
FALL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, October 29th

-DECISIONS-

2023-10-28-001_OMNIBUS MOTION (Eric Hebert-Daly/Steve Ambury) 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 Annual General Meeting of May 5-6, 2023 be accepted as circulated (see **Appendix A**);
3. That the alternate Speaker for this meeting be Steve Coles;
4. That the Equity Support Team for this meeting consist of Rev. Kevin Fitzpatrick, Rev. Nancy Clarke, Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Cunningham, and Rev. Nancy Wilson (in person) and Rev. Phil Wilson, Karen Wilson, Rev. Kaitlyn Ostrander (Online). ecorcequity11@gmail.com;
5. That the Scrutineers for this meeting be Rev. Phil Wilson, Karen Wilson, (online) and Rev. Kevin Fitzpatrick, Rev. Nancy Clarke, Rev. Nancy Wilson, Rev. Elizabeth Cunningham (in person);
6. That the Discernmentarian/Parliamentarian for this meeting be Rev. Paul Reed;
7. That the Chaplain for this meeting be Rev. Jean Wilson (in-person) and Rev. Max Ward (online).
8. That this meeting includes the behavioral covenant – *Holy Manners*

One Voice: Called together by Christ as a community of broken but hopeful believers, striving to be faithful servants of God in our time and place as we offer our varying gifts,

Many Voices: We commit to keeping God at the center of everything we do;

One Voice: We confess, that we have not always lived up our vision of community, we need the Spirit to reorient us, to live an emerging faith, challenging us to live by grace rather than entitlement,

Many Voices: We commit to be truthful in our communications by: speaking for ourselves; and speaking purposefully;

One Voice: We are called as a diverse community of people celebrating our differences;

Many Voices: And so, we commit to honouring our intercultural vision through welcoming the conflict of ideas; making space for the full and equitable participation of all, enabling especially people who are quiet to speak; being mindful of our body language; listening carefully without interruption and separate people from problems;

One Voice: We are called to be bold disciples,

Many Voices: As we live into our call to discipleship we will hold one another to account when we do not keep to our commitments; We will take a future orientation in our discussions and imagination; demonstrate appreciation; And honouring the decisions of the body;

One Voice: We are called to lead in hope with purpose and vision as members of a community held and inspired by God, partnering with God in the mending of the world

Many Voices: So, we commit to keeping the discussion at the table and to be faithful stewards of our time.

All: We affirm that we are Called by God, as disciples of Jesus, to offer leadership to The United Church of Canada as it seeks to be a bold, connected, evolving church of diverse, courageous, hope-filled communities united in deep spirituality, inspiring worship, and daring justice. Amen

In the 2023 Manual (see page 192), the expression Holy Manners is translated as rules of conduct based on respect and benevolence.

CARRIED

2023-10-28-002_MOTION (Steve Ambury/Mary Margaret-Boone) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council move to call the question. **CARRIED**

2023-10-28-003_MOTION (Margaret Curtis/Ted Meyers) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council grant membership and sacramental privileges to all those who are retired from active ministry as Designated Lay Ministers, and make eligible to apply for Voluntary Associate Minister status. Furthermore, that those who continue to be Designated Lay Ministers or who are currently completing studies to become a Designated Lay Minister, be permitted to carry their status and serve other Communities of Faith. **CARRIED** (6 abstentions)

2023-10-28-004_MOTION (Larry Doyle/Steve Ambury) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council adopt the Strategic Plan presented by the working group Discerning Currents. **CARRIED** (1 abstention).

2023-10-28-005_MOTION (Brian James/Ted Meyers) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council receive the 2023 year to date and 2022 financial reports summaries. **CARRIED**

2023-10-28-006_MOTION (Brian James/Ted Meyers) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council adopt the 2024 budget. **CARRIED**

2023-10-28-007_MOTION (Mary-Jane Hobden/Steve Coles) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council receive and concur with the recommendation of the Nominations Team to appoint Joyce Payne to the Assembly of Elders for the remainder of the three-year term ending at the rise of the spring 2026 meeting. **CARRIED**

2023-10-28-008_MOTION (Phil Wilson/Eric 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 Spring Annual General Meeting on April 19-20, 2024 at Cambridge Street United Church, Lindsay. **CARRIED**

2023-10-28-009_MOTION (Phil Wilson/Eric Hebert-Daly) that the meeting be adjourned following the conclusion of the closing worship and that the Speaker declares this general meeting of the East Central Ontario Regional Council duly concluded. **CARRIED**

Appendices

(All appendices located at: <https://ecorcuccan.ca/2023-ecorc-annual-fall-meeting/>)

Appendix A

East Central Ontario Regional Council Annual General Meeting of May 5-6, 2023

Appendix B

GS 57 Ministry Leadership to Meet the Needs of The Church in the 2020s, Part B Designated Lay Ministry

Appendix C

ECORC Strategic Plan

Appendix D

ECORC 2023 Budget Report and 2024 Budget