, consulting, working towards a common vision.
- Moving to planning, setting key objectives, assessing the work and adjusting
- Basis of work plan for 2022-2025





# Call

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*Called by God, as disciples of Jesus, The United Church of Canada seeks to be a bold, connected, evolving church of diverse, courageous, hope-filled communities united in deep spirituality, inspiring worship, and daring justice.*





# Strategic Objectives

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Five focal points for our work

- **Embolden Justice:** with a particular focus on indigenous justice, anti-racism work, LGBTQ2S+ inclusion.
- **Invigorate Leadership:** Adapting and innovating for bold discipleship
- **Nurture Common Good:** Equity and sustainability in resources
- **Deepen Integrity:** Living our climate commitments
- **Growth/Strengthening Invitation:** Growing number of communities of faith and strengthening existing communities of faith



# Work Planning

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2022-2025

- Establishing working groups for five objective areas
- Creating a workplan with projects and activities, including key objectives and results
- Wrapping up activities as needed
- Identifying lead staff for projects, training as needed
- Identifying and reworking annual budgets
- First year goes from September 2022 to December 2023
- Ongoing animation of the call and vision across the church





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# February to August

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Proposals ranging from internal structure to public statements

- 57 Proposals
- Learning (March to May), Discussing (June), Deciding (July)
- Installation of new Moderator (August)
- 245 Commissioners
- Continue their work until 2025





# Centennial Committee

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Looking forward to 2025

- A small representative group has been nominated to serve and work towards planning our centennial year.
- Tied to strategic objectives timeline
- Some projects need to be started on right away



Thank you for your deep, bold and daring  
ministry!

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# Questions

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