
East Central Ontario Regional Council
Meeting of the Assembly of Elders
Wednesday, June 26th 2019 – 10 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
Rev. Marilyn Fortin	Member
Rev. D'thea Webster	Member
Rev. Phil Wilson	Member
Shannon Marsellus	Member
Steve Coles	Member
Rev. Paul Reed	Member
Rev. Steve Spicer	Member
Ted Meyers	Member
Rev. Ryan McNally	Member
Brian James	Corresponding Member - Financial Administration
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

Nancy Sutherland	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. Rodney Smith-Merkley	Corresponding Member - Minister for Respectful Relationship and Indigenous Justice

Opening Devotions – Rosemary led worship, beginning by asking the members of this newly formed Executive to ponder ‘why they are here?’ and then read an excerpt from the “Sensible Shoes” series, written by Sharon Garlough Brown which pointed to Isaiah 43 and the call not to fear. This was followed by the reading of Isaiah 43: 1-3, 5. Devotions ended with the singing of “I Have Called You by Your Name” MV 161 and closing prayer.

Circle Time of Sharing:

Minutes of May 22, 2019 and June 5, 2019:

2019-06-26-140 MOTION (S. Coles/P. Reed) Motion to accept the Minutes of May 22, 2019. **Carried**

2019-06-26-141 MOTION (T. Meyers/P. Reed) Motion to accept the Minutes of June 5, 2019. **Carried**

Agenda

2019-06-26-142 MOTION: (P. Wilson/S. Marsellus) Motion to accept agenda as amended. **Carried**

Additions:

1. Update sub-executive
2. Team models, appointments
3. Property and Finance – Fairview (Peterborough, ON) request
4. Equity monitor (naming person) –Jean Wilson will be the Equity Monitor

Speaker

2019-06-26-143 MOTION: (R. McNally/P. Wilson) Motion to elect Paul Reed as the new Speaker of the Assembly of Elders. **Carried**

Correspondence:

- a) May 13, 2019 Murray Batten, Member of Council, Mark Street United Church, Peterborough, ON re Policy on Minister's Tenure (*for further study by Covenant Support Team*)
- b) June 5, 2019 Fairlie E. Poole, Secretary for Council of Fenelon Falls United Church re response to the Rideout Report (*for action 1a*)
- c) June 5, 2019 Catherine Rodd, Communications for the General Council office re arrest of Rev. Tim Milley (*for action 1b*)
- d) June 8, 2018 Elaine Farley re Old Hay Bay Church renovations of \$165,300 (*for action 2 -*)
- e) June 13, 2019 Erik Matheson, Chief Financial Officer GCO re Old Hay Bay Church, copied on message recommending to GCE at grant of 25, 000 (*for information – as per d above*)
- f) June 13, 2019 Trustees of Fairview United Church re permission to list the property for sale (*for information and referred to Mission through Property and Finance - 2*)
- g) June 13, 2019 Jamie Wilder, General Council Office Member Services re appointment of Deborah Elliott to the Theology InterChurch Inter-Faith Committee. (*for information*)
- h) June 18, 2019 Erin Greeno, Ontario Regional Council Archivist re records still needing to be sent into the Archives (*for action*) – Information to be circulated to members of the Assembly of Elders
- i) June 21, 2019 Gordon Woods, Communication and Administration Assistant re (*for action – new*)
- j) June 25, 2019 Erik Matheson, Chief Financial Officer GCO re Old Hay Bay Church grant of 25, 000 (*for information – as per e above*)
- k) May 3, 2019 Rev. Phil Hobbs re Cherry Valley United Church disposition of assets (*for information/ action*)

Business arising:

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

I. Communities of Faith**a) Fenelon Falls United Church**

2019-06-26-144 MOTION (J. Wilson/P. Wilson) that having reviewed the Report prepared by Rev. Pegi Rideout on June 5, 2019 and acknowledged the letter received from the Council of the Fenelon Falls Community of Faith, the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders:

1. Refer recommendations 1-12 for action to the Covenant Support Team, and recommendations 13-16 for information and or consideration;
2. Meet with Fenelon Fall's congregation in response to their response letter;
3. Appoint interim minister, with transitional ministry experience (recommendation of Covenant Support Team);
4. Appoint transition team; Rev. Walter Murray as Pastoral Charge Supervisor and Rev. Paul Reed and Steve Coles as Liaisons;

5. Dissolve current M&P committee, and appoint Steve Coles and Rev. Walter Murray as the interim M&P Committee;
6. Appoint Steve Coles as Interim Chair of the Board of Fenelon Falls United Church. **Carried**

Note: -Currently there is no interim ministers available.

-It was suggested to host of conflict resolution training throughout the Regional Council.

-Rosemary has responded to the original letter

-Rosemary will communicate the above action to Fenelon Falls and ask for dates for meeting with the Board

b) **Cherry Valley**

2019-06-26-145 MOTION (R. McNally/S. Coles) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders acknowledges receipt of the correspondence from Rev. Phil Hobbs and the Speaker will respond indicating no further action will be take, referring to the actions of Kente Presbytery. **Carried** (*D. Webster and J. Wilson abstain*)

II. Mission through Property and Finance

a) Zion United Church, Highland Hills Community of Faith

2019-06-26-146 MOTION (T. Meyers/S. Coles) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the sale of Zion United Church in Carnarvon, Ontario, [Pt Lt 15 Con 1 Stanhope as in SA246 Except H20582 Except Pt 1 H39227; Pt Rdal STN Lt 15 &16 Con 1 Stanhope (closed by H126069) Pt 1 19R2882] for the sale price of \$275,000, net proceeds to be held in trust until the disposition is settled, and with the provision that the space is not used as a regular weekly worship space for up to two years, to Beverley Spotton. **Carried**

For information: Her plans for the church include adult education. She also plans to leave the Sanctuary intact and available to the public for events such as weddings.

The sale price is \$275,000 with a \$25,000 deposit. The balance of \$250,000 net of adjustments will be due on closing.

The closing date has been set as October 1, 2019, which is consistent with the Trustees current estimate that it will take us that long to complete the process of severing the cemetery from the church and adjusting the zoning of the property on which the church sits.

b) Salem United Church

2019-06-26-147 MOTION (T. Meyers/S. Coles) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the request to use \$19,500 from restricted capital reserves for painting Heritage United Church, in Salem, Ontario. **Carried**

c) Columbus Community Church Renovations

2019-06-26-148 MOTION (T. Meyers/S. Coles) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the request to use \$57,912 for the following renovations to Columbus Community Church, Oshawa, Ontario: a New Sign \$30,510; Sidewalk Replacement \$21,464; and Roof Replacement \$5,937. **Carried**

d) Burnt River United Church

2019-06-26-149 MOTION (T. Meyers/J. Wilson) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the application for an Church Improvement Grant of \$5000 for Burnt River United Church, Burnt River, Ontario. **Carried**

e) Goodwood United Church

2019-06-26-150 MOTION (T. Meyers/S. Coles) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the request of Goodwood United Church, Goodwood, Ontario to list the manse property located at 5 Tindall Lane Goodwood, Ontario, LOC 1A0, on the current real-estate market but approval of the sale will be pending receipt of a detailed list of the use of funds of the sale of the manse, following approved current Regional Council guidelines. **Carried**

f) Budget line for mileage to pastoral emergencies

MOTION (T. Meyers/D. Webster) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the suggestion of adding a budget line for travel expenses to pastoral care in emergent circumstances in the 2020 budget.

2019-06-26-151 MOTION (R. McNally/S. Coles) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders postpone definitely the above motion to the September 2019 meeting. **Carried**

g) Fairview United Church

2019-06-26-152 MOTION (T. Meyers/P. Wilson) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the request of Fairview United Church, Fairview, Ontario (PTE 1/2 LT 18 Con. 4 Smith PT 145R1469 Selwyn, and the municipal address which is 724 Centre Line, Selwyn Twp. K9J 6X5) to list the church property on the current real-estate market, but approval of the sale will be pending receipt of a detailed list of the use of funds of the sale of the church, following approved current Regional Council guidelines. **Carried**

h) Old Hay Bay Church

2019-06-26-153 MOTION (J. Wilson/T. Meyers) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves that the trustees proceed with the exterior restoration of Old Hay Bay Church to be awarded to Wemp & Smith Construction Ltd. not to exceed \$110,000 pre-tax. **Carried** (*P. Wilson abstains*)

III. Pastoral Relations:

- a) **2019-06-26-154 MOTION** (J. Wilson/M. Fortin) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders acknowledges the General Council decision to suspend the Rev. Tim Milley pending the outcome of legal procedures, and for the interim will remove Rev. Tim Milley's from all pastoral responsibilities within the Regional Council. **Carried** (*P. Wilson abstains*)
- b) **2019-06-26-155 MOTION** (J. Wilson/S. Spicer) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the appointment of Rev. Anne MacDermaid as Pastoral Charge supervisor for the Cataraqui Community of Faith. **Carried**
- c) **2019-06-26-156 MOTION** (P. Wilson/S. Spicer) 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 Rev. Tim Dayfoot, to United Community Ministry for full time, 40 hour per week, Intentional Interim

Ministry July 1 2019 to June 30th 2020. This appointment May be renewed if the goals require additional work in 2020 however as Intentional Interim ministry it shall not be renewed past June 30th 2022. **Carried**

- d) **2019-06-26-157 MOTION** (J. Wilson/S. Spicer) The East Central Ontario Regional Council appoints Paul Reed as the Regional Council representative to the Transition Team of United Community Ministries. **Carried**
- e) **2019-06-26-158 MOTION** (J. Wilson/S. Spicer) 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 Call of Rev. Lionel Ketola, to Goodwood United Church, Durham Region Ontario for half time 20 hours per week ministry commencing July 8th 2019. **Carried**
- f) **2019-06-26-159 MOTION** (M Fortin/S. Spicer) 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 Rev. Jean Wilson, Retired Supply, to the Castleton Grafton Pastoral Charge Northumberland County Ontario for part time, 24 hour per week, ministry July 1 2019 to June 30th 2020. **Carried** (*J. Wilson abstains*)
- g) **2019-06-26-160 MOTION** (J. Wilson/S. Spicer) That having received the properly completed form and confirmation from the Assembly of Elders approves the Appointment of Rev. Peter Walford-Davis, to Tory Hill Pastoral Charge for part time, 10 hour per week, ministry July 1 2019 to June 30th 2020. **Carried**
- h) **2019-06-26-161 MOTION** (J. Wilson/S. Spicer) That having received the properly completed form and confirmation from the Office of Vocations of the ministers good standing, with the exception of an up to date Boundaries Course, the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the appointment of Rev. Joanna McQuarrie to Trinity United Church, Peterborough, Full time 40 hours per week July 1st 2019 to Dec 31 2019, with the following conditions:
- a. That appointee provides proof of registration for the next Boundaries Course
 - b. That the appointment be for 6 months,
 - c. That the appointment be eligible to be renewed to June 30th 2020, if Boundaries Course is completed by Dec. 31, 2019. **Carried**
- i) **2019-06-26-162 MOTION** (J. Wilson/S. Spicer) That having received the properly completed form and confirmation from the Office of Vocations of the ministers good standing, with the exception of an up to date Boundaries Course, the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the re-appointment of Rev. Kathy Edmison to Wooler United Church, 20 hours per week, July 1st, 2019 to Dec 31st 2019, with the following conditions:
- a. That appointee provides proof of registration for the next Boundaries Course
 - b. That the appointment be for 6 months,
 - c. That the appointment be Eligible to be renewed to June 30th 2020, if Boundaries Course is completed by Dec. 31, 2019. **Carried**
- j) **2019-06-26-163 MOTION** (J. Wilson/S. Spicer) That having received the properly completed form and confirmation from the Office of Vocations of the ministers good standing, with the exception of an up to date Boundaries Course, the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the re-appointment of Ian Rob, D.L.M. to Smithfield-Carman United Church, 20 hours per week, commencing July 1st 2019, with the following conditions:

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- a. That appointee provides proof of registration for the next Boundaries Course
 - b. That the appointment be for 6 months,
 - c. That the appointment be eligible to be renewed to June 30th 2020, if Boundaries Course is completed by Dec. 31, 2019. **Carried**

k) **2019-06-26-164 MOTION** (J. Wilson/S. Spicer) 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 Rev. Phil Hobbs to Picton United Church, 20 hours per week, commencing July 1st 2019 to December 31st 2019, with the following conditions:

- i) That Picton United Church become actively engage with a Liaison in search for a long-term pastoral relationship, and
- ii) That the Covenant Support Team receive a progress report after 6 months
- iii) That Picton United Church and South Bay United Church form a joint Ministry & Personnel Committee. **Carried** (*D. Webster and P. Wilson abstain*)

j) **2019-06-26-165 MOTION** (J. Wilson/S. Spicer) Having received the assurance of their training from Pastoral Relations Minister, the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders appoints, Alan Boyd Brian James, Patti James Pastoral Relations Liaisons and adds them to the Liaison Forum. **Carried**

k) **2019-06-26-166 MOTION** (J. Wilson/S. Spicer) The Assembly of Elders of the East Central accepts the request for a change of pastoral relations from, Rev. Ned Wells, the Eldad-Hampton Pastoral Charge, effectively dated June 23rd 2019 (90 day notice – effective September 21st). **Carried**

IV. Governance:

- a) Feedback from RC meeting re: Governance Document
- b) Recommendations: Steve (see appendix A)

Nurturing Social Justice and Outreach programs
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V. Grants:

a) Setting Criteria for Student Bursary
2019-06-26-167 MOTION (J. Wilson/P. Wilson) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders recommend to the Mission through Property Leadership Team to develop and propose a criteria for student bursaries and present to the Assembly of Elders. **Carried**

b) Responses from meeting (Rosemary still collating!)

VI. Clusters and Networks:

•Building Communications

VII. Nominations:

2019-06-26-168 MOTION (R. McNally/ P. Wilson) follow up on getting Leadership Teams going: Jean Wilson (Liaison, Covenant Support Team), D'Thea Webster (Nominations), Marilyn Fortin (Faith Formation and Justice) Phil Wilson (Equity), Ted Meyers (Property), Steve Coles (Covenant Support Team). **Carried**

2019-06-26-169 MOTION (P. Wilson/T. Meyers) that should the need arise for an urgent decision between meetings, the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders nominate the past-Speaker, the current Speaker, the Treasurer (corresponding member) and Ryan McNally be empowered to act as a sub-Executive along with the Executive Minister to address the situation.
Carried

VIII. Website: staffing, Gordon Wood, Part-time Communication and Administration Assistant staff person, has resigned; final date of work will be July 19th.

It is noted that this resignation is received with regret. Ted Meyers, Steve Coles, Brian James and Rosemary Lambie will conduct exit interview.

IX. General Meeting:

- a) Evaluation of RC Inaugural meeting – results of online survey

ECORC Inaugural Meeting Registrants Evaluations - Brief Summary
Compiled by Gord Wood, ECORC Communications & Administration Assistant - June 26, 2019

90 - Number of Respondents (29.8%)

Q1. What worked well?

Answers - various (anecdotally - worship, small group discussions, music, food)

Q2. What didn't work well?

Answers - most cited: registration; otherwise various

Q3. Suggestions?

Answers - most cited - ideas about registration, otherwise various

Q4. 4. Would you like to help organize the next gathering of the East Central Ontario Regional Council?

Answers

Yes - **3** of 90 (3.3%)

Maybe - **38** of 90 (42.2%)

No - **49** of 90 (54.4%)

M&S donation from service: Total raised was \$2,253.35.

Budget report and balance available for future meetings

- b) A one day fall Regional Council gathering at which the Assembly of Elders will provide:
- a mission strategy in response to the directions of the Regional Council
 - revised practice and policy Governance Handbook,
 - Clarify or create Regional Team mandates,
 - An operational budget and forecast.
 - At this gathering may occur a 'Celebration of Ministry' including ordination, and commissioning.

Potential Date November 2nd 2019 Location Pickering Village Planning Team TBD?

- c) Children and Youth- Inaugural Meeting (see report submitted by Sharon Hull, Minister for Spiritual Nurture, Respectful Relationship and Justice for all Ages, appendix **B**)

X. Report of the Minister for Respectful Relationship and Indigenous Justice: (see appendix **C**)

New Business:

Opening worship for next meeting: D'Thea Webster

Motion to adjourn

The Speaker declared the meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Closing Prayer: Jean Wilson

Next meeting dates:

Wednesday, Aug 28 th	9:30 - 12:30	Zoom
Wednesday, Sept 25 th	10-3:00	In person TBD

Paul Reed
Chair

Rev. Rosemary Lambie,
Executive Minister

Appendices

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 Appendix A

Governance Structure

Responses and Recommendations

Living Mission Statement

- What are we called to?
- too inward focused - more emphasis on advocacy and mission with local global and national partners
- define the Mission of the church
- lots more Jesus and evangelism
- what is the theological rationale
- expand the language to be more inclusive — ie not limited to, radicalized groups, including but not limited to
- the word "conciliar" is vague

Comment:

- this was primarily a word smithing matter to include "everything" including groups of "no faith"
- the word conciliar may need some explanation
- the consensus was warm and could go to a vote with minor changes

Recommendation:

- Refer back to Jean for some work and revisit in September

Assembly of Elders

- the issue is around the name / appropriation / language
- suggestion of word Stewards or Executive
- is this an appropriate number
- difficulty with the term Speaker and the term Leader - not familiar
- has there been consultations with other regions re experience and best practices
- no reference to Youth
- on going wrestle with geographic representation

Comment:

- this is significant sticking point fuelled more by a misunderstanding of language and frames of reference
- it is the thing that seems both most unfamiliar and that which "we" did not decide on.

Recommendation

- "Replace Assemble of Elders with Regional Council Executive / Council of Elders"
- that the position of Chair be voted on by the court and that nominations be received from the floor

Governance Structure

Responses and Recommendations

Covenant Support Team**Comment:**

- again, we are tripping on the process of changing to the unfamiliar via a new language and names
- consider adding numbers - if no interest show vacancies

Recommendation:

- adopt

Nominations

- include reference to "theology of call" - include Wanda's comments
- concern re process - why not nominations from the floor
- remove restriction of adding "one" member - groups may need more

Comment:

- there is a historical process of electing from the floor even when the position(s) is acclaimed, therefore this process should be reflected in the fall

Recommendation:

- adopt with changes above
- that the the position of Chair of Regional Executive be voted on separately and that nominations be received from the floor

Liaison Forum

- need to balance lay and ordered
- should this be a policy? *and not a structure

Comment:

- again the issue is the new language imposed on a historical understanding of a role
- more education re the Manual language

Recommendation:

- adopt

LLWL Forum

- Duties 3 - change to responsibility of Covenant Support Team and Pastoral Relations Minister / Office of Vocation Minister
- how do monitor participation

Comment:

- there was considerable concern with LLWL's functioning outside the polity of the UCC
- questions of accountability, re to whom and how

Governance Structure

Responses and Recommendations

Recommendation

- include a reference to the **Covenant Support Team**
- adopt

Retirees Forum

Recommendation:

- include a number of **Retired Clergy** as necessary to membership - 4?
- adopt with changes

Formation, Nurture and Justice

Comment:

- the group could expand mission priorities as it begins its work

Recommendation:

- adopt

Equity Team

Comment:

- again, just a concern that the **Team** will do "everything"
- a report from the team will go far to address those concerns

Recommendation:

- adopt

Affirming Forum

Comment:

- few issues

Recommendation:

- adopt

Governance Structure

Responses and Recommendations

Ministry Through Property Team**Comment**

- expand / clarify process for distribution of funds from sale of property
- clarify specifically the process for use of manse funds
- perhaps change name to Finance and Property and separate out Stewardship

Recommendation:

- some conversation about functions might be helpful —- how will it work — is a common question
- adopt with explanations

Overall

- absence of theological background
- remove the word "National" church from the document
- travel at GC rate
- is there an urgency to fill positions
- some feelings of mistrust
- what does Radical Hospitality mean
- should we have a Business Team

Appendix B**Children and Youth- Inaugural Meeting**

Submitted By Sharon Hull,

Minister for Spiritual Nurture, Respectful Relationship and Justice for all Ages

Children's program- crafts and games that were related to the theme. Joined the court for worship. Had time together with the youth forum with games that were lead by the youth and leaders.

Youth Forum: Grade 6 to 8 and High School Youth, due to lower numbers, ran both programs together this year and broke into smaller groups for discussion by age. We had one small group that stayed in the court as full voting delegates with a leader. Young Adults leaders- Amy and Jon were very generous in sharing their skills and gifts with the group. Some of our time was spent in the court. Out of the court we had many discussions on the theme, did a cross craft, participated in the open mic on Friday night, prepared our breakfasts, enjoyed the water teaching and story early on Saturday morning, prepared for our sharing time in court, had a great discussion lead by Jon about the youth forum going forward, went swimming and showering at Lindsay Rec, enjoyed the dinner prepared by the UCW, movie and discussion on Kayak to Klemtu on Saturday night, nightly vespers and celebrating our 2 graduates on Saturday night, made prayer rocks and participated in service on Sunday. It was a very busy but great weekend connecting with the youth. Thanks to Paul for organizing such a great space for us at Celebrations. (Please see below for list of income and expenses).

Suggestions:

I would like to look at having 2 youth retreats a year, away from the meetings. At the Regional Council meetings I would like the youth and young adults to attend as voting delegates with time together in the evenings. I would like to try this at the fall meeting.

Question: At the one day fall Regional Council meeting would there be a children's program?

YAYA - Upcoming Events:

Wampum Camp – July 9 to 14 for grade 8 to 10, pay \$100 or what you can. There are still some spots available, please contact me if you know anyone interested.

August 2019 – Young Adult weekend at Algonquin Park – August 9 to 11- more details to be announced once trailer has been confirmed.

Fall 2019 – Combined bus of High School youth from Region 11, 12 and 13 to attend the Niagara Youth Festival on Friday October 25 to Sunday October 27. Bus to start in Ottawa and Region 13 to take the VIA train to Oshawa, then be picked up by the bus. We would look to each region to support with \$2000 to go towards travel costs. (See budget).

Fall 2019- Overnight event for youth in Grades 7 & 8, possibly combined with other regions. Last year we held this at Camp Quin Mo Lac, will firm up details once the date of the fall Regional Council meeting has been set.

August 2020 – Rendez-Vous for High School Youth, Young Adults and Youth Leaders, August 11 to 14 in Calgary. Discussion has started with other regions about travelling together to get discounts. Is there any funding to help reduce travel costs?

 Inaugural Regional Council Meeting May 31 to June 2, 2019

Youth Registration Fees	Cash		240.00
	Chq		360.00
Total Income			600.00

Youth Program

Food Basics	Food	263.74
Dollarama	Program Supplies	39.55
Smitty's Family Restaurant	Friday Dinner	434.56
Kawartha Lakes	Swimming	24.75
Gift Cards	Leader Appreciation	260.00
Grand River Bookstore	Crest pins-graduates	13.45
UCW	Saturday Dinner	240.00
Travel - leaders		459.20
Night Security	Yannick	225.00
Youth Expenses		1960.25

Children's Program

Hotel Room		322.05
Program and Food (snacks)		31.01
Program and Food (snacks)		56.48

Children Expenses **409.54**Total Expenses **2369.79**Total Amount from Regional Council Budget **1769.79**

Niagara Youth Festival Budget for Regional Council 11, 12 & 13

Description	# of people	dollar amount per person	Total
Reg Fees- Niagara Youth Festival - includes 2 lunches	33	25	825
Dinner- Friday	33	25	825
Dinner- Saturday	33	30	990
Activity on Saturday afternoon	33	30	990
VIA Rail (For RC 13- then Bus)			1130
School Bus			3000
Hotel (for Bus driver)			400
Total Expenses			8160
Registration fee per youth	24	90	2160
RC 11 contribution			2000
RC 12 contribution			2000
RC 13 contribution			2000
			8160

Appendix C

Report Submitted by Rodney Smith-Merkley,
Minister for Respectful Relationship and Indigenous Justice

To begin, thank you to those elders whose term has ended with our inaugural meeting. This has been a challenging yet critical time of new beginnings. Thank you to those elders who will continue the work of building the church for today and tomorrow.

I was pleased with our inaugural meeting from my perspective. The land acknowledgement and Lorenzo Whetung's presentation seemed to go well. Since our meeting, Lorenzo's daughter Emily has been elected chief at Curve Lake, a 33-year-old lawyer and mother of two young boys. I hope to check in with Hiawatha and Alderville as they will have changed Chief and Council as well.

Dorothy Taylor's teaching also went well, at the early morning water blessing ceremony, as well as during our meeting. Dorothy will also be available on our "being good relations" day at Curve Lake on July 10. Thank you Gord for getting the poster on our website. I am hoping perhaps it could be sent out in the next few days as a direct email, as registration is around 15 at this point. We are hoping for 50 or 100 people. This initiative came in part from a request from the former Kawartha Highlands presbytery. They had sent monies to the region for this event, and I may need some budget for honorariums, and possibly a bus rental.

I attended Margaret Fisher's celebration of life service last Friday. Margaret was a very active part of dancing the circle of right relations action group. I continue to discern how will this work continues and begin anew within the region through networks and clusters.

I continue to connect and consult with individual congregations. My sense is many congregations are engaging in the work of indigenous justice and respectful relationship, especially at this time of year.

I look forward to three weeks of holidays beginning July 15. I have been designating Friday as my workday, but in reality my schedule needs to be quite flexible to be in communication with others, and to accommodate special events such as July 10th.

Respectfully submitted, Rodney