
GENERAL MEETING
October 5th 2019

The Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council of The United Church of Canada held its General Meeting at St. Paul's United Church in Prescott, Ontario, on Saturday October 5th 2019.

THE FOLLOWING REGISTERED THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE BUSINESS MEETING

Ministry (58)

Kurt Asmis, Anthony Bailey, Brenda Bailey, Edward Barbezat, Peter Bartlett, Elaine Beattie, Alan Bennett, Carolyn Bennett, Nancy Best, Erin Burns, Dianne Cardin, Cindy Casey, Melany Cassidy-Wise, Terrie Chedore, Douglas Collins, Edward Colwell, Brian Copeland, Brian Cornelius, Tina Cote, Peter Dahlin, Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro, Phyllis Dietrich, Grant Dillenbeck, Margaret Eddy, Lynne Gardiner, Myra Garvin, Lois Gaudet, Ed Gratton, Daniel Hansen, Kimberly Heath, Patricia Henry, Gwendaline Hermann, Richard Hollingsworth, Susan Hutton, Carolyn Insley, Natalie Istead, Andrew Jensen, Demanya Kofi Akoussah, Jenni Leslie, Erin McIntyre, Laurie McKnight, Anne Montgomery, Edward Murray, John Noordhof, Catherine Oxenford-Grant, Kathryn Peate, Kathleen Petrie, Shelley Roberts, Mary Royal-Duczek, Christopher Ryan, Arlyce Schiebout, David Sherwin, Don Stiles, William Ralph Taylor, Valérie Vande Wiele, Paul Vavasour, Stéphane Vermette, Kim Vidal.

Lay (79)

Jim Allen, Margaret Armstrong, Km Baird, Eileen Ball, Karen Austin Wayne Bando, Helen Barkley, Lorne Bender, Reginald Best, Felix Bigirimana, Ted Brett, Paul Bullock, Ron Bulmer, Janice Burroughs, David Charles, Carolyn Clark, Mary Colwell, Bryan Cook, Alan Dobie, Kevan Durrell, Phil Fay, JoAnne Fletcher, Jennifer Gow, Linda Guetta, Mary Elizabeth Gutsell, Bronwen Harman, Judith Harms-Potter, Wayne Harris, Patricia Hassard, Nancy Hazen, Yvonne Holmes, Charlotte Hoy, Karen Hunt, Marilyn Joseph, Gail Kirkconnell, Charles Knight Yvonne Knight, Joanne Kosmack, May LaHay, David Lee, Lois Leroux, Sharon MacDonald, Phyllis MacRae, Colin Marshall, Gail McCooeye, Norma McCord, Helen McIntosh, Gary McKay, Karen McLean, Doug Merkley, Bea Ostrander, David Patterson, Evelyn Perkins, Janice Peron, Geraldine Reid, Marion Reilly, Barbara Reynolds, Eleanor Rintoul, Michelle Robichaud, David Rockwell, Carolyn Ruda, Joy Ruttan, Catherine Ryan, Paul Sales, Dave Scharf, Lynn Shaw, Vicki Simzer, Barbara Smith, Wendy Snelgrove, Linda Suddaby, Desna Sulway, Beth Sweetnam, Gerald Tennant, Margaret Torrance, Sandra Walker, James Watchorn, Christopher Whitty, Richard Valin.

Regional Council Staff (8)

Jane Dawson, Dana Ducette, Trisha Elliott, Anita Jansman, Rosemary Lambie, Joel Miller, Whitman Strong, Karen Valley.

Regional Council Youth (8)

Petra Heath, Alisa Insley, Heather Insley, Alex Price, Calum Reid, Delaney Smith, Mason Smith, Rousseau Whiteley.

Guests of the Regional Council (18)

Jan Burgess, Howard Cain, Graham Campbell, Ginge Chapleau, Barbara DeJeet, Grant Gilliland, Margaret Gosselin, Lorna Grant, Elizabeth Hobden, Bruce Jackson, Christine Lawson, Margaret MacNeil, Ruth Richardson, Linda Smiley, Sandy Smith, Catherine Stewart, Linda Stronski, Paul Whiteley.

Quorum

This meeting had quorum.

Registration, 'Coffee Hour' and Community time (9:00)

Welcoming, Announcements to facilitate time together (9:30)

Bronwen Harman, Regional Council President extended welcome to attendees and provided information about accessibility of church (i.e. washrooms locations, hall where in basement where lunch would be served).

Acknowledging First Nations territory

It was acknowledged that this general meeting was taking place on Algonquin and Haudenosaunee territory, and thanks was given for stewardship of the land.

Call to Order (by the President of the Regional Council)

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Sovereign head of the Church, and by the authority of the 1st Inaugural Meeting of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council of the United Church of Canada, I hereby declare this general meeting duly constituted and to be in session for conducting the business which will properly come before it.

Agenda

2019-10-05_172 MOTION (B. Reynolds/M. Cassidy-Wise) That the agenda as circulated be adopted. **Carried**

Changing Church with Jane Dawson, Dana Doucette and Youth – Join the youth of our region as they share their ideas about the future of our church and region through worship, presentation and discussion group time (9:35-12:00)

Worship

Here below is an outline of the PowerPoint Presentations of the morning's worship:

Quote

“Do not try to call them back to where they were, and do not try to call them to where you are, as beautiful as that place might seem to you. You must have the courage to go with them to a place that neither you nor they have ever been before.” –Vincent J. Donovan, *Christianity Rediscovered* (Ossining, NY: Orbis Books, 2003)

Call to Worship

One: The youth of today are the adults of tomorrow, but it's not tomorrow yet so here we are standing in two places.

All: We come with respect for the youth of today and cherish the adults you will become.

One: We, the youth, are gathered here today to do lots of fun stuff, to see friends and to enjoy being young. And you, the adults, are gathered here today to make decisions about our church. To have discussions that don't make any sense to us, but will have an impact on our future. Though I'm sure you will have fun in your own way, however that may be.

All: Help us to gather with you to learn and grow, to listen, to hear and share as Elders our knowledge with respect, care and love.

One: As we gather together and apart help us Lord to remember to have fun, to find joy and see your grace in all your people.

All: Prepare our minds and open our hearts Lord. Let us all worship God together.

AMEN

Hymn

“Let Us Build A House” (More Voices #1) – accompanied by Kimberly Allen-McGill and the Potluck band.

Lighting of the Peace Candle and Gathering Prayer

ALL: I am only a spark Lord, Make me a flame. As we light this candle ignite peace within us and within our community. Help us to fan the flames of love, hope and joy so peace can be spread throughout your world.

AMEN

Hymn

“How Great Thou Art” – *sung by* Soloist, Alex Price

First Scripture and Reflection

Matthew 14:13-21

The youth enacted skit as part of reflection.

Second Scripture and Reflection

Matthew 5:1-12

The youth enacted skit as part of reflection.

Hymn

“Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary” (More Voices #18) – accompanied by Kimberly Allen-McGill and the Potluck band.

Prayer of Invitation

“O God We Call” – accompanied by Kimberly Allen-McGill and the Potluck band.

*O God we call,
O God we call,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn for you.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Healing and Transformation

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

“My Love Colours Outside the Lines” (More Voices #138) – accompanied by Kimberly Allen-McGill and the Potluck band.

Commissioning and Blessing / Three Fold AMEN

Presentation

Here below is an outline of the PowerPoint of the morning's presentation:

Coming Together

- Who are we?
- Why are we here – in this time and place?
- A time of connection and reflection
- Putting youth in the picture

Who We Are

(Slide of the Geographical area of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council)

Putting Youth in the Picture

- Talking about **youth** means talking about **age**
- More people over 65 than under 15
- A call to “elderhood” – not just years
- What's our responsibility in times like these?

Seventh Generation Principle

“In every deliberation we must consider the impact on the seventh generation.” – Great Law of Iroquois Confederacy

The Next Generation

- Taking hopes and desires of youth / young adults seriously
- Teen climate activists – wake up call!

Survey: “How Do Young People Want to Lead Church?”

- What stops you from participating?
- How do you want to lead?
- What supports do you need?

Responses

Exclusion

- ideas not respected
- don't want to be tokens of diversity
- resistance to change that keeps them away
- few supports, don't know where to find them

Isolation

- age gap
- how to connect with other youth?

What to do? Visit link to see results of youth survey!

<https://eoorc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Youth-and-Young-Adult-Leadership.pptx>

“The shifting and the changing”

*From the centre of the circle, in the glimmer of God's grace
We reach out for help and wisdom, seeking Christ in human face.
This we know, we find our centre, in Christ's call to bend and stretch
In the shifting and the changing, we are held
Love has no end – © Wendy MacLean/Chris Murphy*

All-purpose break (10:45)

Meeting paused for refreshments.

Ball pit exercise “Turning to One Another”

- From “coffee break”/table groups to “Strangers in a Café”
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HfHV4-N2LxQ>

Attendees were asked to meet someone new, find a good question from list below, and discuss:

Find one thing you have in common.

Talk about something you wish you had done differently

Talk about an experience that changed your life.

Share one thing on your bucket list

Talk about an “elder” who inspires you

What is one of your key “go to” passages in Bible?

What is the biggest risk you have ever taken?

When did you first fall in love?

What scares you most about the future?

What do you want to be remembered for?

What do you love most about being the age you are?

Talk about a place in the world you find "spiritual."

Talk about the most surprising way you encounter God?

What gives you a sense of wonder?

Talk about a time when a stranger helped you?

Talk about one unexpected thing you are grateful for.

What bends your mind whenever you think about it?

What excites you most about the future?

What is your earliest memory?

What do you hope never changes?

What advice would you give your younger self?

What age do you wish you could permanently be?

What is one thing you had had to unlearn?

What small thing makes your day better?

What is something you will never do again?

What's the best and worst thing about getting older?

Who is a "young leader" you admire?

As you get older, what do you become more afraid of?

Have you ever changed your mind about something big?

What do you regret not doing?

Lunch (12:00)

A catered lunch was served by members of St. Paul's United Church.

Minutes from the Inaugural Meeting (13:00)

019-10-05_173 MOTION (W. Harris/L. Gardnir) That the minutes of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Inaugural Meeting of June 7-9, 2019 be accepted as circulated. **Carried**

Budget Presentation (13:10)

Brian Cornelius presented that following:

- Financial Report - Budget (see **appendix A**)
- Statement of Financial Position (see **appendix B**)

Governance Handbook (13:40) (see **appendix C**)

2019-10-05_174 MOTION (T. Demirdjian-Petro/J. Fletcher) That the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council provisionally adopt the 1. Pastoral Relations Travel, 2. the Authorization to Perform Marriage and Voluntary Associate Minister (VAM) Policy, 3. the Community of Faith Supervisors Policy and Practice, 4. the Policy Regarding Financial Appeals at Annual Meetings of the Regional Council, 5. the Policy Regarding

Proceeds from the Sale of Property, with the understanding they will be presented at the General Meeting in February 2020. **Carried**

Leadership Teams without a completed Terms of Reference

2019-10-05_175 MOTION (L. Suddaby/ G. Gilliland) that this Meeting of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council provisionally adopt the Terms of Reference of the Leadership Teams (namely: Nominations, Pastoral Relations, Property, Scrivens/Baillie, YAYA, Eastern Ontario Outaouais Social Justice Network) as written in the Governance Handbook, with the understanding that the completed Terms of Reference will be presented at the General Meeting in February 2020. **Carried**

Regional Council Living Mission Statement

2019-10-05_176 MOTION (B. Reynolds/J. Allen) That the 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 Annual General Meeting in May 2020, taking into account comments made during the Inaugural Meeting. **Carried**

Regional Council Executive

2019-10-05_177 MOTION (S. Hutton/E. Beattie) That Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council adopt the Executive's structure as written in the Governance Handbook. **Carried**

Finance Leadership Team

2019-10-05_178 MOTION (B. Reynolds/A. Schiebout) That the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council accepts the recommendation of the Executive to approve the terms of reference for the Finance Leadership Team. **Carried**

Licensed Lay worship Leaders (LLWL)

2019-10-05_179 MOTION (T. Chedore/L. Leroux) That the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council accepts the recommendation of the Executive to approve the terms of reference for the LLWL Leadership Team. **Carried**

Vision and Transformation Leadership Team

2019-10-05_180 MOTION (E. Gratton/M. Cassidy-Wise) That the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council accepts the recommendation of the Executive to approve the terms of reference for the Vision and Transformation Leadership Team. **Carried**

The Church Extension Committee

2019-10-05_181 MOTION (C. Knight/B. Reynolds) That the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council accepts the recommendation of the Executive to approve the terms of reference for the Church Extension Committee. **Carried**

(Hospital) Chaplaincy Ministry

2019-10-05_182 MOTION (D. Collins/E. Beattie) That the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council accepts the recommendation of the Executive to approve the terms of reference for the (Hospital) Chaplaincy Ministry. *(see motion directly below)*

2019-10-05_183 MOTION (R. Bulmer/ M. Cassidy-Wise) That the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council postpone the motion to accept the terms of reference for hospital Chaplaincy until the general meeting in February 2020. **Carried**

Communication Leadership Team

2019-10-05_184 MOTION (G. McKay/B. Reynolds) That the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council accepts the recommendation of the Executive to approve the terms of reference for the Communications Leadership Team. **Carried**

Travel Policy

2019-10-05_185 MOTION (B. Bailey/D. Paterson) That the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council accepts the recommendation of the Executive to adopt the Travel Policy. **Carried**

Ministry Personnel Involvement in a Former Community of Faith Policy

2019-10-05_186 MOTION (W. Harris/P. Dahlin) That the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council accepts the recommendation of the Executive to adopt the Ministry Personnel Involvement in a Former Community of Faith Policy. **Carried** (C. Whitty - opposed, B. Reynolds - abstains)

2019-10-05_187 MOTION (B. Reynolds/ G. McKay) Amendment: to replace 3 years with 2 years in all appropriate places within the policy. **Defeated**

Licensed Lay Worship Leader Policy & Guidelines

2019-10-05_188 MOTION (S. Hutton/K. McLean) That the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council accepts the recommendation of the Executive to adopt the Licensed Lay Worship Leader Policy & Guidelines. **Carried**

Property Transactions Policy

2019-10-05_189 MOTION (B. Bailey/P. Dahlin) that this Meeting of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council accepts the recommendation of the Executive to approve the Property transaction policy. **Carried**

Major Renovations

2019-10-05_190 MOTION (G. McKay/P. Dahlin) that this Meeting of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council accepts the recommendation of the Executive to approve the Major Renovations policy. **Carried**

Policy regarding Decision-making by E-mail

2019-10-05_191MOTION (J. Fletcher/D. Stiles) That this Meeting of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council accepts the recommendation of the Executive to approve the policy regarding Decision-making by E-mail. **Carried**

Social Justice Network of Ontario Regional Councils

2019-10-05_192 MOTION (T. Demirdjian-Petro/B. Reynolds) That the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council accept the recommendation of the Executive to support the covenant with Social Justice Network of Ontario Regional Councils (SJNOR) and request that nominations search for a representative. **Carried**

Other Business (14:40)

The Affirming Process

2019-10-05_193 MOTION (P. Dietrich/L. Gardiner) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council request that the executive form a working group to contact Affirm United and report back about the process. **Carried**

Bilingual Camp Awesome

It was announced that Camp Awesome would be working with counterparts in Conseil regional Nakonha:ka Regional Council to develop bilingual program.

UCW Report (see appendix D)

3.15 Worship/Prayer Shawls (15:15)

Mary Smiley and Don Stiles (Chair of the Executive) presented members of the staff with Prayer Shawls, and recognized the staff for their work within the Regional Council.

General Meeting February 2020

It was announced that the general meeting on February 22, 2019, would be an in person meeting (location had not yet been determined) and there would be the possibility of connecting online (in case of bad weather). Despite the possibility of remote connection, all were encouraged to attend the meeting in person.

Enabling Motions

2019-10-05_194 MOTION (T. Demirdjian-Petro/A. Montgomery) that following the rise of the general 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**

2019-10-05_195 MOTION (C. Whitty/S. Vermette) that the meeting be adjourned at 3:33 p.m., and that the Chair declares this general meeting of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council duly concluded. **Carried**

Closing Remarks and Benediction (15:45)

All were thanked for their participation at this general meeting, and were encouraged to safely travel back to their homes.

Bronwen Harman
Chair

Rev. Rosemary Lambie
Executive Minister

Joel Miller
Recording Secretary

Appendices:

Appendix A Financial Report - Budget
Appendix B Statement of Financial Position
Appendix C Revised Handbook
Appendix D UCW Report