

Choosing Celebration



2nd Annual Meeting

**Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council
The United Church of Canada**

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FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL Annual Meeting 2020

Regional Council Executive

President.....	Rev. Audrey Lounder
Past President	Ms. Heather Donnelly
President Elect.....	Ms. Sheila Gallant
Executive Minister.....	Rev. Faith March-MacCuish
Financial and Mission Services.....	Ms. Kimberley Douglass
Nominations.....	Ms. Sheila Gallant
Regional Planning Committee	Rev. Audrey Lounder
Property	Rev. Brett Anningson
Pastoral Relations.....	Rev. Catherine Gaw
Faith and Education Formation.....	Ms. Cindy Ramsay
Justice, Mission and Outreach.....	Mr. Kent Gibbons
Archives and Records.....	Ms. Julielynn Anderson
Incorporated Ministries.....	Rev. Jack Spencer
Staff Committee Liaison.....	Ms. Martha Vickers
United Church Women Representative.....	Ms. Ruth Kennedy

SESSIONS OF FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL

YEAR/PLACE

PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE MINISTER

2019 – Sackville, NB
2020 – Virtual Meeting

Ms. Heather Donnelly
Rev. Audrey Lounder

Rev. E.V. Faith March-MacCuish
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REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL

Ministry Personnel

Adams, Keith	Ordained Minister	Retired
Adeniyi, Adekunle	Ordained Minister	Active
Adeniyi, Amos	Ordained Minister	Retired
Aikman, Jane	Ordained Minister	Retired
Aitken, Debbie	Ordained Minister	Retired
Allan, David	Ordained Minister	Active
Ambridge Fisher, Deborah	Ordained Minister	Active
Anningson, Brett	Ordained Minister	Active
Armstrong, Michelle	Ordained Minister	Active
Atwood, David	Ordained Minister	Active
Baker, Debra	Ordained Minister	Active
Barr, Joanne	Ordained Minister	Retired
Bartlett, Lois	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Beairsto, Ellen	Ordained Minister	Retired
Bedell, Fran	Ordained Minister	Active
Benjamin-Cameron, Bethe	Ordained Minister	Active
Berube, Stephen	Ordained Minister	Active
Billard, Aaron	Ordained Minister	Active
Bird-Daley, Doreen	Ordained Minister	Retired
Blaquiere, Gerald	Ordained Minister	Retired
Botten, Brian	Candidate	Active
Bourque, Kevin	Applicant	Active
Boutilier, Chesley	Ordained Minister	Retired
Bowley, Richard	Ordained Minister	Active
Brehaut, Beth	Ordained Minister	Retired
Brewer, J. David	Ordained Minister	Retired
Brown, Jennifer	Ordained Minister	Active
Brown, Stephen	Ordained Minister	Active
Bruce, Lloyd	Ordained Minister	Active
Budge, Sarah (Sally)	Ordained Minister	Active
Burke, Kelly	Ordained Minister	Active
Butt, Pix	Ordained Minister	Active
Cairns, Barbara	Ordained Minister	Active
Campbell, David	Ordained Minister	Active
Campbell, G. Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Campbell, Malcolm	Ordained Minister	Retired
Carver, Jennifer	Applicant	Active
Caseley, L. Garth	Ordained Minister	Retired
Chin, Miranda	Ordained Minister	Active
Chongva, Val	Ordained Minister	Retired
Clark, Gary	Ordained Minister	Retired
Cleveland, David	Ordained Minister	Retired
Clowater, Katherine	Ordained Minister	Retired
Compton, Daniel	Ordained Minister	Retired
Cory, Angela	Ordained Minister	Active
Cosman, Douglas	Ordained Minister	Retired
Coughlan, Edith	Applicant	Active
Crooks, Catherine	Ordained Minister	Active
Crooks, James	Ordained Minister	Retired
Curtis, Brian	Ordained Minister	Active
Curtis, Franklin	Ordained Minister	Retired
Daley, Beverly	Ordained Minister	Retired
Dalziel Singer, Anne	Ordained Minister	Retired
Davies, Arthur	Ordained Minister	Retired
Davis, Gregory	Ordained Minister	Active
Dawson, William	Ordained Minister	Retired
Delong, Brian	Ordained Minister	Retired
Diamond, Angela	Applicant	Active
Dickson, Catherine	Candidate	Active
Dingwell, T. Kevin	Ordained Minister	Active

REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL - continued

Ministry Personnel - continued

Doull, Jane	Ordained Minister	Retired
Eagles, David	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Ellis, Anne	Candidate	Active
Ellis, Wallace	Designated Lay Minister	Active
Estabrooks, Susan	Ordained Minister	Active
Farquhar, Hugh	Ordained Minister	Retired
Finnamore, Alice	Ordained Minister	Active
Fisher, Eugene	Ordained Minister	Active
Flemming, Ellen	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Foster, R. John	Ordained Minister	Retired
Francis, Amanda	Applicant	Active
Fraser, Bonnie	Ordained Minister	Active
Fraser, John	Ordained Minister	Retired
Friedman, Betty-Jean	Ordained Minister	Retired
Fuller, Linda	Designated Lay Minister	Active
Gale, J. Keith	Ordained Minister	Active
Gamblin, Susan	Ordained Minister	Active
Gaskin, Rose-Hannah	Ordained Minister	Retired
Gaw, Catherine	Ordained Minister	Retired
Geisterfer, Priscilla	Candidate	Active
Gibbons, R. Kent	Diaconal Minister	Active
Goodfellow, Michael	Ordained Minister	Active
Gough, William	Ordained Minister	Active
Gourson, Tara Ann	Ordained Minister	Active
Gow, Lynda	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Grant, M. Colin	Ordained Minister	Retired
Greenwood, Lisa	Ordained Minister	Active
Gregan, Wendell	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Hagerman, Holly	Candidate	Active
Hague, Christina	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Hamilton, David	Ordained Minister	Retired
Harrison, Kendall	Ordained Minister	Active
Hatfield, Mark	Ordained Minister	Retired
Herman, Jean	Ordained Minister	Admission
Higgins, Kelly	Ordained Minister	Active
Hopkirk, V. Gail	Ordained Minister	Retired
Howatt, Carol	Ordained Minister	Retired
Hudson-Lewis, Kelly	Ordained Minister	Active
Hunter, Laura	Diaconal Minister	Active
Hutcheson, Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Hutchinson, Roland	Ordained Minister	Retired
Jagoe, Austin	Ordained Minister	Retired
Jay, Leslie	Ordained Minister	Retired
Johnson, Christine	Ordained Minister	Active
Johnson, Jane	Ordained Minister	Active
Johnson, Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Johnston, Leslie	Ordained Minister	Active
Jones, Kate	Ordained Minister	Active
Jones, Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Jones, Terry	Applicant	Active
Keller, Claudia	Ordained Minister	Active
Kelly, Rebecca	Applicant	Active
Kennedy, James	Ordained Minister	Active
Kennedy, Ruth	Indeterminate	Active
King, Harold	Ordained Minister	Active
Kitson, Claudia	Ordained Minister	Retired
Kraglund, Raymond	Ordained Minister	Retired
Krommenhoek, Cora	Ordained Minister	Active
Lapointe Lydia	Applicant	Active
Lazaro, Isagani	Ordained Minister	Retired
Lewis, Blair	Ordained Minister	Retired

REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL - continued

Ministry Personnel - continued

Lockhart, Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Longmoore, Steven	Ordained Minister	Active
Louder, Audrey	Ordained Minister	Retired
Luker, A. David	Ordained Minister	Active
Lynk, Eric	Ordained Minister	Retired
Lyons, Keith	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacDonald, Brian	Ordained Minister	Active
MacDonald, Ian	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacDonald, James	Ordained Minister	Active
MacDonald, Matthew	Applicant	Active
MacDougall, Donald	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacDougall, Heather	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacEachern, Douglas	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacEwen, Sandrabelle	Indeterminate	Active
MacKenzie, Kevin	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacKinnon, Darin	Ordained Minister	Active
MacLean, Hugh	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacLean, Ian	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacLean, Janice	Ordained Minister	Active
MacLeod, William	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacLeod-Wilkie, Karen	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacMillan, Dean	Applicant	Active
MacNeill, Karen	Ordained Minister	Active
MacPherson, Donald	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacPherson, Keith	Ordained Minister	Active
MacPherson, Mary	Ordained Minister	Retired
Magie, Sarah	Ordained Minister	Active
Maguire MacKnight, Charlene	Ordained Minister	Active
Mallory, Sheila	Ordained Minister	Retired
Manson, Ian	Ordained Minister	Retired
Matheson, Denis	Ordained Minister	Retired
Matheson, Melaney	Ordained Minister	Active
McCarthy, Robert	Ordained Minister	Active
McDowell, Robert	Ordained Minister	Active
McFarlane, Murray	Ordained Minister	Retired
McIntosh, Kathryn	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
McKinnon, Lynn	Ordained Minister	Active
Mills, Leander	Ordained Minister	Retired
Moase, Clifford	Ordained Minister	Retired
Morris, Hazel	Ordained Minister	Retired
Mullin, Carol	Ordained Minister	Retired
Murray, Keith	Applicant	Active
Noble, Joy	Ordained Minister	Retired
O'Neill, Andrew	Ordained Minister	Active
Palmer, D. Neal	Ordained Minister	Active
Palmer-Harding, Elaine	Ordained Minister	Retired
Pineau, James	Applicant	Active
Porter, Ronald	Ordained Minister	Retired
Postlethwaite, James	Ordained Minister	Active
Randall, William	Ordained Minister	Active
Redden, Shawn	Ordained Minister	Active
Reid, Margaret	Ordained Minister	Active
Reidpath, Pamela	Ordained Minister	Retired
Richardson, Andrew	Ordained Minister	Active
Robinson, Thomas	Ordained Minister	Retired
Rogers MacEwen, G. Sandrabelle	Ordained Minister	Retired
Rogerson, Keith	Ordained Minister	Retired
Roy, John	Ordained Minister	Active
Rushton, Carolyn	Ordained Minister	Retired
Sampson, Glen	Ordained Minister	non-UCC
Sarson, Darcy	Applicant	Active

REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL - continued

Ministry Personnel – continued

Schofield, Rhonda	Candidate	Active
Schooley, S. Alan	Ordained Minister	Retired
Schulze, Christine	Ordained Minister	Admission
Seamone, Emma	Candidate	Active
Sharpe, Beverley	Candidate	Active
Sheffield-Bowles, Lori	Ordained Minister	Active
Short, Peter	Ordained Minister	Retired
Slipp, Merrill	Ordained Minister	Retired
Smith, Alison	Ordained Minister	Active
Smith, Catherine	Ordained Minister	Active
Smith, Gay	Ordained Minister	Retired
Smith, Paul	Indeterminate	Active
Spencer, Jack	Ordained Minister	Retired
Stevens, Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Stevenson, Elizabeth	Ordained Minister	Retired
Stevenson-Seller, Carol	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Stuart, Catherine	Ordained Minister	Active
Stuart, Scott	Ordained Minister	Active
Swan, Yvette	Ordained Minister	Active
Szemok, Alice	Ordained Minister	Active
Szemok, Geza	Ordained Minister	Active
Thomas, Linda	Ordained Minister	Retired
Thomson, Colleen	Applicant	Active
Tingley, Mary	Ordained Minister	Active
Todd, Gilbert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Travers, Janet	Ordained Minister	Active
Tusz-King, Eric	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Tye, J. Henry	Ordained Minister	Retired
Vincent, Ronald	Ordained Minister	Retired
Wagner, Barbara	Ordained Minister	Retired
Walker, Christopher	Candidate	Active
Walls, Alicia	Candidate	Active
Wanamaker, Mary	Ordained Minister	Retired
Ware, Anthony	Ordained Minister	Retired
Webber-Cook, Mary	Ordained Minister	Active
White, Susan	Ordained Minister	Active
Williams, Gregory	Ordained Minister	Active
Wilson, John	Ordained Minister	Retired
Wiseman, Ross	Ordained Minister	Retired
Wright, David	Ordained Minister	Retired
Wright, Nathan	Ordained Minister	Active
Youland, L. Charlotte	Ordained Minister	Retired
Zinck, Sandra	Designated Lay Minister	Active

REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL - continued

Elected Lay Members

Affleck, Shirley	Mount Stewart-Morell-St. Peter's Bay	Allen, Donna	Bayfield-Little Shemogue
Allen, John	Bocabec	Arsenault, Christene	Wellington
Ashley, Bette	Two Rivers	Ball, Nelson	Sussex: St. Paul's
Balser, Mary	Hillsborough	Barlow, Marie	Bideford
Bayne, Tom	Andrew Donald	Bernard, Joan	Central Queens
Bigsby, Kathy	Charlottetown: Spring Park	Bird, Heather	Kingsley-Birdton
Bishop, Dawn	Andover-Kincardine	Blakely, Jane	Fredericton: St. Paul's
Blanchard, Jim	Kensington	Bolo, Corina	Alberton-Elmsdale
Boulter, Richard	South Shore	Burleigh, Paul	Bideford
Burns, Velvet	Baie Verte-Port Elgin-Tidnish Bridge	Burrows, Elaine	Summerside: Trinity
Cameron, Heather	Charlottetown: Trinity-Clifton	Campbell, Bev	Margate
Carter Jay, Gail	Winsloe	Chase, Margo	Moncton: Mountain View
Chiasson, Ruth	St. David's (Georgetown)	Christie, Robert	Fredericton: Forest Hill
Clark, Evelyn	Woodstock: St. James	Cleave, Shirley	Fredericton: Wilmot
Clow, Blanche	Bedeque North	Coates, Genie	Jolicure
Coté, Regina	Moncton: Mountain View	Crowley, Robert	Quispamsis
Crozier, Horace	Margate	Dalzell, Birdeena	Upper Mills
Day, Rosemary	Saint John: Silver Falls	Daye, Jamie	Campbellton
Delaney, Vickie	Upsalquitch	DeMone, Bernadette	McKee's Mills-Rexton
Dempsey, Karen	St. James	Doherty, Murray	Chipman Gaspereau
Donnelly, Heather	Harvey Station	Doucet, Cindy	Bathurst: First
Doughart, George	Vernon Bridge	Douglass, Kimberley	Stanley
Eales, Joanne	McAdam-St. Paul's	Easter, Cindy	Central Queens
Easter, Roland	Central Queens	Eindiguer, Tanya	Edmundston
Elkin, Elaine	Two Rivers	Ellis, Diane	New Bandon
Fairney, Janice	St. Andrews	Farrar, Liz	West River
Folkins, Mary	Millstream	Friars, Tracy	Saint John: Harmony
Frizzell, Gordon	Cavendish-Breadalbane	Fullerton, Kathleen	Two Rivers
Gallant, Sheila	York-Covehead	Glass, Mark	Plaster Rock-Grand Falls
Goodine, Ruth	Fredericton: Gibson	Gosbee, Becky	Memorial
Gould, Sheri	Moncton: St. John's	Grant, Faye	Canterbury-Richmond
Grant, Valerie	Rothsay	Green, Marion	Miramichi: Tabusintac
Hale, Larry	West River	Hannan, Sharon	St. James
Harding, Steve	Newtown-Waterford	Henry, Doris	Riverview: Bridgedale
Henry, Katherine	Harvey Station	Howarth, Kerry	Kings United
Howatt, Cathy	Faith Memorial	Keirstead, Lloyd	Sussex: St. Paul's
King, Sue	Quispamsis	Knowles, Stan	Newcastle
Laverty, Norm	Fredericton: Wilmot	LeMaistre, Sue	Winsloe
Leslie, Eileen	Dalhousie-New Mills	Levesque, Gail	Dalhousie-New Mills
Lewis, John	Hampton	Linkletter, Joan	Bedeque
Livingstone, Dennis	Moncton: Central	MacCullam, Marion	York-Covehead
MacDonald, Sandra	Montague	MacEwen, Don	Mt Stewart-Morell-St. Peter's Bay
MacEwen, Shelley	Charlottetown: Park Royal	MacLaren, Nona	Mt Stewart-Morell-St. Peter's Bay
MacLean, Edith	Bedeque North	MacLean, Ernest	Chatham
MacLean, Roddy	Charlottetown: Park Royal	MacLeod, Marlene	Moncton: Mount Royal
MacRae, Connie	Newcastle	Maguire, John	Saint John: Lorneville
Matheson, Ila	Kings United	Maund, Ilene	Moncton: Mount Royal
McMaster, Bernice	Sackville	Mersereau, JoAnne	Welsford
Moore, Bruce	Sackville	Moore, Jean	Millstream
Morrison, Peter	Prince William	Mullin, Wayne	Chatham
Muriel, Daley	New Bandon	Naugler, Ron	Fredericton: St. Paul's
Palmer, Jini	Bathurst: First	Paul, Corey	Oromocto
Peters, Anna	Moncton: Visions United	Petryshen, Jen	Fredericton: St. Paul's
Powell-Bujold, Delena	New Richmond	Richardson, Joan	Petitcodiac-Salisbury
Rogers, Andrea	West River	Sabin, Richard	Saint John: Carleton-Kirk
Savoie, Elizabeth	Fredericton: Wilmot	Schaerer, Claudia	Moncton: Visions United
Sheppard, Grace	Saint John: St. Mark's	Spires, Wayne	St. Stephen: Kirk-McColl
Stavert, Ernie	West River	Stewart, Calvin	Red Bank
Stinson, Rowena	Charlottetown: Park Royal	Swan, Doug	Woodstock: St. James
Tremere, Frances	Charlottetown: Park Royal	Trickey, Carl	Saint John: St. Andrew & St. David

REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL - continued

Elected Lay Members – continued

Vickers, Martha	Bathurst: First	Walker, Pauline	Bedeque North
Wallace, Dawn	Nashwaak	Walls, Wesley	Rothesay
Walsworth, Jack	Keswick Ridge	Watson, Linda	Apohaqui-Norton-Kings Kirk
Way, Joan	Canterbury-Richmond	Wood, Donna	Wellington
Wylie, Gail	Fredericton: Wilmot		

Appointed Members

Anderson, Julielynn	Archives and Records Chair
Ramsay, Cindy	Faith and Education Formation Chair

Corresponding Members

Ellis, Hugh	visitor
Hall, Alan	General Council Executive Representative
Janes, Roger	staff
Laundry, Leona	staff
Piercey, Alison	staff
Rose, Tracey	staff
Taylor, Jennifer	staff
Wallace, Sarah	staff
Whittemore, Jennifer	staff

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REGISTRATION

Registration

Members of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council registered online for the September 26, 2020 Annual Meeting of the Regional Council. 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 1:00pm for members to gather and to test connections.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Call to Order

The President welcomed everyone to the second annual meeting of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council. She thanked everyone for embracing the technology that brings us together during the pandemic, and for those who participated in the webinars in preparation for the meeting. The President introduced Alan Hall, Executive Officer, Ministry and Employment, who joined the meeting as representative of the General Council Office.

Welcome

QUORUM AND CONSTITUTION OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Quorum and
Constitution of
the Regional
Council

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PLACE

Acknowledge
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, respect and friendship with all people.

OPENING WORSHIP

Opening
Worship

The worship team presented video, song and prayer to animate the theme *Choosing Celebration*. The Moderator, the Right Rev. Richard Bott preached on seeing God's joy, even when things are grey, even in this uncertain and difficult time.

GENERAL SECRETARY

General
Secretary

The General Secretary, Nora Sanders, shared opening remarks via video message. She thanked the region for its support and encouragement throughout her career, and especially in this time of change. She reminded us that blessings can be found in change.

CHECK-IN

Check-In

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

Procedural
MotionsPROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Sheila Gallant, Chair of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, presented the procedural motions.

MOTION: (Faith March-MacCuish/Sheila Gallant)

That the Roll of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council be (Manual 2019 C.1.1 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 of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council, 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 Sheila Gallant and Melaney Matheson.

That the minute secretary for the Second (2) 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 speakers 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.

CARRIED

CONSENT MOTION

Consent
Motion

Sheila Gallant, Chair of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, presented the consent motions.

MOTION: (Faith March-MacCuish/Sheila Gallant)

That Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council:

1. Approves the minutes of the Regional Council Inaugural Meeting May 23-26, 2019, Sackville, NB (TC48-TC61) as circulated.
2. Receives and accepts the following accountability reports:
 - a. President
 - b. Regional Executive Minister
 - c. Archives and Records Committee
 - d. Faith and Education Formation Committee
 - e. Finance and Mission Services Committee
 - f. Incorporated Ministries Committee (with correction to the listing of the Board of Abbey St. Andrew's Inc.)
 - g. Justice, Mission and Outreach Committee
 - h. Nominations Committee
 - i. Pastoral Relations Committee
 - j. Property Committee
 - k. Tri-Regional Staff Support Committee
 - l. Regional Planning Committee
 - m. Affirm Committee
3. Receives for information the following reports:
 - a. United Church Women
 - b. Atlantic School of Theology
 - c. Atlantic School of Theology Senate
 - d. Mount Allison University Board of Regents

CARRIED

(Heather Donnelly assumed the chair)

MISSION, VISION, AND CORE VALUES – Appendix C

Mission,
Vision and
Core Values

Audrey Louder presented the mission, vision and core values statements to the council. This work began in 2019. The President travelled throughout the region and worked with members to develop these guiding principles and inspirational statements to ground the work of the region. A draft was presented to the Regional Council Executive in May and then presented through a webinar for questions and clarification on September 17, 2020. The resulting core values, mission, and vision statements are included in the appendix.

MOTION: (John Roy/Elizabeth Stevenson)

That Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council adopt the Mission, Vision and Core Values Statement as presented.

CARRIED

(Audrey Louder reassumed the chair)

AFFIRM STATEMENT

Affirm
Statement

Elizabeth Stevenson presented the Affirm statement and education plan. This action plan is presented for information. A vote on the affirming ministry status for the region will take place in the spring. A concern was raised about students of the region who may be appointed elsewhere. This will be discussed further as the committee continues its work.

MOTION: (Elizabeth Stevenson/Pix Butt)

That the Affirm statement and educational process be received for information.

CARRIED

Music and
Break

MUSIC AND BREAK

Proposal

PROPOSAL – Appendix D

Jack Spencer introduced the proposal *Responding to our Global Partner Kairos Palestine* (Appendix D), received through the Justice, Mission and Outreach Committee. The proposal asks for action by General Council as an ecumenical partner to stand in solidarity with their suffering and listen to the cries for peace by taking action on the requests from Kairos Palestine. Kent Gibbons, Chair of Justice, Mission and Outreach spoke to the motion, outlining the call to action.

MOTION: (Jack Spencer/Sheila Gallant)

That Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council supports the proposal *Responding to our Global Partner Kairos Palestine* and refers it to the 44th General Council.

CARRIED

Executive
Minister

EXECUTIVE MINISTER

Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister, thanked members of the 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 chair, president and president elect for their leadership; to staff for going above and beyond; and to ministry personnel and communities of faith 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 there is hope and celebration in transformation. 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. God calls us every day to do more, to be better, and to love deeply.

Executive
Motion

EXECUTIVE MOTION

MOTION: (Faith March-MacCuish/Yvette Swan)

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

CARRIED

(Heather Donnelly assumed the chair)

President

PRESIDENT

Audrey Lounder, President, offered her remarks to the region. Since preparing her report, we have been living in very uncertain times as the world deals with a global pandemic. The President expressed gratitude to the region for its work in staying connected and continuing to be church, and for being faithful in these unprecedented times. The President thanked the staff for their continued work, commitment, and support.

(Audrey Lounder reassumed the chair)

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 (ten point zero) inclusive of persons of all gender identities. This is a Category 1 Remit, requiring a vote by the regional council.

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** (124) **NO** (10)

Stephen Harding and Chris Hague abstained from the vote.

2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**2019 Financial
Statements**

Kimberley Douglass, chair of the Financial and Mission Services Committee, presented the 2019 audited financial statements to the Regional Council. A detailed account of the region's finances were also presented during a webinar on September 9, 2020. The auditor reported that the regional funds were well managed and are in good order.

MOTION: (Kimberley Douglass/Doreen Bird-Daley)

That the 2019 audited financial statements for Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

BUDGET 2021

Budget 2021

The Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council budget for 2021 was presented by Kimberley Douglass. An information webinar for the 2021 budget took place on September 9, 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 (four) 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 in the region for 2020 and 2021. The committee is recommending that money from previously unallocated funds or reserves be used in order to balance the budget. It was noted that the budget showing a deficit is some cause for concern in the second year of operating as a region.

MOTION: (Kimberley Douglass/Carl Trickey)

That the budget for 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN

**Environmental
Concern**

Jim MacDonald brought up the topic of ecology, ecumenism and economics. He shared that it is widely accepted that it is only 5-7 (five to seven) years before it is too late to avoid catastrophic climate change. As church, we are called to protect this infinite space around us. The Justice, Mission and Outreach Committee is continuing its work on this issue and will continue to bring the matter to the forefront of our thoughts. Laura Hunter, Justice, Mission and Outreach Minister reminded us that we can also make a difference in all of our communities of faith and invited everyone to be involved.

Closing Motion**CLOSING MOTION****MOTION:** (Faith March-MacCuish/Sheila Gallant)

That this meeting of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council be closed and that the Regional Council reconvene May 27-30, 2021 in Sackville, New Brunswick, and that;
Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council designate to the Executive the power to act for the Region in all matters except those excluded by the Manual 2019.

CARRIEDAdjournment**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Closing Vespers**CLOSING VESPERS AND BENEDICTION**Benediction

The meeting closed with vespers and benediction provided by the worship team.

Audrey Lounder
President

Faith March-MacCuish
Executive Minister

Appendix A

ATTENDANCE

Adeniyi	Adekunle
Aitken	Debbie
Allen	Donna
Ambridge Fisher	Deborah J.
Anderson	Julielynn
Armstrong	Michelle
Ashley	Bette
Atwood	David W.
Ball	Nelson
Balser	Mary
Bigsby	Kathy
Billard	Aaron
Bird	Heather
Bird-Daley	Doreen E.
Blakely	Jane
Bolo	Corina
Boulter	Richard
Bowley	Richard
Breckenridge	Randy
Budge	Sarah (Sally) E.
Burke	Kelly A.
Burns	Velvet
Burrows	Elaine
Butt	Pix
Cairns	Barbara J.
Cameron	Heather
Campbell	Rachel A.
Campbell	Bev
Carter-Jay	Gail
Chongva	Val L.
Christie	Robert
Clark	Evelyn
Cleave	Shirley
Clow	Blanche
Crowley	Robert
Curtis	Brian
Daley	Muriel
Day	Rosemary
Dempsey	Karen
Dickieson	Wayne

Dickson	Catherine
Dingwell	T. Kevin
Douglass	Kimberley
Doull	Jane
Easter	Cindy
Easter	Roland
Ellis	Diane
Ellis	Wallace (Wally)
Estabrooks	Susan L.
Finnamore	Alice J.
Fisher	Robert
Fraser	Bonnie A.
Friars	Tracy
Frizzell	Gordon
Gallant	Sheila
Gamblin	Susan
Gaskin	Rose-Hannah
Gaw	Catherine H.
Gibbons	R. Kent
Goodfellow	Michael A.
Gosbee	Rebecca
Gourson	Tara Ann B.W.
Green	Marion
Hagerman	Holly
Hague	Christina J.
Hannan	Sharon
Harding	Steven
Henry	Katherine
Herman	Jean
Hickox Stinson	Rowena
Higgins	Kelly D.
Hornibrook Doucet	Cindy
Howard	Lance
Howarth	Kerry
Howatt	Cathy
Hudson-Lewis	Kelly J.
Jay	Leslie A.
Johnson	Christine
Johnson	Jane
Jones	Kate

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ATTENDANCE - continued

Keirstead	Lloyd
Kennedy	James D.
Kennedy	Ruth
King	Susan
Knowles	Stan
Kraglund	Raymond
Lavers	Deborah
Laverty	Norman
LeMaistre	Sue
Leslie	Eileen
Levesque	Gail
Lewis	John
Linkletter	Joan
Livingstone	Dennis
Loane	Gordon
Longmoore	Steven
Lounder	Audrey G.
Luker	A. David
MacDonald	Hugh
MacDonald	Sandra
MacDonald	James (Jim) R.
MacDougall	Heather A.
MacEwen	Don
MacEwen	Shelley
MacLean	Janice A.
MacLean	Ernest (Ernie)
MacLean	Rodney
MacLeod	Marlene
MacNeill	Karen L.
MacPherson	Keith R.
MacRae	Connie
Maguire MacKnight	Charlene M.
Matheson	Melaney L.
Matheson	Ila M.
Matthews	Terry
Mullin	Wayne
Naugler	Ron
O'Neill	T. Andrew J.
Palmer	Jini
Palmer	Neal

Paul	Corey
Peters	Anna
Petryshen	Jennifer
Powell-Bujold	Delena
Ramsay	Cindy
Redden	Shawn R.
Reid	Margaret A. (Peggy)
Richardson	Joan
Rogers	Andrea
Roy	John Marc
Rushton	Carolyn
Sabin	Richard
Savoie	Elizabeth
Schaerer	Claudia
Seamone	Emma
Smith	Catherine E.
Spencer	Jack
Stavert	Ernie
Stevenson	Elizabeth A.
Stewart	Calvin
Stuart	Scott
Swan	Yvette
Szemok	Geza
Szemok	Alice
Trickey	Carl
Vickers	Martha
Walker	Pauline
Wallace	Dawn
Walls	Alicia
Walls	Wesley
Walsworth	Jack
Watson	Linda
White	Susan P.
Williams	Greg
Wright	Nathan
Wylie	Gail

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ATTENDANCE - continued

Ellis	Hugh (visitor)
Hall	Alan (GCO Rep)
Harrison	Kendall E. (staff)
Hunter	Laura J. (staff)
Janes	Roger (staff)
March-MacCuish	Faith (staff)
Rose	Tracey (staff)
Stuart	Catherine T. (staff)
Taylor	Jennifer (staff)
Wallace	Sarah (staff)
Whittemore	Jennifer (staff)

Appendix B

REGRETS

Adams	Debra
Allan	David G.C.
Anningson	Brett A.
Anthony	Leslie
Barr	Joanne
Bayne	Tom
Benjamin Cameron	Bethe
Berube	Stephen R.
Blanchard	Jim
Boutilier	Chesley
Brown	Stephen
Brown	Jennifer M.
Bruce	Lloyd
Campbell	David E.
Chiasson	Ruth
Coates	Genie
Crozier	Horace
DeLong	Brian
DeMone	Bernadette
Doherty	Murray
Elkin	Elaine
Fairney	Janice
Farquhar	Hugh
Folkings	Mary
Friedman	Betty-Jean
Fullerton	Kathleen
Gallant	Angelina
Henry	Doris
Johnson	Robert
Keller	Claudia
Krommenhoek	Cora
Lewis	Blair E. H.
MacCallum	Marion
MacDonald	Heather
MacDonald	R Marilyn
MacLean	Edith
MacLeod-Wilkie	Karen
Maguire	John
McCarthy	Robert
Moase	Clifford
Morrison	Peter
Noble	Joy
Postlethwaite	Jim
Reidpath	Pamela

Schulze	Christine
Sharpe	Bev
Sheffield-Bowles	Lori
Snyder	Fred
Spires	Wayne
Tremere	Frances
Tusz-King	Eric C.
Walker	Chris
Wilson	John A
Winn	Krista Elizabeth

Appendix C

MISSION, VISION, AND CORE VALUES

Core Values:

Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters Region values:

- Its relationship with its Communities of Faith, Ecumenical Partners, Indigenous Communities and differing faith traditions. We strive to build healthy relationships based on trust and respect.
- diversity as modelled by Creator's good creation and strives to affirm that presence and love in all our actions and relationships.
- open, honest and genuine communications both within and outside the organization. We strive to see the Spirit at work in all of our communications
- celebration of community in all the seasons of life. We strive to share in that life with all of creation.

Our Mission:

Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters Region consults with, guides and supports Communities of Faith and other ministries in building trusting, respectful, affirming relationships that embody Creator's presence within the world in which we live.

Our Vision:

"That Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region embody an active and faithful reflection of Jesus' ministry in the world; Affirming and respecting people of all sexual orientations, genders and gender identities in particular, different abilities, ethnicity, skin colour, culture, age, geographic location, economic circumstance and mental and physical health in all aspects of its life and work."

Appendix D

PROPOSAL

Responding to our Global Partner Kairos Palestine

Origin: Justice, Mission and Outreach Committee, Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters

1. What is the issue?

Our Palestinian partners are calling on the United Church of Canada and other ecumenical partners to stand in solidarity with their suffering and to listen to their cries for a just peace by taking action on the requests from Kairos Palestine.

We believe that God is calling us to have ears to hear the pleas of the direct descendants of the first followers of Jesus, the Palestinian Christian community, and to respond to their requests that our denomination through study, action and advocacy help shed light on the reality of the tragedy and ongoing and deepening oppression.

2. Why is this issue important?

The United Church of Canada recognizes that, "we are not alone." Inherent within our creed is our support for solidarity with partners in Canada and beyond. Unfortunately, as one of our Global Ecumenical partners pointedly reminded the Commissioners to GC 42 after it failed to address global partners concerns, the United Church needs the international ecumenical community. Further, the United Church has a responsibility to recognize its responsibility to stand in solidarity with global partners. (i)

We have also come to more fully understand the influence that those who hold power exercise in the media. We realize that often the cries of God's people for justice who are marginalized are often overwhelmed by those who benefit from oppression. Jeremiah warned against those who say, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace. (Jeremiah 6:14) We believe, as followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, that there cannot be lasting peace without justice. This is evidenced in our work for justice for the First Nations people of Canada and our anti-racism work.

Further, as Rev. Dr. Munter Isaac has pointed out, our faith in North America is actually rooted in the first followers of Jesus who were Palestinian Christians. (ii)

Many who have travelled to Palestine, including over 25 Ecumenical Observers, appointed by the denomination are gravely concerned that the plight of the Palestinian people is at a critical point. The State of Israel's adoption of the Nation State Law in 2018 legalized institutional racial discrimination in Israel and the Palestinian territories that further deprived Palestinians of their rights to life, livelihood, and a future in their homeland.

Recent acts of the U.S. administration have supported Israel's ongoing illegal seizures of land taking and attaining control over the entire territory of Palestine. These include the 2018 move of its embassy to Jerusalem, its announcement in 2019 that the U.S. government no longer deems West Bank settlements to be "inconsistent with international law," and the 2020 "Peace to Prosperity" plan.

Fueled by U.S. support and emboldened by the silence of the international community, the state of Israel has continued the expansion of illegal settlements. Daily, Israel continues to violate international law and the Geneva Conventions through its attacks on and control over the Palestinian people including children.

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Since the 1967 illegal occupation, successive governments of Israel have made it clear through their actions that the state has no intention of honouring their obligations as an occupying power under the Geneva Conventions. Nor do they seek to protect the rights of the Palestinian people guaranteed under the UN Human Rights Charter to dignity, self-determination, and the fundamental human rights including the right of return for Palestinian refugees.

It is time for the United Church, in light of these events, to recognize what Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu stated in an open letter to the General Council 41, "I saw the marks of apartheid in the policies of the Israeli government continued to the present day. The Palestinians are forced to live in segregated areas, often relocated to less desirable land so Jewish settlers can live in fine red ceramic-roofed houses with paved roads while most Palestinians live in squalor in villages and refugee camps. Water is diverted to settlers so that they can have nice green lawns, irrigated fields and community swimming pools while Palestinians endure shortages and dusty roads. I have looked at this and seen the ugly face of apartheid and the racism within it." (iii) It must be noted that the situation of the Palestinians has deteriorated significantly since then.

United Church partner, Kairos Palestine, calls on churches and all followers of Jesus to take decisive action. "The very being of the church, the integrity of the Christian faith, and the credibility of the Gospel is at stake. We declare that support for the oppression of the Palestinian people, whether passive or active, through silence, word or deed, is a sin. We assert that Christian support for Zionism as a theology and an ideology that legitimize the right of one people to deny the human rights of another is incompatible with the Christian faith and a grave misuse of the Bible."

They further call upon churches, "to engage in a process of study, reflection and confession concerning the historic and systemic deprivation of the rights of the Palestinian people, and the use of the Bible by many to justify and support this oppression. We call on churches to reflect on how their own traditions can express the sacred duty to uphold the integrity of the church and the Christian faith concerning this issue. We cannot serve God while remaining silent about the oppression of the Palestinians."

Around the globe, many other churches and ecumenical organizations have recognized that this is a time of crisis for Palestinians and have taken strong stands in solidarity with their cry of hope. This includes the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) that in 2017 affirmed "that with respect to the situation of injustice and suffering that exists in Palestine, and the cry of the Palestinian Christian community, that the integrity of Christian faith and praxis is at stake."

Kairos Palestine and Global Kairos for Justice, a worldwide coalition born in response to the Kairos Palestine "Moment of Truth: a word of faith, hope, and love from the heart of Palestinian suffering," have asked the global churches to stand in solidarity with the proposals that are listed in the next section.

- (i) Rev. Philip Peacock, World Council of Reformed Churches, Executive Secretary for Justice and Witness
- (ii) Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac is the pastor of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem. He also serves as Academic Dean of Bethlehem Bible College. In addition, he is the director of the "Christ at the Checkpoint" conference, and is a board member of Kairos Palestine.
- (iii) The General Secretary refused to circulate the letter formally because it came in after the proposal was received. Copies of the letter were distributed to all of the table groups at GC 41.

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PROPOSAL - continued

3. How might the General Council respond to the issue?

That the 44th General Council direct the General Secretary, General Council to respond affirmatively to the call to action by the Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem, Kairos Palestine and the Global Kairos Network by implementing the call to action issued in July 2020:

- a) Initiate processes at all levels of the church that recognize the urgent requirement for decisive action regarding the denial of Palestinian rights and the misuse of the Bible directed toward helping United Church members better understand the injustice faced by Palestinians.
- b) Provide resources for study and discernment at all levels of the church and all United Church theological schools with respect to theologies and understandings of the Bible that have been used to justify the oppression of the Palestinian people. Help identify theologies that prophetically call for an inclusive vision of the land for Israelis and Palestinians, as well as Canadian First Nations, affirming that the creator God is a God of love, mercy and justice; not of discrimination and oppression.
- c) Affirm the Palestinians' right to resist the occupation, dispossession, and abrogation of their fundamental rights.
- d) Endorse the 2005 Palestinian call for Boycott Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) that provides a framework for direct political advocacy as nonviolent means to end occupation and oppression. (The purpose of BDS is not to punish or isolate Israel. It is rather to exert pressure on Israel to comply with international law, and to call upon its government and its people, in the spirit of the Word of God, to enter into the ways of justice and peace, thereby affirming its own rights as well as the rights of the Palestinian people.)
- e) Actively lobby the Canadian government to employ political, diplomatic and economic means to stop Israel's violations of human rights and international law. Also, develop resources that assist denominational members to also call for justice for Palestinians with political leaders.
- f) Oppose anti-Semitism by working for justice against anti-Judaism, racism and xenophobia; oppose the equating of criticism of Israel's unjust actions with anti-Semitism. Support initiatives between Israelis and Palestinians and interfaith partnerships that combat apartheid and occupation and create opportunities to work together for a common future of mutual respect and dignity.
- g) Develop and publicize recommendations for tours of Palestine and Israel to help United Church members see the reality in the Holy Land with compassionate eyes for the suffering of Palestinians.

4. For the body transmitting this proposal to the General Council:

Are there comments, affirmations, suggestions you would like to make with respect to this proposal? Is this proposal in response to a previous proposal, motion or action? If so, please name the previous action(s) and proposal number(s).

