

SPRING GENERAL MEETING**Saturday, May 27, 2022**

The Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council of The United Church of Canada held its spring General Meeting on Friday May 27th (session 1) beginning at 6:30 PM and on Saturday, May 28th (session 2) beginning at 9 AM. The theme for this gathering was “Out of the desert into the promise land”.

“I am reminded of Ancient Israel, going around and around in the desert attempting to get to the Promised Land – they did because God always brings us through. Sometimes what we need seems so far away, but we all know that God’s Blessings are always on time...COVID has not left us and echoes of war are no longer distant possibility, but the only things which keep us persistent and perseverant are the Promises of God. Prophet Isaiah (43:19) reminds us that God will make RIVERS gush out in the desert places of our lives and help us journey on – meeting our needs in every way”

– Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro, Regional Council President.

THE FOLLOWING REGISTERED THEIR ATTENDANCE AT SESSION ONE OF THE BUSINESS MEETING**Ministry Personnel (29)**

Don Anderson, Anthony Bailey, Brenda Bailey, Teresa Burnett-Cole, Melany Cassidy-Wise, Terrie Chedore, Tiina Cote, Susan DeHaan, Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro, Phyllis Dietrich, Janet Evans, Lynne Gardiner, Myra Garvin, Daniel Hansen, Lynda Harrison, Kimberly Heath, Susan Hutton, Huda Kandalaft, Jim Kenney, Ryan Kim, Earl Klotz, Wendy MacLean, Erin McIntyre, Laurie McKnight, Paul McLenaghan, Anne Montgomery, Eric Pagé, Kathryn Peate, Kathy Petrie, Deborah Poirier, Michelle Robichaud, Christopher Ryan, Laura Springate, Mary Anne VanHeuvelen, Kim Vidal, Neil Wallace, Paul Whynacht and Robert Larry Wiegand.

Lay (45)

Jim Allen, Kurt Asmis, Kim Baird, Helen Barkley, Charles Barrett, Ted Brett, Janice Burroughs, David Charles, Elizabeth Church, Sandra Copeland, Christine Cross-Barkley, John Douglas, Jane Enticknap, Elizabeth (Beth) Gutsell, Andrew Hamilton, Bronwen Harman, Wayne Harris, Nancy Hazen, Alan Herbert, Karen Hunt, Bruce Jackson, Marilyn Joseph, Jacalyn Kearns, Joanne Kosmack, Allan Lockwood, Sharon MacDonald, Gail McCooeye, Norma McCord, Gary McKay, Donald McLean, Karen McLean, Darlene Nicol, David Patterson, Evelyn Perkins, Kay Porteous, Carolyn Ruda, Catherine Ryan, Paul Sales, Joel Smarkala, Sue Smarkala, Barbara Smith, James Sonley, Linda Stronski, and Linda Suddaby.

Regional Council Staff (7)

Rev. Peter Bartlett (voting privileges) Dana Ducette, Rev. Roger Janes, Anita Jansman, Joel Miller, Rev. Whitman Strong (voting privileges) and Karen Valley.

Regional Council Candidate (3)

Junior Smith, Catherine Stewart and Susan Toller

Guests of the Regional Council (8)

Howard Cain, Graham Campbell, Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle, Barb Dejeet, Adele Halliday (General Council Staff), Helen Joseph, Pat Mayberry and Norma Wrightly.

Regrets (3)

Grant Dillenbeck, Catherine Grant and Arlyce Schiebout

Quorum

This meeting had quorum during session one.

Registration/Gathering

Attendees were invited to connect prior to the meeting being called to order for a time of fellowship.

Technical and Procedural Instructions

Gary McKay provided some instructions prior to the meeting being called to order on how to vote and interact during this virtual meeting; reminders included identifying yourself in the meeting using first and last names, using *9 to raise and lower hand, *6 to mute and unmute yourself, how to view participants list, and how to interact with the polls when voting.

Youth reflection on the theme (1)

The Regional Council YAYA shared a video presentation providing reflections on the theme of this general meeting “Out of the desert into the promise land”.

Gathering Music

Pat Mayberry shared her own music entitled ‘Reconciliation’ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-RV2wNYJcE>

Land Acknowledgement

Rev. Teresa Burnett-Cole led the court in the land acknowledgment.

Youth reflection on the theme (2)

The Regional Council YAYA shared a video presentation providing reflections on the theme of this general meeting “Out of the desert into the promise land”.

Welcome/President’s Remarks

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro, President, welcomed attendees, re-introduced this general meeting’s theme “Out of the Desert into the Promised Land”, highlighted that there would be time for fellowship (on Zoom) following session one, and extended a special thanks to the Regional Council for their support to her personally. Attendees were encouraged to share their gifts and talents by joining the planning team at it looks towards planning the next general meeting in the fall. The President’s remarks ended in Prayer.

Pre-recorded Music

Pat Mayberry shared her own music entitled ‘Out of this Brokenness’ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QbO5GF1c1fg>

Call to Order

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro calls the meeting to order:

The meeting is called to order: “In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only sovereign head of the Church, and by the authority of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council of the United Church of Canada, I hereby declare this annual general meeting duly constituted and to be in session for conducting the business which will properly come before it.”

2022-05-27-28_001 OMNIBUS MOTION (R. Lambie/S. Hutton) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council move the following:

1. That the enabling motions as outlined in the Report Book (2022) be adopted, see in **Appendix A**;
2. That the agenda as distributed be adopted;
3. That the minutes of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Annual General Meeting of November 27, 2021 be accepted as distributed, see **Appendix B**;
4. That the Equity Support Person for this meeting be: Rev. Teresa Burnett-Cole;
5. That members of the Tech Team serve as Scrutineers: Karen McLean, David Patterson, and Gary McKay;
6. That the parliamentarian(s) for this meeting be: Rev. Kimberly Heath and Bronwen Harman;

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7. That the Chaplain for this meeting be Rev. Lynne Gardiner;
 8. That this meeting includes the behavioral covenant – Holy Manners *The 2021 Manual, Appendix, 2.*

“We will

- keep God at the center of everything we do;
- each speak for ourselves;
- speak for a purpose;
- separate people from problems;
- allow for full and equitable participation;
- attend to others carefully without interruption;
- welcome the conflict of ideas;
- take a future orientation;
- demonstrate appreciation;
- honor the decisions of the body;
- commit to holding one another to account when we do not keep our holy manners;
- keep the discussion at the table;
- be mindful of our body language;
- check in about good use of time;
- allow the quiet people to speak, with an invitation to speak; and
- sincerely say what we really feel.”

The Very Reverend Marion Pardy introduced Holy Manners as a resource for the 38th General Council 2003. Holy Manners has been used as resource for the conduct of meetings by subsequent General Councils and their executives. It has been adapted here for use as a resource by all councils and church bodies.

CARRIED

Message from the 43rd Moderator

The Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott shared a prerecorded message extending greetings and reporting from the General Council Office, and highlighting various updates on General Council 44. The Moderator’s message can be found the EOORC’s website: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R_b5d68b8YJCJrZhrceMdSPIwmmnlfZ2m/view

General Council Representative

Adele Halliday, Anti-Racism and Equity Lead staff for the General Council Office of The United Church of Canada, presented updates in regards to The United Church of Canada plan to fight against racism and inequality. Below are some of the key point provided during the presentation:

- National Anti-Racism Action Plan:
<https://united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/anti-racism/anti-racism-action-plan>
 - Pastoral relationships equity research project
 - Anti-racism video series launch (and perhaps show this video, if there is time:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPjGsm1KP14&t=3s>)
 - Video – Becoming an Anti-Racist Church: A Church Rooted in Racism
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HYhDjTDAwgg>
 - Video -- Becoming an Anti-Racist Church: Theology and Faith
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HYhDjTDAwgg>
 - 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism
 - <https://united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/anti-racism/40-days-engagement-anti-racism>
- Additional anti-racism educational resources are coming!
Pastoral Relationships Thriving with Equity Research Project
<https://uccequity22.wixsite.com/equity22/promo-material>

Leadership Counts:<https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/being-community/leadership-counts>**Greetings from The United Church of Christ (USA)**

Rev. Howard Cain, representative of The United Church of Christ, extended greetings from the denomination, and shared information about its upcoming general meeting (with the theme “That they may be one”) inviting those interested to attend.

Youth reflection on the theme (3)

The Regional Council YAYA shared a video presentation providing reflections on the theme of this general meeting “Out of the desert into the promise land”.

United Church Bookstore

Representative from UCRD (<https://ucrdstore.ca/>) announced various new titles that have arrived for sale and distribution. In order to receive a discount, attendees were given a promotional code (now expired) to use when ordering books.

United Property Resource Corporation (UPRC) – now known as *Kindred Works*

Rev. Rosemary Lambie introduced UPRC (now known as *Kindred Works* <https://www.kindredworks.ca/>) and shared information about congregations within the Regional Council that are considering ways of using their property resources in revenue-generating ways, and who are already working with UPRC (now known as *Kindred Works*.) Rosemary also shared a video presentation providing background information on kindred works: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4GvxPhFM3tQ>

Multifaith Housing Initiative

Sue Smarkala shared a video presentation highlighting various aspects of Multifaith Housing Initiative. This presentation is available on the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council website: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JdY0KVM8QmQZRscBF4SlcDGZxHYwbE-s/view>

(8:20 PM) Stewardship

Carolyn Ruda provided introduced the Stewardship Leadership Team and shared a video presentation prepared by Rev. Roger Janes, Stewardship & Gifts Officer, Philanthropy Unit (it can be found on EOORC website: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CCDSnHVuRl2XXRLPol7BbN6e-J77rUMZ/view>). Dave Charles, team members, also shared a PowerPoint presentation (it can be found on the EOORC website: <https://eoorc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Called-to-Be-the-Church-Grace-Gananoque.pdf>).

Youth reflection on the theme (4)

The Regional Council YAYA shared a video presentation providing reflections on the theme of this general meeting “Out of the desert into the promise land”.

Affirming

Linda Stronski, Kim Baird and Barbara Dejeet shared a progress report on the Regional Councils steps towards becoming an Affirming Regional Council.

Closing Blessing/Remarks

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro thanked all of the presenters for the work they have been doing, and the information they have shared during this session of the general meeting. Before adjourning for the evening, Takouhi shared a short poem by Gretchen Huntly, Poet Laureate, entitled ‘Being Different’.

Time of Fellowship

The Zoom meeting space remained open until 9:30 PM.

Session 2
Saturday, May 28, 2022**THE FOLLOWING REGISTERED THEIR ATTENDANCE AT SESSION TWO OF THE BUSINESS MEETING****Ministry Personnel (38)**

Don Anderson, Brenda Bailey, Nancy Best, Teresa Burnett-Cole, Cindy Casey, Melany Cassidy-Wise, Terrie Chedore, Tiina Cote, Susan DeHaan, Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro, Phyllis Dietrich, Janet Evans, Tammy Fergusson, Lynne Gardiner, Myra Garvin, Daniel Hansen, Lynda Harrison, Kimberly Heath, Susan Hutton, Carolyn Insley, Jim Kenney, Ryan Kim, Earl Klotz, Christine Lowson, Wendy MacLean, Erin McIntyre, Laurie McKnight, Anne Montgomery, Catherine Oxenford-Grant, Eric Pagé, Kathryn Peate, Shelley Roberts, Michelle Robichaud, Debbie Roi, Christopher Ryan, Kim Vidal, Neil Wallace and Paul Whynacht.

Lay (47)

Jim Allen, Kim Baird, Eileen Ball, Helen Barkley, Charles Barrett, Ted Brett, Paul Bullock, Debbie Burch, Janice Burroughs, David Charles, Christine Cross-Barkley, John Douglas, Jane Enticknap, Elizabeth (Beth) Gutsell, Andrew Hamilton, Bronwen Harman, Wayne Harris, Nancy Hazen, Alan Herbert, Karen Hunt, Bruce Jackson, Marilyn Joseph, Jacalyn Kearns, Joanne Kosmack, Ray Lebeau, Sharon MacDonald, Ernie MacMillan, Margaret MacNeill, Phyllis MacRae, Gail McCooeye, Norma McCord, Gary McKay, Donald McLean, Karen McLean, Darlene Nicol, David Patterson, Evelyn Perkins, Marion Reilly, Carolyn Ruda, Catherine Ryan, Paul Sales, Joel Smarkala, Sue Smarkala, Barbara Smith, James Sonley, Linda Stronski, Linda Suddaby and Randy Whyte.

Regional Council Staff (8)

Rev. Peter Bartlett (voting privileges) Dana Ducette, Rev. Roger Janes, Anita Jansman, Rev. Rosemary Lambie (voting privileges), Joel Miller, Rev. Whitman Strong (voting privileges) and Karen Valley.

Regional Council Candidate (2)

Junior Smith and Catherine Stewart.

Guests of the Regional Council (13)

Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle, Barb Dejeet, Edith Dietlind Gardell, Adele Halliday (General Council Staff), Helen Joseph, Cathie Kelso, Jessica Knoyle, Barbara LeGrow, John LeGrow, Pat Mayberry, Lynn McCaw, Ruth Pentinga, Sandra Smith and Norma Wrightly.

Regrets (3)

Grant Dillenbeck, Catherine Grant and Arlyce Schiebout

Quorum

This meeting had quorum during session two.

Meeting space opens

Attendees were invited to connect prior to the meeting being called to order for a time of fellowship. It was Renounced (and indicated in the online chat) that the chaplain for this meeting was Rev. Lynne Gardiner and that the Equity Support Person was Rev. Teresa Burnett-Cole.

Gathering music

Pat Mayberry shared her own music entitled 'Bring Me to Your Light'
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e3aKREJjBoM>

Technical and Procedural Instructions

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Youth reflection on the theme (5)

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Welcome/President’s Remarks

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro welcomed those in attendance and opened the meeting by reading a couple of selected verses from Isaiah 43; following which Takouhi provided a reflection on these verses and then led an opening prayer.

Governance

- **Report Book**

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro introduced the Report Book.

- see Report Book as **Appendix A**

2022-05-27-28_002 MOTION (J. Allen/K. McLean) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council receive and accept the Report Book (2022) as amended: In Licensed Lay Worship Leader (LLWL) report there should only be reference made to one workshop that has taken place and not two. **CARRIED**

- **Finance**

Rev. Cindy Casey provided an oral report highlighting:

- 2021 Reviewed Financial Statement, see **Appendix C¹**
- 2022 Financial Statement (Q1 up to March 31st), see **Appendix C²**

2022-05-27-28_003 MOTION (C. Casey/G. McKay) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council receive and accept the 2021 Financial Statement as distributed. **CARRIED**

2022-05-27-28_004 MOTION (C. Casey/G. McKay) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council appoint an Internal Independent Review Committee to review and produce the 2022 Financial Statements. **CARRIED**

- **Governance Handbook**

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro introduced the following policies:

- Policy regarding sale of Property (revised Jan. 13th 2022), see **Appendix D**
- Policy on Compensation for Pulpit Supply during GC 44, see **Appendix E**
- Policy on Pulpit Supply Compensation, see **Appendix F**

2022-05-27-28_005 MOTION (B. Harman/S. Hutton) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council receive the following updates brought to the Governance Handbook for information (see decisions below taken by the Executive):

2022-01-13_008 MOTION (B. Harman/C. Casey) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive accepts the work of the Task Group, affirmed by the Finance Leadership Team for the Policy regarding Sale of Properties that are disbanding. CARRIED

2022-01-13_009 MOTION (C. Ryan/T. Burnett-Cole) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Finance Leadership Team

that \$ 150,000.00 from unrestricted funds be allocated for the establishment of the Mission and Ministry Legacy Fund. CARRIED

2022-04-28_005 MOTION (L. Church/J. Noordhof) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive concurs with the Policy on Compensation for Pulpit Supply during GC 44. CARRIED

2022-04-28_006 MOTION (S. Hutton/C. Ruda) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive concurs with the Policy on Pulpit Supply Compensation. CARRIED

Updates to Vision and Transformation

1. The policy refers to the "Mission Strategy Fund" near the top of page 22 and at the top of page 24; change to "Vision and Transformation Fund".
2. The email in point 6 under "Please Note" on page 23; change to visionandtransformationEOORC@gmail.com
3. The name and email in point 7 under "Please note" on page 23; change to Rev. Cindy Casey at cindycasey@kuc.ca.
4. The word "congregational" near the end of page 24; change to "Community of Faith"

CARRIED

Youth reflection on the theme (6)

The Regional Council YAYA shared a video presentation providing reflections on the theme of this general meeting "Out of the desert into the promise land".

Licensed Lay Worship Leaders

Rev. Whit Strong provided an oral report on work that has led to the licensing of newly recognized Licensed Lay Worship Leaders within the Regional Council.

2022-04-28_006 MOTION (K. McLean/B. Harman) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council license the following new License Lay Worship Leaders (LLWL): Lynn McCaw, Laura Webb and Ruth Pentinga. **CARRIED**

Health Break

A 5 mins break to be had by all.

Gathering Music

Pat Mayberry shared her own music entitled 'Out of this Brokenness'
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QbO5GF1c1fg>

Nominations

Bronwen Harman, member of the Nominations Team, announced that Expression of interest forms are still being accepted for various vacancies and the form can be found on EOORC's website.

2022-05-27-28_007 MOTION (B. Harman/K. McLean) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council receive and accept the Nominations List as presented:

Nominations List

EOORC Executive

(L) – Lay member; (MP) Ministry Personnel

1. President – Susan Hutton (MP) (2024)
2. Past-President – Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro (MP) (2023)
3. President-Elect – currently vacant
4. Indigenous Community – Rev. Teresa Burnett-Cole (MP) (2023) Members at large:
5. Jim Allen (L) (2025)
6. Cathy Ryan (L) (2023)
7. Carolyn Ruda (L) (2023)
8. Rev. Ryan Kim (MP) (2025)
9. Rev. Lynne Gardiner (MP) (2023)
10. Rev. Cindy Casey (MP) (2024)
11. Liz Church (L) – Executive (2024)
12. (L) – currently vacant
13. (MP) – currently vacant

Full member: Rev. Rosemary Lambie (Regional Council Executive Minister)

Corresponding Members: Joel Miller (Assistant to RCEM and Secretary of Region), Anita Jansman (Communications and Administrative Assistant), Dana Ducette (Youth), Rev. Peter Bartlett (Visioning, Clusters & Networks), Rev. Whit Strong (Pastoral Relations), Karen Valley (Office of Vocation), Rev. Brian Cornelius (Treasurer) and Larry Richardson (Archivist).

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 (Resource: Rosemary Lambie)
2. *Communications:* Lois Leroux, Lynne Gardiner and David Patterson (Resource: Anita Jansman) – currently 1 vacancy
3. *Finance:* Brian Cornelius (Treasurer), Bruce Jackson, Joe Smarkala, Evered (Ev) Zytveld, Rev. Cindy Casey, Christine Kilburn, James Murray (Resource: Rev. Rosemary Lambie)
4. *Licensed Lay worship Leaders (LLWL):* Georgina Fitzgerald, Rev. Eric Lukacs, Sharon MacDonald, Cathy Ryan, Norma Wrightly, Lynda Blanchard and Terrie Chedore (DM) (Resource: Rev. Whit Strong) – currently 2 vacancies (both laity)
5. *Nominations:* Bronwen Harman (Chair), Susan DeHaan, Karen McLean, and Sue Hutton – as President (Resource: Rev. Rosemary Lambie, Joel Miller) – currently 3 vacancies
6. *Pastoral Relations:* Wayne Harris (Chair), Ina Bromley, Charlotte Hoy, Sharon MacDonald, Erin McIntyre, Linda Suddaby, Jim Allen, Patsy Henry and Karen McLean (recording secretary) (Resource: Whit Strong)
7. *Property:* Don Reynolds (Chair) Ted Brett, Judy Harms-Potter, Linda Suddaby (Resource: Rev. Rosemary Lambie)
8. *Scrivens-Baillie:* Michael Harris (Chair) Ryan Babcock, Ken Brownness, Malcolm Collins, Rev. Brian Cornelius, James Murray, Larry Richardson, and Ev Zytveld (Resource: Rev. Rosemary Lambie)
9. *Vision & Transformation:* Rev. Cindy Casey (Chair), Jim Allen, Charles Barrett, Phyllis MacRae, Janice Peron, Deb Poirier, Bob Williams, Patsy Henry, Christine Cross-Barkley and Rev. Melany Cassidy-Wise (Staff Resource: Rev. Peter Bartlett)
10. *YAYA:* Rev. David Sherwin (Chair), Rev. Steve Clifton, Heather McLurg-Murphy, Cathy Ryan, Hazel WardMoreau, Janet Nield, DM, Margaret Eddy, Kevin Moratz, and Tiina Cote (Resource: Dana Ducette)
11. *Social Justice Network of Ontario Regional Councils:* Charles Barrett (Chair) (Resource: Rev. Peter Bartlett)
12. *Stewardship:* Carolyn Ruda, Charlotte Hoy, Ray Lebeau, Nancy Hazen, Paul Sales and Carolle DallasArbuckle and David Charles (Resource Roger Janes)

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13. *Representative to The Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality*: - Rev. Eric Pagé
 14. *Affirming Leadership Team*: Linda Stronski, Cathy Ryan, Bronwen Harman, Kim Baird and Roxanne Akhtar
 15. *Representatives to Multi-Faith Housing*: Sue Smarkala and Rev. Dianne Cardin
 16. *Spiritual Care Hospital Ministry Leadership Team*: Sandra Copeland (Chair) Rev. Brian Copeland, Jane Burgess, Margaret Joyce, Doug Robinson, and Nancy Hazen.

CARRIED**44th General Council Commissioners**

2022-05-27-28_008 MOTION (S. Hutton/K. McLean) That in addition to the 44th General Council Commissioners already been voted (see motion 2021-11-26_006) Liz Church be added to serve as Lay 44th General Council Commissioners representing Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council. **CARRIED**
(Currently 1 Lay vacancy remains)

Youth reflection on the theme (7)

The Regional Council YAYA shared a video presentation providing reflections on the theme of this general meeting “Out of the dessert into the promise land”.

Music

Pat Mayberry shared her own music entitled ‘We Are Not Alone’
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZESMaY8vvY>

Living into the new Structures of the Regional Council

Rev. Dr. Peter Bartlett shared a PowerPoint presentation engaging members of the Regional Council to reflect on what living into the new structure of the Regional Council looks like. The presentation can be accessed on the Regional Council’s website: <https://eoorc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Living-into-New-Structure-P.-Bartlett-AGM-Presentation-28-May-22-Script.pdf>.

Following the presentations, attendees were placed into breakout rooms and asked to think about abundance and scarcity and reflect on what personal experiences of transitioning into, networks, clusters, and groups” has been like for them?

Folks were also asked to reflect on the five elements of the Living Mission of the Regional Council and to reflect if they felt they were living into that Mission, and what recommendations they may have?

The Living Mission of the Regional Council is as follows:

- 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 persons in all seasons of life; and • Supporting and building Communications

Responses from groups would be collected and shared at a future meeting.

At the end of the exercise Rev. Dr. Peter Bartlett provided some concluding thoughts, made reference to scripture Micah 6:8 and led a closing prayer.

Closing Motions

2022-05-27-28_009 MOTION (R. Lambie/J. Allen) that following the rise of the Spring General Meeting of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, all powers of the Regional Council be granted to the Executive until the Fall General Meeting. **CARRIED**

2022-05-27-28_010 MOTION (R. Lambie/J. Allen) that the meeting be adjourned after the closing worship, and that the President declares this general meeting of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council duly concluded. **CARRIED**

Closing Worship

Closing worship consisted of additional youth reflections on the theme of the meeting; the acknowledgement of memorials (Rev. Carol Delisle and Rev. Neil Baxtor); the recognition of a retiree (Rev. Wendy MacLean) and the recognition of milestones (years in ministry) of ministry personnel (see report book, **Appendix A**). This was followed by the installation of the new President (Susan Hutton, DLM) and the covenanting with the newly formed Executive, Leadership Teams and new Licensed Lay Worship Leaders.

Expression of Gratitude to the Past-President

The Regional Council recognized all of the hard work that Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro had accomplished in her role as President during the past two years, and gave thanks for her dedication, joy, enthusiasm, guiding presence and wisdom.

Recognizing the Celebration of Ministry Service

Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro shared highlights and photos from the Celebration of Ministry service held on Saturday, April 9th 2022.

Time for fellowship

Meeting room stays open for time of fellowship until 1 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022

Celebration of Ministry

The Celebration of Ministry Service was held in the Sanctuary at Glen Cairn United Church, situated in Kanata, Ontario, beginning at 2 p.m. The officiants and candidates entered the sanctuary to the processional hymn 'Called by Earth and Sky' (MV135) / 'Du ciel et de la terre' (NVU 216). The service opened with words of welcome and the land acknowledgement by both the host Minister, Rev. Elaine Beattie and Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro, Regional Council President. This was followed by the Call to Worship, lighting the Christ Candle, the Prayer of Approach, and the signing of the hymn 'I, the Lord of Sea and Sky' (VU 509) / 'Je suis Dieu des cieux, des mers (NVU 85a)' (VU 412). The Scripture reading was Exodus 3:1-15 & Acts 9:1-19, and the reflection, "The Transformative Road" was shared by Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly.

The Celebration and Thanksgiving in Memoriam was led by Rev. Whit Strong, the Pastoral Relations Minister, remembering members of the Order of Ministry of the Regional Council who had died throughout the most recent church calendar year – Rev. Carol Delisle and Rev. Neil Baxtor (see *Appendix A*, Report Book for obituaries). The memoriam was followed by the singing of hymn 'Trust and Obey'. 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. Wendy MacLean. (see *Appendix A*, Report Book for biography) The Celebration concluded in Prayer, and then in the singing of hymn 'In Loving Partnership We Come' (VU 603).

A Celebration of New Ministries began with the reciting of "Our Affirmation of Faith". The candidates were presented by Karen Valley, Office of Vocation Minister for the Regional Council. The declaration of vows by the Designated Minister was followed by the presentation of a bible and certificate. Family and friends presented a stole. Those in attendance responded with Halle, Halle, Halle (VU 958). The declaration of vows of the Admitted were followed by the presentation of a Bible, chalice and patent. The congregation responded with Halle, Halle, Halle (VU 958).

Susan Hutton
Rev. Dr. Demanya Kofi Akoussah

Recognized as a Designated Lay Minister of the United Church of Canada
Admitted to the Order of Ministry of the United Church of Canada

Rev. Dr. Zacharia Mandara

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

Due to Covid 19, there wasn't a service of Communion, instead there was the Blessing of Water and a Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vowels (liturgy prepared and shared by Pacific Mountain Regional Council). This was followed by the singing of hymn 'Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness' / 'Souffle, vent doux du Saint Esprit (VU 375)'. The President provided the closing benediction which was followed by the recessional hymn 'Joyful, Joyful We Adore You' (VU 232).

Appendices:

Appendix A	Report Book (2022)
Appendix B	Fall General Meeting Minutes (November 27, 2021)
Appendix C ¹	2021 Financial Statements
Appendix C ²	2022 Financial Statement (Q1 up to March 31 st)
Appendix D	Revised policy regarding sale of Property
Appendix E	Policy on Compensation for Pulpit Supply during GC 44
Appendix F	Policy on Pulpit Supply Compensation

***All appendices are available on the EOORC website: <https://eoorc.ca/2022-eoorc-annual-meeting/>