

**SHINING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL
NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
REPORT
June 7, 2024**

The Nominations Committee is responsible for reviewing nominations and submitting to the Regional Council, its Executive or the Executive Minister, as appropriate, recommendations for election to the following:

- a) Executive (including President, Past President or President-Elect and members)
- b) Communities of Faith Commission
- c) Intentional Interim Ministry Committee
- d) Pastoral Relations Commission
- e) Licensed Lay Worship Leaders Committee
- f) Social and Ecological Justice Commission
- g) Intercultural Diversity Commission
- h) Finance Committee
- i) Grants and Mission Support Committee
- j) Nominations Committee
- k) Commissioners to the 45th General Council

In carrying out this responsibility, the committee:

- reflects theologically on the basis for appointed member participation in the church
- discerns who is equipped to serve
- develops and tests processes for selecting individuals and developing effective groups
- to the best of the committee's ability, strives to meet the region's commitments to its mission, including the equity policy and
 - becoming an intercultural church
 - the full inclusion of people with disabilities
 - developing new and young leadership
 - the Caretakers of Our Indigenous Circle Calls to the Church
 - any future commitments regarding the appointed leadership of the United Church

Members of the Nominations Committee actively seek out and encourage nominations from across the diversity of the church and try to ensure that at least one third of any nominations slate is reserved for diversity appointments.

The terms of office for most positions are typically for three years, renewable once. Remaining vacant positions may be appointed by the Executive.

The Nominations Committee offers thanks to all those completing their term with this regional meeting, to those who have agreed to a second term and to those who have put their name forward to fill a vacancy.

a) Executive (including President, Past President or President-Elect and members)

The primary role of the Executive is to develop and monitor policies that enable the Region to live out its mission.

The Executive consists of the President, President-Elect or Past President and members to a maximum of 15 who are members of The United Church of Canada One member from the Indigenous community will be named at the Spiritual Gathering.

The President is be elected at the Regional Council meeting for one year as President-Elect, a two-year term as President and one year as Past President.

President

- Maria Christina Conlon (ministry personnel) (term as President ending 2025)

President- Elect

- Eric Nyarko (ministry personnel) (term ends 2025)

Members

- Jingle Ayupan (lay member) (second term ending 2025)
- Allan Holditch (lay member) (second term ending 2025)
- Daniel Reed (ministry personnel) (second term ending 2025)
- Bri-anne Swan (ministry personnel) (term ending 2025)
- David Leyton-Brown (lay person) (term ending 2025)
- Thomas Shin (ministry personnel) (term ending 2027)
- Lynella Reid-James (lay person) (term ending 2027)
- One position available for an Indigenous member named by the Spiritual Gathering on Indigenous Communities

b) Communities of Faith Commission

The Commission:

- sets policy and give direction within their mandate,
- cares for communities of faith and provide resources for collegiality and support amongst communities of faith,
- nurtures new ministries, and
- empowers and resources ministry in the Region. This includes supporting communities of faith in areas such as clusters, networks, visioning, amalgamation, disbanding, and property matters.

Membership is a chair and six to ten members.

- Carolyn Harding (lay member) (second term ending 2025)
- Amy Lee (ministry personnel) (second term ending 2025)
- Tom MacNeil (ministry personnel) (term ending 2025)
- Eric Nyarko (ministry personnel) (term ending 2025)
- Trevor Brisbane (ministry personnel) (term ending 2026)
- Sandra Nottegar (lay member) (second term ending 2026)
- Chris Bennet (chair) (lay member) (second term ending 2026)
- Patti Rogers (ministry personnel) (second term ending 2027)
- Adèle Etongue Mayer (lay person) (term ending 2027)
- Isaac Kamta (ministry personnel) (term ending 2027)
- Krista Moore (ministry personnel) (term ending 2027)

c) Intentional Interim Ministry Committee

The Committee gathers expertise and retains and integrates best practices and knowledge into our intentional interim ministry.

Membership is six members.

- Jim Keenan (chair) (ministry personnel) (second term ending 2025)
- Marlene Buwalda (lay person) (term ending 2026)
- Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes (ministry personnel) (second term ending 2027)
- Cynthia O'Connell (ministry personnel) (second term ending 2027)

d) Pastoral Relations Commission

The Commission:

- sets policy and gives direction within their mandate, and
- provides support for ministry personnel throughout their ministry, including equipping, covenanting, pastoral relationships and retirement.

Membership is a chair and six to ten members.

- William Haughton (ministry personnel) (second term ending 2025)
- Barbara Hendren (lay member) (second term ending 2025)
- Robin Pilkey (lay member) (second term ending 2025)
- Deirdre Lawrence (lay member) (term ending 2025)
- Beth Moore (lay member) (second term ending 2026)
- Lawrence Nyarko (ministry personnel) (second term ending 2026)
- Sung Ran Kim (ministry personnel) (second term ending 2027)

e) Licensed Lay Worship Leaders Committee

The Committee implements the License Lay Worship Policy of Shining Waters Regional Council.

The Committee provides support and oversight to Licensed Lay Worship Leaders within Shining Waters Region and is a recommending and reporting body to the Pastoral Relations Commission.

Membership is a chair and four to six members.

- Pat Edmonds (LLWL) (second term ending 2025)
- Lisa Pfau (lay member) (second term ending 2025)
- Jeannette Schieck (lay member) (second term ending 2025)
- Doug Reid (LLWL) (term ending 2026)
- Brian Stevens (ministry personnel) (term ending 2026)

f) Social and Ecological Justice Commission

The Social and Ecological Justice Commission will encourage, support, and initiate social justice work within Shining Waters Regional Council, which encompasses but is not limited to anti-racism and becoming a critical intercultural church of justice.

- Susan Eagle (chairperson) (ministry personnel) (second term ending 2025)
- Lois Brown (ministry personnel) (second term ending 2025)
- Don Ford (lay member) (term ending 2025)
- Esther Collier (lay member) (term ending 2025)
- Irene Green (lay member) (term ending 2025)
- Jennifer Gordon (lay member) (term ending 2025)
- Alexa Gilmour (ministry personnel) (term ending 2026)

g) Intercultural Diversity Commission

The Intercultural Diversity Commission sets policy and gives direction within their mandate. The Intercultural Diversity Commission will encourage and engage Shining Waters Regional Council, its Executive and Commissions, and its Communities of Faith in honouring and living into intercultural mission and ministry and work to deepen intercultural awareness and respect.

- Hedy Baker-Graf (lay member) (term ending 2025)
- Joel Saavedra Aguirre (ministry personnel) (second term ending 2026)
- Innocent Karuhanga (lay member) (second term ending 2026)
- Amy Yea Kyong Lee (ministry personnel) (second term ending 2026)
- John Joseph Mastandrea (ministry personnel) (second term ending 2026)
- Néstor Medina (ministry personnel) (second term ending 2026)
- Amber Lee Row (lay member) (term ending 2026)

h) Finance Committee

In May 2022, the Regional Council approved the creation of a Finance Committee. The committee provides support and oversight to the financial planning and reporting of Shining Waters Regional Council.

Membership is four to six members.

- Allan Holditch (lay member) (term ending 2026)
- Beth Herrema (lay member) (term ending 2026)
- Bruce Chappell (lay member) (term ending 2026)
- Paul Kim (lay member) (term ending 2026)
- Wendy Jarvis (lay member) (term ending 2026)
- Harry Ramsaran (lay member) (term ending 2027)

i) Grants and Mission Support Committee

In October 2021, the Executive approved the merger of the Grants Review Committee and the Mission Support Committee to become the Grants and Mission Support Committee. The Committee receives all grant applications and determines where the application should be directed. This provides one point of entry for all grant requests.

Membership is seven to ten members.

- Deborah Hart (chair) (ministry personnel) (second term ending 2025)
- Sarah Lough (lay member) (second term ending 2025)
- Ron Wigle (lay member) (second term ending 2025)
- Bruce Chappell (lay member) (second term ending 2026)
- John Joseph Mastandrea (chair) (ministry personnel) (term ending 2026)
- Dan Clark (lay member) (term ending 2026)
- Maryanne Robin Thomson (ministry personnel) (term ending 2026)

j) Nominations Committee

Membership is eight members including at least two, but not more than four, members of the Executive and up to six members not currently serving on the Executive. These must be members of the United Church but not necessarily members of the Regional Council, at least two of whom are lay members and two are ministry personnel.

- David Leyton-Brown (chair) (lay member) (term ending 2024)
- Greg Daly (ministry personnel) (term ending 2025)
- Martha ter Kuile (ministry personnel) (term ending 2025)
- Sarah Jane Wetelainen (lay member) (second term ending 2026)
- Allyce Mutungi (lay member) (term ending 2026)

k) Commissioners to the 45th General Council

The regional council will elect 14 commissioners to attend the 45th General Council which will occur August 7 – 12, 2025 in Calgary, Alberta. The regional council President will also attend. The slate of commissioners will include a mix of ministry personnel and lay people, new and experienced commissioners and reflect a broad geographic presence. There will be at least one youth or young adult and at least four people intentionally selected to reflect diversity not otherwise reflected.

- Jeffrey Dale (ministry personnel)
- Sarah Lough (lay person)
- Charles Donley (lay person)
- Gail Birkett (lay person)
- Liz MacKenzie (ministry personnel)
- Ross Carson (ministry personnel)
- 8 vacancies