

The United Church of Canada  
Shining Waters Regional Council

**EXECUTIVE**

**MINUTES of Meeting held April 25, 2022**, at 2:00 p.m.  
via video teleconference.

**PRESENT:** Jingle Ayupan, Isaac Kamta, David Leyton-Brown, Betty Lou McNabb, Allyce Mutungi, Lynn Mooney,

Staff: Peter Hartmans (Executive Minister), Rachael Howes (Administrative Support), Janet MacDonald (Finance Administrator)

**REGRETS:** Allan Holditch, Kirsty Hunter, Steven Loweth, Moon Ja Park  
Absent: Daniel Reed

**GATHERING, OPENING PRAYER**

David Leyton-Brown chaired the meeting and opened the meeting at 2:19 p.m. He 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.

Peter Hartmans gave an opening prayer.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Allyce Mutungi / Isaac Kamta that the agenda for this meeting be approved as circulated.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Allyce Mutungi / Lynn Mooney that the Minutes of the meeting of the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive held March 22, 2022 be approved as circulated.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Commission Minutes**

**MOTION:** Peter Hartmans /Allyce Mutungi the Executive receive the Minutes of the Intercultural Diversity Commission for October and November 2021, and February 2022 for information.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Financial presentation and 2023 Draft budget– Janet MacDonald**

Janet presented and reviewed the draft Balance Sheet and Income Statement as at March 31, 2022. She also presented and reviewed a preliminary draft budget projection for 2023.

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**MOTION** by Betty Lou McNabb / Isaac Kamta that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council receive the Financial Statements as presented.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Allyce Mutungi / Betty Lou McNabb that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council recommend the preliminary draft budget for 2023 to the regional council meeting for approval.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**GS 08 Climate Justice Commitment and Shining Waters Meeting Criteria**

Peter Hartmans shared information on the GS08 Climate Justice Commitment proposal to General Council 44. The proposal is asking for a whole church commitment to part of the General Council Office strategic objective: amplify and integrate current initiatives in a bold, hopeful denominational climate strategy that accelerates reductions towards the goal of an 80% decrease in emissions by 2030. Peter feels the proposal will pass at GC44 and become policy.

What does this mean for Shining Waters? Our carbon footprint is mostly travel and with communities of faith, their biggest carbon footprint is their building. Peter suggested that Shining Waters show some bold leadership on climate change and suggested this item become a standing item on the Executive agenda.

A draft meeting criterion had been circulated to the Executive prior to the meeting.

The Executive asked Peter Hartmans to share the GS08 Climate Justice Commitment with the regional council commissions.

**Ojibwa name for Shining Waters - update**

Betty Lou McNabb reported that there is no real update on this topic. She has had discussions with Ontario Quebec Native Ministries and Martha Pedoniquotte. She did not get any negative feedback from them. Lynn Mooney has suggested that perhaps we do not need to have an Ojibwa name because there are so many Indigenous languages. Peter suggested Betty Lou have a conversation with Kim Uyede-Kai as well.

The discussion and consultation will continue and the matter will be re-visited at the next Executive meeting.

**Regional Meeting update**

A program planning group has been putting together an exciting program for the regional council meeting in May. The group meets again next week to finalize the agenda.

**GC 44 update**

David Leyton Brown updated the Executive;

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- at the most recent listening session where proposals were being discussed, there was a traumatic moment that disturbed people deeply. This week the scheduled listening session has been postponed to allow people to reflect on the experience.
- this is the first General Council meeting that has been extended over such a long period of time, February 13<sup>th</sup> to August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- the Indigenous church is inviting the wider United Church to a presentation and discussion on GC44 Proposal on Restructuring of the Indigenous Church, May 11, 2022 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

**Closing**

The meeting closed at 3:26 p.m. and Betty Lou McNabb gave a closing prayer.

Next meeting: after the regional council meeting; date to be determined.

