

East Central Ontario Regional Council
Meeting of the Assembly of Elders
Friday, September 24, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

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

Strengthened by God's grace and refreshed by the Spirit,
We follow the way of Jesus in healing our world.

IN ATTENDANCE

Rev. Paul Reed	Speaker
Margaret Curtis	Member
Brian James	Member - Financial Administration
Rev. Don McLean	Member
Ted Meyers	Member
Rev. Ian Robb	Member
Bill Sheaves	Member
Nancy Sutherland	Member
Rev. Lynn Watson	Member
Kathleen Whyte	Member
Rev. Phil Wilson	Member
Sharon Hull	Corresponding Member - Minister for Spiritual Nurture, Respectful Relationship and Justice for all Ages
Rev. Rosemary Lambie	Member, Executive Minister
Joel Miller	Corresponding Member, Program Assistant to Executive Minister, Recording Secretary
Rev. David Timpson	Corresponding Member, Pastoral Relations Minister
Karen Wilson	Corresponding Member - Communications and Administration Assistant
<u>REGRETS/ABSENT</u>	
Marilyn Fortin	Member
Rev. Rodney Smith-Merkley	Corresponding Member - Minister for Respectful Relationship and Indigenous Justice

Opening Devotions and Land Acknowledgement – Rev. David Timpson led opening devotions sharing his experience learning the following skills: Searching constantly for possibilities; living in the unknown; listening and discerning, balancing between conflict and passion; knowing where and when particular biases are being pushed; handling power with love and justice. David reminded us that God is at work in people even when people sometimes find it difficult to define their skills that is being used in their work. David closed this sharing time in prayer. David also recognized First Nation Peoples, acknowledged the stewardship of treaty lands, and that the work of reconciliation is continuous.

Circle Time of Sharing – All were invited to share.

Appointment of an Equity Monitor for this Meeting

2021-09-24-113 CONSENSUS MOTION That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders appoint Rev. Phil Wilson as Equity Monitor for this meeting. **CARRIED**

Agenda

2021-09-24-114 MOTION (T. Meyers/M. Curtis) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders accept the agenda as circulated. **CARRIED**

Minutes of June 18, 2021

2021-09-24-115 MOTION (B. James/P. Wilson) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the Minutes of June 18, 2021 as circulated. **CARRIED**

Minutes of July 26, 2021:

2021-09-24-116 MOTION (M. Curtis/P. Wilson) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the Minutes of Email Poll ending July 26, 2021 as circulated.

Arden Pastoral Charge

2021-07-26-001 MOTION (B. James /M. Fortin) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders having received the appropriate documents on Church Hub and with the assurance of the Office of Vocations minister that the interview board is aware, approves the appointment of Kaitlyn Ostrander, Ministry Candidate to a one-year Supervised Ministry appointment on the Arden Pastoral Charge full time 40 Hrs per week form 8/1/2021 to 7/31/2022.

Grace Pastoral Charge, Peterborough

2021-07-26-002 MOTION (B. James /M. Fortin) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders having received the appropriate documents on Church Hub and with the assurance of the Office of Vocations minister that the interview board is aware, approves the appointment of Kevin Fitzpatrick, Ministry Candidate to a two-year Supervised Ministry appointment on the Grace Pastoral Charge, part time 14 Hrs per week form 7/1/2021 to 7/31/2023.

Janetville Pastoral Charge

2021-07-26-003 MOTION (B. James /M. Fortin) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders having received the appropriate documents on Church Hub and with the assurance of the Office of Vocations minister that the interview board is aware, approves the appointment of Kevin Fitzpatrick, Ministry Candidate to a two-year Supervised Ministry appointment on the Janetville Pastoral Charge, part time 16 Hrs per week form 7/1/2021 to 7/31/2023.

Mark Street Pastoral Charge, Peterborough

2021-07-26-004 MOTION (B. James /M. Fortin) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders having received the appropriate documents on Church approves the appointment of Rev. Allan Boyd, retired supply appointment on the Mark Street Pastoral Charge, part time 20 hrs per week form 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022.

CARRIED**Correspondence**

- a) July 8, 2021 Suzanne Savard Chair of Council, Faith United Church, Kingston re confusion about multiple names (for information)
- b) July 12, 2021 application from St. James & St. Paul's United Church, Madawaska re modernization grant from GCO (for action)
- c) July 18, 2021 Erik Matheson, CEO, General Council office copied on response to Sydenham Street United Church Kingston about sharing a treasurer (for information)
- d) July 19, 2021 Peter Darling, Chair Trinity United Church Peterborough re motion to disband the community of faith (for action)
- e) August 10, 2021 Kirby Ruthven, Treasurer at Sydenham Street United Church about sharing a treasurer (for information)

- f) August 12, 2021 Gary Gaudreau, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Carlow United Church re wanting various kinds of support (for information and support from Covenant Support Team)
- g) August 13, 2021 Wally McColl, M and P, Carlow United Church re copied on response to Gary Gaudreau (for information)
- h) August 18, 2021 Dorothy Harrison, Volunteer Administrator, Cressy Glenora UC re temporary license to administer sacraments and a marriage license for SME student (for action)
- i) August 22, 2021 Deb Foster, Dunbarton Fairport United Church re Trustees, cemeteries and relationship with UPRC (for support from Mission through Property and Finance)
- j) August 22, 2021 Gary Gaudreau, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Carlow United Church re demanding financial support for pulpit supply (for information and support from Covenant Support Team)
- k) August 23, 2021 Bev Gorsline re CRA correspondence regarding Cherry Valley United Church (help coming from GCO).
- l) August 24, 2021 Ian McFarlane, Chair, Official Board, Cold Springs Pastoral Charge re making plans for the future (for information)
- m) September 14, 2021 Rev. Elaine Kellogg, Deseronto United Church re full amalgamation with Grace United Church, Napanee, effective January 1, 2022 (for action)
- n) September 16, 2021 Anne MacDermaid, Pastoral Charge Supervisor, Cataraqui United Church, re decision to disband effective December 31, 2021 and request for a Trustee from the Regional Council (for action)
- o) September 16, 2021 Michael Putman, Empey Hill United Congregation re decision to amalgamate with Selby United Church (for action)
- p) September 17, 2021 Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald Co-Chair, Affirming Forum re gift of affirming tablecloth and table runner for Regional Council celebrations (for action)
- q) September 21, 2021 Erik Matheson, CEO, General Council re a request for financial assistance for insurance costs of Old Hay Bay Church (for action with Mission through Property and Finance report)
- r) September 21, 2021 Rev. Kerrie Perry re support for decisions between Lakefield United Church (LUC) and the possible change in pastoral charge boundaries initiated by conversation with Young's Point United Church. (for information)
- s) September 22, 2021 Rev. Meggin King re increase of budget support for Doing Mission Together grants (for action with Mission through Property and Finance report)
- t) September 23, 2021 Rev. Lyle Horn, Peterborough Church Extension Council re permission for change and transfer of funds (for referral to Mission through Property and Finance report)
- u) September 23, 2021 Rev. Cathy Russell, Bloomfield United Church, Bloomfield ON. Re reaction to the speaker's article on vaccine passports for churches (for information)
- v) September 23, 2021 Rev. Larry Doyle re support needed for Ebenezer- Maple Grove (for action ... rep to Oct 3 meeting)

Business arising grouped according to confirmed Guiding Principles

I. All Communities of Faith participate in ECORC meetings and initiatives

Facilitation Team report – Pre-session gathering (2 of the 3 have taken place – Affirming celebration to take place next week). At the General Meeting, teams will be invited to provide oral reports. Nominating Commissioners, dealing with proposals and the budget will also take place during this meeting. Paul is preparing a detailed agenda; the facilitation team is meeting next week.

II. Clergy, lay leaders and communities of faith express satisfaction with the support, development opportunities and communication they receive

Communications – Karen Wilson highlighted items in report (see **appendix A**).

- Pending: Logo discussion – Kathleen Whyte has been working on something, will forward to Karen when finished.

2021-09-24-117 MOTION (L. Watson/I. Robb) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders mandate Karen Wilson, to put out a call for logo suggestions. C

III. *Those involved in any way with ECORC demonstrate awareness of our Vision and Mission statements, and express a feeling of connection to and commitment to the work of ECORC*

IV. *People in all roles and capacities within ECORC are aware of Council decisions and policies, and know where to find the information they need*

i) Governance – Licence to Administer the Sacraments Policy

2021-09-24-118 MOTION (R. Lambie/M. Curtis) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders recommend the Licence to Administer the Sacraments Policy to the Regional Council. **CARRIED**

ii) Pastoral Relations – Report from the Pastoral Relations Minister, Rev. David Timpson

September has been a crazy month of work in the pastoral relations field. I am spending a great deal of time in meetings with pastoral charge governing bodies, in fact September has averaged 2 to 3 such meetings per week. From this work I can say with some authority many of our churches are in crisis at this stage of the pandemic. I'm aware of two pastoral relationships that would seem to be coming apart over disharmony between governing bodies and ministers on issues surrounding immunization and immunization passports.

Financial difficulties are compounded, at the moment, by low numbers in attendance where churches are open and continued closures in other places. I would have requests to share in the costs conflict resolution from Emmanuel Peterborough, Scugog, and fresh last night from Coldspring's.

The work of this stage in the pandemic is expanding dramatically in my workload.

On a more personal note, the injury I sustained in twice being in cars that were struck while stopped over the spring has left me continuing to struggle with the use of my right hand. Clearly, I work for an employer that is good at accommodation as this report is being dictated by new software. My busy schedule now includes a couple hours each week in physiotherapy and the hand is slowly returning to function. Your prayers and support I have been greatly appreciated.

Discussion: Lots of requests for mediation and conflict resolution.

a) Covenanting Support Team –

**Change in Pastoral Relations
Greenwood United Church**

2021-09-24-119 MOTION (W. Sheaves/T. Meyers) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders, having received confirmation of eligibility through Church Hub, approves the appointment of Rev. Alan Reeve, United supply minister to the Greenwood Pastoral Charge Peterborough half-time 20 hours a week 8/1/2021 to 7/31/2022. **CARRIED**

Harmony Pastoral Charge

2021-09-24-120 MOTION (W. Sheaves/T. Meyers) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders, having received confirmation of eligibility through Church Hub, approves the appointment of Rev. Linda Hodgson, retired supply minister to the Harmony Pastoral Charge, half-time 20 hours a week 11/1 2021 to 5/30/2022. **CARRIED**

St. Mark's Whitby

2021-09-24-121 MOTION (T. Meyers/I. Robb) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders, having received confirmation of eligibility through Church Hub, approves the appointment of Rev. Deborah Elliott, retired supply minister to the St. Mark's Whitby pastoral charge, full-time 40 hours a week 9/16/2021 to 6/15/2022. **CARRIED**

- b) **Report from Liaison Forum** (Part of the Covenant Support Team) – There is lots of work and there is a need to expand the pool of Liaisons.
- c) **Licensed Lay Worship Leaders Forum** – Waiting for terms of reference, a meeting to take place on October 3rd.
- d) **Retirees Forum** – Ian Robb reported that fall is a busier time for retirees. The Forum recently met and decided that it would like more input from other Ministers across Regional Councils.

iii) Supporting the life of Communities of Faith where ministry takes place

- a. Spring Brook United Church – pending; a meeting still needs to take place.
- b. Chalmers – pending
- c. Bancroft-Carlo – pending; suggested to introduce a ministries cluster in this area (invite UCM to share its experience of ministry). There is an awareness for pastoral care and supervised ministry at the moment.
- d. Lakefield-Young's Point – pending; David King, William Sheaves and Larry Doyle have formed a Commission.
- e. Ebenezer-Maple Grove – pending; meeting on October 3rd

V. *The number of church buildings in our Regional Council that are accessible is increasing. There is faithful stewardship of property and finances*

Mission through Property and Finance –

2021-09-24-122 MOTION (T. Meyers/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the application from St. James & St. Paul's United Church, Madawaska of \$5000.00 for modernization grant to replace the roof and refers to the General Council Office **CARRIED**

2021-09-24-123 MOTION (T. Meyers/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concurs with the request of Trinity United Church, Peterborough to disband June 30, 2022, having worked with the Mission Through Property and Finance Team to resolve all outstanding

property requirements and further resolves that Trinity United Church Trustees shall not disburse the net proceeds of sale until the Regional Council has approved their Plan of Disposition. **CARRIED**

2021-09-24-124 MOTION (T. Meyers/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concurs with the request of Deseronto United Church to amalgamate with Grace United Church, Napanee, effective January 1, 2022. **CARRIED**

2021-09-24-125 MOTION (T. Meyers/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concurs with the request of Catarauqui United Church to disband effective December 31, 2021 having worked with the Mission Through Property and Finance Team to resolve all outstanding property requirements and further resolves that Catarauqui United Church Trustees shall not disburse the net proceeds of sale until the Regional Council has approved their Plan of Disposition. **CARRIED**

2021-09-24-126 MOTION (T. Meyers/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concurs with the request of Catarauqui United Church to name Rev. Phil Wilson and Brian Shannon as a Trustee from the Regional Council. **CARRIED** (*P. Wilson abstains*)

2021-09-24-127 MOTION (T. Meyers/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concurs with the request of Empey Hill United Church to amalgamate with Selby United Church effective October 17, 2021. **CARRIED**

2021-09-24-128 MOTION (T. Meyers/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concurs with the request of the Trustees of Empey Hill United Church to sell a certain real property, the legal description of which is Plan 29R-10994, in part of lot 1, Concession 4, geographic Township of Richmond, now Town of Greater Napanee and County of Lennox and Addington and the municipal address of which is 1340 Deseronto Road with the listing agent Century 21 Lanthorn and broker Bill McCutcheon for a recommended asking price of \$229,000 at a 4.0% commission rate.

Further concur that the disbursement the net proceeds of sale shall be as follows:

10% Indigenous

10% Mission & Service

10% Napanee Hospital

70% to the Selby church for building improvements.

CARRIED

Kingsview United Church Parking Lot Expense

2021-09-24-129 MOTION (T. Meyers/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves a request to increase our approval for the project of the Kingsview United Church Parking lot upgrades (paving) to \$385,569.16 (Increased from \$370,000.). **CARRIED**

UPRC Developments:

Trinity Pastoral Charge Uxbridge

2021-09-24-130 MOTION (B. James/P. Wilson) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the Letter of Intent between Trinity Pastoral Charge Uxbridge and UPRC for the development of Church properties at Trinity in Uxbridge. **CARRIED** (*Ted Meyers abstains*).

Discussion: It was noted that conversations are taking place between UPRC and Trinity (Peterborough), Dubarton-Fairport (Pickering), Trinity (Bowmanville)

Mission Support Grants:

Discussion: Mission Support grants totalled \$117,500 (out of \$240,000). It was noted that the Transition Commission committed to these programs, but the Regional Council can support the following recommendations for Mission Support grants with the 2022 budget to be presented in October.

1. Grand River Spiritual & Educational Resources

2021-09-24-131 MOTION (T. Meyers/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concurs with a 2022 Mission Support Grant of \$8,000 for Grand River Spiritual & Educational Resources, subject to the approval of the Regional Council. **CARRIED**

2. Places for People, Haliburton County Inc.

2021-09-24-132 MOTION (T. Meyers/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concurs with a 2022 Mission Support Grant of \$1,000 for Places for People, Haliburton County Inc, subject to the approval of the Regional Council. **CARRIED**

3. Abbey Retreat Centre

2021-09-24-133 MOTION (T. Meyers/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concurs with a 2022 Mission Support Grant of \$5,000 for Abbey Retreat Centre, subject to the approval of the Regional Council. **CARRIED**

4. Quinte Health Care Corporation Spiritual Health Services

2021-09-24-134 MOTION (T. Meyers/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concurs with a 2022 Mission Support Grant of \$5,000 for Quinte Health Care Corporation Spiritual Health Services, subject to the approval of the Regional Council. **CARRIED**

5. Bedford House Community Ministry

2021-09-24-135 MOTION (T. Meyers/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concurs with a 2022 Mission Support Grant of \$20,000 for Bedford House Community Ministry c/o Greenwood United Church Peterborough, subject to the approval of the Regional Council. **CARRIED**

6. Five Oaks Christian Workers Centre

2021-09-24-136 MOTION (T. Meyers/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concurs with a 2022 Mission Support Grant of \$6,000 for Five Oaks Christian Workers Centre, subject to the approval of the Regional Council. **CARRIED**

- Note: The application asked for \$10,000

7. Quinte Deaf Fellowship Belleville

2021-09-24-137 MOTION (T. Meyers/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concurs with a 2022 Mission Support Grant of \$30,000 Quinte Deaf Fellowship Belleville, subject to the approval of the Regional Council. **CARRIED**

- Note: in previous years this grant had been for a 3-year term. With the uncertainty of the Mission Support funds from GC this grant is for a 1-year term requiring the requestor to reapply each year.

8. Camp Quin-Mo-Lac

2021-09-24-138 MOTION (T. Meyers/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concurs with a 2022 Mission Support Grant of \$35,000 to Camp Quin-Mo-Lac be approved, subject to the approval of the Regional Council. **CARRIED**

• Note: in previous years this grant had been for a 3-year term. With the uncertainty of the Mission Support funds from GC this grant is for a 1-year term requiring the requestor to reapply each year.

9. Old Hay Bay Church

2021-09-24-139 MOTION (T. Meyers/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concurs with a 2022 Mission Support Grant of \$6,500 to Old Hay Bay Church, subject to the approval of the Regional Council. **CARRIED** (*P. Wilson abstains*)

• Note: The application asked for \$8,600. In previous years this grant had been for a 3-year term. With the uncertainty of the Mission Support funds from GC this grant is for a 1-year term requiring the requestor to reapply each year.

AFFIRMING 2021-09-24-140 MOTION (P. Wilson/T. Meyers) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders accepts gift from the Affirming Forum with thanks.

Motion to adjourn

2021-09-24-144 CONSENSUS MOTION that the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders adjourn this meeting at 12:46 PM.

Next Meeting Dates

(Continuation of this meeting) Friday, October 1, 2021 1pm-2:30pm ZOOM
General Meeting date Oct 16-17 ZOOM
Friday, November 26, 2021 9 am-noon ZOOM
Friday, January 28, 2022 9 am-noon ZOOM
Friday February 25, 2020 9 am-noon ZOOM

Rev. Paul Reed
Speaker

Rev. Rosemary Lambie,
Executive Minister

Appendices

Appendix A

Communications Summary Report

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Communications Summary Report**Website Updates & Information:**

- Next week I will be setting up a new page for the Fall Meeting on the webpage
- I have received and uploaded a current LLWL list to the website of those who have given permission to do so
- The GC44 Nominations have been closed and we have 18 nominations, which I have sent a list to Wanda Stride

Other Communications:

- The 2020 Year Book Stats for ECORC have been submitted. Thank you to David Timpson, Sharon Hull, Brian James and Ted Meyers for your help.
- Thursday, September 23rd, I met with Ian Robb and Caroline Giesbrecht to discuss the possibility of setting up some kind of private “discussion medium” where thoughts and ideas about certain topics could be written/discussed. I am looking into a couple options for them and will meet again in the future.
- I have been working with Rodney Smith-Merkley on a newsletter, which we plan to send out Friday, September 24th, in advance of the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Sept. 30th.
- Working with the Affirming Forum, we created a poster for the upcoming celebration on September 29th, which was sent out this week.
- September 9th and 15th I was part of the Tech team for pre-meeting sessions

Upcoming Training:

- Racial justice training: Workshop 3 & 4 on October 18 and 19th

Other:

I have received an email from Elaine Kellogg in regards to recognizing the churches which are closing at the Fall Meeting. She has asked that I help her plan this and is looking for a list of the churches which have closed in the past year as well as any contact information for each of those churches.

Karen Wilson