
SPRING GENERAL MEETING**Friday, April 29th 6:30 PM****Session One**

The East Central Ontario Regional Council of The United Church of Canada held its Spring General Meeting in two sessions, the first on Friday, April 29th beginning at 6:30 p.m., and the second on Saturday, April 30th beginning at 9 a.m.

THE FOLLOWING REGISTERED THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE BUSINESS MEETING**Ministry Personnel (73)**

Aruna Alexander, Mark Arnill, Helen Bickle, Mary-Margaret Boone, Alan Boyd, Michelle Brotherton, Wendy Bullock, Nancy Clarke, Elizabeth Cunningham, Paul Currie, Steven Davis, Michelle Down, Catherine Duggan, Catherine Elsdon, Kim Falls, Bruce Fraser, Susan Genge, Caroline Giesbrecht, Marg Goodwin, Cathy Gradante, Donald Green, Elaine Hall, Lesley Hamilton, Richard Hamilton, Meggin Hare, Jackie Harper, Svinda Heinrichs, Mary-Jane Hobden, Michelle Hoffman, Pam Holmes, Tom Holmes, Cordelia Karpenko, Lionel Ketola, Kim Lawrence, Nancy Lester, Darren Liepold, Elizabeth Macdonald, Andrew Macpherson, Joanna MacQuarrie, Barbara Mahood, Susan McAllister, Don McLean, David McMaster, Cheryl McMurray, Ryan McNally, Sylvia Anne Meredith, Rodney Merkley, Jeannette Millar, Harold Morgan, Isaac Mundy, Michael Putnam, Paul Reed, Allan Reeve, Lynn Reeve, Ian Robb, Michelle Robinson, Christine Sloan, Karen Smart, Janet Stobie, Calvin Stone, Wanda Stride, Maryanne Thomson, Jennifer Uhryniw, Max Ward, Lynn Watson, Edward Wells, Don Wilmer, Elizabeth Wilson, Nancy Wilson, Phil Wilson, Jamie York, John Young and Marilyn Zehr.

Lay (58)

Phyllis Bell, Donna Bignell, Darlene Brown, Donna Budgen, Freda Burns, Elaine Casselman, Stephen Coles, Kimberly Collins, Margaret Curtis, Ian Deslauriers, Elaine Dornn, Sharon Eagleson, Helmet Enns, Peggy Fillier, Marilyn Fortin, Paul Gray, Sherry Green, Darlene Hallett, Donna Henderson, Tina Hiddink, Carolyn Holmes, Kerry Jebson, Patricia Long, M. Joan Macklin, Elaine Mann, Derek Marsellus, Tracy Marshall, Dianne McCracken, Ted Meyers, Cheryl Mound, Glen Owen, Joyce Payne, Shirley Penny, Beth Pereman, Carol Peterson, Scott Piercy, Susan Pleasance, Elaner Pound, John Purdon, Jim Rainey, Norman Rice, Marilyn Rodger, Karen Rynard, William Sheaves, Tom Smart, Arthur Smith, Terry Souch, Jack Soule, Grace Stanley, Leigh Tamlin, Patricia Teskey, Carrie Thompson, Linda Unrau, Andrew Vanwyk, Samantha Varty, Linda Walt, Wendy Warren and Sally Weir.

Candidates serving in an Appointment (7)

Doug Ferris, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Bruce Hutchinson, Wenda Lalande, Aaron Miechkota, Kaitlyn Ostrander and Gail Pearson

Regional Council Staff (6)

Sharon Hull, Rev. Rosemary Lambie (voting clergy), Joel Miller, Rev. Rodney Smith-Merkley (voting clergy), and Karen Wilson.

Guests of the Regional Council (18)

Morgan Bell, Geoff Brown, Deb Brown, Sarah Charters, Gary Culverson, Penelope Culverson, Janet Dowson, Mike Ellman, Amanda Ellman, Katy Gregory, Carl Kimmett, Sarah Lough, Debbie Sherwin, Tom Stobie, Heidi Tawse, Norma Thompson, Ashley Upton and Sharon Woodrow.

Regrets (12)

Kristiane Black, Joanne Brown, Jeff Doucette, Tanna Edwards, Pam Holmes, Rev. David King, Rev. Robert Matheson, Rev. David Timpson (voting clergy), Karen Smart (session two), Rev. Janet Stobie (session one), Tom Stobie (session one) and Rev. Jamie York (session two)

Quorum

This meeting had quorum.

Zoom Meeting Room Opens

Delegates were invited to join meeting at 6:15 PM.

Land Acknowledgement

(video presentation) Rev. Rodney Smith Merkley, Minister for Respectful Relationship and Indigenous Justice, introduced himself and led in the land acknowledgment, and invited all who were in attendance to acknowledge the lands from where they were attending from.

Welcoming, Words of Constitution

Rev. Paul Reed, Speaker for the Assembly of Elders and Chair for this meeting, welcomed all to the meeting. Paul also shared news of Rev. David Timpson, Pastoral Relations Minister - David has been feeling the support of the entire community.

Call to Order: "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Sovereign head of the Church, and by the authority of the 1st Inaugural Meeting of the East Central Ontario Regional Council of the United Church of Canada, I hereby declare this annual general meeting duly constituted and to be in session for conducting the business which will properly come before it."

Opening Worship

PowerPoint/video presentation- The following people participated in preparing and presenting the opening worship: Kathleen Whyte, Paul Reed, Lynn Watson, Elaine Kellogg, Caroline Giesbrecht, Ian Robb, Rosemary Lambie. A copy of the liturgy is here below.

Opening prayer – Kathleen

Make a joyful noise – Linnea Good (video)

Prayer of Confession – Paul Reed

Words of assurance – Paul Reed

Scripture – John 21:1-19 – Lynn Watson

John 21:1-19

21After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. 2Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. 3Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." 6He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. 7That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. 8But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. 9When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. 10Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." 11So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. 12Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. 13Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

14This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you

love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Hymn: Hymn In the Bulb There is a Flower – verse 1

Times of transition

Rev. Elaine Kellogg presented the churches that have closed in the recent past:

- Warsaw United Church (1893-2020)
- Carmel United Church (1888-2020)
- Deseronto United Church (1867-2020)
- Empey Hill United Church (1912-2021)
- Maple Lake United Church (1900-2022)
- Cataragui United Church 1791-2021
- Melrose United Church (not known at time of presentation-January 21st 2022)
- Glenora United Church (1876-2021)

Hymn In the Bulb There is a Flower – verse 2

Retirees

Rev. Rosemary Lambie, Ian Robb and Caroline Giesbrecht recognized those ministers retiring this year (it was noted that each received Prayer Shawls as a special gift):

- Rev. Katherine Edmison
- Rev. Susan Genge
- Rev. Norman Long
- Rev. Paul Reed
- Cathy Underhill, Diaconal Minister

Hymn: Hymn In the Bulb There is a Flower – verse 3

In memoriam

Caroline Giesbrecht remembered those ministers who have died this year.

- Rev. Dr. Robert Clark
- Rev. Frederick Warren Love
- Rev. George Wilkinson
- Rev. John Kenneth Noble

Hymn VU 471 Eat this bread and never hunger

Communion prayer (Rev. Wanda Stride)

Shout to God, all the earth:

worship with gladness and joy.

Come before God with laughter,

our maker to whom we belong.

To the Shepherd who tends us like sheep,

let us raise our voices in song.

Come to God's gates with thanks;

come to God's courts with praise.

Praise and bless God's name.

'Truly you are good:

you are always gracious,

and faithful age after age.

(Psalm 100)

We gather as your church, O Christ,
a diversity of voices singing praise to You, the One
who calls us to seek justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

Let us all make a joyful noise.

We see faces on a screen,
joining from far corners of our regional council,
joining with different bandwidth, different expectations,
joining alongside neighbours who are still strangers,
and we know that Christ is here.

Let us all make a joyful noise.

We gather not because we are of one mind,
but because we are called by you, the One God,
and we trust that when we gather through your Spirit,
we become the Body of Christ in this time and place.

Let us all make a joyful noise.

And so we honour our differences, and we celebrate;
we honour our struggles, and we lift each other up;
we honour our grief, and we hold each other in your name,
even as we acknowledge your work among us saying:

Hosanna, Hosanna Hosanna

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Since that first Pentecost moment, tongues of fire dancing,
languages babbling, hearts rejoicing and belonging,
we have been called Church.

As your body through the ages we have joined the ministry of
“bringing good news to the poor, proclaiming release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,
to letting the oppressed go free, to proclaiming the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Because we are a human body, there has been dis-ease and destruction
where there was meant to be life and love.

We are a community of broken but hopeful believers,
called to be a blessing to the Earth.

We carry the blessing of Jesus,
who on that last night before his betrayal,
broke bread with his friends, knowing they were broken but hopeful,
trusting that their joyful song would be enough when it mattered.

At the end of the meal, he took a loaf of bread, blessed it, broke it and passed it among his friends saying:

“Take, eat, this is my body broken for you.”

And in the same way he lifted the cup of the fruit of the vine, blessed it and shared it with his friends saying:

“This is the cup of the new covenant, poured out in my blood.

When you drink do this, remember me.”

It is indeed a mystery how we are transformed by this meal, and so we lift up the unknowable as we proclaim

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

Send your spirit upon us this day, loving Christ, and help us to feel nourished by this meal,
even as we sit alone in our homes,

trusting that we are indeed your gathered people, your body,
trusting that no matter how the world describes us, separates us, shames us,
we are celebrated, gathered and affirmed as your children.

We share a meal now, and soon we share motions, presentations, accountability reports...
all in your name, all for your glory, all humbly.

As we gather, we carry the concerns, joys and love of this world.
How could it be otherwise?

Bless our prayers and draw us into action, compassion and patience, you being our guide.
We pray this morning for all those victimized by violence, especially those in Eastern Europe, Central America, the Middle East and all those places where your peace is fleeting.
We pray for all of us who are ill, or caring for those who are ill, especially those affected by Covid 19.
We pray our own bodies, that we may be treated with dignity, that we may be safe, happy and healthy, and we pray that we may learn to trust in your glorious, powerful presence, trusting that miracles are possible, pain and death do not have the last word, love and compassion will prevail.
We pray to you as our mother and father in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kin-dom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us..
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kin-dom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, amen.

“Distribution” of the elements

This is the body of Christ, broken open for the hope of the world
Thanks be to God

(we eat the bread)

This is the cup of the new covenant, making our hearts a new creation in Christ
Thanks be to God

(we drink the fruit of the vine)

Prayer after communion

O Christ, you suffered and know our pain, but you did not abandon us –
with this bread, may we never feel alone.
You bled and died on the cross, but death did not have the final word –
with this juice, may we feel the power of hope guiding us forward.
Your mystery nourishes our bodies and souls,
your word enlivens our communities,
and your work, as we become Church in East Central Ontario,
will change this world in your name.
For that we give you thanks,
for that we commit ourselves anew to lives of compassion, justice and faith.
Amen.

Blessing

Statement of Purpose

Rev. Paul Reed shared this meetings statement of purpose:

- To receive reports from the Leadership Teams (to make one another aware of what is going on within the Regional Council)
- To take the opportunity to gather and hear what the Spirit is speaking to us
- Setting future direction for the Regional Council

Consent Document; Behavioral Covenant

2022-04-29-30_001 CONSENT MOTIONS (Rosemary Lambie/B. James) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council move the following:

1. That the agenda as circulated be adopted;
2. That the Report Book (2022) be received for information as distributed (see in **Appendix A**)

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3. That the minutes of the East Central Ontario Regional Council Fall General Meeting of October 15-16, 2021 be accepted as distributed (see **Appendix B**);
 4. That the alternate Speaker for this meeting be Rev. Phil Wilson;
 5. That the Equity Monitor Support Team for this meeting consist of Deb Brown, Rev. Max Ward Rev. Wanda Stride; the Equity Observers consist of the Equity Team;
 6. That the Scrutineers for this meeting be Karen Wilson, Sharon Hull and Joel Miller;
 7. That the Discernmentarian/Parliamentarians for this meeting be Steve Coles;
 8. That the Chaplains for this meeting be Rev. Caroline Giesbrecht and Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald ;
 9. That this meeting includes the behavioral covenant – Holy Manners *The 2021 Manual, Appendix, 2*.

“We will

- keep God at the center of everything we do;
- each speak for ourselves;
- speak for a purpose;
- separate people from problems;
- allow for full and equitable participation;
- attend to others carefully without interruption;
- welcome the conflict of ideas;
- take a future orientation;
- demonstrate appreciation;
- honor the decisions of the body;
- commit to holding one another to account when we do not keep our holy manners;
- keep the discussion at the table;
- be mindful of our body language;
- check in about good use of time;
- allow the quiet people to speak, with an invitation to speak; and
- sincerely say what we really feel.”

The Very Reverend Marion Pardy introduced Holy Manners as a resource for the 38th General Council 2003. Holy Manners has been used as resource for the conduct of meetings by subsequent General Councils and their executives. It has been adapted here for use as a resource by all councils and church bodies.

CARRIED

Breakout Rooms

Attendees were placed in breakout rooms, and asked to do a “meet and greet” and then focus on “What are you looking to get out of this meeting?” Breakout room duration (8) minutes – 8 to 10 per group. Facilitators of the breakout rooms included:

Ian Robb
Bill Sheaves
Kathleen Whyte
Brian James
Ted Meyers
Lynn Watson
Steve Coles

Break

Ten (10) minutes bio-break.

Introductions/How to vote

Rev. Paul Reed introduced the Chaplains (Rev. Caroline Giesbrecht and Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald) and the Equity Support Team (Deb Brown, Rev. Max Ward Rev. Wanda Stride; the Equity Observers consist of the Equity Team). Paul also explained the voting process and how polls would be used.

Accountability Reports

- Regional Council Report Book, see as **Appendix A**

Rev. Paul Reed directed delegates to the Regional Council Report Book where the accountability reports could be found. The Leadership Team Chairs were introduced:

- Equity Team – Phil Wilson
- Formation Nurture and Justice Team – Meggin King
- Covenant Support Team – William (Bill) Sheaves
- Mission through Property Team – Ted Meyers
- Nominations Team – Wanda Stride

Hymn

(video presentation) Take the Time to Listen (a hymn inspired by the work of the East Central Regional Council Equity Leadership Team).

Breakout Rooms – Work of Teams

Attendees were placed into breakout rooms for sharing and discussion on roles and work of Teams and Forums. Breakout room duration is twenty (20) minutes – 8 to 10 per group.

Accountability Question & Answer Period

Delegates used time to ask questions regarding reports, questions were put into chat box. Highlights from the discussion included:

- There was an emphasis on the need for reporting back to Communities of Faith on the life of the Regional Council
- There was an expressed gratitude and concern for the heavy workloads staff were facing
- In regards to assets from proceeds of sale of building, the question was raised if contributions should be made to the pension fund
- What will going to Church look like in the future (after Covid)? Emphasis was placed on electronic meetings being part of the way of the future
- Spending time together in prayer is a way for bridging the gap of disconnectedness
- Staffing Pastoral Relations Minister role remains a priority of the Regional Council (it was highlighted that Rev. Rosemary Lambie visited with Rev. David Timpson).

Conclusion of Session One

The evening session concluded at 8:58 PM. Rev. Paul Reed ended the session with a time of prayer. The meeting room remained open so that members could stay online for a time of fellowship.

Saturday, April 30th 2022, 9 AM

Session two

Zoom Meeting Room Opens

Delegates invited to join to the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Opening Hymn

(Video presentation) Make Joyful Noise

Welcoming/How to vote

Rev. Paul Reed welcomed all in attendance, reintroduced Chaplains and Equity Monitors, and provided instructions for voting using the phone and online (using polling feature)

Chaplains:

- Rev. Caroline Giesbrecht
- Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald

Equity Team:

- Deb Brown
- Rev. Max Ward
- Rev. Wanda Stride
- Rev. Phil Wilson- equityecorc@gmail.com

Treasurers Statement

(Summary Power Point Presentation) Brian James, Regional Council Treasurer, highlighted items in his report and provided the 2022 budget first quarter actuals and projections.

- Finance Report (see **Appendix A**)
- 2022 Q1 Budget vs Actual ppd Apr 19 2022 Total (see **Appendix C**)

2022-04-29-30_002 MOTION (Brian James/Ted Meyers) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council receive for information the finance report and the Q1 financial statements. **CARRIED**

Notes - Question: Is funding available for technology? Yes, Doing Mission Together Grants have allocated funding for technology (one-time offer, not every year). It was noted that surplus goes into reserve. They are used when there is a deficit budget.

Equity Monitor role

Phil Wilson highlighted the role of Equity Monitor prior to the meeting (i.e., captioning videos, sign language, use of language), as well as during the meeting (i.e., turn cameras off, language, try not to use acronyms). Folks were invited to contact equity monitor with any concerns they may have. Phil highlighted the following resource: <https://ecorcuccan.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Equity-Policy.pdf>

Hymn

(video presentation) All Who Are Thirsty – performed by Rev. Wanda Stride

Mission Priorities

Rev. Paul Reed and Steve Coles provided report on March 22nd information session which focused on determining the Regional Councils Mission Priorities for the remainder of 2022 and throughout 2023. The mission priorities were shared as a PowerPoint:

- Diversity and Inclusion: supporting the full participation of all people – with attention to intersectionality (Anti-racism, Affirming, Interfaith, Intercultural, Right Relations)
- Climate and environment: Living with Respect in Creation
- Economic Justice and Community Development
- Church Development and Innovative Ministries

Breakout Rooms

Attendees were placed into breakout rooms to further discuss the mission priorities and see how they could be lived out. Breakout room duration was forty minutes of 8 to 10 people per group. Afterwards, members shared, highlighting some of the points coming out of group discussions. It was concluded that there were two common themes emerging from discussions:

1. Investing in new technologies (as learned during Covid experience)
2. Support refugees and those fleeing violence

Vote on Mission Priorities

2022-04-29-30_003 MOTION (M. Goodwin/M. Fortin) That that the East Central Ontario Regional Council adopt as the Mission Objective priorities for the balance of 2022 and through 2023;

- ✓ Diversity and Inclusion: supporting the full participation of all people – with attention to intersectionality (Anti-racism, Affirming, Interfaith, Intercultural, Respectful Relationships with Indigenous Peoples)
- ✓ Climate and environment: Living with Respect in Creation
- ✓ Economic Justice and Community Development
- ✓ Investing in new Church Development and Innovative Ministries
- ✓ Support refugees and those fleeing violence
- ✓ Building ECORC up as the body of Christ (through Spiritual development) as a mission priority

CARRIED

Discussion: It was noted that in the fall (October 2022) Communities of Faith and Leadership Team would be asked how they are living up to the mission priorities, and invited to share their responses with the Regional Council.

Hymn

(video presentation) Lord Prepare Me – performed by Rev. Wanda Stride

Break

The meeting had a ten (10) minutes bio-break.

Anti-Racism Policy

(video Presentation-Formation Nurture and Justice Team members)

- Revised Anti-Racism Policy (April 1, 2022) (**Appendix D**)

2022-04-29-30_004 MOTION (Marilyn Fortin/Kathleen Whyte) That that the East Central Ontario Regional Council adopt the revised Anti-Racism Policy as distributed. **CARRIED**

It was noted that ‘how’ the policy is enacted, still needs to be determined.

Updates to Governance Handbook

Rev. Paul Reed indicated that the updates to the governance handbook would be done by a task group and re-presented, in its entirety, at a future gathering and accepted by the Regional Council. For information, it was highlighted that the following updates had occurred since the last Regional Council gathering.

Revision Policy Regarding Proceeds from Sale of Property

2021-11-26_028 MOTION (T. Meyers /B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approve the revised Policy Regarding Proceeds from Sale of Property.

Additions:

Preamble

Identifying UPRC (United Property Recourse Corporation)

Not disbanding

10% be remitted to the Eastern Central Ontario Regional Council to support the Mission Strategy of the Regional Council. - ECORC COF Assistance Fund

Disbanding

20% be remitted to the Eastern Central Ontario Regional Council to support the Mission Strategy of the Regional Council. - ECORC COF Assistance Fund CARRIED

Surplus Property

2021-11-26_029 MOTION (T. Meyers /B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approve the recommendation from the Mission Through Property and Finance Leadership Team that properties being considered surplus to need and therefore for sale by a Community of Faith must first be reviewed by the Mission Through Property and Finance Leadership Team to assess whether said property might be a candidate for development by the UPRC. (United Property Resource Corporation). CARRIED

Revisions to License to Administer the Sacraments Policy

2021-11-26_176 MOTION (P. Wilson/I. Robb) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concur with the amendments to the Policy such that prior to granting such license,

1. Review and assess the applicant for
 - a. theoretical and theological training acquired through the completion of an accredited course of study on the sacraments. Dependent on the training path verification may be required by the Office of Vocation, the training institution/professor/instructor/mentor.
 - b. practical experience and reflection undertaken with the supervision and guidance of an education or pastoral charge supervisor, or other designated mentor appointed by the Regional Council. Opportunities to gain such experience may include occasions of pastoral visitation in preparation for Baptism, participation in sacramental worship preparation and shared leadership in the administering of sacraments. A verbal or written report of the Supervisor is required.

Shall decide based on the experience and learning of the applicant and not on the duration of time. It is noted that the learning goals are candidate specific, learning is contextual, and the opportunities differ among Communities of Faith. In the formation of a new pastoral relationship and dependent on context, adequate practical experience and reflection opportunities may not be available the first six months of a new ministry. CARRIED

Hymn

(video presentation) Spirit God – performed by Rev. Wanda Stride

General Council Greetings/The United Church of Canada Foundation

(PowerPoint Presentation) – Sara Charters, General Council Representative and President & Director of Philanthropy of The United Church of Canada Foundation brought greetings from the General Council Office and shared information on the work of The United Church of Canada Foundation.

Report from Nominations Team

Mary Jane Hobden and Rev. Svinda Heinrichs, on behalf of the Nominations Leadership Team, brought the following motion:

Nominations Team

2022-04-29-30_005 MOTION (Mary-Jane Hobden/Svinda Heinrichs) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council appoint the following people into leadership positions on ECORC teams for three-year terms, from the rise of the spring 2022 meeting until the rise of the spring 2025 meeting:

Pat Long	to the Assembly of Elders
Rev. Lesley Hamilton	to the Assembly of Elders
Rev. Edward (Ned) Wells	to the Assembly of Elders
William Sheaves	to the Covenant Support Team
Donna Bignell	to the Covenant Support Team
Rev. Katy Gregory	to the Covenant Support Team
Rev. Anne Meredith	to the Covenant Support Team
Rev. Nancy Clarke	to the Equity Team

Rev. Phil Wilson	to the Equity Team
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Cunningham	to the Equity Team
Peggy Fillier	to the Formation, Nurture and Justice Team
Carol Peterson	to the Formation, Nurture and Justice Team
Rev. Dr. Aruna Alexander	to the Formation, Nurture and Justice Team
Rev. Mary-Margaret Boone	to the Mission through Property Team
Paul Binkley	to the Mission through Property Team
Steve Coles	to the Nominations Team

And that the following person for a term of one year, from the rise of the spring 2022 meeting to the rise of the spring 2023 meeting:

Kaitlyn Ostrander to the Assembly of Elders (youth)

CARRIED

Hymn

(video presentation) Jesus You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Breakout Rooms

Rev. Paul Reed invited attendees to be placed into breakout rooms (duration is twenty (15) minutes – 8 to 10 per group) and to contemplate this Regional Council Meeting and the following questions as .

1. *What inspired you?*
2. *What encouraged you?*
3. *What are you committing to do?*

Covenanting with Leadership Teams and Assembly of Elders

(PowerPoint Presentation) - Rev. Rosemary Lambie led a liturgy of covenanting with newly comprised Leadership Teams and the Assembly of Elders.

Closing words

Rev. Paul Reed expressed thanks to all who took part in preparing for this meeting, in particular the work of the Facilitation Team, as well as those who participated in various roles while the meeting was taking place. Paul highlighted and gave thanks for the new Regional Council directory which has been prepared by staff-person Karen Wilson, along with the logo for the Regional Council.

Paul closed the meeting with a prayer.

Closing Motion

2022-04-29-30_006 MOTION (Rosemary Lambie/Phil Wilson) that following the rise of this general meeting of the East Central Ontario Regional Council, all powers of the Regional Council be granted to the Assembly of Elders until the next Fall General Meeting (October 29, 2022). **CARRIED**

Adjournment

2022-04-29-30_007 MOTION (Rosemary Lambie/Phil Wilson) that the meeting be adjourned at 12:06 PM, and that the Chair declares this general meeting of the East Central Ontario Regional Council duly concluded. **CARRIED**

Appendix A

ECORC Report Book (2022)

*distributed and on Regional Council website

Appendix B

East Central Ontario Regional Council Annual General Meeting of October 15-16, 2021

*distributed and on Regional Council website

Appendix C

Q1 Financial Statements

*distributed and on the Regional Council website

Appendix D

Revised Anti-Racism Policy (April 1, 2022)

*distributed and on the Regional Council website

Appendix E

Revised Policy Regarding Proceeds from Sale of Property (November 26, 2021)

*distributed and on the Regional Council website

*All appendices are located at:

<https://ecorcuccan.ca/2022-ecorc-annual-spring-meeting-april-29-and-30th/>