

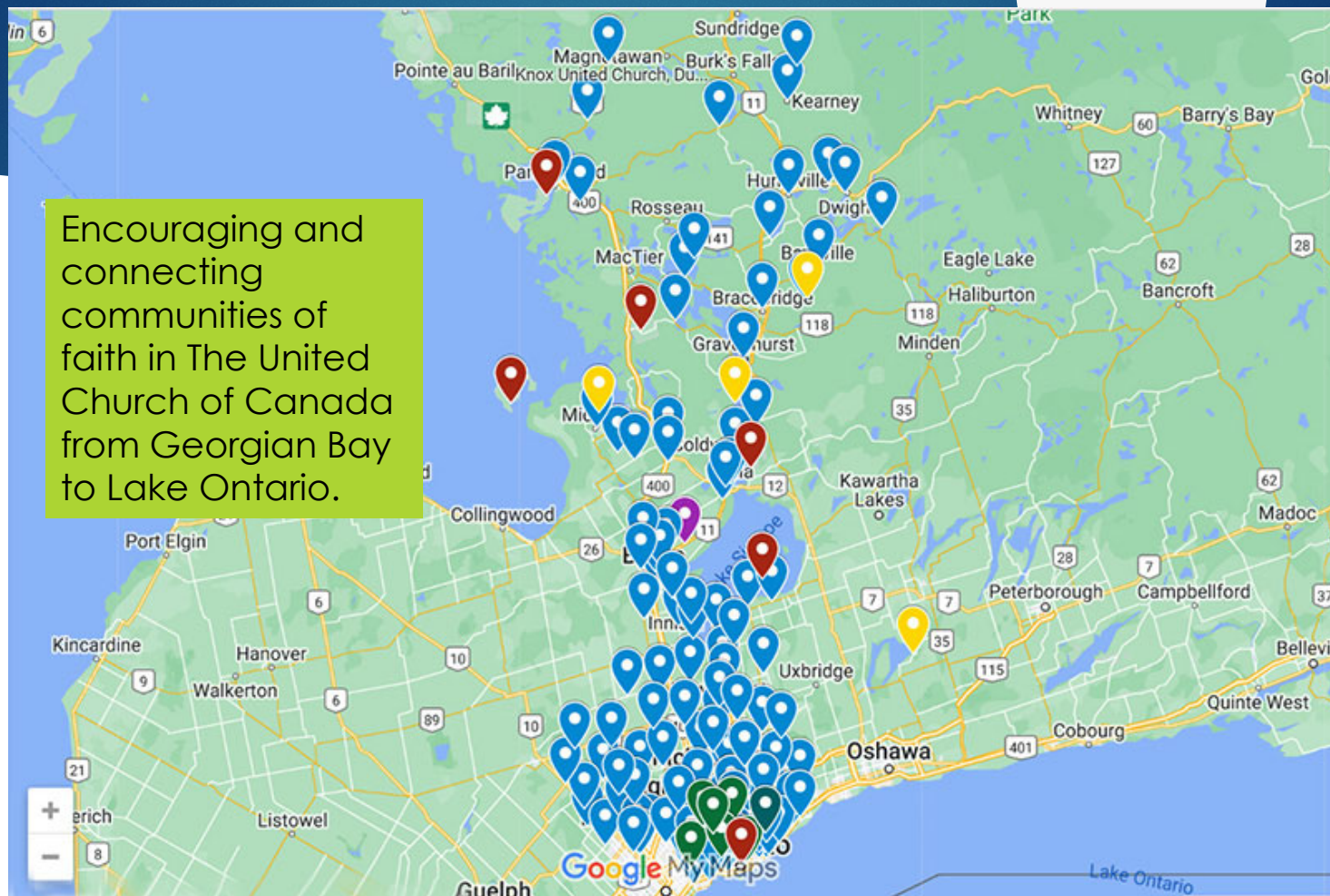


SHINING WATERS  
REGIONAL COUNCIL  
The United Church of Canada

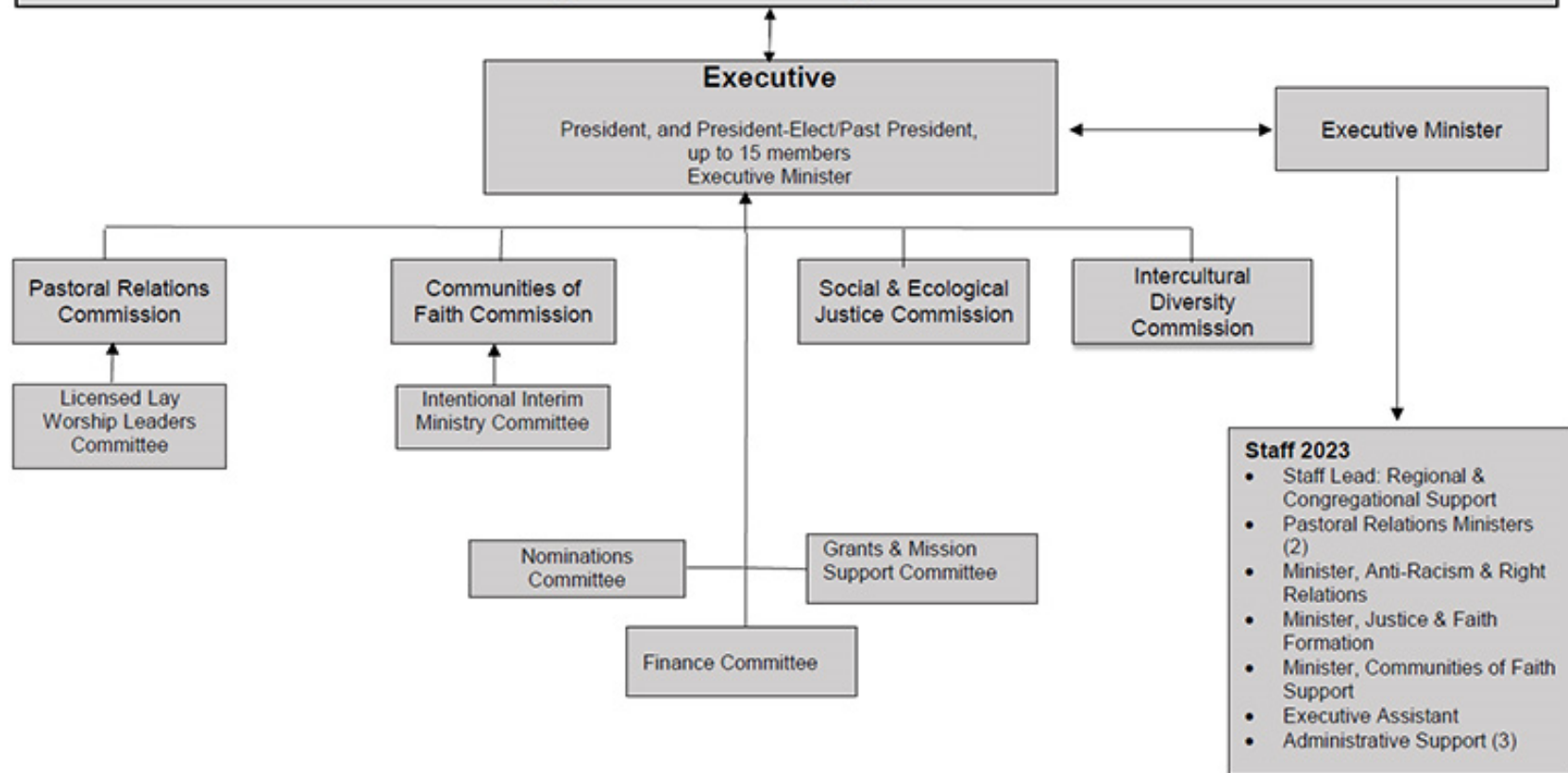
Welcome!

# Introduction to Shining Waters Regional Council

Encouraging and connecting communities of faith in The United Church of Canada from Georgian Bay to Lake Ontario.



# Shining Waters Regional Council





# Our Shared Purpose in Regional Council

## Encouraging and Connecting Communities of Faith

- ▶ 1) living in right relations with Indigenous peoples, and responding positively and meaningfully to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action and the Caretakers of Our Indigenous Circle Calls to the Church;
- ▶ 2) becoming an anti-racist church (declaration of the Commissioners of the 43rd General Council, October 24, 2020);
- ▶ 3) welcoming people of all ages, abilities, races, sexual orientations and gender identities, and any other forms of marginalization into, and removing barriers to, the life, work and leadership of the Region and our communities of faith.





# Our Shared Work in Regional Council

## Encouraging and Connecting Communities of Faith

- **Living together in covenantal relationship**
- **Supporting each other as communities of faith**
- **Serving and providing oversight for one another**
- **Encouraging and engaging in ministry and mission together**
- **Policy and finance**



# Our Shared Work in Regional Council

Encouraging and Connecting Communities of Faith

- **Supporting the Health Joy and Excellence of Ministers**
- **Help a search for a new minister**
- **Celebrating new covenants between a community of faith and a Minister**
- **Celebrating retirements and special anniversaries**
- **Participating in the United Church of Canada together**
- **Supporting Licensed Lay Worship Leaders**



# Our Shared Work in Regional Council

Encouraging and Connecting Communities of Faith

- **Supporting equity, by supporting social, ecological, and economic justice both in the United Church, Canada and around the world**
- **Encouraging intercultural understanding and respect**
- **local, regional, national and global initiatives and partnerships (community, ecumenical and interfaith) for ministry, mission and justice work**

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# Community of Faith Commission

CARES FOR COMMUNITIES OF FAITH AND PROVIDES RESOURCES FOR  
COLLEGIALLY AND SUPPORT AMONGST COMMUNITIES OF FAITH.



# Community of Faith Commission

- ▶ nurtures new ministries
- ▶ supports communities of faith in areas such as clusters, networks, visioning, amalgamation, disbanding, and property matters
- ▶ empowers and resources ministry in the Region
- ▶ sets policy and gives direction within their mandate.
- ▶ supports communities of faith with property matters
- ▶ guides communities of faith who request an Intentional Interim Ministry



Jody Maltby



Diane  
Matheson-Jimenez



Kim Uyede-Kai



Jeffrey Dale



# Pastoral Relations Commission

CARES FOR MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND COMMUNITIES OF FAITH, AND PROVIDES  
RESOURCES AND SUPPORT FOR NEW AND ONGOING PASTORAL RELATIONSHIPS

# Pastoral Relations Commission

- ▶ Flourish for Ministers
- ▶ Pastoral Relations Liaisons
- ▶ Ministry and Personnel Committees
- ▶ Licensed Lay Worship Leaders
- ▶ Pastoral Charge Supervisors



Dale Hildebrand



Todd McDonald



# Intercultural Diversity Commission

ENCOURAGES AND ENGAGES THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IN HONOURING AND  
LIVING INTO INTERCULTURAL MISSION AND MINISTRY, AND WORKS TO DEEPEN  
INTERCULTURAL AWARENESS AND RESPECT



# Intercultural Diversity Commission

- ▶ organizes and supports occasional gatherings/workshops to deepen intercultural awareness and respect.
- ▶ provides resources for the Executive and other Commissions and committees to become more intercultural and anti-racist
- ▶ develops and provides educational materials, relevant information, resources, and practical tools for minority ethnic culture communities of faith
- ▶ develops and provides educational materials for predominantly White mono-cultural communities of faith, to learn their own cultures as well as others, and to become intercultural in areas such as worship, pastoral care, welcoming



Kim Uyede-Kai



# Social and Ecological Justice Commission

ENCOURAGES, SUPPORTS, AND INITIATES SOCIAL, ECOLOGICAL AND  
ECONOMIC JUSTICE WORK WITHIN SHINING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL

# Social and Ecological Justice Commission

- ▶ encourages, supports and animates social and ecological justice networks, and grassroots justice initiatives by communities of faith
- ▶ offers occasional gatherings/workshops on particular issues/themes
- ▶ provides educational materials
- ▶ helps to identify regional social justice priorities for the region
- ▶ recommends statements to be made on behalf of Shining Waters Regional Council by the President
- ▶ supports right relations with indigenous peoples, and with other marginalized people such as racialized people and ethnic minorities.



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# The executive

develops and monitors  
policies that enable the  
Region to live out its  
mission.



Peter Hartmans



Jody Maltby



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# Supporting Ministry Together



Davenport  
Perth  
Community  
Ministry



**REGENT PARK**  
**COMMUNITY MINISTRY**

Toronto Urban Native Ministry



# Supporting Ministry Together

## Affirm United



**P.I.E. DAY**

Shining Waters and Canadian Shield Regional Councils within the United Church of Canada (covering an area from Toronto to Thunder Bay) are hosting an online workshop to recognize P.I.E. Day. In the Workshop, Ozhawa Anung will discuss a bit of their life story, living as a Brown Anishnaabe 2Spirit person. This presentation will engage with participants to explore what they know about 2Spirit and Queer-Trans Indigenous experiences and histories. Folks will also review some of the LGBTQ+ Pride history of Canada.

**OZHAWA ANUNG KWE**

QUEST SPEAKER

Ozhawa Anung Kwe/Yellow Star Woman is a 2-Spirit Anishnaabe from Rankin Reserve of Batchewana First Nation of the Anishnaabek. They have been involved in performing arts (musical theatre and Indigenous storytelling) for 18 years. At the 25th International Two Spirit Gathering, Teddy received the title of 2Spirit International Warrior of 2021. Their background includes social justice, theatre and bingo.

14 MARCH, 2023  
7 PM TO 8:30 PM  
ONLINE EVENT (REGISTER BELOW)

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CANADIAN SHIELD REGIONAL COUNCIL



## Right Relations



**BEES FOR PEACE SUMMER CAMP**

**Bee Kind, Bee Creative, Bee United**

Kids and youth ages 5-12 are welcome to join our 5-day summer camp!

We will learn about native bees and gardens and how they relate to your faith!

Gain knowledge about the hidden community that we live with: the pollinators!

fun games & activities

Strengthen your connection to community, spirituality and nature!

**BEES FOR PEACE**

This program is offered jointly by the Shining Waters Regional Council and Bees for Peace.

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## Children and Youth

# Our Administrative Professionals



Rachael Howes



Sue Whitehead



Celio de Andrade Santos Jr.



Donna Rutz



Kathleen Wolfe



# United Church of Canada Staff who support us



Melody Duncanson-Hales



Kellie McComb





# So What? Faith in Action

SHINING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL  
2023 REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 26 – MAY 28, 2023

In person or online

North Bramalea United Church  
Located at 363 Howden Blvd.,  
in Brampton (MAP) which is  
near Hwy 410 and Williams  
Parkway.





# Celebration of Ministry Service

**Sunday, May 28, 2023 at 2 p.m.**

**North Bramalea United Church and also online**

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Questions?