

Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council
Meeting of the Executive
Thursday, May 12, 2022 – 9 AM

Living Mission Statement for the Regional Council

- *Supporting and enhancing the ministry of Communities of Faith*
- *Supporting Ministry Personnel, Staff and Lay Leadership in Communities of Faith*
 - *Supporting and nurturing Right Relations, Social and Ecological Justice*
 - *Supporting people in all seasons of life*
 - *Supporting and building Communications*

IN ATTENDANCE

Bronwen Harman	Past-President
Susan (Sue) Hutton, DLM	President-Elect
Jim Allen	Member
Rev. Teresa Burnett-Cole	Member
Liz Church	Member
Rev. Cindy Casey	Member
Rev. Ryan Kim	Member
Rev. John Noordhof	Member
Caroline Ruda	Member
Catherine Ryan	Member
Linda Stronski	Member
Rev. Rosemary Lambie	Executive Minister, Full Member
Rev. Dr. Peter Bartlett	Corresponding Member - Minister Supporting Clusters & Networks
Joel Miller	Program Assistant to Executive Minister, Recording Secretary
Rev. Whit Strong	Corresponding Member, Pastoral Relations Minister

GUESTS

Burton Maves	Corresponding Member, Representative from Zion Evangelical United Church (departed at 10 am)
Shelley Jodoin	Corresponding Member, Representative from Zion Evangelical United Church (departed at 10 am)
Robert Lisk	Corresponding Member, Representative from Zion Evangelical United Church (departed at 10 am)
Eunice Getz	Corresponding Member, Representative from Zion Evangelical United Church (departed at 10 am)
Linda Foy	Corresponding Member, Reviewer (departed at 9:20 AM)

REGRETS/ABSENT

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro	President
Rev. Lynne Gardiner	Member
Rev. Brian Cornelius	Corresponding Member – Treasurer for the Regional Council
Dana Ducette	Corresponding Member - Minister for Youth and Young Adults Faith, Clusters and Networks
Anita Jansman	Corresponding Member - Communications and Administration Assistant

Opening Devotions and Land acknowledgement

Rev Rosemary Lambie – led the land acknowledgement and opening prayer.

2022-05-12_001 MOTION (T. Burnett-Cole/C. Casey) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive appoints President-elect Susan Hutton as Chair for this meeting. **CARRIED**

Purpose

- Review of Zion Evangelical United Church

Receive and determine actions resulting from the Review of Zion Evangelical United Church, Pembroke as ordered at the April 28, 2021 meeting of the Executive

Introductions

2022-05-12_002 MOTION (L. Church/C. Casey) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive accepts the following participants as corresponding members: Linda Foy the Reviewer and from Zion Evangelical United Church, Pembroke; Burton Maves, Shelley Jodoin, Robert Lisk and Eunice Getz. **CARRIED**

Receiving the Review and Community of Faith Response

- a) 10 minutes for the Reviewer, Ms. Linda Foy to introduce the report,
- b) 20 minutes for members of the Executive to ask questions of the Reviewer,
- c) 30 minutes for the Zion Evangelical United Church, Pembroke to respond to the report.

Regional Council President-Elect offering thanks, excused the corresponding participants from the meeting.

2022-05-12_003 MOTION (T. Burnett-Cole/J. Allen) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive receives the Review Report prepared by Ms. Linda Foy and verbal response of Zion Evangelical United Church, Pembroke. **CARRIED**

2022-05-12_004 MOTION (R. Kim/L. Church) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive facilitate a congregational meeting in response to a petition dated March 18th 2021, requesting a congregational meeting in order to consider a change in pastoral relationship,

...It is with a heavy heart that we, the undersigned members of Zion Evangelical United Church, are requesting a congregational meeting with the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council to consider ending the pastoral relationship with Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Hansen...

The meeting is to be held on May 31, 2022 (7 PM) at Wesley United Church, chaired by Rev. David Sherwin. The incumbent will be given the opportunity to respond to the March 18, 2021 petition, for a period of 15 minutes, at the beginning of the meeting, following which, the incumbent will be excused, as per *The Manual* section I.3.1.6 (d). **CARRIED**

2022-05-12_005 MOTION (J. Allen/C. Ryan) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive name two Regional Council representatives to work with the Community of Faith to examine its current strengths, areas requiring reorganization, and what it can reasonably accomplish in the future. This work will be accomplished by way of a Community of Faith Self-Assessment and a Mission Articulation Plan (MAP). The congregants and the current Board Executive be notified of their ability to participate in the Mission Articulation Process. **CARRIED**

2022-05-12_006 MOTION (C. Casey/B. Harman) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive assign a community of faith Supervisor - *The Manual* I.2.2. (a). who will work closely with Zion Evangelical United Church and with the two Regional Council representatives while the community of faith regroup and determines its way forward (*The Manual* I.2.2. (a)).

2022-05-12_007 MOTION (T. Burnett-Cole/C. Ryan) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive ensures the facilitation of a reconciliation process for healing so that the church body can move forward together. **CARRIED**

2022-05-12_008 MOTION (J. Allen/L. Church) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive instruct the community of faith Supervisor to work with the Zion Evangelical United Church to ensure that it has a Board and an Executive which will support the reconciliation and the Mission Articulation Plan. This may require changes to Board membership. **CARRIED**

2022-05-12_009 MOTION (B. Harman/L. Stronski) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive require current Board Chair Robert Lisk to step down from his position as per The Manual B.7.3.5. (d). **CARRIED**

2022-05-12_010 MOTION (C. Casey/L. Church) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive reconstitute the Christian Life and Leadership team (M&P), elected at a duly called congregational meeting, with the appropriate training, to follow the mandate as outlined in the Ministry & Personnel Committee Handbook. **CARRIED**

2022-05-12_011 MOTION (L. Church/J. Allen) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive, in order to ensure natural justice, make this review report available (minus the recommendations) for current and former congregants, to read at Wesley United Church (Pembroke), and that Pastoral Care Minister be available during set times of readings. **CARRIED** (*J. Noordhof opposed*)

Motion to adjourn

2022-05-12_012 CONSENSUS MOTION that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive adjourn this meeting at 12:02. **CARRIED**

Closing Prayer

Susan Hutton closed the meeting in prayer.

Next meeting date

Thursday, June 9, 9:00 – noon on zoom

Sue Hutton,
President-Elect

Rev. Rosemary Lambie,
Executive Minister