

# *Presence and Hope - Health and Wellness*



## **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

**First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council  
The United Church of Canada**



Virtual Meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing

*Record of Proceedings - Volume 2*

*May 13-15, 2022*



**FIRST DAWN EASTERN EDGE REGIONAL COUNCIL Annual Meeting 2022**

**Regional Council Executive**

President.....	Rev. Grant Stuckless
Past President .....	Rev. Peggy Johnson
President Elect.....	Rev. Nancy Mojica-Fisher
Executive Minister.....	Rev. Faith March-MacCuish
Finance and Administrative Resources.....	Dr. Roy West
Regional Council Services and Support.....	Rev. Dr. Simon Muwowo
Communities of Faith Support and Planning.....	Mr. Bob Bennett
Human Resources .....	Rev. Paul Vardy
General Council Representative .....	Rev. Paula Gale
Member at Large.....	Ms. Elizabeth Dawson
Member at Large.....	Vacant
United Church Women Representative.....	Ms. Myra Spence

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SESSIONS OF FIRST DAWN EASTERN EDGE REGIONAL COUNCIL

<u>YEAR/PLACE</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE MINISTER</u>
2019 – Gander, NL	Ms. Wendy A. Lowden	Rev. E.V. Faith March-MacCuish
2020 – Virtual Meeting	Rev. Peggy Johnson	Rev. E.V. Faith March-MacCuish
2021 – Virtual Meeting	Rev. Peggy Johnson	Rev. E.V. Faith March-MacCuish
2022 – Virtual Meeting	Rev. Grant Stuckless	Rev. E.V. Faith March-MacCuish

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Ministry Personnel

Abbott, Vera	Ordained Minister	Retired
Adams, F. John	Ordained Minister	Retired
Andrews, Christopher	Ordained Minister	Active
Barbour, Stephen	Ordained Minister	Active
Barnes, Amanda	Ordained Minister	Active
Bartlett, William	Ordained Minister	Retired
Biles, Walter	Ordained Minister	Retired
Blackwood, Wayne	Ordained Minister	Active
Bowlby, Miriam	Ordained Minister	Active
Brace, Julie	Ordained Minister	non-UCC
Brenson, Mary	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Brett, Kathy	Ordained Minister	Active
Brett-Williams, Veronica	Ordained Minister	Retired
Bungay, Lorne	Ordained Minister	Retired
Burse, Karen	Ordained Minister	Retired
Burton, Joseph	Ordained Minister	Retired
Case, Raymond	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Colbourne, E. Brian	Ordained Minister	Retired
Cole, Roscoe	Ordained Minister	Retired
Cole, Wayne	Ordained Minister	Retired
Conrad, Joan	Ordained Minister	Retired
Constable, Alex	Ordained Minister	Active
Cook, Graham	Ordained Minister	Retired
Cook, Jocelyn	Ordained Minister	Active
Crewe, Lewis	Ordained Minister	Retired
Cronhelm, Heather	Candidate	Active
Cronhelm, Wendy	Ordained Minister	Retired
Daka, Limon	Ordained Minister	Active
Davis, John	Ordained Minister	Retired
Davis, Marion	Ordained Minister	Retired
Dingwell, Oliver	Ordained Minister	Active
Eaton, Bruce	Ordained Minister	Retired
Elliott, Arthur	Ordained Minister	Retired
Elliott, Arthur	Ordained Minister	Retired
Feltham, Ernest	Ordained Minister	Active
Gale, Paula	Ordained Minister	Active
Ginn, Calvin	Ordained Minister	Retired
Gordon-Murray, Ettie	Ordained Minister	Retired
Guzzwell, David	Ordained Minister	Retired
Hamlyn, Victor	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Hann, Donna	Ordained Minister	Retired
Hannon, Brian	Ordained Minister	Active
Hillier, Eric	Ordained Minister	Retired
Hodder, Morley	Ordained Minister	Retired
Hopkins, Yvonne	Ordained Minister	Active
Janes, Roger	Ordained Minister	Active
Jarvis, Glenn	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Jarvis, Lorraine	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Johnson, Peggy	Ordained Minister	Retired
Jones-Fitzgerald, Pamela	Ordained Minister	Active
Kean, George	Ordained Minister	Retired
Keddy, Darlene	Ordained Minister	Retired
Lackey, Gneid	Ordained Minister	Active
Lane, M. Jean	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
LeDrew, L. George	Ordained Minister	Retired
LeGrow, G.L. Sheldon	Ordained Minister	Retired
Lodge, Thomas	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Maich, John	Ordained Minister	Active
March-MacCuish, Faith	Ordained Minister	Active
March-MacCuish, Ian	Ordained Minister	Active
Martin-Carter, James	Designated Lay Minister	Active

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REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL - continued

Ministry Personnel - continued

Matabire, Liberty	Ordained Minister	Admission
Matchem, William	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Matthews, Beverly	Ordained Minister	Active
Matthews, Guy	Ordained Minister	Active
Matthews, Stephen	Ordained Minister	Active
Mazhara, Simbarashe	Ordained Minister	Active
McClellan, Stephanie	Ordained Minister	Active
McGonigle, John	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Mercer, C.	Ordained Minister	Retired
Mercer, Hubert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Mercer, Robert	Ordained Minister	Active
Mercer, William	Ordained Minister	Active
Michelin, Lee	Ordained Minister	Retired
Mojica-Fisher, Nancy	Ordained Minister	Active
Moores, Lenora	Designated Lay Minister	Active
Moores, Lorraine	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Moores, Ralph	Ordained Minister	Retired
Morgan, Denine	Ordained Minister	Active
Muwowo, Simon	Ordained Minister	Active
Newbury, Sidney	Ordained Minister	Retired
Newell, Tony	Ordained Minister	Retired
Noseworthy, Lawrence	Ordained Minister	Active
Oake, Harry	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
O'Rourke, Emma	Designated Lay Minister	Active
Pardy, A. Marion	Ordained Minister	Retired
Parsons, Clayton	Ordained Minister	Retired
Parsons, Desmond	Ordained Minister	Active
Parsons Georgina	Designated Lay Minister	Active
Parsons, S. Boyce	Ordained Minister	Retired
Parsons, Scott	Ordained Minister	Active
Pike, Linda	Ordained Minister	Active
Pike, Rebecca	Diaconal Minister	Active
Potter, Lisa	Ordained Minister	Retired
Ravenscroft, James	Ordained Minister	Active
Rees, Marilyn	Ordained Minister	Active
Reynolds, Royden	Ordained Minister	Retired
Rideout, Bruce	Ordained Minister	Active
Ritchie, Patricia	Ordained Minister	Retired
Robbins, Betty	Ordained Minister	Retired
Rodger, Raymond	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Rodgers, Silas	Ordained Minister	Retired
Rose, Stephanie	Candidate	Active
Sandford, Heather	Ordained Minister	Active
Sellars, Clarence	Ordained Minister	Retired
Sellars, Dean	Ordained Minister	Active
Sheppard, Susan	Designated Lay Minister	Active
Small, Russell	Ordained Minister	Retired
Spracklin, E. Bernice	Ordained Minister	Retired
Squires, Elsie	Ordained Minister	Retired
Stockley, George	Ordained Minister	Active
Stuckless, Anthony Grant	Ordained Minister	Active
Templeman, Harry	Ordained Minister	Retired
Thorne, Karen	Ordained Minister	Active
Tuck, Robert	Ordained Minister	Active
van Vliet, John	Ordained Minister	Active
Vardy, Katelyn	Candidate	Active
Vardy, Paul	Ordained Minister	Active
Vincent-Bungay, Roberta	Ordained Minister	Active
Von Riesen, James	Ordained Minister	Retired
Waite, Kimberley	Ordained Minister	Active
Warder, Nancy	Ordained Minister	Retired

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Ministry Personnel - continued

Watkins, Lawrence	Ordained Minister	Retired
Whitehorne, Harry	Ordained Minister	Retired
Williams, William	Ordained Minister	Retired
Wiltshire, Edison	Ordained Minister	Admission
Worsfold, D. Scott	Ordained Minister	Active
Wright, Andrew	Ordained Minister	Active



REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL - continued

Elected Lay Members

Anderson, June	Burgeo	Andrews, Brenda	Mount Pearl-First United
Andrews, Juanita	Pool's Cove	Andrews-Ralph, Janice	Mount Pearl-First United
Angel, Roger	St. John's: George Street	Anthony, Dave	Grand Falls-Windsor
Anthony, Dianne	Coley's Point- Grace United	Anthony, Melinda	Grand Falls-Windsor
Badcock, Jack	Coley's Point- Grace United	Baker, Ruth	St. John's: St. James
Bartlett-Hickey, Sandra	Whitbourne	Bennett, Bob	Topsail
Best, Diane	Gander	Sharon, Best	Norman's Cove
Bonnell, Frank	Pasadena-Howley	Bown, Netta	Stoneville-Change Islands
Brett, Jerry	Springdale	Brett, Marion	Northern Arm
Brown, Carol	Bell Island-Portugal Cove	Buffett, Gerald	Gander
Burry, Brenda	Churchill Falls	Burt, Constance	Botwood
Burt, Cynthia	Mount Pearl-First United	Burt, Kathleen	Heart's Content
Button, Danny	Carbonear	Button, Frances	Old Perlican
Button, Stella	Hant's Harbour	Cave, Doreen	Topsail
Chaisson, Joan	Port aux Basques	Clark, Pamela	Central Labrador
Coaker, Goldie	Carmanville	Coates, Paula	Twillingate
Cole, Brad	Topsail	Cole, Isabelle	Salmon Cove
Collins, Mary	Carmanville	Cormier, Adrien	St. John's: Cowan Heights
Critch, Karen	St. John's: Cochrane Street	Daireaux, Michelle	Bay Roberts
Dalley, Jackie	Gander	Dalton, Don	St. George's
Dawe, David	Bishop's Falls	Dawson, Elizabeth	Central Labrador
Dingwell, Pauline	Corner Brook: Humber	Dyment, Marybeth	Harbour Grace
Efford, Mary	Port Blandford	Elliott, Lorraine	Gander
Evans, Bill	St. John's: Cochrane Street	Evans, James	Bay Roberts
Fleet, Marion	Elliston-English Harbour	Fillier, Guy	Englee
Foley, Rosalind	Topsail	Foote, Shane	Burin
Fry, Frank	St. John's: Cowan Heights	Ginn, Ray	Stoneville-Change Islands
Green, John	Gambo	Green, Linda	Gambo
Goodfellow-Baikie, Robin	Central Labrador	Hamlyn, Lottie	La Scie
Hamlyn, Walter	Corner Brook: Oakland	Hancock, Loretta	Red Bay
Hicks, Barbara	Glovertown	Hicks, Winston	Glovertown
Hobbs, Randell	Corner Brook: First United	Hoben, Daphne	Epworth
Hodder, Arlene	Stoneville-Change Islands	Hopkins, Leon	Green's Harbour
Howell, Sheila	Newtown-Lumsden	Hudson, Neil	Pouch Cove-Bauline
Humphries, Ella	Northern Arm	Humphries, Junior	Labrador West
Hussey, Max	Clarke's Beach	Ivany, Rosemary	Pasadena-Howley
Janes, Louise	Deer Lake	Jerrett, Ann	Green's Harbour
Jerrett-Stringer, Carol-Ann	Clarke's Beach	Johnson, Roy	Catalina-Little Catalina
Jones, Marilyn	Shoal Harbour	Jones, Myrtle	Wesleyville-Valleyfield
Jones-Nichol, Wanda	Twillingate	Kenway, Debbie	Epworth
King, Pauline	Carbonear	Knight, Robert	King's Point
Knight, Morley	King's Point	Lacey, Natalie	Labrador West
Lake, Carol Ann	Burin	Lawson, Gwen	St. George's
LeDrew, Daphne	St. John's: Wesley	LeGrow, Doris	Pouch Cove-Bauline
Martin, Alfreda	Lewisporte	McKenna, Elaine	La Scie
Harnett, Jean	Campbellton	Melbourne, Joan	Burgeo
Mercer, Susan	Bay Roberts	Mercer, Robert	Stoneville-Change Islands
Mitchell, Georgina	Epworth	Mullett, Betty	Wesleyville-Valleyfield
Mullaly, Linda	Lower Island Cove	Mullins, Muriel	Grand Bank
Myles, Gloria	Garnish-Frenchman's Cove	Noseworthy, Cecil	St. John's: Cowan Heights
Noseworthy, Ella	Fortune	Oake, Yvette	La Scie
Oldford, Gary	Elliston-English Harbour	Oliver, Patricia	Bonavista
Oram, Sharon	Little Hearts Ease	Osmond, Genny	Gander
Paul, Ethel	Burin	Paul, Mary	Bonavista
Penney, Inez	Summerford-Moreton's Harbour	Penney, Marion	Bell Island-Portugal Cove
Perry, Kathy	Baie Verte	Petten, Karen	Coley's Point-Grace United
Phillips, Bruce	Little Hearts Ease	Philpott, Cynthia	Summerville
Pike, Randy	Harbour Grace	Purchase, Randy	St. John's: Cowan Heights
Ralph, Michael	St. John's: Wesley	Reardon, Maxine	Corner Brook: Humber
Rietkoetter, David	Freshwater	Roberts, Carol	St. Anthony

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**Elected Lay Members – continued**

Robinson, Carolyn	Springdale	Rogers, Gord	La Scie
Rose, Sharon	Grand Bank	Rowe, Scott	Fogo Island
Rowsell, Hope	Green Bay South	Sheppard, Beverley	Blackhead-Western Bay
Sheppard, Hannah	St. John's: St. James	Simms, Peggy	St. Anthony
Slaney, Ken	Gander	Smart, Cherie	Summerville
Smith, Janet	Little Hearts Ease	Smith, Lorraine	Norman's Cove
Spence, Myra	Deer Lake	Stagg, Edna	Newtown-Lumsden
Sturge, Sylvia	Wesleyville-Valleyfield	Taylor, Rowena	Elliston-English Harbour
Tibbo, Jennie	Garnish-Frenchman's Cove	Trickett, Sylvia	Victoria
Tucker, Clara	St. Anthony	Tucker, Lydia	Deer Lake
Vardy, Bonnie	Glovertown	Verge, Joyce	King's Point
Vincent-Bungay, Roberta	Newtown-Lumsden	Warford, Kaye	Northern Arm
Warren, Rowena	Herring Neck	Wells, Bonnie	Whitbourne
Wentzell, Eleanor	St. John's: Wesley	West, Pat	St. John's: Gower Street
West, Roy	St. John's: Gower Street	Whalen, Doreen	St. John's: Wesley United
Wheaton, Blanche	Carmanville	Wheeler, Nancy	Summerford-Moreton's Hr.
Whelan, Jean	Mount Pearl-First United	White, Maisie	Elliston-English Harbour
Winsor-Dunn, Ericka	St. John's: George Street	Woolfrey, Daphne	Lewisporte

**Corresponding Members**

Gibson, Marcia	Visitor
Hanley, Adam	GCO Representative/Theme Presenter
Laundry, Leona	Staff
Munikwa, Sherpherd	Staff
Parks, Kevin	Visitor
Piercey, Alison	Staff
Richardson, Andrew	Staff
Simmons, William	Visitor
Stuart, Catherine	Staff
Taylor, Jennifer	Staff

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**Presence and Hope: Health and Wellness**

**Friday, May 13, 2022**

**REGISTRATION**

Registration

Members of First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council registered online for the May 13-15, 2022 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 5:30pm for members to gather and to test connections.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Call to Order

The President, Grant Stuckless, welcomed everyone to the fourth annual meeting of First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council and called the meeting to order. The President noted that many past-presidents, members, guests and celebrants are in attendance, and he thanked everyone for taking part and being involved in the work of the wider church.

**QUORUM AND CONSTITUTION OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Quorum

The President noted that there was a quorum present, and constituted the council in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church, for all the business that shall properly come before it.

Constitution of  
the Council

**ACKNOWLEDGING THE LAND**

Acknowledging  
the Land

The President began the meeting by acknowledging the land on which we gather. The island of Newfoundland is the ancestral homeland of the Mi'kmaq and Beothuk. We also recognize the Inuit and the Innu as the original people of Labrador. We strive for respectful partnerships with all the peoples of this province as we search for collective healing and true reconciliation.

**OPENING WORSHIP**

Opening  
Worship

The Liturgy Team, led by Gneid Lackey, opened the meeting with scripture, song, reflection and prayer. Wayne Blackwood offered an opening prayer. Grant Stuckless, President, offered a scripture reading from the Gospel of Mark 12:28-31, and introduced the theme *Presence and Hope: Health and Wellness*. The President shared that, in these most difficult pandemic times, it is more important than ever to care for ourselves and each other. Let us continue to be faithful and present to each other in healthy community, inspired by the Holy Spirit among us. Larry Noseworthy and Jocelyn Cook provided music leadership.

**IN MEMORIAM** – Appendix C

In Memoriam

The in-memoriam slideshow presentation was led by Rev. Brian Colbourne, Acting Regional Minister. The Acting Regional Minister offered prayer, as we paused to remember those that we have lost since we last gathered, and celebrate all that they have given to us, and this church of ours.

Moderator**MODERATOR**

The Moderator, the Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, shared opening remarks via video message. The Moderator shared that so much change is going on in the world right now. It is not an easy world to understand during pandemic, wars, climate change, disease, and so much more that is hard to even bring into words. The Moderator thanked members for being themselves, and for being here for each other and the greater community, as we go into this world together in bold discipleship. The Moderator asks also that we continue to gather and celebrate one another.

Health and Wellness Moment**HEALTH AND WELLNESS MOMENT**

Regional Council members participated in a Zumba fitness moment, in keeping with the theme *Presence and Hope: Health and Wellness*.

Theme**THEME I**

Program Team Convenor, Stephanie McClellan, introduced the theme speaker, Adam Hanley, Program Coordinator, Ministry Personnel Vitality, General Council Office. The theme presenter shared that he is pleased to be able to join us in this virtual space to speak about the theme; health and wellness. Adam shared a slideshow presentation which defined wellness as our physical health, and something that can be measured; as opposed to wellbeing. When considering wellbeing, or how we are doing, we can consider four factors: everyday happiness; resilience; self-integrity or authenticity; and thriving, or the values and meaning in our lives. Members were asked to share in the chat what feeling well looks like, feels like, tastes like and smells like.

We lament struggles with mental health, the sense of uncertainty, the pandemic, those we have lost. There have been financial losses and uncertainty in our communities of faith. It has not been an easy journey. We yearn to flourish. Our focus on health and wellness in the church includes a responsibility for health, joy and excellence for ministry personnel. This theme time is guided by the scripture from Mark 12:28-31. The scripture refers to heart, soul, mind, strength; reminiscent of the quadrants of wellness; physical (strength), mental (mind), spiritual (soul), and emotional (heart).

The theme presenter encouraged members to focus on a theme question: What practices would you have fun engaging with? The members were led through practices in boundaries, and activities that help in creativity and re-energizing. Members answered the question What are your favorite practices for emotional wellness?

Procedural Motion**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

Stephanie McClellan and Cecil Noseworthy of the Program Team presented the opening procedural motion.

**MOTION:** (Stephanie McClellan/Cecil Noseworthy)

That the Roll of First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council be (Manual 2022 C.1.1 and C.1.2):

- 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 2022;

"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, the telephone connections to that meeting space and Wesley United Church”

“That representatives of General Council; representatives of United Church organizations; ministry students not serving a pastoral charge; 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 First Dawn Eastern Edge 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 Cecil Noseworthy and Stephanie McClellan.

That the minute secretary for the Fourth (4th) 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’s Covenant and Holy Manners as its guide. The President will apply the Manual 2022 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.

Speakers will:

- Start by identifying themselves (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 (3) minutes.
- That all subsequent speakers limit their time to two (2) 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

**MOTION:** (Stephanie McClellan/Cecil Noseworthy)

That First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council:

1. Approves the Minutes of the Regional Council Meeting, May 14-16, 2021 (RC40-RC57) as circulated.
2. Receives and accepts the following accountability reports:
  - a. President
  - b. Executive Minister
  - c. Division of Finance and Administrative Resources
    - Financial Accountability & Consultation
    - Property
    - Incorporated Ministries
    - Board of Trusts
  - d. Division of Regional Council Services and Support
    - Communications
    - Faith Formation, Christian Education & Leadership Development
    - Justice, Mission & Outreach
    - Stewardship
    - Regional Council Program
  - e. Division of Communities of Faith Support and Planning
    - Pastoral Consultation & Accountability
    - Missional Assessment Planning
    - Future Directions in Ministry

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- f. Division of Human Resources
    - Licensing
    - Ministerial, Human & Pastoral Relations
    - Retiree Support
    - Nominations
    - Chaplaincy
    - Appeals
  - g. Tri-Regional Staff Support Committee
  - h. Affirm Standing Committee
3. Receives for information the following other reports:
- a. General Council Representative
  - b. Atlantic School of Theology
  - c. Centre for Christian Studies
  - d. Emmanuel College
  - e. Office of Vocation

**CARRIED**

Milestones in  
Ministry

**MILESTONES IN MINISTRY**

Brian Colbourne, Acting Regional Minister, hosted the Milestones in Ministry event, celebrating significant milestones in the lives of some of our ministry personnel. A slideshow and music highlighted the years of service of those who have offered their gifts and talents to The United Church of Canada and are celebrating milestone events.

Retirement

**Retirement**

Rev. Christopher Mazhandu.

Anniversaries

**Anniversaries**

The Rev.Dr. Morley F. Hodder	70 Years	The Rev. Bruce Eaton	60 Years
The Rev. Silas G. Rodgers	50 Years	The Rev. Arthur W. Elliott	45 Years
The Rev.Dr. Tony S. Newell	40 Years	The Rev. Walter M. Biles	35 Years
The Rev. George R. Kean	35 Years	The Rev. Graham Cook	25 Years
Mr. Harry W. Oake	25 Years	The Rev. J. Paul Vardy	25 Years

Leaving the  
Region

**Leaving the Region**

Goodbye to Rev. Christopher Mazhandu, who has left the region, with thanks for his ministry among us.

Staff  
Anniversaries

**Staff Anniversaries**

There was special acknowledgement of staff celebrating significant anniversaries with The United Church of Canada: Alison Cofield Piercey, 25 years; Heather Sandford, 10 years; and Jennifer Taylor, 10 years.

Closing  
Vespers

**CLOSING VESPERS**

Closing vespers were led by the Liturgy Team, with Gneid Lackey offering quiet thoughts to center ourselves as we leave for the evening, and with the appreciation that we are one family in Christ. Alice Moores and Stephanie McClellan offered music ministry. The meeting closed with time for quiet reflection, prayer and a blessing.

**Saturday, May 14, 2022**

Gathering

**GATHERING**

The meeting opened at 9:30am for members to gather and to test connections.

Health and  
Wellness  
Moment

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS MOMENT**

Regional Council members participated in a Yoga session, in keeping with the theme *Presence and Hope: Health and Wellness*.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order and thanked members of the regional council for gathering together.

**ACKNOWLEDGING THE LAND**

Acknowledging  
the Land

The President acknowledged the land on which we gather. We strive for respectful partnerships with all the peoples of this province as we search for collective healing and true reconciliation.

**OPENING WORSHIP**

Opening  
Worship

The opening worship was led by Liturgy Team Convenor, Gneid Lackey, who offered prayer, words and song to help center those gathered. Nancy Mojica-Fisher, President-Elect, shared song, a scripture reading from Galatians 5, and offered a reflection on how peace and stillness can offer comfort in the midst of turmoil and challenge. Yvonne Milley and Nancy Mojica-Fisher provided ministry of music.

**GENERAL SECRETARY**

General  
Secretary

The General Secretary, Michael Blair, shared opening remarks via video message. He brought greetings to the region on behalf of the General Council Office, and acknowledged the stories and land from the Treaty 13 Territory. The General Secretary acknowledged the difficult journey we have been on, and some of the difficult decisions that have been before us, as a church. The General Secretary reminded us that we are not alone; we are in this place of learning together; God is with us. The General Secretary offered thanks to those gathered, and for continuing the work of the church even when it is not easy. May we all know the blessing of being God's people.

**PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP EQUITY RESEARCH PROJECT**

Pastoral  
Relationship  
Equity Project

Marcie Gibson, Project Co-Researcher on the Pastoral Relationship Equity Research Project, introduced the region to the project Pastoral Relationships Thriving with Equity. Ministry Personnel and equity-seeking congregations are encouraged to consult the website for more information and to please sign up for this important research for more equality and justice.

**CHECK-IN**

Check-In

Using breakout rooms, members of the Region took time to check-in with each other and further reflect on the theme. Members were asked to share something they have done for their *Health and Wellness* this past year.

**ELECTIONS – Part 1**

Elections

**President-Elect**

President-  
Elect

Gneid Lackey, Nominations Secretary, introduced the matter of the election of the President-Elect. The nominee for President-Elect attended a webinar on May 9, 2022, and was given five minutes to speak to introduce herself to the members gathered.

**BREAK**

Break

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements

Stephanie McClellan, Program Team Convenor offered the announcements for the region, including a save the date for the Youth Forum, planned for September 30-October 2, 2022.

**THEME II**

Theme

Grant Stuckless, President, welcomed the theme speaker, Adam Hanley, Program Coordinator, Ministry Personnel Vitality, General Council Office, back to regional council. In the first session, we were invited to share practices for our wellness, and begin to understand the four "quadrants" for wellness: physical, spiritual, mental and emotional. Today we continue to explore our wellness needs and how to fulfill these needs.

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Members were asked to share their favorite practices for meeting these needs in the chat box, and how this practice can contribute to our wellness. Members also took time in break-out rooms to share with each other, and reflect how we might incorporate some of these practices into our day; taking time for physical, spiritual, mental and emotional health, and seeking additional help whenever necessary.

Health and  
Wellness  
Moment

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS MOMENT**

Regional Council members participated in a Zumba fitness moment in keeping with the theme *Presence and Hope: Health and Wellness*.

Minister for  
Justice,  
Mission and  
Outreach

**MINISTER FOR JUSTICE, MISSION & OUTREACH**

Rev. Sherpherd Munikwa, the new Minister for Justice, Mission and Outreach for the three eastern regions, was introduced to the region. Sherpherd took time to re-introduce himself to the region in this new role, and to the work being carried out in the region in the name of God's mission for equity and fairness for all.

Mission and  
Service

**MISSION AND SERVICE**

The President welcomed Roger Janes, Stewardship and Gifts Officer for the eastern regions of the United Church. Roger shared a presentation asking members to be part of *Called to be the Church; The Journey* program. The philanthropy unit offers help and guidance to communities of faith to discover best practices and resources for stewardship and congregational giving. Roger was excited to share that, even through the pandemic, we have found a way to support mission and service and help build a better world. In 2021, over \$20 (twenty) million was given; allowing us to help transform lives. Sincere thanks to all who have supported and continue to support, with their gifts.

President

**PRESIDENT**

(Hope Rowsell, Past President assumed the chair)

The President, Grant Stuckless, presented his report, included in the docket of reports on pages R8-R10. The President shared that his term as president has been rewarding, humbling and educational, and thanked the Past President, Rev. Peggy Johnson for her support and guidance. The President thanked the members gathered for their support over the past year.

(Grant Stuckless reassumed the chair)

Executive  
Minister

**EXECUTIVE MINISTER**

Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister, offered her remarks to the members gathered. The Executive Minister challenged members of regional council to consider the words of Margaret Wheatley, in her book *Turning to One Another: Simple Conversations to Restore Hope to the Future*, and ask *what's possible?* The Executive Minister shared some of her experiences during a trip to the Philippines in 2019 to meet with United Church partners, reminding us that we all have gifts to share. The Executive Minister challenged us to think about how we can ask *what's possible*, and come to be the people that God calls us to be. The seeds of love that we plant now will last long after we are gone. Let us make a commitment to be bold disciples and to be courageous in living the way we are called to be.

UCRD

**UNITED CHURCH RESOURCE AND DISTRIBUTION (UCRD)**

William Simmons from the General Council office, joined the regional council to present some resources available through UCRD. William highlighted several new books available now and invited members to follow the UCRD newsletter and social media for more details.

Announcements

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Stephanie McClellan, Program Team Convenor offered the announcements of the region.

Grace and  
Lunch

**GRACE AND LUNCH**

Gneid Lackey offered grace.



**GATHERING WITH MUSIC**

Gathering  
with Music

The Liturgy Team, with music ministry by Alex Constable, the music team from Bonavista, Oliver Dingwell and Catherine Stuart, gathered the members of regional council together with music.

**GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE**

General  
Council  
Office  
Representative

Adam Hanley, theme presenter, was also in attendance at the annual meeting as General Council Office representative. Adam introduced the council to the six theme words from the strategic plan: deep spirituality, bold discipleship, daring justice; words that represent all that the United Church stands for; and how we live our ministry together, as we work to become our best selves and commit to this vision. Adam thanked the council for allowing him to be present to bring greetings.

**MINISTERIAL, HUMAN AND PASTORAL RELATIONS**

Ministerial,  
Human and  
Pastoral  
Relations

Ian March-MacCuish, Ministerial, Human and Pastoral Relations Team Convenor, introduced the team members to the regional council members, and thanked the communities of faith for their support in this important work. The team encourages everyone who is not familiar with ChurchHub to please reach out and obtain help to this essential link for communities of faith and ministry personnel. There are currently 30 (thirty) communities of faith in the pastoral relations process. The Team Convenor expressed that it may be time for the region to not only think outside the box; but to build a new box for future directions in ministry.

**INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES AND NEW MINISTERS**

Introduction of  
Candidates  
and New  
Ministers

Brian Colbourne, Acting Regional Minister, welcomed students and candidates for ministry to the council. Welcome and congratulations were extended to admissionand Edison Wiltshire, and to James Martin-Carter, being recognized as a Designated Lay Minister, this weekend at the Celebration of Ministries Service. Edison and James were both offered the opportunity introduce themselves to the regional council. Brian Colbourne also introduced to the council candidates for ordered ministry Jennifer Billard, Corey Paul (FSLDW), Stephanie Rose, and Katelyn Vardy; and Designated Lay Ministerial candidates Heather Cronhelm, and Keith Wiseman. New ministers Alex Constable, James Ravenscroft, Beverly Matthews, Stephen Matthews, and Shepherd Munikwa were welcomed to the region.

**BREAK**

Break

As members entered the break, Stephanie McClellan, Program Team Convenor, reminded the council of the Clergy Retreat and Symposium, scheduled on June 6-10, 2022. Registration and information is available on the regional website.

**THEN LET US SING**

Then Let Us  
Sing

The President introduced Kevin Parks, a member of the development team working on the church's new digital hymn library, *Then Let us Sing*, as well as online worship resources through Gatheringworship.ca All resources are easily searchable, and include licensing. These resources will be brought online in 2024 and available for the church's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**AFFIRM COMMITTEE**

Affirm  
Committee

Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister, presented the progress report on behalf of the Affirm Committee. The committee was established by the council in October, 2020. The Executive Minister outlined the terms of reference of the committee, and introduced the members to the Affirming Ministry Program, which strives to be fully inclusive and publicly welcoming. To become affirming, your ministry must be public, intentional and explicit. The Executive Minister noted that a piece of this work would also involve communities of faith examining their marriage policies. In First Dawn Eastern Edge region, the committee is preparing to offer educational webinars and is continuing work on an updated mission statement. This revised statement was sent to Affirm United for feedback, and will now be posted for feedback from the region. The committee hopes to have the statement ready for acceptance at the next annual meeting.

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Health and  
Wellness  
Moment

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS MOMENT**

Regional Council members participated in a Yoga session, in keeping with the theme *Presence and Hope: Health and Wellness*.

Guaranteed  
Livable  
Income

**GUARANTEED LIVABLE INCOME**

Miriam Bowlby was welcomed to the regional council to highlight the work of the network supporting a guaranteed livable income for persons struggling to earn a livable wage. The group presented a video offering more information and resources to help in this important work.

Financial  
Statements  
2021

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2021**

Brenda Andrews, secretary of the Division of Finance and Administrative Resources, presented the 2021 audited financial statements to the regional council on behalf of the chair, Roy West. A detailed account of the region's finances was presented during a webinar on May 9, 2022. The auditor, MNP, reported that the statements present fairly the financial position of the regional council. It was also noted that the reports outline actual revenue and expenses for 2021 and the restricted and unrestricted funds of the region. The division offered thanks to the regional staff for their work on the audit.

**MOTION:** (Brenda Andrews/Bob Bennett)

That the 2021 audited financial statements for First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

Budget 2023

**BUDGET 2023**

The First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council budget for 2023 was presented by Brenda Andrews. An information webinar for the 2023 budget took place on May 9, 2022. It was noted that there is an increase in salaries due to cost of living increases and a new policy for pay equity, and a decrease in the annual meeting expense, due to the planned virtual meeting for 2023. Also noted was that the Division of Finance and Administration is presenting a balanced budget for 2023, with Mission Support Grant payments remaining the same.

**MOTION:** (Brenda Andrews/Dean Sellars)

That the budget for 2023 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

Elections

**ELECTIONS – PART II**

President-Elect

**MOTION:** (Gneid Lackey/Stephanie McClellan)

That Rev. Amanda Barnes be acclaimed as President-Elect of First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council.

**CARRIED**

The President-Elect, Amanda Barnes, was provided the opportunity to address the regional council.

Courtesies

**COURTESIES**

Stephanie McClellan offered thanks and acknowledgement to all who participated in the regional council meetings. The team convenor offered a heartfelt thank you to those who attended, presented, planned, and inspired. Gratitude was also expressed to the Executive Minister; the regional council staff; and Kyle March-MacCuish for his technical support. Thanks to the theme speaker, Adam Hanley, the wellness break Zumba and yoga leaders, the liturgy and music team, president, president-elect, division chairs, program team, and all the members who attended. The President then thanked Stephanie McClellan for her leadership on the Program Team.

**CLOSING MOTION**

Closing  
Motion

**MOTION:** (Faith March-MacCuish/Russell Small)

That First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council designate to the Executive the power to act for the Region in all matters except those excluded by the Manual 2022; and

That the fourth annual meeting of First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council close at the completion of the Celebration of Ministries Service, Sunday, May 15, 2022; and

That the fifth annual meeting of the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council be held virtually on May 12-14, 2023.

**CARRIED**

**CLOSING WORSHIP**

Closing  
Worship

Liturgy Team Convenor, Gneid Lackey, led the regional council in closing worship. Bill Matchem offered reflection and prayer, based on a scripture reading from 1Corinthians 12. Music leadership was offered by Bill Matchem, and Wayne Blackwood and the music ministry team of Central Labrador Pastoral Charge.

**GRACE AND SUPPER**

Grace and  
Supper

Gneid Lackey, Liturgy Team Convenor offered a blessing and grace.

**KITCHEN PARTY**

Kitchen Party

President-Elect, Nancy Mojica-Fisher hosted a relaxing and entertaining "kitchen party". Members signed up to participate and offered to share their songs, stories, poems, skits, and laughter to conclude the day of meetings.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Closing  
Prayer

Grant Stuckless closed the meeting with prayer.

**Sunday, May 15, 2022**

**CELEBRATION OF MINISTRIES SERVICE**

Celebration of  
Ministries  
Service

The Celebration of Ministries service was held at Wesley United Church, St. John's, on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 2:00pm. There were a limited number in attendance (in person) at the service, and the service was live streamed so that all members were able to witness this important milestone event. The President, Rev. Grant Stuckless, was the preacher. Rev. Edison Wiltshire was admitted to The United Church of Canada, and James Martin-Carter was recognized as a Designated Lay Minister. Rev. Nancy Mojica-Fisher was installed as the next President of First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council. The newly installed President, Nancy Mojica-Fisher announced the theme for the 2023 annual meeting as *Created in God's Image*, based on Psalm 139.

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Rev. Grant Stuckless  
President

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Rev. Faith March-MacCuish  
Executive Minister

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Appendix A

**ATTENDANCE**

Andrews, Brenda  
 Andrews-Ralph, Janice  
 Anthony, Dave  
 Anthony, Melinda  
 Baker, Ruth  
 Bartlett-Hickey, Sandra  
 Best, Sharon  
 Bowlby, Miriam  
 Brett, Kathy  
 Buffett, Gerald  
 Burt, Connie  
 Cave, Doreen  
 Colbourne, Brian  
 Constable, Alex  
 Cormier, Adrien  
 Cronhelm, Wendy  
 Dawson, Elizabeth  
 Dymont, Marybeth  
 Elliott, Lorraine  
 Gale, Paula  
 Gordon-Murray, Ettie  
 Hannon, Brian  
 Hussey, Max  
 Janes, Roger  
 Jones, Marilyn  
 Knight, Morley  
 Lake, Carol Ann  
 Maich, John  
 March-MacCuish, Ian  
 Martin-Carter, James  
 Matthews, Beverly  
 Mazhara, Simbarashe  
 Moores, Alice  
 Mullins, Muriel  
 Noseworthy, Cecil  
 Oram, Sharon  
 Parsons, Georgina  
 Paul, Corey  
 Penney, Marion  
 Pike, Linda  
 Pike, Rebecca  
 Ravenscroft, James  
 Rees, Marilyn  
 Rose, Sharon  
 Rowsell, Hope  
 Sellars, Dean  
 Sheppard, Susan  
 Smith, Lorraine  
 Stuckless, Grant  
 Thorne, Karen  
 Wells, Brenda  
 Winsor-Dunn, Erika

Other:

Gibson, Marcie (Presenter)  
 Laundry, Leona (Staff)  
 Parks, Kevin (Presenter)  
 Richardson, Andrew (Staff)  
 Stuart, Catherine (Staff)

Andrews, Juanita  
 Angel, Roger  
 Anthony, Dianne  
 Badcock, Jack  
 Barnes, Amanda  
 Bennett, Bob  
 Blackwood, Wayne  
 Brace, Julie  
 Brown, Carol  
 Burt, Cynthia  
 Burt, Kathleen  
 Cole, Brad  
 Cole, Isabelle  
 Cook, Jocelyn  
 Cronhelm, Heather  
 Daka, Limon  
 Dingwell, Oliver  
 Efford, Mary  
 Fry, Frank  
 Goodfellow-Baikie, Robin  
 Guitard, Margaret  
 Harnett, Jean  
 Ivany, Rosemary  
 Jerrett, Ann  
 Jones-Fitzgerald, Pamela  
 Lackey, Gneid  
 LeDrew, Daphne  
 March-MacCuish, Faith  
 Martin, Alfreda  
 Matchem, William  
 Matthews, Stephen  
 Mojica-Fisher, Nancy  
 Mullaly, Linda  
 Muwowo, Simon  
 Noseworthy, Larry  
 Pardy, Marion  
 O'Rourke, Emma  
 Paul, Ethel  
 Petten, Karen  
 Pike, Randy  
 Purchase, Randy  
 Reardon, Maxine  
 Roberts, Carol  
 Rose, Stephanie  
 Sandford, Heather  
 Sheppard, Beverley  
 Small, Russell  
 Stratton, Marion  
 Squires, Elsie  
 Vardy, Paul  
 Wiltshire, Edison

Hanley, Adam (GCO Rep./Presenter)  
 Munikwa, Sherpherd (Staff)  
 Piercey, Alison (Staff)  
 Simmons, William (Presenter)  
 Taylor, Jennifer (Staff)

Appendix B

**REGRETS**

Case, Ray  
Cole, Roscoe  
Foley, Rosalind  
Hann, Donna  
Johnson, Peggy  
Morgan, Denine  
Noseworthy, Ella  
Sheppard, Hannah  
Stockley, George

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Appendix C

**IN MEMORIAM**

In Memoriam

First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council

May 17, 2021 – Annual Meeting 2022

DATE	NAME	CONNECTION TO REGIONAL COUNCIL
January 31, 2021	Mrs. Shirley Noel	Elected Lay Member
June 15, 2021	Mr. Graham Bursey	Husband of Rev. Karen Bursey (Retired Clergy)
July 13, 2021	Mrs. Kay F.E. Barbour	Mother of Rev. Stephen Barbour and Rev. Karen Thorne
July 15, 2021	Rev. Florence Sanna	Retired Ministry Personnel
July 21, 2021	Rev. Theodore Clem Rodgers	Retired Ministry Personnel
August 13, 2021	Mrs. Ruby Olive Hann	Mother of Rev. Donna Hann
September 13, 2021	Mrs. Lavinia Ginn	Mother of Rev. Calvin Ginn
October 10, 2021	Rev. Clayton Austin	Retired Ministry Personnel
October 13, 2021	Mrs. Grace Clouter	Wife of Mr. Raymond Clouter (Retired Designated Lay Minister)
October 25, 2021	Rev. Wilfred E. Pelley	Retired Ministry Personnel
November 3, 2021	Mrs. Alice Cater	First Female Lay President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Conference (2002-03)
November 3, 2021	Rev. Leander Mills	President Newfoundland and Labrador Conference (1995-97)
February 15, 2022	Mr. Eric Lane	Husband of Mrs. Jean Lane (Retired Designated Lay Minister). Mr. Lane served several Pastoral Charges while he was a Lay Pastoral Minister in Training.
February 23, 2022	Ms. Kelly Hillier	Daughter of Rev. Eric (Retired) and Mrs. Marion Hillier
April 22, 2022	Mrs. Florence Flight	Sister of Rev. Silas Rodgers (retired clergy) and Mr. Ray Rodgers (retired DLM)



