

Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council
Meeting of the Executive
Thursday, May 11, 2023 – 9 a.m.

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*

-DECISIONS-

2023-05-11_001 MOTION (N. Hazen/C. Ryan) That the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive appoints Liz Church as Equity Monitor for this meeting. **CARRIED**

2023-05-11_002 MOTION (J. Allen/S. DeHaan) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive accepts the Minutes of April 13, 2023 as corrected. **CARRIED**

2023-05-11_003 MOTION (L. Church/S. DeHaan) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive accepts the agenda as circulated. **CARRIED**

2023-05-11_004 MOTION (J. Allen/R. Kim) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive receive and approve the distribution of funds from Knox Edwards in the following manner.

10% Indigenous Ministries (General Council)

10% Mission and Service Legacy Fund (General Council)

10% Vision and Transformation Fund of EOORC

50% invested with EOORC with following designations and purposes:

- 70% to Rideau Hill Camp and this money is available for on-going operations or can be used for immediate capital improvements with Regional Council approval. If Rideau Hill Camp ceases to exist, then the money goes to the Mission and Ministry legacy Fund of EOORC
- 15 % to House of Lazarus and EOORC will forward every year between 4 to 5% of the value of the investment or at least 2, 000 annually. If House of Lazarus ceases to exist, then the money goes to the Mission and Ministry legacy Fund of EOORC
- 15 % to Cardinal St John and EOORC will forward every year 4 to 5% of the value of the investment or at least 2, 000 annually for the First Responders United program. If the First Responders United program ceases to exist, then the money goes to Cardinal St John for other ministry activities. If Cardinal St. John ceases to exist then the money goes to the Mission and Ministry legacy Fund of EOORC

10% designated to other United Church organizations:

- 2,000 to Burnstown for repairs to furnace and from the remaining amount...
- 25% to Gifts with Vision - Global Emergency Fund
- 25% to Gifts with Vision - Help Build a Well
- 25% Canadian Food Grains Bank
- 25% to Women for Change, a UCW funded program within United Church Foundation

10% designated to community organizations (which are charities) or partner organizations.

- 20% to Osgoode Care Centre

- 20% to Winchester District Memorial Hospital
- 20% to World Vision
- 20% to Ottawa Mission
- 20% to Multi-faith Housing Initiative.

2023-05-11_005 MOTION (T. Demirdjian-Petro/N. Hazen) that that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive receive for information the finance report, the financial statements for 2022, the 2023 financial report, the balance sheet and the report to the May 2023 Regional Council general meeting as distributed.
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 for clarification, as well as update the change in the percentage available for use from investments.

Preamble This document outlines the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council's policy and best practices regarding the disposition of proceeds from the sale of congregational property.

Policy:

When Congregational property is being sold by a *Community of Faith that is not disbanding, these are the guidelines for the use of net proceeds from the sale:

Not Disbanding:

- a) 10% be remitted to the United Church of Canada for the on-going support of Indigenous Ministry.
- b) 90% be retained by the Community of Faith with an approved ministry plan for the use of the proceeds by the Regional Council that is financially sustainable. The Regional Council will normally require that the remaining capital from the sale be protected and invested and that the Community of Faith be limited to drawing up to 5% of the value of the invested capital in any given year to support its operating budget. If the Community of Faith puts before the Regional Council a ministry plan, the Regional Council may allow the Community of Faith to use some or all of the remaining capital from the sale to implement the ministry plan. This may include capital expenses.

Disbanding:

When a Community of Faith is disbanding, the disposition of all net assets (cash, and property) will be disbursed as follows with an understanding that the first 80% of assets be invested to yield on-going income for the long-term ministry of the United Church of Canada such as General Council, Regional Councils, Communities of Faith and/or United Church Outreach Ministries.

- a) 10% be remitted to the United Church of Canada for the on-going support of Indigenous Ministry.
- b) 10% be remitted to the United Church of Canada Mission and Service Legacy Fund for the on-going support of the ministry of the United Church
- c) 10% be remitted to the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Transformation and Vision Fund.
- d) 50% be remitted to the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Mission and Ministry Legacy Fund which supports the Mission and Ministry of the Regional Council such as youth ministry, social justice endeavors, and mission support ministries like church camps, outreach ministries, chaplaincies etc. (see terms of Reference for Mission and Ministry Legacy Fund). On occasion, the Regional Council will entertain some or all of this amount being directed to geographically neighboring Communities of Faith for long-term investing or invested long-term with the Region for a specified purpose or ministry (see note below). This

designation requires a specified plan that is reviewed and recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Executive.

- e) 20% be remitted to mission activities that the Community of Faith has a historical financial commitment and/or congregational voluntary value, and a maximum of half this amount is eligible for organizations not associated with the United Church of Canada. The amounts from this 20% do not have to be invested long-term.

CARRIED

2023-05-11_007 MOTION (S. DeHaan/T. Demirdjian-Petro) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive receive for information the Pastoral Relations Commission (draft) minutes of May 9th, and highlight the following decisions:

Change in Pastoral Relations

- a) Approved request of the Rev. Dr. Christine Johnson for a change in pastoral relations effective July 31, 2023;
- b) Approved request of the Rev. Catherine Oxford-Grant for a change in pastoral relations to retire as of July 31, 2023;

Liaisons

- c) Jim Allen named as Liaison to the Trinity Pastoral Charge (Ottawa);

Re-appointments

- d) Approval of the re-appointment of Susan Hutton (DLM) to the Spencerville Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 20 hours per week, effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024;
- e) Approval of the re-appointment of the Rev. Janet Evans (OM) to the Lakeshore Pastoral Charge (Morrisburg) as Congregational Minister, 20 hours per week, effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024;
- f) Approval of the re-appointment of the Rev. Jennifer Power (OM) to the Britannia Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 40 hours per week, effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024;
- g) Approval of the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Jessica Hetherington (OM) to the Rothwell Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister/Supply Minister, 20 hours per week, effective June 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023;
- h) Approval of the re-appointment of the Rev. Ingrid Condie-Bennett (OM) to the Cobden-Queensline Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 20 hours per week, effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025;
- i) Approval of the re-appointment of the Rev. Michelle Robichaud (OM) to the Melville-Eganville Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 20 hours per week, effective July 1 – July 31, 2023 subject to the receipt of required paperwork;

Calls

- j) Approval of the call of the Rev. Michelle Robichaud (OM) to the Stittsville Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 40 hours per week, effective August 1, 2023
- k) Approval of the call of the Rev. Paul Whynacht (OM) to the Manotick Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 30 hours per week, effective May 1, 2023

- 1) Approval of the call of the Rev. Minhyuk Hwang (OM) to the South Stormont Pastoral Charge as Congregational Minister, 40 hours per week, effective September 1, 2023 pending approval at the congregational meeting on May 14, 2023.

CARRIED

2023-05-11_008 MOTION (N. Hazen/C. Ryan) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive receive for information the following Living Call Statement from the Affirm Leadership Team and forward to the General Meeting in May for decision:

Living Call Statement

The Eastern Ontario 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 to one another so that no one is left behind.

CARRIED

2023-05-11_009 MOTION (L. Church/C. Ryan) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive adjourn this meeting a 11 AM. **CARRIED**

Next meeting dates:

- **Annual General Meeting** May 26-27, 2023 (Brockville Memorial Arena)
- June 8, 2023
- Sept. 2023 (TBD)