
SPRING GENERAL MEETING**Session one
Friday, May 5, 2023****Omnibus Motion**

2023-05-5-6-001_CONSENT MOTIONS (E. Hebert-Daly/A. Miechkota) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council move the following:

1. That the agenda as circulated be adopted;
2. That the minutes of the East Central Ontario Regional Council General Meeting of October 29, 2022 be accepted as circulated (see *Fall General Meeting of October 29, 2022*; see as **Appendix A**);
3. That the Report Book 2023 be received for information (see *Report Book 2023*; see as **Appendix B**);
4. That the audited 2021 Financial Statements be received (see *2021 Financial Statements*; see as **Appendix C**);
5. That the Equity Monitor Support Team for this meeting consist of Rev. Phil Wilson, Rev. Max Ward, Kaitlyn Ostrander, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Rev. Nancy Clarke, Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Cunningham, Nancy Wilson and Karen Wilson;
6. That the Scrutineers for this meeting be Rev. Phil Wilson, Karen Wilson, (online) and Rev. Ned Wells, William (Bill) Sheaves (in person);
7. That the Discernmentarian/Parliamentarians for this meeting be Steve Coles and Rev. Jean Wilson;
8. That the Chaplain for this meeting Caroline Giesbrecht;
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

Nominations

2023-05-5-6-002 MOTION (Mary-Jane Hobden/S. Heinrich) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council receive and approve the recommendations of the Nominations Leadership Team to appoint the following people into leadership positions on ECORC leadership teams for three-year terms, from the rise of the spring 2023 meeting until the rise of the spring 2026 meeting:

Kaitlyn Ostrander	to the Assembly of Elders
Rev. Lynn Watson	to the Assembly of Elders
Stephen Coles	to the Assembly of Elders
Kevin Fitzpatrick	to the Assembly of Elders
Rev. Stephanie Richmond	to the Covenant Support Team
Rev. Phil Hobbs	to the Covenant Support Team
Randall Scott	to the Covenant Support Team
Paul Kneebone	to the Covenant Support Team
Debra Fortin Brown	to the Equity Team
Kevin Fitzpatrick	to the Equity Team
Adele Boy	to the Formation, Nurture and Justice Team
Darlene Hallett	to the Formation, Nurture and Justice Team
Bruce Hutchinson	to the Mission through Property Team
Kendall Begbie	to the Mission through Property Team
Rev. Dr. John Young	to the Nominations Team

CARRIED

2023-05-5-6-003 MOTION (K. Ostrander/W. Stride) that the East Central Ontario Regional Council agree to amend the Basis of Union to reflect:

1. That The United Church of Canada will be organized as follows: (1) a three-council structure, consisting of communities of faith, regional councils and a Denominational Council*; and (2) an autonomous National Indigenous Organization; and
2. That once the new autonomous National Indigenous Organization is established within The United Church of Canada, it will have its own mechanisms to make any future changes to its structure and processes, and, therefore will not be subject to the remit process under section 7.4.1 of the Basis of Union**; and
3. The changes required for the establishment of the autonomous National Indigenous Organization.

* The "Denominational Council" and the "General Council" are often used interchangeably.

** The detailed proposed changes to the Basis of Union are listed in a chart on page 5 of the Study Guide, under the section heading "Frequently Asked Questions".

Yes 118; No (none) to Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For additional information visit: <https://generalcouncil44.ca/council/remit-1-establishing-autonomous-national-indigenous-organization>

Saturday, May 6th 2023

Session two

2023-05-5-6-004_MOTION (P. Wilson/E. Hebert-Daly) 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, on October 28th 2023 at Emmanuel United Church, Odessa, ON. **CARRIED**

2023-05-5-6-005_MOTION (P. Wilson/E. Hebert-Daly) that the meeting be adjourned following the rise of the Celebration of Ministry service, and that the Speaker declares this general meeting of the East Central Ontario Regional Council duly concluded. **CARRIED**

Appendix A

East Central Ontario Regional Council Fall General Meeting of October 29, 2022

Appendix B

Report Book 2023

Appendix C

ECORC Audited 2021 Financial Statements

*All appendices located at:

<https://ecorcuccan.ca/2023-ecorc-spring-annual-meeting-may-5th-and-6th/>