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Annual Meeting

Regional Council 15 The United Church of Canada

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing

REGIONAL COUNCIL 15 Annual Meeting 2020

Regional Council Executive

President..... Ms. Janet Sollows
President Elect..... Ms. Jane McDonald
Executive Minister..... Rev. Faith March-MacCuish
Division of Finance and Administration..... Ms. Jane McDonald
Division of Regional Services and Support..... Mr. Donald Morrison
Division of Communities of Faith Support and Planning..... Rev. Krista Anderson
Division of Ministry Resources..... Ms. Anne Cameron
Staff Committee Liaison..... Rev. Lesley Hamilton
Member at Large..... Mr. Peter Hardy
Member at Large..... Mr. Max Martin
Member at Large..... Ms. Shannon MacLean
United Church Women Representative..... Ms. Ruth Kennedy

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<u>YEAR/PLACE</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSON</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>
2019 – Sackville, NB	Rev. Catherine MacDonald	Rev. E.V. Faith March-MacCuish
2020 – Virtual Meeting	Ms. Janet Sollows	Rev. E.V. Faith March-MacCuish

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REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL

Ministry Personnel

Anderson, Kathleen	Ordained Minister	Active
Anderson, Kathryn	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Anderson, Krista	Ordained Minister	Active
Anthony, J. Peter	Ordained Minister	Active
Antle-Brison, Florence	Ordained Minister	Retired
Archibald, A. Fred	Ordained Minister	Retired
Aven, Katherine	Ordained Minister	Active
Aylward, Janice	Ordained Minister	Retired
Bachem-Jennings, Elisabeth	Ordained Minister	Active
Ball, Leslie	Indeterminate	Active
Bartlett, I. Ross	Ordained Minister	Active
Bent, Barbara	Applicant	Active
Bentley, Morley	Ordained Minister	Retired
Biggar, Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Blois, Janet	Ordained Minister	Retired
Brown, James	Ordained Minister	Retired
Brown-Hewitt, Robyn	Ordained Minister	Retired
Buchanan-Rutherford, Natalie	Ordained Minister	Active
Burke-Cole, Kymberly	Ordained Minister	Active
Burns, Carman	Ordained Minister	Retired
Burns, Helene	Ordained Minister	Active
Burrill, Gary	Ordained Minister	Active
Bursey, Jeffro	Ordained Minister	Retired
Caines-Corkum, A. Grace	Ordained Minister	Active
Caldwell, Blake	Ordained Minister	Retired
Campbell, Rachel	Ordained Minister	Active
Carey, Gary	Applicant	Active
Carruth, Graeme	Ordained Minister	Active
Carruthers, Sandra	Ordained Minister	Retired
Chant, Jeffrey	Ordained Minister	Active
Chapman, Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Chisholm, James	Ordained Minister	Active
Chisholm, M. Dale	Ordained Minister	Retired
Chisholm, Susan	Ordained Minister	Active
Church, Bonnie	Candidate	Active
Churchill, Gloria	Ordained Minister	Retired
Clark-Ettinger, W. Martin	Candidate	Active
Cleary, Heidi	Candidate	Active
Cleveland-Thompson, Trent	Ordained Minister	Active
Clifton, Lydia	Candidate	Active
Colbourne, Heber	Ordained Minister	Retired
Constable, Alexander	Ordained Minister	Active
Corbett, J. Raymond	Ordained Minister	Retired
Cornelius, Marjory	Ordained Minister	Retired
Corrigan, Nancy	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Cox, Alicia	Ordained Minister	Active
Cox, Kevin	Ordained Minister	Active
Cox, Sandra	Ordained Minister	Retired
Crawford, M. Dale	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Crocker, E. Lorraine	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Crowley, Karen	Applicant	Active
Crozman, Randall	Ordained Minister	Retired
Crump, Judith	Ordained Minister	Active
Cumming, G. Paul	Ordained Minister	Retired
Curlett, Kimberlea	Ordained Minister	Active
Danaher, Corrine	Applicant	Active
Danaher, David	Applicant	Active
Darby, Betty	Ordained Minister	Retired
Darby, H. Allen	Ordained Minister	Retired
Davies, Elizabeth	Ordained Minister	Retired
Davis, Christina	Ordained Minister	Active

REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL - continued**Ministry Personnel** - continued

Davis, S. Allison	Ordained Minister	Active
Daye, Russell	Ordained Minister	Active
Dean, M. Kathleen	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Den Draak, Hubert	Diaconal Minister	Active
Doucette, Shane	Applicant	Active
Drysdale, William	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Duggan, Emily	Ordained Minister	Active
Dunnett, Cynthia	Applicant	Active
Edsall, Holly	Ordained Minister	Retired
Elliott, Waldo	Ordained Minister	Retired
Elsworth, Derek	Ordained Minister	Active
Etter, Alison	Ordained Minister	Active
Ettinger, Jay	Ordained Minister	Active
Evans, William	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Feltmate, Dana	Ordained Minister	Active
Fennell, Robert	Ordained Minister	Active
Ferrier, Heather	Ordained Minister	Active
Fevens, Cory	Applicant	Active
Fillier, Matthew	Ordained Minister	Active
Fillmore, Karen	Ordained Minister	Active
Finlayson, John	Ordained Minister	Retired
Fitzgerald, Sylvia	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Forbes, James	Ordained Minister	Retired
Fram, Stephen	Ordained Minister	Active
Fraser, Heather	Ordained Minister	Active
Fraser, Meredith	Ordained Minister	Retired
Gamble, K. Ruth	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Gardner, Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Gibson, William	Ordained Minister	Retired
Gillis, William	Ordained Minister	Retired
Gladu, Christine	Ordained Minister	Active
Goddard-Sheppard, Jennifer	Ordained Minister	Active
Godin, Rosemary	Ordained Minister	Active
Golding, A. Gail	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Gregan, J. Ivan	Ordained Minister	Active
Griffin, Joan	Ordained Minister	Active
Gunn, Daniel	Ordained Minister	Retired
Hagerman, Holly	Candidate	Active
Hamilton, Lesley	Ordained Minister	Active
Hamilton Dowell, Pamela	Ordained Minister	Active
Handcock, Sean	Ordained Minister	Active
Hann, David	Ordained Minister	Active
Harding, Russell	Ordained Minister	Retired
Harrison, Andrea	Ordained Minister	Active
Harrison, Ian	Ordained Minister	Active
Harrison, Mary	Ordained Minister	Active
Harrison, W. Lawrence	Ordained Minister	Retired
Hart, April	Candidate	Active
Hart, David	Ordained Minister	Retired
Harty, Rosemarie	Ordained Minister	Active
Haylock, Mary	Ordained Minister	Retired
Hemming, Heather	Ordained Minister	Active
Henderson, Michael	Ordained Minister	Active
Hennigar-Shuh, John	Ordained Minister	Retired
Hewitt, David	Diaconal Minister	Active
Hogan, Elizabeth	Ordained Minister	Active
Hoganson, Anne	Ordained Minister	Active
Hooton, Katherine	Applicant	Active
Huestis, Lorna	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Ihasz, Louis	Ordained Minister	Retired
Ihasz, Vincent	Ordained Minister	Retired

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Ministry Personnel - continued

Innes, F. Marion	Ordained Minister	Retired
Irving, Sandra	Candidate	Active
Jarvis, W. Wayne	Designated Lay Minister	Active
Jenkins, Foster	Ordained Minister	Retired
Johnston, Ralph	Ordained Minister	Retired
Kean, Wendy	Ordained Minister	Active
Kempt, Dianne	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Kennedy, Phillip	Ordained Minister	Active
Kennedy, Valerie	Ordained Minister	Retired
Kerr, Gerald	Ordained Minister	Retired
Kierstead, Emily	Diaconal Minister	Retired
King-Darby, Susan	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Kingsbury, Valerie	Ordained Minister	Active
Kumi, Maclean	Ordained Minister	Retired
Latimer, Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Lawrence, Donna	Ordained Minister	Active
LeBlanc, David	Ordained Minister	Retired
Little, Kevin	Ordained Minister	Active
Llewellyn, Hallett	Ordained Minister	Retired
Lloy, Marion	Ordained Minister	Retired
Logan, Katherine	Applicant	Active
Lohnes, Sharon	Ordained Minister	Active
Lovelace, Donna	Ordained Minister	Active
Lutes, David	Ordained Minister	Retired
Lynch, Karen	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacAlpine-Gillis, Susan	Ordained Minister	Active
MacAskill, Lorraine	Ordained Minister	Active
MacCuish, Laurie	Ordained Minister	Active
MacCulloch, Lynda	Ordained Minister	Active
MacDermid, Mary	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
MacDonald, A. Ross	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacDonald, Catherine	Ordained Minister	Active
MacDonald, Daniel	Candidate	Active
MacDonald, Donald	Ordained Minister	Retired
Macdonald, Iain	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacDonald, Neil	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacDonald, R. Marilyn	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacDougall, Gary	Ordained Minister	Retired
Mack, A. Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacKenzie, Bruce	Ordained Minister	Active
MacLachlan, David	Ordained Minister	Active
MacLean, Alexander	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacLean, Angela	Ordained Minister	Active
MacLean, David	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacLean, Glenn	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacLean, Leland	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
MacLean, Shannon	Candidate	Active
MacLennan, William	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacLeod, Carolyn	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacLeod, Victor	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacNaughton, David	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacNeill, Kenley	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacPherson, Donald	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacQueen, Donald	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacVicar, R. Diane	Ordained Minister	Retired
Mailman, Debra	Applicant	Active
Manchester, R. Joseph	Ordained Minister	Retired
Manuel, Heather	Ordained Minister	Active
Marple, Meredith	Ordained Minister	Active
Marple, Norman	Ordained Minister	Retired
Martin, Maxwell	Candidate	Active

REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL - continued**Ministry Personnel** – continued

McCarthy, Wayne	Ordained Minister	Retired
McCulloch-Taylor, Shelagh	Ordained Minister	Retired
McCurdy, Brenda	Ordained Minister	Active
McDonald, G. Curtis	Ordained Minister	Retired
McEwen, Neil	Ordained Minister	Active
McFadden, L. Joanne	Ordained Minister	Active
McIntosh, J. Allan	Ordained Minister	Retired
McKay, Brenda	Ordained Minister	Retired
McKillop, S. Elroy	Ordained Minister	Retired
McNamara, Constance	Ordained Minister	Active
Meredith, Richard	Ordained Minister	Active
Mills, Norma	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Mills, Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Mills, Stephen	Ordained Minister	Retired
Moore, Roger	Ordained Minister	Retired
Moore, L. Vivian	Ordained Minister	Active
Morash, Brenda	Applicant	Active
Moriarty, Mary-Beth	Ordained Minister	Active
Morrison, Donnie	Indeterminate	Active
Morrison, Sandra	Ordained Minister	Active
Moses, John	Ordained Minister	Retired
Mugford, Michael	Ordained Minister	Active
Mullin, Selina	Candidate	Active
Murray, Donald	Ordained Minister	Retired
Murray, Gordon	Ordained Minister	Retired
Murray, Roland	Ordained Minister	Active
Myles, S. Marlyne	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Nelson, Penny	Ordained Minister	Active
Nicholson, Carolyn	Ordained Minister	Retired
Norton, Ivan	Ordained Minister	Retired
Ohr, Karen	Ordained Minister	Retired
O'Neill, Shirley	Applicant	Active
Organ Montford, Craig	Candidate	Active
Orton, Debra	Ordained Minister	Active
Pace, Eric	Ordained Minister	Retired
Palmer, Carolyn	Ordained Minister	Retired
Pardy, Dana	Candidate	Active
Parsons, A. John	Ordained Minister	Retired
Pearce, Karen	Ordained Minister	Retired
Pearen, Natasha	Ordained Minister	Active
Pelley, Wilfred	Ordained Minister	Retired
Perry, Judith	Ordained Minister	Retired
Phillips, P. Nicholas	Ordained Minister	Active
Pick, Donna	Applicant	Active
Pick, Shelley	Ordained Minister	Active
Pilsworth, Douglas	Ordained Minister	Retired
Pitter, Andriel	Applicant	Active
Plant, Margaret Ann	Designated Lay Minister	Active
Power, Jennifer	Ordained Minister	Active
Price, Nancy	Ordained Minister	Retired
Ralph, Karen	Ordained Minister	Active
Reaburn, Sarah	Ordained Minister	Active
Redden-Smith, Sheila	Ordained Minister	Retired
Reid, Herbert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Reid, Martin	Ordained Minister	Active
Reppert, Wade	Ordained Minister	Retired
Riches, Arlene	Ordained Minister	Retired
Ritchie, Nancy	Ordained Minister	Retired
Roach, Duncan	Ordained Minister	Active
Robinson, Leslie	Ordained Minister	Retired
Robson, Tamsin	Applicant	Active

REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL - continued

Ministry Personnel – continued

Ross, Karen	Ordained Minister	Active
Rumscheidt, H. Martin	Ordained Minister	Retired
Rushton, Simpson	Designated Lay Minister	Active
Rutherford, Alice	Ordained Minister	Retired
Sagar, Margaret	Ordained Minister	Retired
Sangster, Annika	Diaconal Minister	Active
Sanson, Margaret	Ordained Minister	Active
Scherzinger, Linda	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Schurman, Wayne	Ordained Minister	Active
Sellsted, Donald	Ordained Minister	Active
Selwyn-Smith, Keith	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Settle, Lester	Ordained Minister	Retired
Shaffner, W. James	Ordained Minister	Retired
Shaw, Ronald	Candidate	Active
Shaw, Sally	Ordained Minister	Active
Sheremeta, Krystal	Ordained Minister	Active
Simmons, Cyril	Indeterminate	Active
Simms-Mills, H. Jean	Ordained Minister	Retired
Simpson, Lee	Ordained Minister	Active
Smith, Carol	Ordained Minister	Active
Smith, Glennis	Ordained Minister	Active
Smith, Greta	Ordained Minister	Retired
Smith, Peter	Ordained Minister	Active
Smith, Wayne	Ordained Minister	Active
Smithers, Caitlin	Applicant	Active
Snow, Ebbie	Ordained Minister	Retired
Snyder, Frederick	Ordained Minister	Active
Spears, Glendon	Ordained Minister	Retired
Steele, David	Ordained Minister	Active
Stewart, Douglas	Ordained Minister	Retired
Stirling, R. Laird	Ordained Minister	Retired
Stright, Jeanne	Ordained Minister	Retired
Taylor, Mary	Ordained Minister	Active
Thompson, Edward	Ordained Minister	Retired
Tingley, Diane	Ordained Minister	Retired
Tingley, Jocelyn	Applicant	Active
Tourneur, Donna	Ordained Minister	Active
Vincent, M. J. Boyd	Ordained Minister	Retired
Walker, Brent	Candidate	Active
Webber-Cook, James	Ordained Minister	Active
Wentzell, Brian	Ordained Minister	Active
Whent, Thomas	Ordained Minister	Retired
Whitney-Latham, Nancy	Designated Lay Minister	Active
Whyte, Mary Lynne	Ordained Minister	Active
Wilson, E. Ellen	Ordained Minister	Retired
Wilson Wynne, Carolyn	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Winton, Linda	Ordained Minister	Retired
Woods, Thomas	Ordained Minister	Active
Woodworth, Alfred	Ordained Minister	Retired
Worrell, Linton	Candidate	Active
Wynne, Joseph	Ordained Minister	Retired
Yates, Linda	Ordained Minister	Retired
Zinck, Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired

REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL - continued

Elected Lay Members

Algar, Rosemary	North Highlands	Ambler, Don	Bedford
Ball, Michael	Shelburne	Birch, Liz	Margaree
Boulger, Sean	Middleton	Brennan Alpert, Pat	Halifax: St. John's
Brown, Wendall	Waverley	Burrell, David	Pictou
Cameron, Ross	Sydney: Trenton-First United	Canning, Jack	Westville
Canning, Pamela	Westville	Carrigan, Pat	Salt Spgs, Scotsburn-Lyon's Brk
Carson, Dorothy	Cobequid	Cochrane, Norma	Glace Bay: Newsom
Corkum, Bill	Lahave-New Dublin	Crowley, Karen	New Glasgow
Curtis, Kathy	Three Harbours	Curtis, Sandra	North Highlands
Danaher, David	Noel	Dauphinee, Beverley	Halifax: Hope
Davis, Allan	New Glasgow	Dicks, Nancy	New Glasgow
Dixon, Helen	Dartmouth: Woodlawn	Dodson, Margaret-Anne	Pictou
Doucette, Shane	Musquodoboit Harbour	Ellsworth, Henry	Sackville: Knox
Fanning, Cora	Dartmouth: Port Wallis	Flemming, Michele	Lower Musquodoboit
Fletcher, Bruce	Kennetcook-St. Paul's	Forbes, Marg	Bridgewater
Gunn, Sharon	Salt Spgs, Scotsburn - Lyon's Brk	Handrigan, Nancy	Orchard Valley
Harding, Paula	Truro: Bible Hill	Hayew, Judy	Sackville: Knox
Hill, Rena	Bedford	Isenor, Margaret	Sydney River-United Protestant
Jamieson, Gina	Three Harbours	Jensen, Arthur	New Germany
Kingsbury, Kaleigh	Truro: First United	Langill, Darria	Coldstream
Langille, Lynn	Salt Spgs, Scotsburn - Lyon's Brk	Langley, Anna	Port Hawkesbury: St. Mark's
Leonard, Beverley	West Bay	Lewis, Geoff	Halifax: Hope
Logan, Jack	Bridgewater	MacDonald, Murdock	St Ann's Bay
MacDonald, Shauna	Dartmouth: St. James	MacGillivray, Joan	Antigonish
MacInnis, Janice	Sydney River-United Protestant	MacIntyre, Margie	Whycocomagh-E. Lake Ainslie
MacKay, Donald	Sydney: United Heritage	MacLaren, Dan	Liverpool
MacLean, Catherine	Glace Bay: Chalmers-Warden	MacLeod, Joan	River John-West Branch
MacLeod, Malcolm	Dartmouth: Port Wallis	MacMullin, Norman	Baddeck: Greenwood
Matheson, Audrey	Halifax: Fairview	McDonald, Jane	Orchard Valley
McElhiney, John	Truro: First United	McFadgen, Stacy	Glace Bay: Knox
McKay, Kathy	Halifax: St. Paul's	McLearn, Heather	Halifax: Rockingham
McLearn, John	Halifax: Rockingham	McNairn, Nancy	Petite Riviere
Melanson, Shelley	Yarmouth	Messenger, Sally	Lawrencetown-Lake Echo
Miner, Gail	Sackville: Knox	Moorhouse, Peter	Bedford
Morris, Jeanette	McCully	Morrison, Brenda	Sydney River-United Protestant
Morrison, Donnie	Sydney River-United Protestant	Morrison, Jack	Lockeport
Muir, Gerald	Westville	Munro, Brenda	Halifax: Rockingham
Munroe, Kelvin	Clyde-Carleton	Nauss, Joan	Riverport
Nimmo, Sandra	Bedford	O'Connell, Trudi	Brookfield
Oliver-Snair, Joyce	Port Hawkesbury: St. Mark's	Orlando, Tony	William Black
Parks, Kevin	Halifax: St. Andrew's	Parsons, Wanalda	Truro: Brunswick St-North River
Patterson, Ron	Amherst: Trinity-St. Stephen's	Phillips, Roberta	Margaree
Rafter, Tanya	Waverley	Reid, Ian	St. Luke's
Roche, Lawrence	Dartmouth: Stairs Memorial	Sandeson, Laurie	Clifton
Schnare, Cheryl	Sambro-Jollimore	Scopie, Jim	Cumberland
Semple, Stuart	Three Harbours	Shaw, Ron	Dartmouth: Grace
Sheppard, Roberta	Glace Bay: Knox	Smith, Fay	Truro: Brunswick St-North River
Smith, Vera Faye	Brookfield	Sollows, Janet	Yarmouth
Stewart, James	Onslow-Belmont	Stewart, Sheila	Berwick Trinity
Thomson, Mary	Coldstream	Tomsons, Sandra	Mulgrave
Touesnard, Edwina	St. Peter's-Grand River-Loch Lomond	VanSchaick, Sheila	Boularderie
Vinqvist-Tymchuk, Melinda	Orchard Valley	Weagle, Isabel	Petite Riviere
Wells, Betty Ann	Dartmouth: Port Wallis	Zinck, Corrine	Bridgewater
Zwicker, Barry	Dartmouth: Woodlawn		

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REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL - continued

Appointed Members

Cameron, Anne	Division of Ministry Resources Chair
Hardy, Peter	Executive Member at Large
Hawkins, Debbie	United Church Women Representative

Corresponding Members

Brett, Kathy	visitor
Hunter, Laura	staff
Janes, Roger	staff
Laundry, Leona	staff
McDonald, Janette	visitor
Peters, Mavis	visitor
Piercey, Alison	staff
Richardson, Andrew	staff
Rose, Tracey	staff
Sanders, Nora	General Secretary
Stuart, Catherine	staff
Taylor, Jennifer	staff
Wallace, Sarah	staff
Whittemore, Jennifer	staff

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
REGIONAL COUNCIL 15
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Choosing Celebration

REGISTRATION

Registration

Members of Regional Council 15 registered online for the June 10, 2020 Annual Meeting of Regional Council 15. In preparation for the annual meeting, the Executive offered three webinars so that members were able to ask questions for clarification about matters that will require decision making at the annual meeting.

ATTENDANCE - Appendix A

Attendance

Regional Council members in attendance at the meeting are included in Appendix A.

REGRETS - Appendix B

Regrets

Appendix B lists regrets received by members of the region.

GATHERING

Gathering

The annual meeting, held by zoom video conferencing, opened at 6:00pm for members to test connections and to gather.

CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order

Janet Sollows, President of Regional Council 15, welcomed members to this virtual meeting of the Region and called the meeting to order. The President thanked Stephen Fetter (Communications Unit, General Council Office), the staff members of the Eastern Regions of the United Church and members of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee for their work behind the scenes to make sure things run as smoothly as possible. The President also thanked Ken Hassell and Don Sellsted from Orchard Valley United Church in New Minas for providing the video hymns for worship.

QUORUM AND CONSTITUTION OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Quorum
Constitution of
the Regional
Council**

Janet Sollows, President, noted that there was a quorum present and constituted the council for the business that shall properly come before it.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PLACE

**Acknowledgement
of Place**

The President began the meeting by acknowledging the territory on which we gather. May we live with respect on this land, and work towards living in right relations as we gather in peace and friendship with all people.

OPENING WORSHIP

Opening Worship

The President lit the Christ Candle and invited members to join in the opening worship. The President and President-Elect, Jane McDonald, led the council in worship and prayer in keeping with the theme *Choosing Celebration* and in recognition of the 95th Anniversary of The United Church of Canada. Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister offered the benediction.

GENERAL SECRETARY

General Secretary

The President welcomed Nora Sanders, General Secretary. The General Secretary brought greetings from the General Council Office and expressed gratitude for being with the Regional Council on the anniversary of the United Church. She thanked the leadership and volunteers for their work for the wider church, especially during these uncertain times.

CHECK-IN

Check-In

Using breakout rooms, members of the Region took time to check-in with each other and share their feelings and experiences.

The theme for this annual meeting is Choosing Celebration. Members were asked to consider the question "Although there are always laments, what is it that you have celebrated in your life of faith recently?"

Procedural
Motions

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Donna Tourneur, Chair of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, presented the Procedural Motions.

MOTION: (Donna Tourneur/Heather Manuel)

That the Roll of Regional Council 15 be (Manual 2019 C1.1 and C.1.2):

The members of the Order of Ministry and other Ministry Personnel who are:

- a) Members of the order of ministry within the bounds served by the regional council; and
- b) Other ministry personnel in a covenantal relationship with a community of faith within the bounds of the regional council; and
- c) The lay members who are members of the United Church who are not ministry personnel and who are elected by their Communities of Faith.
- d) Appointed members, lay Members of the Regional Council Executive who have not been elected by their community of Faith.

That the quorum be as indicated in Section C.4.3 of the Manual 2019;

"The Regional Council may meet only if a minimum number of members is present... If there are 60 or more members, at least 20 members must be present; and that there be at least one ministry personnel and one lay member who is not ministry personnel present. Corresponding members are not counted for this purpose."

"That the Bounds of the Regional Council meeting be the virtual meeting room and the telephone connections to that meeting space."

"That representatives of General Council; representatives of United Church organizations; ministry students not serving a pastoral charge; the active and retired Lay Overseas Personnel; ecumenical delegates and observers; the President of the Atlantic School of Theology (or their designate); and any other registered visitors to the Regional Council meetings be Corresponding Members of this Council."

"That the agenda as printed and distributed be adopted as the agenda for this meeting Regional Council 15, subject to such changes as may be adopted and such Orders of the Day as may be determined, by the Council."

That the business table be Donna Tourneur, April Hart, Heather Manuel, and Fay Smith.

That the minute secretary for the Second (2nd) Annual Regional Council meeting be Jennifer Taylor.

The President will chair the meeting, making any rulings necessary. The Regional Council will work together using the Whole People Covenant and Holy Manners as its guide. The President will apply the Manual 2019 Appendix: Procedures for Holding a Meeting and Decision-Making. Bourinot's Rules of Order will be used as the authority should a question arise which is not answered by the Appendix.

Guidelines for discussion, the speaker will:

- Start by identifying them self (name, Pastoral Charge or Community of Faith)
- All discussion should be directed to the President.
- Each person may address the President only once about a motion, except the mover, who may speak both first and last.
- That the initial time allocated for the mover to address the motion be limited to three minutes.
- That all subsequent speakers limit their time to two minutes, including any reply by the mover of the motion.
- All discussion should be clear and concise and deal only with the motion.

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CONSENT MOTION: (Faith March-MacCuish/Donna Tourneur)

**Consent
Motion**

That Regional Council 15:

1. Approves the minutes of the Regional Council Annual Meeting May 23-26, 2019, Sackville, NB (TC47-TC62) as circulated.
2. Receives and accepts the following accountability reports:
 - a. President
 - b. Regional Executive Minister
 - c. Division of Finance and Administration
 - d. Division of Regional Services and Support
 - e. Division of Community of Faith Support and Nurture
 - f. Division of Ministry Resources
3. Receives for information the following reports:
 - a. United Church Women
 - b. Atlantic School of Theology
 - c. Atlantic School of Theology Senate
 - d. Hunter United Church Building Fund

CARRIED

POINT OF ORDER

**Point of
Order**

The question was raised as to whether staff can make motions. The President stated that the Executive Minister is granted permission in the new structure of the United Church to make motions.

MISSION, VISION, CORE VALUES AND STRATEGIC PLAN

**Mission,
Vision, Core
Values and
Strategic Plan**

Krista Anderson reported on the work of the committee over the past year. The mission, vision, and core values were used as the basis for the work on the strategic plan for the future of the Region. A lot of conversation has taken place about who we are as a region, collecting statistics on pastoral charges and vacancies, and living into the new governance structure. The committee worked with the Executive to complete an analysis of the strengths and weakness of the region, the opportunities and threats, especially in light of COVID-19. Recommendations were made to Executive, including establishing a working group for the next phase. The Future Directions Committee will lead this next phase in the hopes of delivering an update of the plan at the annual meeting in 2021.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONERS – Part 1

**General
Council
Commissioners
Part 1**

(Catherine MacDonald assumed the chair)

Catherine MacDonald, Past President, introduced the council to the matter of General Council Commissioners to General Council 44 (GC44). Those nominated for General Council Commissioners attended a webinar on June 2, 2020 and were each given two minutes to speak to introduce themselves. It was noted that Regional Council 15 is eligible to have 15 (fifteen) Commissioners to GC44. There were four (4) names brought forward for the five (5) Ministry Personnel positions. Rev. Kim Curlett, Rev. Christine-Marie Gladu, Rev. Sharon Lohnes, and Rev. Penny Nelson are the Ministry Personnel Commissioners duly elected by acclamation to General Council 44.

Alicia Cox presented the council with information regarding voting for the election of lay commissioners for General Council 44 (GC44). Five (5) lay members will be elected this evening, leaving six (6) commissioners to be elected in 2021. Members were provided with instruction for the online voting. Once the electronic voting opens, members will have one hour to cast their vote. The five (5) nominees with the most votes will be elected as commissioners, with the remaining nominees serving as alternates.

MOTION: (Alicia Cox/Tony Orlando)

That the Nominations Committee submits the following nominees for the election of lay commissioners to General Council 44 by electronic ballot, with the 5 (five) highest votes being named as Commissioners, and the remaining nominees named as alternates: Shane Doucette, Kaleigh Kingsbury, Malcolm MacLeod, Jane McDonald, Lawrence Roche, Linda Scherzinger, Fay Smith, Janet Sollows, Sandra Tomsons

CARRIED

(Janet Sollows reassumed the chair)

Break**BREAK****Executive Minister****EXECUTIVE MINISTER**

Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister thanked members of Regional Council for gathering and for embracing the technology to meet in this new way. In keeping with the theme, she offered thanks to the Commission for seeing the Region through the transition, to the Executive and volunteers for participating in the new structure, to the past president, president and president elect for their leadership, to staff for going above and beyond, and to ministry personnel who are serving in the midst of crisis and are the very core of the region. The Executive Minister stated that we are on a journey of faith. We are experiencing a global pandemic, and have experienced tragedy and loss, and at the same time we have experienced immense care, support and love. She shared that hate and violence does not have the last word; love does. We have continued to find ways to be the church even in the midst of crisis and trauma. We have quickly learned new skills, ways to worship, connect, and provide pastoral care and follow the call of Christ. There is much to celebrate as we strive to be the people God calls us to be.

MOTION: (Faith March-MacCuish/Donna Tournear)

That the current Regional Council Executive remain as the Executive for the Regional Council until the spring 2021 Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED**President****PRESIDENT**

The President, Janet Sollows offered her remarks. The President noted that she is grateful for the opportunity to serve the wider church. She thanked all who have offered to serve in the new structure. She highlighted work with the Bermuda Task Force to develop a new agreement. She thanked the Executive Minister and the regional staff for their work and support.

Remit**REMIT**

Faith March-MacCuish introduced the Remit for voting. A remit is a proposed change to the Basis of Union. The remit before us today is a change to the Basis of Union to make Article 10.0 inclusive of persons of all gender identities. This is a Category 1 Remit.

The 43rd General Council in 2019:

- (i) approved a change to Article 10.0 of the Basis of Union to be inclusive of persons of all gender identities; and
- (ii) authorized this Category 1 Remit to Regional Councils to test the will of the church with respect to this change.

Remit 1 – Amendment to the Basis of Union’s Article 10.0 on Ministry Personnel

Does the Regional Council agree that:

- a) the Order of Ministry be open to persons of all gender identities; and that
- b) the Basis of Union be amended to reflect this change as follows:
10.0 The Order of Ministry shall be open to persons of all gender identities.

Results: **YES** (167) **NO** (0)

DIVISION OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIONDivision of
Finance and
Administration**Financial Statements 2019**Financial
Statements
2019

Jane McDonald, chair of the Division of Finance and Administration, presented the 2019 audited financial statements to the Regional Council, and provided a detailed account of the region's finances.

MOTION: (Jane McDonald/Mac MacLeod)

That the audited financial statements for 2019 for Regional Council 15 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED**Budget 2021**Budget 2021

The Regional Council 15 budget for 2021 was presented by Jane McDonald. An information webinar for the 2021 budget took place on June 4, 2020. It was noted that the expenses for salaries and benefits in 2021 have been increased by 2.0% (two point zero) for cost of living. It was also noted that the General Council will be making further cuts in staffing and in mission support grants in order to remove a further \$4 Million from the national budget. These cuts will result in a reduction of 17% (seventeen) in the mission support grant to the region. The chair also noted that budget items have been adjusted as we live into the new structure and receive a better picture of the cost of running the region, as many of the budget items for 2020 were based on estimates. In summary, the reduction in mission support grants and increase in salaries results in a deficit for 2020 and 2021. The Division is recommending that money from reserves be used in order to balance the budget.

MOTION: (Jane McDonald/Mac MacLeod)

That the budget for 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED**ORDER OF THE DAY**Order of the
Day**MOTION:** (Sheila van Schaick/Margie MacIntyre)

That the order of the day be extend to 9:30pm.

CARRIED**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONERS – Part 2**General
Council
Commissioners
Part 2

(Catherine MacDonald assumed the chair)

Alicia Cox presented the results of the vote for the lay commissioners for GC44 elected from Regional Council 15.

Lay Commissioners:

Janet Sollows, Kaleigh Kingsbury, Shane Doucette, Lawrence Roche and Jane McDonald.

Alternates:

Malcolm MacLeod, Linda Scherzinger, Fay Smith, Sandra Tomsons.

MOTION: (Alicia Cox/Tony Orlando)

That the ballots from the election of commissioners be deleted.

CARRIED

Point of Order**POINT OF ORDER**

A point of order was raised that the President had called for *those for a motion* to raise their hands. For *those against*, she had only addressed those on the phone to raise their hands and not those on the computer. The President offered thanks for bringing the matter to her attention. The Executive Minister confirmed that all motions were passed with a very clear majority. No results were challenged in the meeting.

Closing Motion**CLOSING MOTION**

MOTION: (Faith March-MacCuish/Donna Tourneur)

That this meeting of Regional Council 15 be closed and that the Regional Council reconvene in the early fall, 2020 at a time and place to be determined by the Executive.

CARRIED

Power to Act**POWER TO ACT**

MOTION: (Faith March-MacCuish/Donna Tourneur)

That Regional Council 15 designate to the Executive the power to act for the Region in all matters except those excluded by the Manual 2019.

CARRIED

Adjournment**ADJOURNMENT**

Having completed all business, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Benediction**BENEDICTION**

The Executive Minister closed the meeting with prayer.

Janet Sollows
President

Faith March-MacCuish
Executive Minister

Appendix A

ATTENDANCE

Anderson	Kathleen E.
Anderson	Kathryn
Anderson	Krista
Antle-Brison	Florence A.
Ashby	Michèle
Aven	Katie
Bachem-Jennings	Elisabeth
Ball	Michael
Bartlett	I. Ross
Betts	Patricia
Birch	Liz
Boulger	Sean
Brennan-Alpert	Patricia
Brown	Wendall
Brown-Hewitt	Robyn L.
Buchanan-Rutherford	Natalie F.
Burns	Helene F.
Butt	Byron
Cameron	K. Anne
Cameron	Ross
Canning	Jack
Canning	Pamela
Carrigan	Pat
Carson	Dorthy
Chant	Jeffrey M. J.
Chisholm	Susan
Churchill	Gloria E.
Cochrane	Norma
Corrigan	Nancy E.
Cox	Alicia
Cox	Kevin
Crowley	Karen
Curlett	Kim
Curtis	Kathy
Curtis	Sandra
Davis	Allan
Davis	Christina
Den Draak	Hubert A.
Dicks	Nancy

Dixon	Helen
Dodson	Margaret Anne
Doucette	Shane
Drysdale	William N.
Elsworth	Derek G.
Etter	Alison
Fanning	Cora
Ferrier	Heather
Fillier	Matthew W. H.
Flemming	Michele
Fletcher	Bruce
Fram	Stephen
Fraser	Heather G.
Gamble	K. Ruth
Gibson	Bil
Gladu	Christine-Marie
Gregan	J. Ivan
Griffin	Joan B.
Gunn	Richard E.
Gunn	Sharon
Handcock	Sean A.
Handrigan	Nancy
Hann	David N.
Harding	Paula
Harding	Russell L.
Hardy	Peter
Harris	David
Harrison	Andrea
Harrison	Ian W. M.
Harrison	Mary Jolynn
Hart	April
Hart	David
Hawkins	Deborah
Henderson	Michael
Hewitt	David W.
Hill	Rena
Hinds	Tim
Hogan	Elizabeth A.
Hoganson	Anne

Appendix A - continued

ATTENDANCE - continued

Isenor	Margaret
Jamieson	Gina
Jarvis	Wayne
Jensen	Arthur
Kean	Wendy
Kempt	Dianne E.
Kennedy	Phillip M.
Kingsbury	Kaleigh
Kingsbury	Valerie L.
Langille	Lynn
Langley	Anna
Lawrence	Donna
LeBlanc	David A.
Lewis	Geoff
Little	Kevin
Logan	Jack
Lohnes	Sharon M.
Lovelace	Donna
Lutes	David R.
MacAskill	Alice
MacDonald	Catherine A.
Macdonald	Iain T. M.
MacDonald	Murdock
MacDonald	Shauna
MacGillivray	Joan
MacInnis	Janice
MacIntyre	Margie
Mackay	Donald R.
MacLaren	Dan
MacLean	Angela
MacLean	Catherine
MacLean	David
MacLean	Glenn M.
MacLean	Shannon L.
MacLeod	Joan
MacLeod	Malcolm (Mac)
MacNeill	Kenley M.
MacQueen	Donald M. A.
Manuel	Heather D.

March-MacCuish	Faith
Matheson	Audrey
McCurdy	Brenda
McDonald	Jane
McEwen	Neil A.
McFadden	L. Joanne
McKay	Kathleen (Kathy)
McNairn	Nancy
McNamara	Connie
Melanson	Shelley
Messenger	Sally
Mills	Norma
Mills	Stephen
Moores	Vivian
Moriarity	Mary-Beth
Morrison	Donald
Morrison	Sandra L.
Moses	John
Mugford	Michael G.
Muir	Gerald
Munro	Brenda
Nauss	Joan
Nelson	Penny
Nimmo	Sandra
Norton	Ivan L.
Oliver-Snair	Joyce
Orlando	Tony
Parks	Kevin
Parsons	A. John
Parsons	Wanalda
Patterson	Ron
Pearen	Natasha
Penney	Cindy
Phillips	Roberta
Plant	Margaret Ann (Maggie)
Rafter	Tanya
Reid	Ian
Roche	Lawrence
Sagar	Margaret E.
Sandeson	Laurie

Appendix A - continued

ATTENDANCE - continued

Sangster	Annika
Scherzinger	Linda
Schnare	Cheryl
Scopie	Jim
Sellsted	Donald E.
Semple	Stuart
Shaw	Ron
Shaw	Sally A.
Skidgmore	Terry
Smith	Carol Anne
Smith	Fay
Smith	Peter A.
Smith	Vera Faye
Smith	Wayne G.
Snyder	Frederick A.
Sollows	Janet
Sollows	Steen
Stewart	James
Stewart	Sheila
Tomsons	Sandra
Touesnard	Edwina
Tourneur	Donna E.
Van Schaick	Sheila
Vinqvist-Tymchuk	Melinda
Walker	Brent
Webber-Cook	James W.
Whyte	Mary Lynne
Winn	Krista Elizabeth
Winton	Linda J.
Woods	Thomas R.
Wright	Heather
Wylie	Joyce
Zinck	Corrine

Brett	Kathy (visitor)
McDonald	Janette (visitor)
Peters	Mavis (visitor)
Hunter	Laura J. (staff)
Janes	Roger (staff)
Laundry	Leona (staff)
Piercey	Alison (staff)
Richardson	Andrew (staff)
Rose	Tracey (staff)
Sanders	Nora (staff)
Stuart	Catherine T. (staff)
Taylor	Jennifer (staff)
Wallace	Sarah (staff)
Whittemore	Jennifer (staff)

Appendix B

REGRETS

Algar	Rosemary
Biggar	Robert
Butts	Arlene
Clark-Ettinger	Marty
Corkum	Bill
Crocker	Lori
Davis	Greg
Daye	Russell
Dickinson	Karen
Ellsworth	Henry
Forbes	Marg
Gale	J. Keith N.
Gardner	Robert
Harris	Carol
Harris	Les
Henderson	Kenneth
Kerr	Gerald
Langill	Darria
Lloy	Marion
Mac Mullin	Norman
MacAlpine-Gillis	Susan
MacDonald	Heather
MacDonald	Marilyn
MacFarlane	Marlene
McElhiney	John
Miner	Gail
Morrison	Brenda
Morrison	Jack
Munroe	John
Phillips	Nick
Polson	Wallace
Roach	Duncan
Simpson	Lee
Thompson	Shirley
Weagle	Isabel
Wilkie	Gary
Wilson Wynne	Carolyn
Wooster	Carol
Wynne	Joseph
Yates	Linda M. B.

