
SPRING GENERAL MEETING
-DECISIONS-
Session One
Friday, May 26th 2023

2023-05-26-27_001 OMNIBUS MOTION (S. Hutton/K. McLean) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council move the following:

1. That the agenda be adopted as circulated;
2. That the minutes of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Fall General Meeting (held on November 5th2022) be accepted as circulated, see **Appendix A**;
3. That the 2022 Financial Statement for Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council be received and accepted as circulated, see **Appendix B**;
4. That Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, through its Executive, appoint an Internal Independent Review Committee to review and produce the 2023 Financial Statements;
5. That nominations to fill the vacancy for Member at Large in the Executive open at 10 AM (close at 7 PM)
 - * Expression of Interest forms are available on the Regional Council website: <https://eoorc.ca/resources/opportunities-to-serve-nominations/>
6. That the Equity Support Person for this general meeting be Rev. Jenni Leslie and Michelle Robichaud
7. That the Scrutineers/Stewards for this meeting be: Ted Brett, Paul Bullock, Ron Bulmer, Carolyn Bennett, Liz Church, Earl Klotz, Michelle Robichaud, Allister Rose;
8. That the parliamentarians for this meeting be: Rev. Don Stiles and Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath;
9. That the following people serve as Chaplain for this meeting: Rev. Catherine Oxenford Grant (on Friday) and Patricia Power (on Saturday);
10. 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;

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- 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

2023-05-26-27_002 MOTION (B. Paterson/L. Gardiner) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council receive the Report Book (2023) for information, see **Appendix C. CARRIED**

2023-05-26-27_003 MOTION (L. Gardiner/C. Casey) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council receive the updated Governance Handbook (May 2023) as circulated, see **Appendix D;**

* updates also include removal of offensive language:

2023-04-13_006 MOTION (L. Church/ C. Ryan) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive name Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly, Jim Allen, Rev. Cindy Casey, Liz Church, Rev. Teresa Burnett-Cole and Sue Hutton, DLM, to go through the Governance Handbook to remove all offensive language. CARRIED

** updates also include revisions/or addition of policies (changes are written in red in the updated version of Governance Handbook (May 2023))

2023-01-12_012 MOTION (C. Casey/T. Demirdjian-Petro) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive create a policy that it will offer a \$300 per diem honorarium for the use of United Church buildings for Regional Council meetings. CARRIED

2023-03-09_009 MOTION (J. Allen/L. Church) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive clarifies that liquid assets and property (real) assets be treated separately and the Policy Regarding Proceeds from the Sale of Property apply to both. CARRIED

2023-05-11_006 MOTION (T. Demirdjian-Petro/N. Hazen) that that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive receive and approve the recommendation from the Finance Leadership Team to adopt the following amendments to the Policy Regarding Proceeds from the Sale of Property for clarification, as well as update the change in the percentage available for use from investments. CARRIED

CARRIED

2023-05-26-27_004 MOTION (B. Harman/K. McLean) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council receive and approve the nominations list (May 2023) as circulated:

Nominations List
(May 2023)

EOORC Executive

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

1. President – Susan Hutton (MP) (2024)
2. Past-President – Bronwen Harman (L) (2024)
3. President-Elect – Susan DeHaan (MP) (2024)
4. Indigenous Community – Rev. Teresa Burnett-Cole (MP) (2024)

Members at large:

5. Jim Allen (L) (2025)
6. Cathy Ryan (L) (2024)
7. Rev. Ryan Kim (MP) (2025)
8. Erin McIntyre (MP) (2026)
9. Rev. Cindy Casey (MP) (2024)
10. Liz Church (L) (2024)
11. Nancy Hazen (L) (2025)
12. Linda Suddaby (L) (2024)
13. Vacant (L/MP) (2026)

Full member: Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly (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. Dr. Peter Bartlett (Visioning, Clusters & Networks), Rev. Whit Strong (Pastoral Relations), Rev. Caroline Penhale (Office of Vocation), Rev. Lillian Roberts (Office of Vocation), Rev. Brian Cornelius (Treasurer), Nikki Nel (Camp Awesome Director) and Larry Richardson (Archivist).

Leadership Teams

1. *Nominations*: Bronwen Harman (Chair), Susan DeHaan, Karen McLean, Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro, and Sue Hutton – as President (Resource: Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly, Joel Miller) 3 vacancies (diversity in the Regions is missing)
2. *Pastoral Relations*: Wayne Harris (Chair), Ina Bromley, Charlotte Hoy, Sharon MacDonald, Jim Allen, Patsy Henry, Erin McIntyre, Linda Suddaby and Karen McLean (recording secretary) (Resource: Whit Strong) 2-4 vacancies – all MP
3. *Future Through Property Leadership Team* Phyllis MacRae (Chair), Ted Brett, Jim Allen (Resource: Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly) 2-4 vacancies
4. *General Meetings/Educational Event Planning Leadership Team*: Barbara Reynolds (Chair), Sue Hutton, DLM, (President), Susan DeHaan (President-Elect), Bronwen Harman (Past-President), Pat

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- Mayberry, Gary Mackay, David Patterson, Karen McLean 6-8 vacancies (diversity to include youth leadership)
5. *Church Extension: Directors*: Bert Cosman, David Debenham, Alan Gale, Charles Knight, Don Reynolds; *Members*: Catherine Grant, Judy Harms-Potter, Linda Suddaby, Ted Brett; *EOORC Appointments*: Brian Cornelius (Resource: Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly)
 6. *Communications*: Lois Leroux, Lynne Gardiner, Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro and David Patterson (Resource: Anita Jansman)
 7. *Finance*: Brian Cornelius (Treasurer), Bruce Jackson, Joe Smarkala, Evered (Ev) Zytveld, Rev. Cindy Casey, Christine Kilburn, James Murray (Resource: Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly)
 8. *Licensed Lay worship Leaders (LLWL)*: Rev. Georgina Fitzgerald, Sharon MacDonald, Cathy Ryan, Norma Wrightly, Julee Pauling, Sharon Sanderson, Rev. Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole and Terrie Chedore, Diaconal Minister, (Resource: Rev. Whit Strong)
 9. *Scrivens-Baillie*: Malcolm Collins (chair) Ryan Babcock, Ken Brownness, , Rev. Brian Cornelius, James Murray, Larry Richardson, and Ev Zytveld (Resource: Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly)
 10. *Vision & Transformation*: Rev. Cindy Casey (Chair), Charles Barrett, Phyllis MacRae, Janice Peron, Deb Poirier, Christine Cross-Barkley, Rev. Melany Cassidy-Wise, and Rev. Sheryl McLeod (Staff Resource: Rev. Dr. Peter Bartlett)
 11. *YAYA*: Rev. David Sherwin (Chair), Rev. Steve Clifton, Rev. Heather McLurg-Murphy, Cathy Ryan, Hazel Ward-Moreau, Janet Nield (DM), Margaret Eddy, Rev. Kevin Moratz, and Rev. Tiina Cote (Resource: Dana Ducette)
 12. *Social Justice Network of Ontario Regional Councils*: Charles Barrett (Chair) (Resource: Rev. Peter Bartlett)
 13. *Stewardship*: Carolyn Ruda, Charlotte Hoy, Ray Lebeau, Nancy Hazen, Paul Sales and Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle and David Charles (Resource: Rev. Roger Janes)
 14. *Representative to The Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality*: Paul Whynacht
 15. *Affirming Leadership Team*: Linda Stronski, Cathy Ryan, Bronwen Harman, Kim Baird and Roxanne Akhtar (Resource: Peter Bartlett)
 16. *Representatives to Multi-Faith Housing*: Sue Smarkala and Rev. Dianne Cardin
 17. *Spiritual Care Hospital Ministry Leadership Team*: Sandra Copeland (Chair) Rev. Brian Copeland, Jane Burgess, Margaret Joyce, Doug Robinson, and Nancy Hazen.

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CARRIED

2023-05-26-27_005 (T. Chedore/N. Hazen) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council receive and approve the Living Call Statement from the Affirm Leadership Team:

Living Call Statement

The Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council seeks to support and strengthen the ministries of its Communities of Faith as well as the ministry of all God's people, staff and lay leadership within those communities.

As we seek to carry out this ministry, we will be intentional about how we fully include all in Christ's love and service. This means that in our work as a Regional Council we will actively seek equity for, and participation from, the full diversity of God's Creation; seeking racial justice, identifying and undermining colonialism, celebrating all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, valuing linguistic and cultural diversity, seeking to include all who face challenges with their mental and physical health or social and economic circumstances.

We will carry out our ministry with people in all seasons of life as we honour our relationship with Indigenous Peoples and nurture ecological justice. We will work to effectively and respectfully communicate with one another so that no one is left behind. **CARRIED**

2023-05-26-27_006 MOTION (D. Sherwin/W. Strong) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council postpone definitely the motion below to tomorrow at 11:30 AM:

2023-05-26-27_000 MOTION (T. Demirdjian-Petro/E. McIntyre) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council agree to amend the Basis of Union to reflect:

1. That The United Church of Canada will be organized as follows: (1) a three-council structure, consisting of communities of faith, regional councils and a Denominational Council*; and (2) an autonomous National Indigenous Organization; and
2. That once the new autonomous National Indigenous Organization is established within The United Church of Canada, it will have its own mechanisms to make any future changes to its structure and processes, and, therefore will not be subject to the remit process under section 7.4.1 of the Basis of Union**; and
3. The changes required for the establishment of the autonomous National Indigenous Organization.

** The "Denominational Council" and the "General Council" are often used interchangeably.*

*** The detailed proposed changes to the Basis of Union are listed in a chart on page 5 of the Study Guide, under the section heading "Frequently Asked Questions".*

CARRIED

Session Two
Saturday, May 27th 2023

2023-05-26-27_007 MOTION (B. Harman/R. White) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council receive and approve the recommendation from the Nominations Leadership Team to appoint Gayle Barks to the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive (term ending 2026). **CARRIED**

2023-05-26-27_008 (L. Stronski/C. Ryan) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council approve becoming an Affirming Ministry by joining Affirm United/S' affirmer Ensemble. **CARRIED**

2023-05-26-27_009 MOTION (T. Demirdjian-Petro/E. McIntyre) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council agree to amend the Basis of Union to reflect:

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CARRIED (94 in favour, 1 opposed)

2023-05-26-27_010 MOTION (S. McLeod/M. Montreuil) that following the rise of this 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 (date and location to be determined). **CARRIED**

2023-05-26-27_011 MOTION (N. Hazen/M. Garvin) that the meeting be adjourned and that the President declares this spring general meeting of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council duly concluded. **CARRIED**

Appendices

*All appendices are available on the EOORC website: <https://eoorc.ca/2023-eoorc-agm/>

Appendix A	Minutes of Fall General Meeting held on November 5 th 2022
Appendix B	2022 Financial Statement for Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council
Appendix C	Report Book (2023)
Appendix D	Governance Handbook (2023)