

The United Church of Canada
Shining Waters Regional Council

**Minutes of a meeting of the
Intercultural Diversity Commission
October 24, 2022**

The Intercultural Diversity Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council met on October 24, 2022 by video conference. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Hedy Baker-Graf, Innocent Karuhanga, Amy Lee (Chair), Néstor Medina, John Joseph Mastandrea, Moon Ja Park

Staff Support: Kim Uyede-Kai

Regrets: Joel Aguirre, Paul Rose

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Opening Reflection, and Prayer

Amy Lee welcomed everyone, lit a candle and gave an acknowledgement of the land. Her opening reflection centred on Romans 5: 1-5, and she gave an opening prayer.

Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus as amended to include the election of a Chairperson.

Sharing Circle

The commission members had a time of sharing joys and concerns.

Minutes

The minutes of the Commission meeting held September 19, 2022 were approved by consensus.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to come to the Commission.

Staff Updates – Kim Uyede-Kai

Kim reported:

- there are a couple of Indigenous congregations that are in crisis and she is spending the day with one of them tomorrow.
- Toronto Urban Native Ministry (TUNM) is without a minister as Evan Smith has moved to a church in Hamilton. Kim is trying to get communities of faith in Shining Waters to see the importance of supporting TUNM as our only urban native ministry in the region. It is a huge piece of work that goes unrecognized.
- she attended Grace, Brampton's 200th Anniversary service, which was an exciting and positive experience. She explained some of Grace's outreach work.

Election of Chair

When this commission was formed, Amy Lee was named as Interim Chair. Now the Commission is at the stage to name a Chair.

MOTION by Innocent Karuhanga / Néstor Medina that the Intercultural Diversity Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council appoint Amy Lee as the Chair of the Intercultural Diversity Commission until the regional council annual meeting in 2023.

MOTION

CARRIED

Seoul Presbytery PROK proposal for Partner in Mission

As a follow-up to last month's discussion, Kim reported that it is not clear as to whether the same person is still able and willing to come to do a sabbatical, and it may be only for four months instead of a year.

The bigger conversation is that this part of the Seoul Presbytery wants to have a partnership between them and Shining Waters Regional Council. For this conversation, we need to bring in the advice of General Council Partners in Mission group to guide us. Patti Talbot, Team Lead Global Partnership at General Council, is visiting South Korea in November and can meet with whoever we ask her to meet with to carry on that conversation. Seoul Presbytery is very big so it is more complicated to have any kind of partnership than just to have mission partners.

2022 and 2023 Budget Update

An updated budget proposal for this Commission was shared (Appendix A). The Commission possibly has \$5,000 more than we were originally told, so this makes the potential Commission budget \$35,000 for 2023.

From the 2022 budget, some of the translation work is almost complete so we will be issuing a cheque for that within the next month.

The Commission might need to develop some terms of reference for the Event/Education portion of the budget. The members were invited to think about what criteria would be helpful for that for the next meeting.

It was suggested that perhaps the Commission could have a grant-writing event for, in particular, interculturally diverse communities to cover what's available and how to go about getting them. Carla Leon was suggested as someone that could help with this. Kim will invite Carla to a Commission meeting to give a brief overview of the kind of things that she asks in the granting process.

MOTION by John Joseph Mastandrea / Innocent Karuhanga that the Intercultural Diversity Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council approve the revised proposed Commission budget for 2023 as presented.

MOTION

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Next Meeting

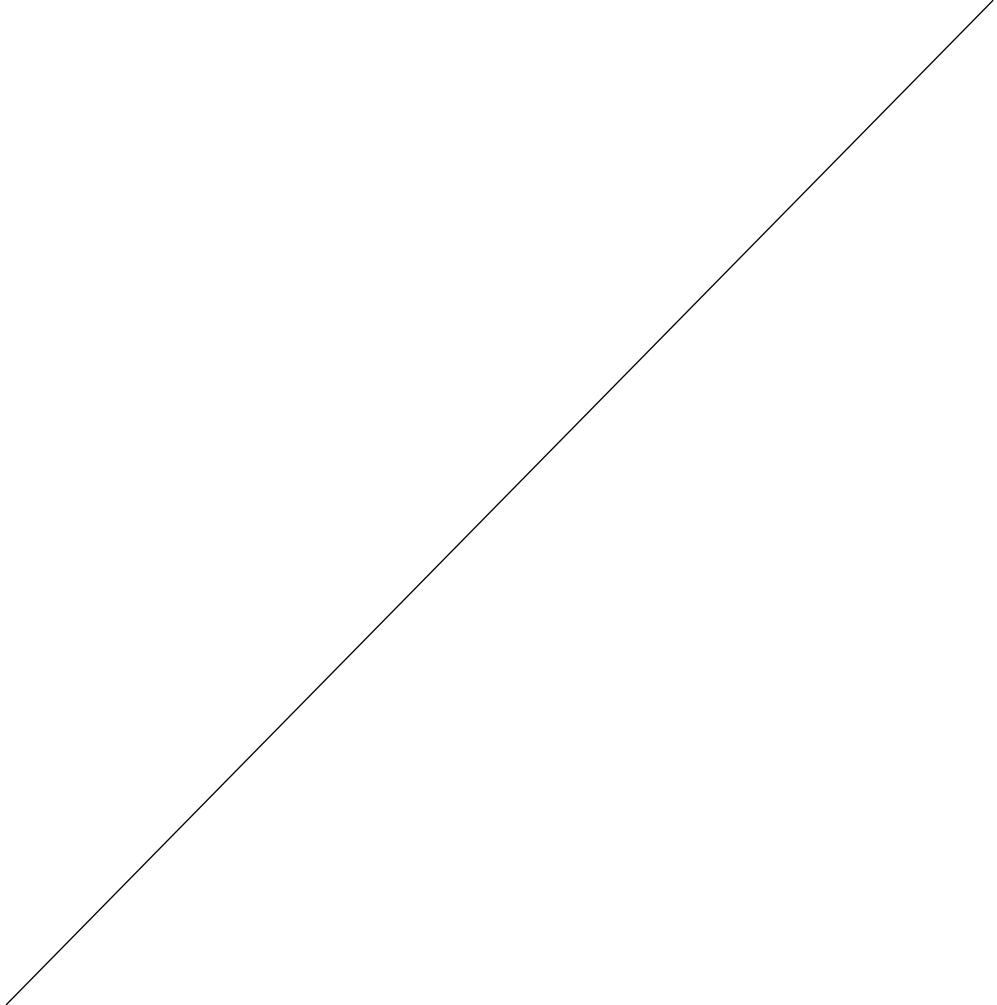
November 28, 2022, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Innocent Karuhanga will give an opening prayer and Néstor Medina will provide the land acknowledgement.

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Closing

The members of the Commission recited the Lord's Prayer in their own language. The meeting closed at 6:50 p.m.



**SHINING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL
INTERCULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMISSION
BUDGET PROPOSAL 2023**

Language translations, proofreading	\$20,000.00
Policy handbooks and Manual sections: Pastoral Relations; Communities of Faith; Financial Handbook Shining Waters policy guidelines Approx. \$60 per page of translating or \$.20 per word \$10 per page proofreading, (possibly share some costs with National GCO) N.B. English is the ultimate authority.	
Event, education	\$7,000.00
a. Honoraria for (online) educational event speaker(s) b. One in person gathering, educational event (also seeking support from other grant sources) c. Contributing to multi-region sponsored events	
Seoul Presbytery PROK partnership	\$8,000.00
Total \$35,000.00	