

East Central Ontario Regional Council
Meeting of the Assembly of Elders
Monday, May 22nd 2019 –9:30 a.m.

Vision of the Assembly of Elders by which we evaluate progress based on:

- Supporting and enhancing the life of Communities of Faith where ministry takes place
- Nurturing Social Justice and Outreach programs
- Building Communications

IN ATTENDANCE

Rev. Jean Wilson	Chair
Carol Johnson	Member
Rev. Paul Reed	Member
Rev. Wanda Stride	Member
Brian James	Member - Financial Administration
Shirley Baster	Member
Steve Coles	Member
Rev. Ryan McNally	Member
Rev. Steve Spicer	Member
Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald	Member
Ted Meyers	Member
Sharon Hull	Corresponding Member - Minister for Spiritual Nurture, Respectful Relationship and Justice for all Ages
Gordon Wood	Corresponding Member - Communications and Administration Assistant
Rev. David Timpson	Corresponding Member, Pastoral Relations Minister
Rev. Rosemary Lambie	Corresponding Member, Executive Minister
Joel Miller	Corresponding Member, Program Assistant to Executive Minister, Recording Secretary

REGRETS/ABSENT

Rev. Rodney Smith-Merkley	Corresponding Member - Minister for Respectful Relationship and Indigenous Justice
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1. ***Opening and Devotions*** – Carol Johnson and Shirley Baster led a short worship based on “Holy Humour Sunday”
2. ***Time of sharing*** – All were invited to share.
3. ***Approval of the Minutes - Meeting April 24th 2019***

2019-05-22-104 MOTION (B. James/W. Stride) that the minutes of April 24th 2019 be approved as circulated. **Carried**

4. ***Approval of the Agenda***

2019-05-22-105 MOTION (S. Coles/B. James) that the agenda be accepted. **Carried**

Addition: confirm date of Fenelon Falls review on June 5th 2:30 pm – Zoom. Rosemary will circulate report after this meeting.

Discussion: Suggested to invite past and new members of Assembly of Elders to meeting on June 26th.

5. Correspondence

- a) April 19, 2019 Ron Ewart, Executive Director of the Toronto United Church Council re (1) invitation to attend the Annual Meeting of the Corporation on June 13, 2019 and (2) a request to name 2 people as Members of the TUCC Corporation (*for action*)
- b) May 8, 2019 Rev. Lynda Price re remuneration for Pastoral Charge Supervisors (*for discussion at IM*)
- c) May 15, 2019 Ed Bentley, Cherry Valley Property re Request for Sale (*for action – 1b*)
- d) May 15, 2019 John Purdon, Arden Pastoral Charge, Technology Support Grant Application (*for action - 5*)

Discussion: Jean noted that correspondence from Rev. Phil Hobbs re Cherry Valley United Church will go to the June 26th meeting.

Supporting and enhancing the life of Communities of Faith where ministry takes place

6. Business Arising from the Regular Meeting:**I. Communities of Faith:**

- a) **2019-05-22-106 MOTION** (T. Meyers/B. James) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the request of Rural Faith United Church to list the property on the Real estate Market; Parts 1 & 2 Containing Manse \$564,500 and Part 3, newly severed lot with Well \$249,900 known as Lot 53 ½ and part of Lot 47, Registered Plan 23 Geographic Township of Hamilton, County of Northumberland; with the stipulation that the sale cannot be approved until a financial plan for the use of the proceeds has been presented. **Carried**
- b) Cherry Valley Property
2019-05-22-107 MOTION (S. Spicer/T. Meyers) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the request to proceed the disposition of properties of the former Cherry Valley United Church for \$10,000 to a local company with considerable cemetery management experience and a viable business plan for the church building. **Carried**

II. Mission through Property and Finance:

- a) **2019-05-22-108 MOTION** (E. Macdonald/B. James) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the recommendation that Ted Meyers and Mary Margaret Boone to represent the Regional Council as members of the Toronto United Church Council, attending the Annual Meeting on June 13, 2019. **Carried**

III. Pastoral Relations:

2019-05-22-109 MOTION (W. Stride/S. Coles) The East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders appoints Patty Evans, of the National Pool of Conflict Resolutions Facilitators to begin a process of conflict resolution at Emmanuel United Church, Peterborough. **Carried** (*B. James abstains*).

Discussion: It was noted that this was requested by minister, requested by M&P, that there has been discussion with Executive Minister, and M. Kathy MacDonald, legal counsel at the General Council Office, who gave the referral for Patty Evans.

Question: How do we fund reviews? Patty's fee is \$100 an hour. In the past this process has cost approximately \$3000.

Mission Through Property will create a policy in regards to funding reviews and bring back a proposal to the Assembly of Elders. Past practice was cost-sharing. David will communicate the policy with the Church Council.

2019-05-22-110 MOTION (E. Macdonald/S. Coles) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council mandate the Mission through Property Leadership Team to create a policy and model for cost sharing for reviews between the Regional Council and Communities of Faith. **Carried**

2019-05-22-111 MOTION (B. James/T. Meyers) That having received the properly completed form and confirmation from the Office of Vocations of the ministers good standing, the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the Appointment of the Rev. Aruna Alexander to Bloomfield United Church, Prince Edward County, Ontario for part time, 30 hours per week, ministry June 1 2019 to April 30th 2020. **Carried**

*Note eligibility has been resolved

2019-05-22-112 MOTION (S. Coles/C. Johnson) That having received the properly completed form and confirmation from the Office of Vocations of the ministers good standing, the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the Appointment of the Rev. Jackie Harper, Retired Supply, to Cressey Glenora Pastoral charge, Prince Edward County, Ontario, for part time, 16 hours per week, ministry June 6 2019 to Dec 31st 2019. **Carried**

*Note eligibility resolved

2019-05-22-113 MOTION (S. Spicer/B. James) That having received the properly completed form and confirmation from the Office of Vocations of the ministers good standing, the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the Appointment of the Rev. Audrey Whitney, Retired Supply, to Trinity United Church, Madoc, Hastings County, Ontario for part time, 20 hour per week, ministry July 1 2019 to June 30th 2020. **Carried**

*Note Liaison is appointed, and no one has yet been willing to refer behavior to the OV. The Pastoral Relations Minister has had (another) boundaries conversation with Audrey.

2019-05-22-114 MOTION (T. Meyers/S. Coles) That having received the properly completed form and confirmation from the Office of Vocations of the ministers good standing, the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the Appointment of the Rev. Kirby Breithaupt, Retired Supply, to Marmora, Hastings County, Ontario for part time, 24 hour per week, ministry July 1 2019 to June 30th 2020. **Carried**

2019-05-22-115 MOTION (S. Spicer/B. James) That having received the properly completed form and confirmation from the Office of Vocations of the ministers good standing, the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the Appointment of the Rev. Joan Hacock, Retired Supply, to Warsaw Pastoral Charge Peterborough County for part time, 20 hour per week, ministry July 1 2019 to June 30th 2020. **Carried**

2019-05-22-116 MOTION (S. Spicer/W. Stride) That having received the properly completed form and confirmation from the Office of Vocations of the ministers good standing, the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the Appointment of the Rev. Bill Smith, Retired Supply, to Edith Rankin Memorial United Church Kingston Ontario for part time, 25 hours per week, Ministry Sept 15th 2019 to June 30th 2020. **Carried**

*note appointment as Retired Supply cannot begin within 90 days of retirement

2019-05-22-117 MOTION (T. Meyers/S. Baster) That having received the properly completed form and confirmation from the Office of Vocations of the ministers good standing, the East

Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the Appointment of the Rev. Joseph Ramsay, United Supply, to Edith Rankin Memorial United Church Kingston Ontario for part time, 25 hours per week, Ministry August 1st 2019 to June 30th 2020. **Carried**

2019-05-22-118 MOTION (S. Spicer/W. Stride) That having received the properly completed form and confirmation from the Office of Vocations of the minister's good standing, the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the Appointment of Cathy Underhill DM, to Millbrook & Cavan, Bailieboro & Springville for full time, 40 hour per week, ministry July 1 2019 to June 30th 2020.

IV. Governance:

- a) Affirming Forum – Sharon (see appendix A)

2019-05-22-119 MOTION (E. Macdonald/ W. Stride) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council approve the terms of reference for the Affirming Forum. **Carried**

- b) Nominations Report – Wanda (see appendix B)

2019-05-22-120 MOTION (W. Stride/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council receive the Nomination report and the names in this report will be presented at the Inaugural Meeting. **Carried**

- c) Governance Document –

Amendments:

- Page 13, Regional Council Assembly of Elders: under Membership – remove the bracketed option as it was approved as being a three year term and 1/3 being replaced each year.
- The Retirees Forum and the Licensed Lay Leaders Forum should follow after the Liaison Forum as they are also connected to the Covenant Support Team.

Discussion: Terms for Ministry through Property Team needs to be created.

- d) Report Book

- Paul's last name is Reed
- Add Nominations Report to Report Book
- Names to be added to "At Your Service" section
- "Change" Executive to "Assembly of Elders"
- Remove items in "Enabling Motions"
- Corrections to "Motions passed by Assembly of Elders"

- e) Proposal: East Central Ontario Regional Council Gathering – see appendix C

2019-05-22-121 MOTION (P. Reed/ W. Stride) That the East Central Regional Council Ministry Personnel and lay leadership, gather as a worshipping community for study, community building and to discern the call of God to the church and that such gatherings be physical gatherings and web-based, and further described as:

A spring Regional Council gathering at which the gathered community will receive a current assessment of the health of the Regional Council; receive and consider proposals, worship and reflect on what the Spirit is doing in the faith communities, and determine and direct to the Assembly of

Elders desired outcomes and priorities. At this gathering may occur a 'Celebration of Ministry' including ordination, and commissioning.

A fall Regional Council gathering at which the Assembly of Elders will provide to the gathered community a mission strategy in response to the directions of the Regional Council offered at the Spring Gathering and include for consideration and approval, new and revised practice and policy, staff and Regional Team work assignments, and an operational budget and forecast. At this gathering may occur a 'Celebration of Ministry' including ordination, and commissioning.

Throughout the year web-based gatherings and webinars will be provided by the Regional Council Teams and Staff as required for the purpose of further education and action. **Carried**

Nurturing Social Justice and Outreach programs
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V. Grants – Arden Pastoral Charge, Technology Support Grant Application

2019-05-22-122 MOTION (S. Coles/T. Meyers) That the East Central Regional Council supports the Arden Pastoral Charge, Technology Support Grant Application and forward it to the National Church. **Carried**

VI. Clusters and Networks – Carol, there needs to be more education on this topic.

Building Communications

5. Website –

6. Inaugural Meeting – updates and additional logistics provided; Carol provided update on table and displays (see appendix **D**);

2019-05-22-123 MOTION (S. Coles/T. Meyers) that the regional council approves honorariums to be paid to those helping at the inaugural meeting. **Carried**

7. New Business:

Opening worship for next meeting:

Closing Prayer:

Next meeting dates:

- Wednesday, June 26th 10:00 - 15:00, Eastminster United Church, 432 Bridge Street East, Belleville, Ontario, K8N 1R1
- Wednesday, Aug 28th 9:30 - 12:30 Zoom
- Wednesday, Sept 25th 10-3:00 In person TBD

8. Adjournment

The meeting was declared adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

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Appendix A

East Central Ontario Regional Council:
Affirming Forum**Purpose**

We are called to prayerfully discern and respect the wide range of diversities within our Region including, but not limited to, sexual orientation, gender identity, life experience, differing abilities, ethnicity, race, generational differences, age, geographic location and economic circumstances.

The Affirming Forum helps the Regional Council and the Equity Team create a space and an awareness of what full inclusion would look like. The Affirming Forum will also support the work of the East Central Ontario Regional Council becoming an Affirming Regional Council.

Membership

The Affirming Forum will have members who are interested in affirming.

Meetings

The Affirming Forum will meet three to four times a year, primarily by videoconference call. As needed, and possible, the Forum may meet in person.

Duties

The Affirming Forum will be an ongoing body that creates awareness of what full inclusion would look like and makes the Equity Team aware of both where the Regional Council is lacking and how we might become more fully what we desire. The Equity Team might assign tasks to the Affirming Forum to develop strategies and engage in teaching moments.

The Affirming Forum will advise the Equity Team, Assembly of Elders and the Executive Minister on all matters concerning becoming an Affirming Region. The Affirming Forum will implement the items below on the Interim Action Plan if the vote to become an Interim Affirming Regional Council is passed with the results of 75% and higher at the Inaugural Meeting of the East Central Ontario Regional Council set for May 31 – June 2, 2019.

Interim Action Plan June 2019 – 2020

- Consult with ECORC Staff and provide suitable professional development related to working with and for an Affirming Ministry (The Affirming Ministries Forum).
- Engage Regional Council Teams and Forums to discuss and determine their particular Affirming responsibilities and opportunities to ensure that an Affirming culture is in action for all the responsibilities as outlined in the document “Responsibilities of Regional Councils” received from David Allen November 8, 2018 (The Affirming Ministries Forum).
- Assess the interest and need and provide appropriate opportunities and financial support for education on diversity and inclusion across the region (The Affirming Ministries Forum).
- Revise the Interim Action Plan as necessary (The Affirming Ministries Forum to prepare and present to the Assembly of Elders for approval).
- Prior to the second annual meeting of ECORC, prepare a progress report and ongoing action plan to submit to Affirm United/S’affirmer Ensemble for approval. (The Affirming Ministries Forum to prepare and present to the Assembly of Elders for approval. The Assembly of Elders will then submit to Affirm United/S’affirmer Ensemble).

Appendix B

Nominations report – 37 expressions of interest from 25 different people

Assembly of Elders

D'thea Webster – F/O

Jean Wilson – F/O

Ryan McNally – M/O

Paul Reed – M/O

Steve Spicer – M/O

Phil Wilson (*appoint to equity please*) M/O

Steve Coles – M/L

Ted Meyers – M/L

Marilyn Fortin – F/L Tom to follow up on references

Shannon Marsellus – F/L

Nancy Sutherland – F/L

to be announced

Covenant Support Team

***Assembly of elders please try to appoint an ordained female to this team*

Craig Donnelly – M/O

Larry Doyle – M/O

Tim Milly – M/O – Warren to check references

Katy Gregory – F/O

Christopher Ingersoll – M/L Helmut to follow up on references

Bill Sheaves – M/L

Donna Bignall – F/L

Darlene Hallett – F/L – Wanda to follow up on references

Sue Hogan – F/L – Helmut to follow up on references

Formation, Nurture and Justice

*** Assembly of elders please try to appoint a male to this team*

Carol Gillard – F/O – Tom to check references

Elaine Kellogg – F/O

Meggin King – F/O – Helmut to check references

David Moore – M/O

Marilyn Rodgers – F/L

Derek Marsellus – M/L

Helmut Enns – M/L

plus a youth appointed by youth executive

plus UCW member appointed by UCW

Equity Team

***Assembly of Elders please appoint Phil Wilson to this team*

Sharon Ballantyne F/O

Wanda Stride F/O

David King M/O – Wanda to make sure he's good with this

Penny Culverson – F/L

Rachel Vollmer – F/L

Nominations - as is

Prayer Shawl ministry
Cheryl Mound to coordinate

Mission through property Team

***Assembly of Elders please appoint an ordered female to this team*

Rosemary Lambie – Executive Minister

Mary Margaret Boone F/O

Brian James M/L

Ted Meyers M/L

Ron Trewin M/L

Newly Appointed:

Bruce Hutchison M/L

Arthur Smith M/O – Tom to check references

Mary Ann Thomson F/O – Warren to check references

Kendall Begbie M/L – Warren to check references

David Mantle M/L – Helmut to check references

Appendix C

Proposal: East Central Ontario Regional Council Gathering

That the East Central Regional Council Ministry Personnel and lay leadership, gather as a worshipping community for study, community building and to discern the call of God to the church and that such gatherings be physical gatherings and web-based, and further described as:

A two day spring Regional Council gathering at which the gathered community will receive a current assessment of the health of the Regional Council; receive and consider proposals, worship and reflect on what the Spirit is doing in the faith communities, and determine and direct to the Assembly of Elders desired outcomes and priorities. At this gathering may occur a 'Celebration of Ministry' including ordination, and commissioning.

A one day fall Regional Council gathering at which the Assembly of Elders will provide to the gathered community a mission strategy in response to the directions of the Regional Council offered at the Spring Gathering and include for consideration and approval, new and revised practice and policy, staff and Regional Team work assignments, and an operational budget and forecast. At this gathering may occur a 'Celebration of Ministry' including ordination, and commissioning.

Throughout the year web-based gatherings and webinars will be provided by the Regional Council Teams and Staff as required for the purpose of further education and action.

Background

The Regional Council is the gathering of ministry personnel and lay leadership with a shared responsibility to support and enhance the life of Communities of Faith where ministry takes place; to nurture social justice and outreach within and beyond the local context and to build relationships among the communities of faith and within the Regional Council. The membership of the Regional Council together fulfills the administrative and oversight as mandated.

The Regional Council replaces both former presbyteries and Conferences but seeks to retain the benefits of both; fellowship and mutual support, opportunities for learning; and engaging discernment. Worship shall always a part of the life of the Regional Council. Clusters and Networks will play an important part of the life of the Regional Council but central to the Regional Council is the gathering of the leadership at a spring and fall gathering of the Regional Council.

These gatherings recognize:

- The importance and desire of meeting face to face for the purpose of building trust and knowledge;
- The responsible use of resources of time and money;
- That good discernment takes time.

The spring and fall sessions are specifically proposed to facilitate good discernment practices. At the Spring Session would be opportunity for hearing and proposing. This gathering would feature plenary and small group presentations, discussion, dialogue, and exchange of ideas as a resource for developing understanding, deepening fellowship among the membership. A wide range of perspectives shall be encouraged during this session. Upon agreement of the plenary or small groups all ideas, proposals, priorities or actions will be referred to the Assembly of Elders.

Prior to the fall session the Assembly of Elders will review and refer all matters to appropriate staff and Regional Council Teams for consideration and recommendations. The Assembly of Elders upon such recommendation will complete a mission strategy and budget for presentation to the fall Gathering.

The fall session of the East Central regional Council will be the completion of the discernment proposal and will be a decision making gathering and will include actions to be taken on recommendations or proposals arising from the spring session, the adoption of the budget and amendments to policies and procedures.

Appendix D

ECORC Inaugural Meeting May 31st to June 2, 2019,
Cambridge United Church, Lindsay Ontario
Tables and Displays * for Rev. if known

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| 1. Fair Trade | Marilyn Rodger marilynrodger@aol.com
2 – 8 ft., 1 x 4 ft. tables, 2 chairs, electric outlets, WiFi access, set up
Thurs. close 4 Sat. Locked room, in flow of traffic, Need assist to set up
and close down. Want an announcement before lunch time. Need
billeting for 3 for Thurs. Fri. Sat. night | |
| Book Display | Pat Gilmore
10- 8 ft. tables, 2 chairs, See above for other details | |
| M&S Banners | *Elizabeth Macdonald emacd@kos.net | |
| 2. TUCC
Toronto United Church Council | Jim Patterson jim@tucc.ca
Would like 2 days, with the above Fair Trade etc., didn't list # tables,
electric outlet | 905-771-5124x23 |
| 3. Affirming Ministries | *Elizabeth Macdonald emacd@kos.com
Likely just 1 table and chair | |
| 4. Five Oaks Camping | Michael Shewburg mshewburg@fiveoaks.on.ca
Display Booth- likely 1 table and chair, electric outlet | |
| 5. UC Philanthropy Unit | Susan Graham Walker
Left message | 647-215-8814 |
| 6. Interfaith Network | *Ned Walker
He contacted Wanda, Left message | 905-926-5994 |
| 7. Emmanuel College | Christine Henry c.henry@utoronto.ca
1 table and chair for programme recruitment | 416-585-4464 |
| 8. Indigenous Justice
& Respectful Relationships | Rodney Smith-Merkley RSMerkley@united-church.ca
1 table | |
| 9. "Sisters in Ministry"
Retreat group | *Wanda Stride wandastride@gmail.com
For fair only. 1 table | |
| Other Requests | | |
| 1. TUCC | Jim Patterson jim@tucc.ca | 905-771-5124x23 |

To show a film "Finding Peter Bryce" 22 minutes x 2 during Cluster/Network
time
Projector for USB key, Friday at 2 pm in a special room