

SHINING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL MEETING May 27 – 29, 2022

The annual meeting of Shining Waters Regional Council took place on May 27 – 29, 2022 via video conference. The theme was *For the Common Good*.

FRIDAY, May 27, 2022

Words of Welcome, Opening of Meeting and constituting the Council

Shining Waters Regional Council gathered via Zoom video conference at 12:00 p.m. to begin the annual meeting of Shining Waters Regional Council. Betty Lou McNabb, President, welcomed all those participating, introduced herself and Executive Minister, Peter Hartmans.

Betty Lou McNabb gave an Acknowledgement of the Land and safe space statement. Jake Charles, a member of the community of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation welcomed everyone with song, to this meeting occurring on Indigenous lands across the region.

President, Betty Lou McNabb 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.

Susie Henderson gave an orientation to the tools being used for this meeting.

Opening motions

MOTION by Peter Hartmans / David Leyton-Brown 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 (2022 Manual C.1.2.b).
- b) Bounds of the Regional Council Meeting: that the bounds of the Regional Council meeting for voting purposes shall be the zoom meeting ID:942 0304 3061 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 meeting of Shining Waters Regional Council held November 13, 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 (2022 Manual C.1.5).
- h) Commitments: that the regional council participants commit/covenant to honour the Holy Manners printed in the Resource Book and commit to our regional council's commitments around equity, justice and anti-racism through both conversation and actions. If there is failure to honour these commitments, individuals may be removed from the meeting at the discretion of the President.
- i) New Business & Nominations: (Nominations are closed. The deadline was March 21, 2022). Items of New Business shall be given to the Chairperson by 4:55 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2022.

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 may, at their discretion, invite an individual to verbally introduce a proposal for up to five minutes. 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 move 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.

8. 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

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Introductions

President, Betty Lou McNabb made a number of introductions, including the chaplains, parliamentarian, General Council representative, worship leader and keynote speaker.

Worship

A time of worship was led by Niki Andre.

Keynote Speaker

Heather Menzies provided a keynote address on the theme of the regional meeting, *to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good*. The meeting then went into break-out rooms for small group discussion and reflection.

The meeting took an all-purpose break.

Greetings from General Council

Éric Hébert-Daly, Responsable des ministères en français, The United Church of Canada, brought greetings from General Council, The United Church of Canada. He touched on the new Call and Vision of The United Church of Canada and the strategic objectives.

Accountability Reports

The President called for questions related to the accountability report of the Executive.

In Memoriam

Jeffrey Dale and Lawrence Nyarko led a time of worship to remember those ministry personnel that have passed away since the November 2021 Regional Council meeting, as well as the churches that have closed in that period.

The meeting took an all-purpose break

Proposals to Shining Waters Regional Council

Susan Eagle presented proposal SWRC2022-01 *Raising and Indexing Social Assistance Rates*.

MOTION by Susan Eagle / Cameron Watts that Shining Waters Regional Council adopt the proposal SWRC2022-01, *Raising and Indexing Social Assistance Rates* in Ontario, as presented.

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George Isaac presented proposal SWRC2022-02 *Statistics and Financial Reporting for Shining Waters Region*.

MOTION by George Isaac / Jeanette Schieck that Shining Waters Regional Council adopt the proposal SWRC2022-02 *Statistics and Financial Reporting for Shining Waters Region*, as presented.

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Blessing and Adjournment

The President declared the meeting adjourned to reconvene at 12:00 p.m. on May 28, 2022 and offered a closing blessing.

SATURDAY, May 28, 2022

Words of Welcome, Acknowledgement of the Land, Safe Space Statement

President, Betty Lou McNabb, welcomed participants to the second day of the Shining Waters Regional Council meeting. She gave an Acknowledgement of the Land and safe space statement. Jake Charles, a member of the community of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation welcomed everyone to the meeting with a song.

Worship

Niki Andre led the meeting in worship.

Proposal from the Indigenous Church to General Council

Rev. Teresa Burnett-Cole spoke to the meeting about the proposal that has been brought by the National Indigenous Council to General Council 44 regarding the restructuring of the Indigenous Church.

The meeting took an all-purpose break.

Report of the Nominations Committee and Election

David Leyton-Brown, Chair of the Nominations Committee, presented the Nominations Report. Candidate for President-Elect, Tina Conlon, spoke about her vision for the regional council.

MOTION by David Leyton-Brown / 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.

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The Nominations Committee was thanked for their work and the President thanked everyone who volunteered and will be offering leadership in the region.

General Council News and Updates

A video was shown, prepared by David Jagger, Stewardship and Gifts Officer, titled, *Stewardship, Mission and Service, and Beyond*.

Sarah Lough from the *Then Let Us Sing* project shared a video with information about the project and was available to answer questions.

The meeting took an all-purpose break.

Common Good Panel

As part of the theme reflection, a panel comprised of local ministries engaged in work for the common good presented their particular context on the theme. The panellists were: Michelle Singh, Executive Director of Faith and the Common Good, Brandon Stiles, Environmental Department Manager for the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Alexa Gilmour, National Director of Stone Soup Network and Ted Reeve, minister at St. Paul's United Church, Orillia. The meeting then went into break-out rooms for questions and discussion.

General Council News and Updates

Kimiko Karpoff shared information on the National Pastoral Relationship Equity Research Project.

William Simmons from the United Church Resource Distribution Centre made a presentation on various books and resources available that relate to our meeting theme.

Financial Report and Budget

David Leyton-Brown and Deborah Hart presented the proposed draft budget for 2023. There was a time for questions.

MOTION by David Leyton-Brown / Deborah Hart that Shining Waters Regional Council approve the 2023 draft budget as presented.

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Blessing and Adjournment

President Betty-Lou McNabb announced her resignation as President of Shining Waters Regional Council effective at the end of this regional council meeting, May 29, 2022, because of health issues.

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

SUNDAY, May 29, 2022

Celebration of Ministries Service

Shining Waters Regional Council held a Celebration of Ministries Service at St. Paul's United Church, Orillia.

President, Rev. Betty Lou McNabb presided assisted by Executive Minister, Rev. Peter Hartmans. Liturgists Rev. Lawrence Nyarko, Rev. Won Hur, and Rev. Lauren Hodgson, provided leadership.

Lauren Hodgson gave an Acknowledgement of the Land. The Scripture readings were from 1 Corinthians 12: 4 – 11 and John 17: 20 – 26. Rev. Dr. Martha ter Kuile delivered the message titled, *Sing a New Church*.

The service also recognized and celebrated those ministry personnel that have retired since the last regional council meeting and those ministry personnel marking a significant anniversary of their entry into ministry within The United Church of Canada.

Lee-Ann Ahlstorm, Maria Christina Conlon, Elizabeth Kiff, Eric Nyarko, and Cynthia O'Connell were ordained to the order of ministry. Trevor Brisbin and Michelle Voss Roberts were admitted to the order of ministry of The United Church of Canada. Cheryl Stenson was recognized as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader.

The newly ordained and admitted members of the order of ministry served Communion.

Rev. Dr. Martha ter Kuile gave the Commissioning and Blessing.

