

## CLOSING WORSHIP and COVENANTING

Let us prepare our hearts for worship in silence







### Prayer of Approach



Holy, Sacred One, we celebrate your presence, within us, among us, beyond us. Open our hearts to you, to one another, and to the inspiration of your living Word. May we recognize that we are making our way through the desert of life, working towards the promised land.

May this gathering be our time of making promises. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen



### Scripture

1 Corinthians 12



Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good...

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.



#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Let us pray: Gracious God, you have called us to share in Christ's ministry.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us as we commit ourselves to work together in Christ's name. Amen.



#### **Appreciation of Promises from the Past**

Memorials, Retiree, Milestones



## Questions and Promises



Knowing that Jesus is with us in all we do, trusting that the Holy Spirit guides us into the very life for which we were created, we come together as church in Eastern Ontario Outaouais. Many of us have offered our time and skill, our God-given gifts to serve, on behalf of this regional council, in response to a sacred calling. It is our task now to acknowledge these people, the ministry to which they are called, and to offer our support and gratitude.



### Covenanting with Staff



Executive Minister: Peter Bartlett, do you, as staff of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, accept the ministry of Minister supporting Visioning with Communities of Faith, Clusters and Social Justice and Outreach Networks that is before you?

Peter Bartlett: I do.

**Executive Minister:** And are you willing to engage in the particular ministries to which you are called, honouring your partners in mission, guiding the ones needing instruction, serving the ones needing assistance, and all the while, humbly recognizing the brokenness and need within us all?

Peter: I am.

#### **Executive Minister:**

Do you promise to continue to serve Christ through serving others, recognizing that through the details and obligations of the work before you, the still small voice of God urges and compels us toward peace and harmony?

Peter: I do.



#### **Executive Minister:**

Do you, members of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council promise to support and encourage all the Staff in their work and their faith, together engaging God's mission through prayer and good will, in this ministry that is both theirs and ours?

#### Members of EOORC: We do.



## Covenanting with new Licensed Lay Worship Leaders



#### Lynn McCaw Ruth Pentinga Laura Webb



## Installation of the Incoming President Susan Hutton



#### **Executive Minister / Ministre exécutive:**

We present to you, Susan Hutton whom this Regional Council has elected to preside over its life and work until such time as her successor comes to office, that she may be installed in the office of president.

#### Past-President / Présidente-ancienne:

Susan you are here at the call of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council of The United Church of Canada. Are you ready to answer this call?

Incoming-President / Nouveau Présidente:

I am ready and willing.

#### **Past-President / Présidente-ancienne:**

Dear Friends in Christ, do you believe that Susan, by the grace of God, is worthy to be installed as our President?

All: We believe she is worthy. Glory be to God.

#### **Past-President / Présidente-ancienne:**

May the God who has given us the will to do these things give us the power and grace to perform them.

All: Amen



#### Past-President / Présidente-ancienne:

Will you, the members of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, support and encourage Susan with your prayer and work?

Members: We will.

Past-President / Présidente-ancienne:

Let us pray...



#### **Laying on of Hands** – hold them up towards your screen

#### Past-President / Présidente-ancienne:

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon your servant, Susan, that she may minister faithfully in the office of Incoming-President of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council.

All: Amen



#### Presentation of Symbols / Présentation des symbols

#### Past-President / Présidente-ancienne:

Receive this stole. Exercise your ministry as Incoming-President of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council of The United Church of Canada.

#### **Executive Minister/** *Ministre exécutive*:

Receive this gavel. Guide us with a firm but gentle hand.



#### Pastoral Relations Ministers / Responsible des relations pastorales:

Receive this Talking Stick. Encourage us to speak and listening respectfully.

### Program Assistant to the Executive Minister / Adjoint de programme à la ministre exécutive:

Receive this Manual. Know the wisdom and foundations of our past will guide you.

#### Past-President/ Présidente-ancienne:

May the God who has given us the will to do these things give us the power and grace to perform them.

#### People: Amen

## Covenanting with **Executive** and Teams

We are here to join into a covenantal relationship with God, and between all the members of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, in particular those who have recently let their names stand and have been duly elected to serve on the Executive, Teams of our Regional Council, and General Council Commissioners.



Although God's covenant with us never changes, our covenants with one another evolve as we seek ways to faithfully deepen our commitment to Jesus and live into our call to embody God's love in the world.



These people have presented themselves to be willing and able to serve in this capacity. The nominations team members have prayed, discerned, and done due diligence to ensure all of you have the skills and faith to carry out this work on behalf of the Regional Council.



# Covenanting with the Regional Council Executive



#### **Executive Minister:**

Friends, do you believe you are called to exercise your spiritual gifts, to serve this Regional Council, and The United Church of Canada, as a member of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive?

**Executive Members: We do.** 



#### **Executive Minister:**

Will you faithfully perform the duties of your office within the polity of The United Church of Canada?

**Executive: We do.** 



## Covenanting with Leadership Teams

#### **Executive Minister:**

Friends, Do you believe you are called to exercise your spiritual gifts, to serve this Regional Council, and The United Church of Canada, as Leadership Teams of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council?

#### Members: We do.



#### **Executive Minister:**

Will you faithfully perform the duties of your office within the polity of The United Church of Canada?

Members: We will.



## Promises of the Regional Council



#### **Executive Minister:**

Will you, the members of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, support and encourage the Chairs and members of the Executive and of Leadership Teams?

#### Members: We will.



#### Let us pray:

God of Love, we thank you for the many gifts offered in your service by these leaders among us. We ask for your blessings, that we will always seek your guidance and counsel, knowing that in serving others, we will find life and wholeness.



We give thanks, that even when it feels like a desert; we know we are never alone, even as we head for the promised land.

We give thanks that we go with God, the Source of Love, Jesus, the Love Incarnate, and the Holy Spirit, Love's promise and comfort.

Amen.



## The end of worship; the beginning of service

