
INAUGURAL MEETING**Friday June 7th 2019**

The Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council of The United Church of Canada held its Inaugural General Meeting at the Memorial Community Centre, in Smyth Falls, Ontario, on Friday and Saturday (June 7th – 8th, 2019), and held its Celebration of Ministry Service at Trinity United Church (Smiths Falls, Ontario) on Sunday June 9th. The theme for this meeting was “A New Day is Dawning”, reflecting a new beginning, with a promise of hope and light for the future of the Regional Council.

THE FOLLOWING REGISTERED THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE BUSINESS MEETING**Ministry (86)**

Brenda Bailey, Jim Baldwin, Stephanie Bates, Elaine Beattie, Rodney Bennett, Karen Boivin, Jean Brown, Elizabeth Bryce, Teresa Burnett-Cole, Erin Burns, Susan Butler-Jones, Jolyn Campbell, Cindy Casey, Bill Checkley, Stephen Clifton, Ted Colwell, Brian Cornelius, Tina Cote, Barbara (Doll) Creelman, Susan DeHaan, Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro, Phyllis Dietrich, Paul Dillman, Boyd Drake, Janet Evans, Heather Froats, Linda Fuller, Lynne Gardiner, Lois Gaudet, Ed Gratton, Catherine Gutjahr, Daniel Hansen, Lynda Harrison, Daniel Hayward, Kimberly Heath, Gwen Hermann, Jessica Hetherington, Susan Hutton, Carolyn Insley, Natalie Istead, Andrew Jensen, Christine Johnson, Ryan Kim, Earl Klotz, Jenni Leslie, Andrew Love, Lorrie Lowes, Christine Lowson, Wendy MacLean, Moley Mangana, William McDowell, Erin McIntyre, Laurie McKnight, Paul McLenaghan, Sheryl McLeod, Grant McNeil, Anne Montgomery, Sharon Moon, Kevin Moratz, Edward Murray, Janet Nield, Catherine Oxenford-Grant, Blair Paterson, Kathryn Peate, Caroline Penhale, Kathy Petrie, Deborah Poirier, Shelley Roberts, Michelle Robichaud, Debbie Roi, Mary Royal-Duczek, Christopher Ryan, Arlyce Schiebout, David Sherwin, David Spivey, Don Stiles, Whitman Strong, Carla Van Delen, Valérie Vande Wiele, Stephane Vermette, Neil Wallace, Russell Wardell, Peter Woods

Lay (96)

Jim Allen, Kimberley Allen-McGill, Margaret Armstrong, Kurt Asmis, Kim Baird, Eileen Ball, Helen Barkley, Charles Barrett, Lorne Bender, John Benson, Reginald Best, Cheryl Bird, Ted Brett, Ina Bromley, Paul Bullock, Ron Bulmer, Janice Burroughs, Graham Campbell, David Clemis, Molly Colwell, Bryan Cook, Sandra Copeland, Audrey Cormack, Alvin Dobbie, John Douglas, Gayle Doxtater, Alyce Dunnewold, Phil Fay, Jodi Fisher, JoAnne Fletcher, Grant Gilliland, Catherine Grant, Elizabeth (Beth) Gutsell, Bronwen Harman, Wayne Harris, Caroline Harry, Kirsty Hayward, Nancy Hazen, Charlotte Hoy, Karen Hunt, Bruce Jackson, Marilyn Joseph, Elizabeth Kent, Christine Kilburn, Brenda King, Dr. Charles Knight, Joanne Kosmack, May LaHay, David Lee, Lois Leroux, Jean Libbey, Allan Lockwood, Sharon MacDonald, Phyllis MacRae, Colin Marshall, Margaret Martin, Gail McCooeye, Norma McCord, Gary McKay, Sheryl McKim, Karen McLean, Myra McWilliams, Doug Merkley, Darlene Nicol, Mike Ostrander, Susan Palmai, David Patterson, Evelyn Perkins, Janice Peron, Alan Quirt, Geraldine Reid, Marion Reilly, Barbara Reynolds, Eleanor Rintoul, Doug Robinson, David Rockwell, Catherine Ryan, Paul Sales, Claire Savage, Marlyn Scharf, John Shane, Lynn Shaw, Vicki Simzer, Joe Smarkala, Barbara Smith, Junior Smith, Wendy Snelgrove, Alfred Stakenvicius, Linda Stronski, Linda Suddaby, Desna Sulway, Gerald Tennant, Margaret Torrance, Sandra Walker, Norma Wrightly, Everard Zytveld, , Nicole Beaudry

Candidate (2)

John Nordhoof, Terrie Chedore

Regional Council Staff (7)

Rev. Rosemary Lambie, Joel Miller, Rev. Whit Strong, Karen Valley, Anita Jansman, Dana Ducette, Jane Dawson

Guests of the Regional Council (29)

Eric Hébert-Daly (La Table), Rev. Trisha Elliott (Philanthropy Unit), Rev. Cathy Hamilton (Laurentian Area Ministry), Valerie Ardron, Cathy Ashby, Rev. Howard Clarke, Areta Crowell, Barbara DeJeet, Brenda Dorland, Shelley Douglas, Carol Dowdall, Lorna Grant, Reid Kilburn, Margaret Mac Neil, Donald McLean, Ruby McLenaghan, Jan Montgomery, Stacey Mortson, Marsha Moulton, Donna Norman, Bea Ostrander, Bob Richards, Catherine Rodd, Sue Smarkala, Eleanor Smith, Russell Smith, Catherine Stewart, Diane Strickland, Vernon Sulway, Paul Whynacht, John Williams

Quorum

This meeting had quorum.

Registration and 'Coffee Hour' Community time at the Arena (9:00)

Gathering Music (9:45)

Kimberley Allen-McGill, Music Coordinator, and the Potluck Band welcomed delegates to the opening session and encouraged all to accompany them in singing the following hymns: "When Two or Three Are Gathered" (MV14), "You Are Holy" (MV45), "Sing, Sing Out" (MV180), "Over My Head" (MV88), "A New Day is Dawning" (written by Gord Oaks and arranged by Josh McHan).

Welcoming, Announcements to facilitate time together (10:00)

Rev. Christopher Ryan extended welcome, provided site-logistical information (i.e. where bathrooms and water stations were located), and announced that all were invited to attend the Spirit of the Drum Powwow's 5 a.m. sunrise ceremony, taking place on Sunday on Duck Island and Turtle Island.

Acknowledging First Nations territory

Grandmother Francine Desjardins "She's Watching" of the Bear Clan from Kahnawake spoke "the words that are to be spoken before any words are spoken at gatherings", so that all could become one mind and one heart. Knowledge Keeper Christina Bendevis "Fisher King" of the Turtle Clan from Kahnawake acknowledged that this Inaugural meeting was taking place on Algonquin and Haudenosaunee territory, and led a healing drum ceremony.

Call to Order (10:30)

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Sovereign head of the Church, and by the authority of the 43rd General Council Meeting of the United Church of Canada, I hereby declare this inaugural meeting of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council duly constituted and to be in session for conducting the business which will properly come before it.

Au nom de Notre Seigneur, Jésus-Christ, chef souverain de l'Église, et par l'autorité qui m'a été conférée par la 43^e Assemblée Général de l'Église unie du Canada, je déclare que cette réunion inaugural du Conseil régional Outaouais et de l'Est de l'Ontario est dûment constituée et qu'elle siègera pour le déroulement de toute affaire dont elle sera adéquatement saisie.

Welcome, Information and Introductions

Introductions: Co-Chairs Rev. Kimberly Heath and Rev. Elaine Beattie; Councilor Lorraine Allen, representative Mayor of Smiths Falls; Rev. Howard Cain, Ecumenical Officer Black River Association, United Church of Christ; General Council staff: Kate Rodd, Eric Hébert-Daly, Rev. Trisha Elliott, Karen Valley.

Other acknowledgements were given to the many people who helped prepare for this meeting, their names can be found in the Report Book (appendix A)

Duty of Care

Lynn Gardner, Equity Officer, reminded the court of its duty to respect and care for one-another, explaining that

all church meetings must be places of safety for everyone present. To live in right relations, there is zero tolerance for words and actions which are not appropriate. If there were any concerns during this meeting, people were asked to contact Lynn Gardner or Jenny Leslie (table 3).

Enabling Motions (Report Book, pgs. 10-12)

2019-06-7_108 MOTION (D. Stiles/T. Burnett Cole) that the enabling motions printed and circulated in the Report Book be adopted. **Carried**

2019-06-7_109 AMMENDING MOTION (Ina Bronwen/Shelly Martin) that the following sentence be added to item 1. *Regional Council Roll*, of the *Enable Motions*: “That the Ministerial Roll of the Regional Council (including candidates for Ordination and Admission currently serving in appointment and who are recognized as the sole ministry personnel within the pastoral relationship) and the non-Ministerial Roll of the Regional Council thus constituted be now taken as read” **Carried**

Scrutineer

2019-06-7_110 MOTION (D. Stiles/T. Burnett Cole) that the following people serve as Scrutineers: Wayne Harris, Ron Bulmer, Bruce Jackson, Ted Brett, Alvin Dobbie, Boyd Drake, Marylin Scarf. **Carried**

Parliamentarians

2019-06-7_111 MOTION (D. Stiles/T. Burnett Cole) that the following people serve as Parliamentarians: Shelley Roberts, Susan Hutton, Catherine Grant, Rev. Dan Hayward. **Carried**

Agenda

2019-06-7_112 MOTION (D. Stiles/T. Burnett Cole) that the agenda as circulated be adopted. **Carried**

Opening Worship (11:00)

Opening worship was led by Rev. Don Stiles: Call to Worship; Hymn “Worship the Lord” (Voices United 401); Opening Prayer; Musical intro. Wade in the Water; Prayer of Reconciliation; Hymn “Know that God is Good/ Mungu ni Mwema” (More Voices 104); Musical intro. The Day He Came Marching into Town; Hymn “Behold I Make All Things New” (MV 115).

Covenanting as Eastern Ontario Regional Council

Reflection on Silbury Hill - invitation to bring bits of soil from home community to bowl on worshiping altar; Hymn “Soil of God, You and I (Holy Ground) (MV 174); Covenanting with Staff; Hymn “A New Day is Dawning” (Gord Oaks, Josh McHan ©2008 rEvolve Music); Commendation and Blessing; Hymn “Halle, Halle, Halle” (VU 958).

Announcements and Grace (11:55)

Quyon United Church would be hosting an introductory session on “Godly Play” all were welcome to register and attend the event; Finance Committee would be holding a short meeting before lunch; Reimbursement cheques would be issued for those who overpaid for the event; Local Arrangements provided instructions for how lunch would be served; Multi-Faith Housing was preparing quilts for homeless veterans and was looking for volunteers to join in making quilts; Annual Queens Theology Conference brochures were placed on tables for all to learn more about the event; Shawville would be celebrating its 185th anniversary and an invitation was extend to join in the celebration; Stewardship tool kit flash drives were available for distribution; the Book Room was open for business; Music United invited all to visit the table and learn more.

Catherine Oxenford-Grant led the Grace before lunch.

LUNCH (12:00)

A catered lunch was served

Gathering Music (1:00)

Pat Mayberry and Josh Zentner-Barrett encouraged all to accompany them in singing the following hymns: “Gather Me” (Words and Music by Pat Mayberry) and “Love Over Hate” (Words: John Wesley Oldham and Pat Mayberry, arrangement: David Kai). Kimberley Allen-McGill, Music Coordinator, and the Potluck Band encouraged all to accompany them in singing the following hymn: “A New Day is Dawning” (written by Gord Oaks and arranged by Josh McHan).

Theme Presentation “Rebuilding the Temple” and table group time (1:15)

Rev. Cathy Hamilton spoke of her involvement in the comprehensive review process (Cathy chaired the Comprehensive Review Task Group) and outlined some of the goals which has led to the now restructured United Church of Canada. Following the presentation a worksheet was circulated for discussion during table group time, and focused on *Rebuilding the Temple* (Ezra 3: 8 – 13) and had questions for reflection (see appendix B). Delegates were invited to the microphones to share what was discussed at tables.

EM’s Annual Story (2:15)

Rev. Rosemary Lambie, Executive Minister, presented a PowerPoint, outlining the life of an Executive Minister. A full reporting can be found in the Report Book (appendix A) under *Staff Reports*, beginning on page 36.

Report Book

Rosemary directed delegates’ attention to the Report Book highlighting the various sections, in particular the various decisions taken by the Commission and the interim Executive, and staff reports. See appendix A for the Report Book.

2019-06-7_113 MOTION (B. Paterson/T. Burnett-Cole) that this Inaugural Meeting of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council receives the Reports as printed in the (2019) Report Book and any handouts. **Carried**

Proposal regarding Future Meetings

The Manual (The Manual C.4.1):

“The regional council must meet at least annually.

“The annual meeting may be a meeting of the entire regional council or the executive of the regional council, as determined by the regional council.”

2019-06-7_114 MOTION (Wayne Harris/T. Demirdjian-Petro) That recognizing the desire of the Ministry Personnel and Lay leadership in the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council to gather as a worshipping community for study, community building and to discern the call of God to the church, Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council affirms the decisions of the Executive regarding future meetings, namely:

2019-03-26_46 MOTION (L. Suddaby/K. Heath) That Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council meets three times a year; a one-day meeting in the fall and winter and a two/three day meeting in the spring. Carried

Executive 2019-03-26_47 MOTION (L. Suddaby /C. Grant) That Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive would normally meet six times a year, normally not when there is a Regional Council meeting (three months of the year) and not in July, August, and December; meetings can be called at the discretion of the Chair. Carried

Carried

Chaplains and Healing Pathways

It was announced that Chaplains and Healing Pathways were available throughout the course of the meeting.

Notice of Motion

MOTION (Andrew Jensen /) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council hears and believes the voices of the people who courageously testified before the Commission on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls;

and that we add our voice to call for our constituent ministries, all levels of government, and all Canadians, to end the injustices and transform the attitudes that contribute to this ongoing genocide;

And that we forward this affirmation to the National Indigenous Council.

All-purpose break (2:45)

Meeting paused for refreshments.

Gathering Music (3:05)

Musician Rev. Barbara Creelman (piano) and Musician Rev. Laurie McKnight (Flute) performed two instrumentals, and Kimberley Allen-McGill, Music Coordinator, and the Potluck Band encouraged all to accompany them in singing the following hymn: "A New Day is Dawning" (written by Gord Oaks and arranged by Josh McHan).

Introduction to Governance Document – Phase 1 "Listening" (3:15)

Rosemary explained the Three-Phase Process of *Listening* (presentation of the proposal, questions, and answers to clarify issues and implications), *Discussion* (exchange of ideas, thoughts, arguments, and pros and cons; suggestions for refining proposal, affirmations, naming principles/parameters), and *Decision* (final debate and refinement of proposal in plenary; working toward consensus, voting), which was the business process used during the 43rd General Council (2018), and emphasized that this was now the *Listening* phase. Members of the Executive were invited on the stage to present each of the items in the Governance Handbook (Governance Structures, Leadership Teams and Policies) and delegates were invited to ask their questions from the floor. See appendix C for the Governance Handbook.

Nominations Report (4:25)

Bronwen Harman, Chair of Nomination leadership team, presented the following nominations report:

The model for Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive is as follows:

Open Model - based on person's ability to see and bring to fruition a vision of our new regional council in operation.

1. President, Past President, President Elect

2. Indigenous Representative

3. La Table

3. 8 members at large who will be chosen to reflect the diversity of founding presbyteries, order of ministry, laity, female, male, LBTQ2, younger and older, UCW.

[Note: Nominations has also been asked to ensure there is continuity on the Executive so there should be at least 3 members of the current executive.]

Bronwen explained that expressions of interest forms had gone out, and that all who had returned a form were included on the Executive.

Nominations List**EOORC Executive**

Past President – Don Stiles (OM) (1year)

President – Bronwen Harman (L) (2years)

President-Elect – Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro (OM) (3 years)

Indigenous Community – Teresa Burnett-Cole (OM) (1 year)

La Table – Nicole Beaudry (L) (1 year)

8 other members at large – Jim Allen (L) (3years), Elaine Beattie (OM) (1 year), Jodi Fisher (L) (3years), Linda Suddaby (L) (1year) , Mary Royal (OM) (3years), Cathy Ryan (L) (3 years), Linda Stronski (L) (3years), Stephane Vermette (OM) (3 years)

Corresponding Members: Rosemary Lambie (Regional Executive Minister), Joel Miller (Assistant to REM and Secretary of Region), Anita Jansman (Communications and Administrative Assistant), Dana Ducette (Youth), Jane Dawson (Clusters and Networks), Whit Strong (Pastoral Relations), Karen Valley (Office of Vocation), Brian Cornelius (Treasurer)

Leadership Teams

1. Church Extension: Directors: Bert Cosman, Graham Campbell, David Debenham, Alan Gale, Daniel King, Charles Knight, Mike Nyenhuis, Don Reynolds; Members: Catherine Grant, Judy Harms-Potter, Linda Suddaby, Ted Brett; EOORC Appointments: Brian Cornelius, Carla Van Delen
2. Communications: JoAnne Fletcher, Gary McKay, Christopher Morgan, David Patterson (Resource: Anita Jansman)
3. Finance: Brian Cornelius (Treasurer), Bruce Jackson, Margaret Scott, Joe Smarkala, Evered Zytfeld (Resource: Rosemary Lambie)
4. Licensed Lay worship Leaders (LLWL): Georgina Fitzgerald, Eric Lukacs, Sharon MacDonald, Margaret Martin, Cathy Ryan, Norma Wrightly, Terrie Chedore (DM) (Resource: Whit Strong)
5. Nominations: Sue Hutton (Chair), Kimberly Heath, Susan DeHaan, Carla Van Delan and JoAnne Fletcher (Resource: Rosemary Lambie, Joel Miller)
6. Pastoral Relations: Ina Bromley, Ed Gratton, Wayne Harris, Charlotte Hoy, Sharon MacDonald, Erin McIntyre, Janet Nield, Linda Suddaby, Karen McLean (recording secretary) (Resource: Whit Strong)
7. Property and Finance: Ted Brett, Judy Harms-Potter, (Resource: Rosemary Lambie)
8. Scrivens-Baillie: Michael Harris (Chair) Ryan Babcock, Ken Brownness, Malcolm Collins, Brian Cornelius, James Murray, Larry Richardson, Ev Zytveld
9. Vision & Transformation: Elaine Beattie (Chair), Jim Allen, Charles Barrett, Lynn Boothroyd, Cindy Cassey, JoAnne Fletcher, Bronwen Harman, Phyllis MacRae, Janice Peron, Deb Poirier, Eleanor Smith, Bob Williams
10. YAYA: David Sherwin (Chair), Bill Checkley, Steve Clifton, Heather McLurg-Murphy, Kevin Moratz, Cathy Ryan, Hazel Ward-Moreau, Janet Nield, Margaret Eddy, and Tiina Cote (Resource: Dana Ducette)
11. Social Justice Network of Ontario Regional Councils: Charles Barrett (Chair)

Grace before Supper (4:50)

Rev. Carla Van Delen led the Grace before supper.

Supper (5:00)

A catered supper was served.

Gathering Music (6:30)

Kimberley Allen-McGill, Music Coordinator, and the Potluck Band encouraged all to accompany them in singing the following hymns: “Come All You People” (MV 2), “My Soul Cries Out/Canticle of the Turning” (MV 120), “Behold, Behold I Make All Things New” (MV 115), “Who Is My Mother?” (MV 178), “Draw the Circle Wide” (MV 145), “A New Day Dawning” (written by Gord Oaks and arranged by Josh McHan).

United Church Woman (6:45)

Kim Baird and Linda Stronski, Co-Presidents of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais UCW Executive gave a PowerPoint presentation to report on the structure of the EOORC UCW and its ongoing work. For more information contact Kim Baird: bairdjk@cogeco.ca or Linda Stronski: rstronski@cogeco.ca.

Multifaith Housing Initiative

Sue Smarkala, United Church of Canada Representative on the Board of Multifaith Housing Initiative reported that the Multi Faith Housing Initiative is not-for-profit charitable organization in Ottawa, established in 2002. Its slogan is "Communities Building Communities." MHI brings together a coalition of faith groups, local businesses, civil society, the City of Ottawa, and federal/provincial governments to establish innovative, collaborative solutions to create affordable housing. The newest project is the Veteran's House Project. This presentation was followed by a video describing, in fuller detail, the Veteran's House Project. More information can be gathered by visiting <http://www.multifaithhousing.ca/>

Healing Pathways

Sharon Moon explained that Healing Pathways is a recognized Network within the Regional Council. The Healing Pathway practitioner serves as a vessel or conduit of God's grace and healing energy. Practitioners are not the source of the healing energy; they are merely the instrument. The aim of healing is to restore balance and harmony within the energy system and thus enable the self-healing of the individual. The next training course, "Phase 1- Healing Pathway, an Introduction" is scheduled for November 8 & 9 at Glen Cairn United Church, Kanata. This presentation was followed by a video describing, in fuller detail, Healing Pathways. More information can be gathered by visiting <http://healingpathway.ca/> or emailing inquiries to HealingPathwayEast@gmail.com.

Covenant Agreement (7:15)

Eric Hebert-Daly, Responsable des Ministères en français, presented a PowerPoint, outlining the history of Ministries in French, its three objectives: 1. Support existing ministries in French through resources, administration and sharing; 2. To make sure we can find ways to build new Communities of Faith; 3. To make sure the United Church of Canada lives out its bilingualism. Eric also presented and submitted the *Covenant between the General Secretary, La Table des ministères en français and the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council – Conseil régional de l'Outaouais et de l'Est de l'Ontario* (see appendix D).

Notice of Motion

MOTION (/) that this Inaugural Meeting of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council adopts the Covenant Relationship between La Table, the General Secretary and the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council.

Closing Worship (7:45)

Rev. Kevin Moratz providing the closing reflection, which was followed by the singing of hymn "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (VU 481).

Saturday, June 8, 2019**Gathering Music (8:45)**

Kimberley Allen-McGill, Music Coordinator, and the Potluck Band welcomed delegates to the session and encouraged all to accompany them in singing the following hymn: "A New Day is Dawning" (written by Gord Oaks and arranged by Josh McHan).

Worship (9:00)

Rev. Blair Paterson led the opening worship, welcoming all in attendance and encouraging each to take a moment and greet one-another in Christ. The Call to Worship was based on hymn "And On This Path" (MV8), which was sung in between the following scripture passages being read: 2 Samuel 22:31-34; Psalm 119: 105 and Psalms 143:10-11; Matthew 13:3-9; Psalm 124:8. This was followed by the Opening Prayer and The Lord's Prayer, and then the singing of hymn "Will Your Anchor Hold" (VU 675). Afterwards, there was a Responsive Psalm 104:24-35 (VU 826 – refrain 1). Terrie Chedore, candidate for Diaconal Ministry, was introduced and then presented a reflection which was followed by the singing of hymn "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (VU 375). Scripture passage

1 Corinthians 15:58 was read, and then Rev. John Nordhoof, candidate for Admission was introduced and presented a reflection. This was followed by the singing of hymn “Let Us Build a House” (MV1) and a closing Benediction.

Governance Document Presentation - Phase 2 “Discussing” in table groups (9:30)

Rosemary reintroduced the three-phase business process used during the 43rd General Council (2018), and explained that now the meeting had entered into phase 2 - *Discussion* (exchange of ideas, thoughts, arguments, and pros and cons; suggestions for refining proposal, affirmations, naming principles/parameters). Response sheets were circulated to all of the table groups and each group was asked to record their discussions, and indicate if they were in agreement, disagreement or undecided for each of the items in the Governance Handbook (Governance Structures, Leadership Teams and Policies). At the end of the discussion phase, response sheets were collected and a designated writing team collated the responses, to then present the results later in the evening. The comments from the table group discussions are appendix E.

All-purpose break (11:00)

Meeting paused for refreshments.

2019 Budget Conversation (11:20)

Rev. Brian Cornelius presented the Finance Report (pages 44-60 in the Report Book; appendix A) and responded to question from the floor.

2019-06-7_115 MOTION (Margaret Martin/T. Burnett-Cole) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council accept the financial report as presented. **Carried**

Announcements and Grace (11:50)

Rev. Blair Paterson led the Grace before Lunch.

LUNCH (12:00)

A catered lunch was served.

Gathering Music (1:00)

Rev. Peter Woods, Mackay United Church in Ottawa, and Dr. James McGowan, Trinity United Church in Ottawa, performed two jazz instrumentals, and Kimberley Allen-McGill, Music Coordinator, and the Potluck Band encouraged all to accompany them in singing the following hymn: “A New Day is Dawning” (written by Gord Oaks and arranged by Josh McHan).

Theme Presentation – “Come Out, Unbind, Let Go, And Live!”

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petra led the Gathering Call (Responsive) which was Adapted From Worship Service of May 21, 2014 – Festival of Homiletics. This was followed by the singing of hymn “Great is Thy Faithfulness” (VU 288), a Call to Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness, and the singing of hymn “Called by Earth and Sky” MV 135. The Scripture reading was Ezekiel 37:1-14, which was followed by the singing of hymn “Listen, God is Calling (MV 97). The second Scripture reading was John 11:1-44 (MSG), which was followed by a sermon prepared by Takouhi Demirdjian-Petra entitled “Come Out, Unbind, Let Go, And Live!” and then the singing of hymn “And When You Call for Me” (MV 96). This was followed by Prayers of Hope and Healing, The Lord’s Prayer, and the Prayer of the Day (adapted from Jan Richardson, “Beloved Is Where We Begin”). There was a time of Anointing, then the singing of hymn “Take, O Take Me As I Am” (MV 85), a responsive Charge based on Ezekiel 37:5 and John 11:43, and the singing of the closing hymn “Mungu ni mwema/ Know that God is Good” (MV 104).

Office of Vocation (2:30)

Karen Valley, Office of Vocation Minister, gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining her role as Office of

Vocation Minister with the Regional Council, and highlighted the role of the Office of Vocation across the United Church of Canada. Her presentation included key themes: Referencing the Manuel, Section E, and outlining responsibilities (i.e. oversight and discipline of Ministry Personnel, supporting Regional Councils, maintaining lists of Conflict Resolution Facilitators, Interim Ministers and Ministry of Supervision, Board of Vocations, Candidacy Boards).

Mission and Service/Stewardship/Philanthropy

Rev. Trisha Elliott, Stewardship and Gift Officer, gave a PowerPoint presentation (and prop presentation) explaining her role as Stewardship and Gift Officer with the Regional Council, and highlighted the role of the Mission and Service, Stewardship and Philanthropy throughout the United Church of Canada. For more information visit: https://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/resources/mission_service-at-a-glance.pdf, and <http://www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca/>.

United Music video

A video was presented of Jason Locke introducing Music United. For more information visit: <http://musicunited.ca/>.

All-purpose Break (3:00)

Meeting paused for refreshments.

Ottawa Hospital Chaplaincy Ministry (OHCM) (3:20)

Sandra Copeland spoke about Ottawa Hospital Chaplaincy Ministry (OHCM) highlighting that its primary duty is to ensure that spiritual care is provided to United Church patients in Ottawa hospitals, and that the faith perspective of the United Church is well represented on hospital spiritual care advisory committees. All were invited to contact Sandra for more information.

Covenant Agreement

2019-06-7_116 MOTION (S. Vermette/ C. Casey) that this Inaugural Meeting of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council adopts the Covenant Relationship between La Table, the General Secretary and the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council. **Carried**

For *Covenant*, see appendix **D**.

Orientation to the New Church Structure (4:00)

Rev. Rosemary gave a PowerPoint presentation depicting the new boundaries of the Regional Councils within the United Church of Canada.

Moderator's Message

A video was presented of the Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, Moderator of The United Church of Canada, sending greeting to the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council.

General Council Executive Report and Question Period

Rev. Teresa Burnett-Cole, Rev. Arlyce Schiebout, Kate Rodd gave a PowerPoint presentation; highlights included: The membership of the General Council Executive, Guiding Principles and Vision, Indigenous Ministries and Justice, Faith Formation and Growing Edges, Outside Canada, Ministry & Employment, Mission & Service, Essential Agreement, and Assessment & Finance.

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

2019-06-7_117 MOTION (Andrew Jensen/Jenni Leslie) That the EOORC hears and believes the voices of the people who courageously testified before the Commission on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls;

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and that we add our voice to call for our constituent ministries, all levels of government, and all Canadians, to end the injustices and transform the attitudes that contribute to this ongoing genocide;

And that we forward this affirmation to the National Indigenous Council. **Carried**

Motion to be forwarded to the National Indigenous Council of the United Church of Canada.

Military Chaplains

Rev. Earl Klotz and Rev. Andrea Harrison brought greetings from the Military Chaplains that serve the Canadian Armed Forces and invited all to address any questions they had about military chaplaincy to them.

Call for Pastoral Charge Supervisors

Rev. Whit Strong, Pastoral Relations Ministers announced that there is a need for Pastoral Charge Supervisors.

Announcements and Grace

YAYA led the Grace before supper through and interpretive skit.

SUPPER (5:00)

A catered lunch was served.

Gathering Music (6:15)

Kimberley Allen-McGill, Music Coordinator, and the Potluck Band encouraged all to accompany them in singing the following hymn: "A New Day is Dawning" (written by Gord Oaks and arranged by Josh McHan).

Governance Document - Phase 3 "Decisions" (6:30)

Rosemary reintroduced the three-phase business process used during the 43rd General Council (2018), and explained that now the meeting had entered into phase 3 - *Decision* (final debate and refinement of proposal in plenary; working toward consensus, voting). The Facilitation Team, who had collected all of the response sheets that were generated during Phase 2, presented the comments of the table group discussion (appendix E); and the following decisions were rendered:

Living Mission Statement

2019-06-7_118 MOTION (J. Fletcher/L. Suddaby) that this Inaugural Meeting of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council provisionally adopt the Living Mission Statement as written in the Governance Handbook, with the understanding that it will be presented at the General Meeting in the fall, taking into account comments made during this meeting. **Carried**

Executive

2019-06-7_119 MOTION (J. Fletcher/B. Paterson) that this Inaugural Meeting of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council provisionally adopt the Executive's structure as written in the Governance Handbook, with the understanding that it will be presented at the General Meeting in the fall, taking into account comments made during this meeting. **Carried**

2019-06-7_120 MOTION (Kim Baird/ Nancy Hazen) That there be a designated seat for the UCW on the Executive of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council. **Defeated**

2019-06-7_121 MOTION (J. Fletcher/Carla Van Delen) that this Inaugural Meeting of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council approves the slate of officers for the Executive as presented in the Nominations Report. **Carried**

Leadership Teams

2019-06-7_122 MOTION (J. Fletcher/J. Noordhof) that this Inaugural Meeting of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council provisionally adopt all of the Leadership Teams as written in the Governance Handbook, with the understanding that the completed Terms of Reference will be presented at the General Meeting in the fall.

Carried

Travel Policy

2019-06-7_123 MOTION (J. Fletcher/E. Beattie) that this Inaugural Meeting of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council provisionally adopt the Travel Policy as written in the Governance Handbook, with the understanding that it will be presented at the General Meeting in the fall, taking into account comments made during this meeting. **Carried**

Pastoral Relations Travel Policy

2019-06-7_124 MOTION (J. Fletcher/E. Beattie) that this Inaugural Meeting of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council provisionally adopt the Pastoral Relations Policy as written in the Governance Handbook, with the understanding that it will be presented at the General Meeting in the fall, taking into account comments made during this meeting. **Carried** (55-Y/ 54-N/5 abstentions)

Voluntary Associate Minister and Marriage Policy

2019-06-7_125 MOTION (J. Fletcher/J. Hetherington) that this Inaugural Meeting of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council provisionally adopt the Voluntary Associate Minister and Marriage Policy as written in the Governance Handbook, with the understanding the it will be presented at the General Meeting in the fall, taking into account comments made during this meeting. **Carried**

Policy re Financial Appeals at AGM

2019-06-7_126 MOTION (J. Fletcher/C. Penhale) that this Inaugural Meeting of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council provisionally adopt the Policy re Financial Appeals at AGM as written in the Governance Handbook, with the understanding the it will be presented at the General Meeting in the fall, taking into account comments made during this meeting. **Carried**

Policy re Community of Faith Supervisor

2019-06-7_127 MOTION (J. Fletcher/S. MacDonald) that this Inaugural Meeting of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council provisionally adopt the Policy re Community of Faith Supervisor as written in the Governance Handbook, with the understanding that it will be presented at the General Meeting in the fall, taking into account comments made during this meeting. **Carried**

Ministry Personnel Involvement in a Former Community of Faith Policy

2019-06-7_128 MOTION (J. Fletcher/S. MacDonald) that this Inaugural Meeting of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council provisionally adopt the Ministry Personnel Involvement in a Former Community of Faith Policy as written in the Governance Handbook, with the understanding that it will be presented at the General Meeting in the fall, taking into account comments made during this meeting. (no action taken see motion below)

2019-06-7_129 MOTION (C. Knight/ D. Paterson) that this Inaugural Meeting of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council defer the decision to adopt the Ministry Personnel Involvement in a Former Community of Faith Policy as written in the Governance Handbook, until the General Meeting in the Fall. **Carried**

Policy Regarding Proceeds from the Sale of Property

2019-06-7_130 MOTION (J. Fletcher/C. Penhale) that this Inaugural Meeting of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council provisionally adopt the Policy Regarding Proceeds from the Sale of Property as written in the Governance Handbook, with the understanding that it will be presented at the General Meeting in the fall, taking into account comments made during this meeting. **Carried**

Licensed Lay Worship Leader Policy & Guidelines

2019-06-7_131 MOTION (B. Paterson/Susan) that this Inaugural Meeting of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council provisionally adopt the Licensed Lay Worship Leader Policy & Guidelines as written in the Governance Handbook, with the understanding that it will be presented at the General Meeting in the fall, taking into account comments made during this meeting. **Carried**

Enabling Motions to be effective rise of Celebration of Ministry (7:45)

2019-06-7_132 MOTION (B. Harman/D. Stiles) that following the rise of the Inaugural Meeting of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, all powers of the Regional Council be granted to the Executive until the next General Meeting. **Carried**

2019-06-7_133 MOTION (B. Harman/D. Stiles) that the meeting be adjourned following the Celebration of Ministry on June 9th 2019, at approximately 12:00 p.m., and that the Chair declares this 1st Inaugural Meeting of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council duly concluded following the Celebration of Ministry. **Carried**

Evening Vespers (7:50)

Rev. Natalie Istead led worship which began with the singing of two verses of hymn “Chacun a sa place” (MV 62), and then the reading of Psalm 91:1-6 (NIV), followed by the closing two verses of hymn “Chacun a sa place” (MV 62). Worship ended with a closing blessing.

Celebration of Ministry rehearsal /Choir Practice (8:00)

The Celebration of Ministry rehearsal and choir Practice took place at Trinity United Church.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019**Spirit of the Drum Pow Wow Sunrise Ceremony (5:00)**

Held on Turtle Island, off Abbott Street, Smiths Falls, Ontario. All were welcome to attend.

Celebration of Ministry (10:00)

The Celebration of Ministry Service was held in the Sanctuary at Trinity United Church, situated in Smiths Falls, Ontario, at 10 a.m. The officiants and candidates entered the sanctuary in a processional led by Rev. Blair Paterson playing bagpipes. The service opened with words of welcome by host Minister, Rev. Christopher Ryan; the choir sang the introit “Holy Spirit, Come into Our Lives” (MV6); Rev. Kimberly Heath led the call to worship and lighting the Christ Candle, and Rev. Elaine Beattie led the Prayer of Approach. This was followed by the signing of the hymn “This is the Day” (VU 412). The Scripture reading was John 3:1-16 (MSG) and was read by candidate for Admission Rev. John Nordhoof and candidate for Commissioning Terrie Chedore. The sermon, “Feeling the Winds of God”, was preached by Kimberly Heath. This was followed by the singing of hymn “I Feel the Winds of God Today” (VU 625). The offering, designated for the Mission & Service Fund, was collected while the choir, sang the anthem “Step by Step”. After the offering was received the offering hymn was sung: “For the Fruits of All Creation” (VU 227). The offering prayer was read by Catherine Rodd, Executive Officer, Communications, Representative of the General Council, of the United Church of Canada. The Celebration and Thanksgiving in Memoriam was led by Rev. Whit Strong, the Pastoral Relations Minister, in prayer for members of the Order of Ministry of Conference who had died throughout the most recent church calendar year – Rev. Stanley Ralph and Rev. Dr. Garth Mundle. (Appendix A, Report Book pg. 20-22). The memoriam was followed by the singing of hymn “I see a New Heaven” (VU 713). A celebration of the ministries of those retiring was led by Rev. Rosemary Lambie, Executive Minister for members of the Order of Minister who were retiring – Rev. Brian Copeland, Rev. Dawn Clark, Rev. Paul Evans, Rev. Jeff de Jonge, Rev. Elizabeth Tucker, Janet Nield, Diaconal Minister, Rev. Dr. Karen Boivin and Margie Patterson, Designated Lay Minister. (Appendix A, Report Book pg. 14-17) The retirees who were in attendance were presented a certificate of appreciation. The Celebration concluded in Prayer, and then in the singing of hymn “My Love Colours Outside the Lines” (VU 138).

A Celebration of New Ministries, through the Service of Ordination, was led by Rev. Kimberly Heath, Rev. Elaine Beattie and Rev. Rosemary Lambie, and began with the reciting of “Our Affirmation of Faith”. The candidates were presented by Rev. Blair Paterson, Chair of the Board of Vocation in the absence of the Office of Vocation Minister for the Regional Council. The taking of the vows and laying on of hands of the Commissioned were followed by the presentation of a Bible, chalice and patent. Family and friends of the Commissioned presented a stole. The congregation responded with Halle, Halle, Halle (VU 958). The taking of the vows of the Admitted were followed by the presentation of a Bible, chalice and patent. The congregation responded with Halle, Halle, Halle (VU 958).

Terrie Chedore, D.M.
Rev. John Nordhoof

Commissioned to the Order of Ministry of the United Church of Canada
Admitted to the Order of Ministry of the United Church of Canada

The celebration concluded with the singing of hymn “Lift High the Cross” (VU 151). The service of Communion (Prepared by the Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, 43rd Moderator of the United Church of Canada) was led by Rev. Kimberly Heath and con-celebrated Rev. Elaine Beattie and Rev. Rosemary Lambie, and began with an Invitation to the Table, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon, Prayer of Thanksgiving, the Prayer “Our Father”, and the Sharing of the Elements. This was followed by the singing of hymn “Spirit, Open My Heart” (MV 79), a musical interlude and the singing of hymn “Take, O Take Me as I am” (MV 85). Communion was served in the pews by the new members of the Order of Ministry, as well retirees. The communion service concluded with the Post Communion Prayer and the singing of hymn, “Over My Head” (VU 88). This was followed by the Installation of Bronwen Harman as President, and Covenanting with the Regional Council Executive, Leadership Teams, and Promises of the Regional Council. This was followed by the singing of hymn “Dance with the Spirit” (MV 156). Rev. Kimberly Heath provided the closing benediction, which was followed by the singing of hymn “Choral Amen (VU 974). The new members of the Order of Ministry of the United Church of Canada and the officiants were led out of the Sanctuary to by Rev. Blair Paterson playing the bagpipes. A reception was held in the Hall of Trinity United Church.

Rev. Kimberly Heath,
Co-Chair

Rev. Rosemary Lambie
Executive Minister

Joel Miller
Recording Secretary

Rev. Elaine Beattie
Co - Chair

Appendices:

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