

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

Living Call Statement of the Regional Council

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.

-MOTIONS-

2023-11-09_001 MOTION (B Harman/C. Ryan) That the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive appoints Rev, Cindy Casey as Equity Monitor for this meeting. **CARRIED**

2023-11-09_002 MOTION (N. Hazen/J. Allen) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive accepts the minutes of October 12, 2023 as circulated. **CARRIED**

2023-11-09_003 MOTION (L. Suddaby/C. Casey) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive accepts the agenda as circulated. **CARRIED**

2023-11-09_004 MOTION (J. Allen/C. Casey) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive receive the approved Pastoral Relations Commission minutes for August 8th and September 12th 2023. **CARRIED**

2023-11-09_005 MOTION (E. McIntyre/N. Hazen) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive concur with the recommendation of the Pastoral Relation Commission that upon the acknowledged death of a minister and/or their spouse and children of serving ministers within the EOORC region, the Pastoral Relations Minister will notify the Executive and request the treasurer to make a fifty-dollar (\$50) donation to the Mission and Service Fund. **CARRIED**

2023-11-09_006 MOTION (C. Ryan/B. Harmen) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive create a commission to wind-up Campbell's Bay Pastoral Charge, comprised of Jim Allen and Rev. Ryan Kim. **CARRIED**

2023-11-09_007 MOTION (L. Suddaby/J. Allen) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Future Through Property Leadership Team to approve the Declaration of Trust Agreement between Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council and Kindred Works/UPRC, and authorize the Regional Council Executive Minister to sign said agreement. **CARRIED**

2023-11-09_008 MOTION (B. Harman/C. Casey) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive Amend the motion below to include: “While this is an exception to EOORC policies, we hold the hope that the use of these funds will be an investment in imagining ministry possibilities and congregational legacy.”

2023-11-09_000MOTION (E. McIntyre/J. Allen) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Future Through Property Leadership Team to approve the Financial Plan for Disbursement of Net Proceeds from the sale of the Balderson United Church Property, submitted to the Future Through Property Leadership Team by Wayne Ashby, chair of the Board of Trustees of Balderson United Church.

CARRIED

2023-11-09_009 MOTION (E. McIntyre/J. Allen) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Future Through Property Leadership Team to approve the *Financial Plan for Disbursement of Net Proceeds from the sale of the Balderson United Church Property*, submitted to the Future Through Property Leadership Team by Wayne Ashby, chair of the Board of Trustees of Balderson United Church. While this is an exception to EOORC policies, we hold the hope that the use of these funds will be an investment in imagining ministry possibilities and congregational legacy. **CARRIED**

2023-11-09_010 MOTION (N. Hazen/C. Ryan) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Future Through Property Leadership Team to approve the request from James Grant, Chair of the Board of Trustees of St John's United Church, Cardinal Pastoral Charge, to proceed with steps to merge the two properties of St John's United Church and the Manse of St John's United Church into one property.

2023-11-09_011 MOTION (E. McIntyre/B. Harman) That the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council split the following from the motion below: “Furthermore, that those who continue to be Designated Lay Ministers or who are currently completing studies to become a Designated Lay Minister, be permitted to carry their status and serve other Communities of Faith.”

2023-11-09_000 MOTION (N. Hazen/B. Harmen) That the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council grant corresponding membership and sacramental privileges to all those who are retired from active ministry as Designated Lay Ministers, and make them eligible to apply for Voluntary Associate Minister status. Furthermore, that those who continue to be Designated Lay Ministers or who are currently completing studies to become a Designated Lay Minister, be permitted to carry their status and serve other Communities of Faith.

CARRIED

2023-11-09_012 MOTION (N. Hazen/B. Harmen) That the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council grant corresponding membership and sacramental privileges to all those who are retired from active ministry as Designated Lay Ministers, and make them eligible to apply for Voluntary Associate Minister status. **CARRIED**

2023-11-09_013 MOTION (N. Hazen/B. Harmen) That the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council recognize that those who continue to be Designated Lay Ministers or who are currently completing studies to become a Designated Lay Minister, be permitted to carry their status and serve other Communities of Faith. **CARRIED**

2023-11-09_014 MOTION (J. Allen/R. Kim) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive concurs with the recommendation of the Vision & Transformation Leadership Team to approve the following grants:

1. **First United Church** in the amount of 6000.00 for one-year extension of the *Coordinator Position for Children Youth and Intergeneration Programing*. This exception is being granted in light of COVID limitations. **Recommend a final 6000\$ be granted to support this initiative.**
2. **Stittsville United Church**, in the amount of 2650.00 for their *Video Camera Project* to expand worship not only beyond the church walls but within the church walls into other rooms, which would allow for increased space for larger services, as well as spreading out when required and allow for increased accessibility options. V & T will seek approval from Church Extension as this is something they have been funding for other Communities of Faith, however, if they do not see a path forward, Vision and Transformation will send an email motion recommending EOORC Executive support this initiative in the amount of 2650.00.
3. **Rideau Park United Church**, in the amount of 6000.00 to develop an enhanced *Hybrid Meeting Project* as well as the implementation of a **QR code system**. This is an innovative ministry that could also be a model to other Communities of Faith, a practice which Rideau Park has led with other innovative technology programs over the years. **Recommend 6000\$ be granted to support this initiative.**
4. **Ottawa Chinese United Church**, in the amount of 5000\$ to fulfill the previously approved three-year request. There was a lull between year 2 and 3 due to difficulty filling the position hence the reason for the space between funding. The V & T notes that this will be the final year for support to this particular project of the OCUC. **Recommend 5000\$ be granted to support this initiative.**
5. **Kanata United Church**, in the amount of \$5000 for one year to support a *Godly Play* pilot project initiative. This initiative could also be explored by other Communities of Faith. **Recommend 5000\$ be granted to support this initiative.**
6. **Rideau Pastoral Charge**, in the amount of 5500.00 to support a second year of the *Parish Nursing Program*. This is a vibrant and vital program for the Community as well as Rideau Pastoral Charge, and V & T applauds their work. As this is the final year for funding, Vision & Transformation Team is recommending that Rideau Pastoral Charge begin the process of seeking alternative funding such as the United Church of Canada Foundation. **Recommend 5500.00 be granted to support this initiative.**

CARRIED (C. Ryan abstains).

Conclusion

The Chair declares that all of the business having come before this meeting of the Executive has been duly dealt with, and that is the meeting is concluded at 11:45 AM.

Next meeting date: December 14, 2023 (9 AM – noon)
January 11, 2024 (9 AM – noon)