

**MARITIME CONFERENCE  
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

TIME AND PLACE: The Executive of Maritime Conference met, at the call of the President, on January 18, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. by telephone conference call, with the President, Rev. Richard Bowley, officiating.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT: “I constitute this court in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of our church and the light on our path. By the authority vested in me by the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada, I hereby declare this meeting of the Executive of Maritime Conference to be in session to deal with all business and matters that may be brought before it. May all that we do be inspired by the Holy Spirit as we discern our way forward together.”

OPENING PRAYER: The President led the Executive in opening prayer.

ATTENDANCE AND REGRETS: Present President Rev. Richard Bowley, Executive Secretary Mr. David Hewitt, Past-President Rev. Catherine Stuart, President-Elect Rev. Catherine MacDonald, Ms. Julielynn Anderson, Ms. Bette Ashley, Rev. Brian DeLong, Rev. Alison Etter, Rev. Catherine Gaw, Mr. Kent Gibbons, Ms. Sarah Goodfellow, Rev. Tara Ann Gourson, Rev. Jane Johnson, Rev. Sharon Lohnes, Mr. Malcolm MacLeod, Ms. Jane McDonald, Rev. Connie McNamara, Rev. Stephen Mills, Mr. Layton Peck, Rev. Sarah Reaburn, Ms. Susan Reid, Ms. Pauline Walker, and Rev. Tom Woods. Also in attendance were Conference Ministers Ms. Laura Hunter and Ms. Lauren King, and Ms. Jennifer Whittemore to record minutes.

Regrets: Treasurer Mr. Alan Gray, Mr. Ross Cameron, Rev. Matthew Fillier, Rev. Sean Handcock, Mr. Lance Howard, Mr. Christopher Lane, Mr. Max Martin, Ms. Roberta Phillips, Rev. Cyril Simmons, Ms. Fay Smith, and Ms. Alicia Walls,

AGENDA: It was agreed that the agenda for this meeting was to have a discussion about Regions and the proposed staffing model.

MINUTES: It was agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting will be carried over until the next regular meeting of the Executive.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: Rose-Hannah Gaskin representing Staff Committee joined the call.

REGIONS: The Executive discussed ideas and considerations about the proposed Regions to be shared with the Commission on Regions. A report was drafted (Appendix A).

REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFFING MODELS: The Executive discussed ideas and considerations about the proposed Regional Council Staffing Models.

CHAIR: Past-President Catherine Stewart assumed the chair.

**REGIONS:**

Jane MacDonald / Mac MacLeod that Maritime Conference Executive inform the Boundaries Commission that Maritime Conference should remain intact as New Brunswick including the Gaspé Bay Peninsula, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Bermuda.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

**CHAIR:** President Richard Bowley assumed the chair.

**REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFFING MODELS:**

Julielynn Anderson / Kent Gibbons that Maritime Executive inform the Implementation Team that Maritime Conference prefers a staffing model with a mechanism for regions to work together.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Catherine Gaw / Stephen Mills moved that the Maritime Conference Executive express its concerns to the Remit Implementation Task Group that full information including both staffing and financials be available to the 43<sup>rd</sup> General Council by June 30.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Our Conference Executive is not of one mind on the boundaries presented in the Boundaries Commission report.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:** Reminder of the Spring Executive meeting scheduled for April 27-28, 2018 at the Maritime Conference Centre, Sackville, NB.

**POWERS TO THE SUB-EXECUTIVE:** David Hewitt / Stephen Mills moved that powers be granted to the Sub-Executive in the interim until Executive reconvenes and that permission be given for a telephone conference call to be used in decision making in the Sub-Executive's work, if necessary.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CLOSING PRAYER:** The President led the Executive in closing worship.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President declared the meeting adjourned.

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Richard Bowley, President

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David Hewitt, Executive Secretary

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**TIME AND PLACE:** The Sub-Executive of Maritime Conference met, at the call of the President, on March 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. by telephone conference call, with the Past-President, Rev. Catherine Stuart, officiating.

ATTENDANCE AND REGRETS:

Present: Executive Secretary Mr. David Hewitt, President-Elect Catherine MacDonald, Rev. Catherine Stuart, Brian DeLong, Jane MacDonald, Stephen Mills, Layton Peck, and Pauline Walker. Also in attendance was Ms. Jennifer Whittemore to record minutes.

Regrets: President Rev. Richard Bowley, and Treasurer Mr. Alan Gray.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT: “I constitute this court in the name of Jesus Christ, who is our Light and our Hope. By the authority vested in me by the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada, I hereby declare this meeting of the Sub-Executive of Maritime Conference to be in session to deal with all matters that come before it as we seek to live in the Light of Christ. As we gather to share the work that rightly comes before this court, let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi’kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people. Let us remember that we are an Affirming Ministry, seeking to provide a safe and welcoming space for all people.”

MINUTES: David Hewitt / Stephen Mills moved that the Sub-Executive minutes from September 5, 2017 [33(17)-35(17)] be approved as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

STAFFING IN THE REGIONS: Catherine MacDonald reported on a telephone meeting between General Secretary, Nora Sanders, the President and President-Elect of Conference, Chairs of Presbyteries/Synod. Representatives from each Region are needed to have conversations with the existing Executive Secretaries in order to help the General Secretary make a decision about Executive Minister appointments to the groupings of new Regions.

Catherine MacDonald / Stephen Mills moved that Tara Ann Gourson and Jane Johnson (representing Region 14), Malcolm MacLeod and Simpson Rushton (representing Region 15) be appointed to participate in conversations with the Executive Secretaries of Newfoundland and Labrador Conference and Maritime Conference.

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was agreed that Catherine MacDonald will inform those individuals selected and the General Secretary.

ADJOURNMENT: Past-President declared the meeting adjourn.

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Catherine Stuart, Past-President

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David Hewitt, Executive Secretary