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3rd Annual Meeting

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

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing

June 4-5 & 14, 2021

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FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL Annual Meeting 2021

Regional Council Executive

President.....	Rev. Audrey Lounder
Past Chair.....	Ms. Heather Donnelly
President Elect.....	Ms. Sheila Gallant
Executive Minister.....	Rev. Faith March-MacCuish
Financial and Mission Services.....	Rev. Nathan Wright
Nominations.....	Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin
Regional Planning Committee.....	Ms. Sheila Gallant
Property.....	Mr. Mark Glass
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. Elaine Burrows

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SESSIONS OF FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL

<u>YEAR/PLACE</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE MINISTER</u>
2019 – Sackville, NB	Ms. Heather Donnelly (Chair)	Rev. E.V. Faith March-MacCuish
2020 – Virtual Meeting	Rev. Audrey Louder	Rev. E.V. Faith March-MacCuish
2021 – Virtual Meeting	Rev. Audrey Louder	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
Beairsto, Ellen	Ordained Minister	Retired
Bedell, Fran	Ordained Minister	non-UCC
Benjamin-Cameron, Beth	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
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
Campbell, Rachel	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
Cosman, Douglas	Ordained Minister	Retired
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
Dickson, Catherine	Candidate	Active
Dingwell, T. Kevin	Ordained Minister	Active
Doull, Jane	Ordained Minister	Retired
Ellis, Wallace	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
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

REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL - continued

Ministry Personnel - continued

Fraser, Bonnie	Ordained Minister	Active
Fraser, John	Ordained Minister	Retired
Friedman, Betty-Jean	Ordained Minister	Retired
Fuller, Linda	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Galbraith, Vincent	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
Gilbert-Morwood, E. Ann	Ordained Minister	Retired
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
Hagerman, Holly	Candidate	Active
Hamilton, David	Ordained Minister	Retired
Hamilton Dowell, Pamela	Ordained Minister	Active
Harrison, Kendall	Ordained Minister	Active
Hatfield, Mark	Ordained Minister	Retired
Herman, Jean	Ordained Minister	Active
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	Active
Johnson, Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Johnston, Leslie	Ordained Minister	Active
Jones, Kate	Ordained Minister	Active
Jones, Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Keller, Claudia	Ordained Minister	Active
Kennedy, James	Ordained Minister	Active
Kennedy, Ruth	Indeterminate	Active
King, Harold	Ordained Minister	Active
Kitson, Claudia	Ordained Minister	Retired
Knowles, Helen	Indeterminate	Active
Kraglund, Raymond	Ordained Minister	Retired
Krommenhoek, Cora	Ordained Minister	Active
Lazaro, Isagani	Ordained Minister	Retired
Lewis, Blair	Ordained Minister	Retired
Lockhart, Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Louder, Audrey	Ordained Minister	Retired
Luker, A. David	Ordained Minister	Active
Lynk, Eric	Ordained Minister	Retired
Lyons, Keith	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacConnell, Allan	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
MacDonald, Brian	Ordained Minister	Active
MacDonald, Ian	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacDonald, James	Ordained Minister	Active
MacDougall, Donald	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacDougall, Heather	Ordained Minister	Retired

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Ministry Personnel - continued

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
MacNeill, Karen	Ordained Minister	Active
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
March-MacCuish, Faith	Ordained Minister	Active
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
Mills, Leander	Ordained Minister	Retired
Moase, Clifford	Ordained Minister	Retired
Morris, Hazel	Ordained Minister	Retired
Mullin, Carol	Ordained Minister	Retired
Noble, Joy	Ordained Minister	Retired
O'Neill, Andrew	Ordained Minister	Active
Palmer, D. Neal	Ordained Minister	Active
Palmer-Harding, Elaine	Ordained Minister	Retired
Patrick, Louise	Designated Lay Minister	Active
Pearen, Natasha	Ordained Minister	Active
Postlethwaite, James	Ordained Minister	Retired
Postlethwaite, Penny	Designated Lay Minister	Active
Price, Nancy	Ordained Minister	Retired
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
Schooley, S. Alan	Ordained Minister	Retired
Schulze, Christine	Ordained Minister	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, 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

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Ministry Personnel – continued

Szemok, Alice	Ordained Minister	Active
Szemok, Geza	Ordained Minister	Active
Thomas, Linda	Ordained Minister	Retired
Thomson, Kenneth	Ordained Minister	Retired
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
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

REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL - continued

Elected Lay Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pastoral Charge</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pastoral Charge</u>
Adams, Debrah	Gaspé-Cap-aux-Os	Affleck, Shirely	Mount Stewart-Morell-St. Peter's Bay
Arsenault, Christine	Wellington	Ashley, Bette	Two Rivers
Ball, Nelson	Sussex: St. Paul's	Barlow, Marie	Bideford
Bernard, Joan	Central Queens	Bigsby, Kathy	Charlottetown: Spring Park
Blaisdell, Chris	Kings United	Blakely, Jane	Fredericton: St. Paul's
Blanchard, Jim	Kensington	Bolo, Corina	Alberton-Elmsdale
Boulter, Richard	South Shore	Bubar, James	Keswick Ridge
Buck DeJesus, Kimberly	Moncton: St. John's	Burleigh, Paul	Bideford
Burns, Velvet	Baie Verte-Port Elgin-Tidnish Bridge	Burrows, Elaine	Summerside
Cameron, Heather	Charlottetown: Trinity	Campbell, Bev	Margate
Carter-Jay, Gail	Winsloe	Christie, Robert	Fredericton: Forest Hill
Cleave, Shirley	Fredericton: Wilmot	Clow, Blanche	Bedeque North
Coates, Genie	Jolicure	Coté, Regina	Moncton: Mountain View
Crowley, Robert	Quispamsis	Crozier, Horace	Margate
Daley, Muriel	New Bandon	Dalzell, Birdeena	Upper Mills
Day, Rosemary	Saint John: Silver Falls	Daye, Jamie	Campbellton
Delaney, Vickie	Upsalquitch	DeLong, Debbie	Kingsley-Birdton
DeMone, Bernadette	McKee's Mills – Rexton	Dempsey, Karen	St. James
Dickieson, Wayne	Cavendish-Breadalbane	Donnelly, Heather	Harvey Station
Douglass, Kimberley	Stanley	Eales, Joanne	McAdam
Easter, Roland	Central Queens	Easter, Cindy	Central Queens
Eindeguer, Tanya	Edmundston: St. Paul's (SM)	Elkin, Elaine	Two Rivers
Ellis, Diane	New Bandon	Ellsworth, Corinne	Montague
Fairney, Janice	St. Andrew's	Farrar, Liz	West River
Fisher, Robert	Fredericton: Forest Hill	Folkins, Mary	Millstream
Folkins, Lisa	Sussex: St. Paul's	Forward, Larry	Fredericton: Nashwaaksis
Forward, Helen	Fredericton: Nashwaaksis	Friars, Tracy	Saint John: Harmony
Frizzell, Gordon	Cavendish-Breadalbane	Fullarton, Pat	Woodstock
Fullerton, Kathleen	Two Rivers	Gallant, Joseph	Hillsborough
Gallant, Sheila	York-Covehead	Glass, Mark	Plaster Rock-Grand Falls
Gosbee, Becky	Memorial	Grant, Valerie	Rothsay
Green, Marion	Miramichi: Tabusintac	Hale, Larry	West River
Hall, Joan	Woodstock	Hannan, Sharon	St. James
Harding, Steve	Newtown-Waterford	Henry, Doris	Riverview: Bridgedale
Henry, Katherine	Harvey Station	Howard, Lance	St. Andrew's
Howatt, Cathy	Faith Memorial	Johnston, Shirley	Montague
Keirstead, Lloyd	Sussex: St. Paul's	King, Sue	Quispamsis
Knowles, Stan	Newcastle	Lavers, Deborah	Montague
Laverty, Norman	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	MacCallum, Marion	York-Covehead
MacEwen, Don	Mount Stewart-Morell-St. Peter's Bay	MacLaren, Nona	Mount Stewart-Morell-St. Peter's Bay
MacLean, Ernest	Chatham	MacLean, Edith	Bedeque North
MacLeod, Marlene	Moncton: Mount Royal	MacRae, Connie	Newcastle
Martell, Marilyn	St. David's, Georgetown	Matheson, Ila	Kings United
Matthews, Terry	Red Bank	Maund, Ilene	Moncton: Mount Royal
Mersereau, JoAnne	Welsford	Moore, Jean	Millstream
Moore, Bruce	Sackville	Moore, Randy	Fredericton: Marysville-Penniac
Morrison, Peter	Prince William	Mullin, Wayne	Chatham
Naugler, Ron	Fredericton: St. Paul's	O'Hearn, Chris	Campbellton
Palmer, Jini	Bathurst	Perley, Lori	Fredericton: Nashwaaksis
Peters, Anna	Moncton: Visions United	Petryshen, Jen	Fredericton: St. Paul's
Phillips, Carl	Bideford	Pippy, Carol	Vernon Bridge
Powell, Delena	New Richmond	Ramsay, Cindy	Kensington
Richardson, Joan	Petitcodiac-Salisbury	Rogers, Andrea	West River
Roxborough, Janet	Oromocto	Sabin, Richard	Saint John: Carleton-Kirk
Savoie, Elizabeth	Fredericton: Wilmot	Shaerer, Claudia	Moncton: Visions United
Small, Nancy	Summerside	Spires, Wayne	St. Stephen: Kirk-McColl

REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL - continued

Elected Lay Members – continued

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pastoral Charge</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pastoral Charge</u>
Stadelmayer, Arlene	Wellington	Stavert, Ernie	West River
Stewart, Calvin	Red Bank	Taylor, Letta	Bocabec
Teed, Karen	Moncton: St. John's	Trail, Eddie	Alberton-Elmsdale
Tremblett, Kimberly	Campbellton	Trickey, Carl	Saint John: St. Andrew & St. David
Vickers, Martha	Bathurst	Walker, Pauline	Bedeque North
Wallace, Bonnie	Shediac	Walls, Edith	Blackville
Walls, Wesley	Rothsay	Watson, Linda	Kings United
Wylie, Gail	Fredericton: Wilmot		

- Retired Designated Lay Ministers (DLM) not in an appointment are counted on the lay membership roll.

Appointed Members

Anderson, Julielynn Archives and Records Chair

Corresponding Members

Charters, Sarah	GCO Representative
Ellis, Hugh	Visitor
Good, Linnea	Visitor
Janes, Roger	Staff
Jensen, Jonna	Ecumenical Guest
LeBlanc, Robert	Ecumenical Guest
Munro, Carol	Visitor
Parks, Kevin	Visitor
Pruden, Murray	Theme Presenter
Taylor, Jennifer	Staff
Whittemore, Jennifer	Staff

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Pieced Together in God's Love

Friday, June 4, 2021

REGISTRATION

Members of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council registered online for the June 4-5, 2021 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.

Registration

ATTENDANCE – Appendix A

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

Attendance

REGRETS – Appendix B

Appendix B lists regrets received by members of the region.

Regrets

GATHERING

The annual meeting, held by zoom video conferencing, opened at 5:30pm for members to gather and to test connections.

Gathering

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

The President welcomed everyone to the third 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.

Call to Order

Welcome

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, respect and friendship with all people.

Acknowledgement
of Place

QUORUM AND CONSTITUTION OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

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

Quorum

Constitution of the
Council

PRAYER FOR LOSS IN KAMLOOPS

The President called for a moment of silence as we reflect on our part as settlers for the tragedy that resulted from the residential school system. We use this silence to listen, to learn and to stand in solidarity. The President offered prayer in this time of mourning. We grieve for the children lost and pray for peace and understanding for our family.

Prayer for Loss in
Kamloops, BC

OPENING WORSHIP

Opening worship was led by the Worship Team of the Regional Planning Committee, Kyle Grant, Alicia Walls and Andrea Rogers. Prayer, scripture and hymns were offered to animate the theme *Pieced Together in God's Love*. Rev. Dr. Andy O'Neill offered a reflection, and vocalist Tracy Johnstone Miller and the St. Paul's United Church Band offered music leadership.

Opening Worship

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

As part of the opening worship, the President led the in-memoriam prayer and video presentation.

Service of
Remembrance

Equity Support
Team**EQUITY SUPPORT TEAM**

The President introduced Elizabeth Stevenson and Pix Butt from the Equity Support Team. The roll of the Equity Team is to attend meetings as listeners, as is the current practice at meetings of the General Council Executive. The Equity Team ask that the council keep the following questions before them at all times during the meeting:

1. Am I responding with my bias(es)?
2. Just because we've always done it this way, should we continue?
3. Who is missing around our table in this discussion? (Do we need to consult wider?)
4. Whose voices haven't been heard? Have I spoken too much?
5. Am I using correct pronouns for colleagues?
6. Am I making assumptions based on race, sexual orientation, gender, to name a few?

Procedural
Motion**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

Sheila Gallant, Chair of the Regional Council Planning Committee, presented the opening procedural motion.

MOTION: (Faith March-MacCuish/Sheila Gallant)

That the Roll of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council be (Manual 2021 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 2021;

"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, Melaney Matheson, Kyle Grant.

That the minute secretary for the Third (3rd) 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 2021 Appendix: Procedures for Holding a Meeting and Decision-Making.

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.

CARRIED

CONSENT MOTION

Consent
Motion

Sheila Gallant, Chair of the Regional Planning Committee, presented the consent motion.

MOTION: (Faith March-MacCuish/Sheila Gallant)

That Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council:

1. Approves the Minutes of the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council Meeting, September 26, 2020 (RC71-RC84) as circulated.
2. Receives and accepts the following accountability reports:
 - a. President
 - b. Regional Executive Minister
 - c. Affirm Ministry
 - d. Archives and Records Committee
 - e. Faith and Education Formation Committee
 - f. Finance and Mission Services Committee
 - g. Incorporated Ministries Committee
 - h. Justice, Mission and Outreach Committee
 - i. Nominations Committee
 - j. Pastoral Relations Committee
 - k. Property Committee
 - l. Regional Planning Committee
 - m. Tri-Regional Staff Support Committee
3. Receives for information the following reports:
 - a. Atlantic School of Theology
 - b. Atlantic School of Theology Senate
 - c. Centre for Christian Studies
 - d. Emmanuel College
 - e. Office of Vocation
 - f. United Church Women
4. Receives for information the following ecumenical greetings:
 - a. The Rev Dr. Marion Barclay MacKay, Moderator, Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, The Presbyterian Church in Canada
 - b. The Rev. Dr. Michael Pryse, Bishop, Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
 - c. The Rev. Jonna Jensen, Transitional Conference Minister, Maine Conference of United Church of Christ
 - d. The Rt. Rev. David J. Edwards, Diocesan Bishop, Anglican Diocese of Fredericton

CARRIED

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 the theme *Pieced Together in God's Love*.

Introduction of Students**INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS**

Andrew Richardson, Office of Vocation Minister, introduced regional members of the Candidacy Board, and welcomed the students and candidates for ministry to the council. Introduced to the regional members were candidates for ordered Ministry; Brian Botten, Catherine Ann Dickson, Priscilla Geitsterfer, Emma Seamone, Rhonda Scofield and Chris Walker; candidate for Diaconal Ministry, Alicia Walls; and Designated Lay Ministry Candidates, Corey Paul and Bev Sharp. Congratulations were extended to Emma Seamone who will be ordained at the Celebration of Ministry Service on June 14, 2021.

Break**BREAK**Welcome**WELCOME**

The President introduced Sarah Charters, Acting President of The United Church of Canada Foundation and Acting Director of Philanthropy. Sarah joins the meeting as representative of the General Council Office and brings greetings to the region on behalf of the foundation and the General Council. Sarah thanked members gathered for their support throughout the pandemic.

Moderator**MODERATOR**

The Moderator, the Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, shared opening remarks via video message. He spoke of the challenges of this pandemic year, but thanked those gathered for finding ways to ensure that we continued to reach out and support one another through it all. It will be a different year ahead, and a different General Council 44 (GC44) gathering, but there will also be opportunities in connection, learning and worship. The Moderator invites everyone to take the time and energy to make GC44 the best experience it can be. He asks also that we continue to gather and celebrate one another.

General Secretary**GENERAL SECRETARY**

The General Secretary, Rev. Michael Blair, shared opening remarks via video message. He thanked the region for its mission and ministry through the loss and uncertainty of the past year. The General Secretary expressed thanks and gratitude for the work of the church in this difficult time, but also offered hope and encouragement to continue what we are called to do and expressed excitement for what lies ahead. The General Secretary offered blessings on the meetings and for the work in the days ahead.

Ecumenical Guests**ECUMENICAL GUESTS**

Greetings from ecumenical guests were shared in the reports to the region, and also through video messages. Video messages from Rev. Dr. Michael Pryse, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and Rt. Rev. David Edwards, Anglican Diocese of Fredericton were shared. The Rev. Jonna Jensen, United Church of Christ, was in attendance to bring greetings.

Equity Support Team**EQUITY SUPPORT TEAM**

Elizabeth Stevenson reminded the council of the role of the equity team and offered feedback on the meeting to this point, noting the inclusion of members of varied age, language and culture.

Celebrating Milestones**CELEBRATING MILESTONES**

Audrey Louder, Regional Council President, introduced 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.

Retirements**Retirements**

2020 Rev. Jane Doull, Rev. Betty-Jean Friedman, Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin
2021 Mr. Wallace Ellis, Rev. James Postlethwaite

Anniversaries

2020	Rev. Chesley A. Boutilier	50 years	Rev. Gary F. Clark	50 years
	Rev. Leslie A. Jay	50 years	Rev. Dr. Roland E. Vincent	50 years
	Rev. L. Garth Caseley	55 years	Rev. Hugh C. MacLean	55 years
	Carol Stevenson-Seller	55 years	Rev. Ian K. MacDonald	60 years
	Rev. Donald S. MacDougall	60 years		
2021	Rev. Robert Lockhart	50 years	Rev. Jack Spencer	50 years
	Rev. James G. Crooks	55 years	Rev. R. John Foster	55 years
	Rev. David H. Hamilton	60 years	Rev. Ian F. MacLean	60 years
	Rev. Douglas I. MacEachern	65 years		

Anniversaries

Welcome

Kendall Harrison, Regional Minister, welcomed new ministers Natasha Pearen, Ian Manson, Sim Rushton, Holly Hagerman, and Chris Walker to the region, and wished farewell to ministers leaving the region; Steven Longmoore, Lynn McKinnon, and Emma Seamone, with thanks for their ministry.

Welcome

Farewell

A video farewell presentation was offered to Laura Hunter, Minister for Justice, Mission and Outreach for the eastern regions, as she follows a call to her new ministry as Executive Director with Open Sky.

Farewell

CLOSING PRAYER

The closing prayer was offered by Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister.

**Closing
Prayer**

Saturday, June 5, 2021

GATHERING

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

Gathering

EQUITY SUPPORT TEAM

The President introduced Pix Butt and Jane Johnson, who are joining the meeting this morning as supporters from the equity team. The members are encouraged to become more affirming, more self-aware and continue to ask ourselves self-monitoring questions to help eliminate bias from our work.

**Equity
Support Team**

OPENING WORSHIP

Opening worship was offered by the Regional Planning Team. Worship started with the sharing of the light, as we shine Christ's light together. Hymn, prayer and scripture were offered to animate the theme *Pieced Together in God's Love*. Rev. Pix Butt offered the reflection, based on the scripture reading from Romans 15:7-13. Music leadership was offered by Christopher Lane, Terri-Lynn McNichol and Alicia Walls, and Ethan and Catherine Stuart.

**Opening
Worship**

EXECUTIVE MINISTER

Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister, offered her remarks to the members gathered. The Executive Minister expressed gratitude for everyone who has given so much of themselves to living out the Gospel in this time and place in our history. The Executive Minister expressed gratitude for the privilege of serving as the region's Executive Minister and thanked members of the region, ministry personnel, communities of faith, staff, and executive for their support. The Executive Minister shared a parable about Olly the Oyster, which illustrated how the difficulties we have faced the past year were hardships. We have felt discouraged and fatigue has set in. It is a difficult time to be church. We can stay stuck in that place, but the hardships have also given us new possibilities. We have what it takes within us to be the church; to answer the Spirit's nudging to be transformed, to be awakened to take risks, to dream, and to not be afraid to try. If we all work together, the best might be yet to come. The power of everyone together allows us to be disciples for God's word, to listen deeply, and be grateful for the ministry that is ours.

**Executive
Minister**

(Heather Donnelly assumed the chair)

President

PRESIDENT

The President, Audrey Louder, addressed the council. She took the opportunity to thank the members for the privilege of serving for two years. The President especially thanked the ministry personnel and communities of faith for their resilience among unbelievable change amid a global pandemic. The President thanked the staff, and executive for their support. The President welcomed Sheila Gallant, President-Elect to the new role, and especially thanked members, who are the very core of the work of this church of ours.

(Audrey Louder reassumed the chair)

Budget

BUDGET 2022

The Regional Council budget for 2022 was presented by Nathan Wright, Chair of Financial and Mission Services. An information webinar for the 2022 budget took place on June 1, 2021. It was noted that, since the webinar, a budget line item of \$1000 (one thousand) has been added for the Affirm Committee. Also noted was that since entering the new structure in the church, there has been no "normal" fiscal year to gauge regular operating expenses. The budget for 2022 therefore shows very few changes from 2021, given that we are still operating in these pandemic times, and have not had the opportunity to gauge regular operating expenses. The changes noted in the budget are mainly due to cost of living increases.

MOTION: (Nathan Wright/Wayne Spires)

That the 2022 budget for Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Audited
Financial
Statements

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2020

Nathan Wright, chair of Financial and Mission Services, presented the 2020 audited financial statements to the Regional Council. A detailed account of the region's finances was presented during a webinar on June 1, 2021. The auditor, MNP, reported that the statements *present fairly the financial position of the regional council.*

MOTION: (Nathan Wright/Robert Crowley)

That the 2020 audited financial statements for Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Proposals

PROPOSALS

Proposal 1

Proposal 1 – Appendix C

Jack Spencer introduced the proposal Climate Crisis: A Call to the Faithful to Work Towards Climate Justice, received from the Ecological Justice Working Group of the Justice, Mission and Outreach Committee. The proposal asks that Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council call upon Communities of Faith to prioritize the urgent need to work towards climate justice in 2021-22 through prayer, liturgy, education and action.

Emma Seamone, Convenor of the Ecological Justice Working Group, provided background for the motion, and members were invited to ask questions for clarification. It was emphasized just how vital the climate crisis is and everyone is encouraged to do something!

MOTION: (Jack Spencer/Emma Seamone)

That Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council supports the proposal *Climate Crisis: A Call to the Faithful to Work Towards Climate Justice* and asks that Communities of Faith share responses with the Ecological Justice Working Group, so that stories and actions may be communicated at the next Annual Meeting in order to inspire and encourage others.

CARRIED

Proposal 2 – Appendix D

Jack Spencer introduced the proposal *That Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters become an Affirming Ministry*, received from the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Affirm Ministry Committee. In keeping with the core values, mission and vision statements of the region, and recognizing the wide diversity of peoples within its bounds, the region seeks to create a safe and welcoming space for all people. The proposal asks that Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region become an Affirming Ministry and a member of Affirm United. Elizabeth Stevenson of the Affirm Committee provided background for the motion, and members were invited to ask questions for clarification. It is the role of an Affirming Ministry to be public, intentional and explicit in treating those with whom we may disagree, with love and respect.

Proposal 2

MOTION: (Jack Spencer/Elizabeth Stevenson)

That Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council become an Affirming Ministry and a member of Affirm United.

CARRIED

It was noted that 98% (ninety-eight) of votes cast were in favor of the motion.

BREAK

Break

GURANTEED LIVABLE INCOME

**Guaranteed
Livable
Income**

During the break, a video presentation on the advocacy work towards Guaranteed Livable Income was shown.

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 imagine what we would do if money was not an issue? If money is getting in the way of your congregation's dreams, then there are resources available for your ministry and mission through stewardship. *Called to be the Church: The Journey* is a new program that is finding a way to help pastoral charges to focus on their ministry. This program includes detailed analysis, individualized coaching, and staff support. We are all invited to consider making Mission & Service a part of our givings. Donations are used to help make a huge difference in living out our faith in the world. A video presentation thanked everyone for their gifts and for helping the United Church change lives through donations.

AFFIRMING MINISTRY

**Affirming
Ministry**

Pix Butt of the Affirm Committee congratulated the region on the 98% (ninety-eight) vote to be an affirming ministry, and introduced a light-hearted video on use of pronouns. Use of pronouns is a sign of welcome, openness and understanding.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations

President-Elect

**President
Elect**

Rose-Hannah Gaskin, Nominations Chair, introduced the matter of the election of President-Elect. The nominee for President-Elect attended a webinar on June 3, 2021, and was given five minutes to speak to introduce himself to the members gathered.

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MOTION: (Rose-Hannah Gaskin/Pix Butt)

That James Kennedy be acclaimed as President-Elect of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council.

CARRIED

General
Council
Commissioners

General Council Commissioners

(Catherine Gaw assumed the chair)

GC44

Rose-Hannah Gaskin, Nominations Chair, 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 3, 2021, and were each given two minutes to speak to introduce themselves. It was noted that Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council is eligible to have 13 (thirteen) Commissioners to GC44. One position is held for the youth pilgrim, leaving 12 (twelve) commissioners to be elected today.

MOTION: (Jane Johnson/Emma Seamone)

That Victoria Murphy and Jenny Vessey (Young Adult); Randy Brekenridge, Shirley Cleave, Heather Donnelly, Hugh Ellis and Carol Munro (Lay); and David Allan, Barbara Cairns, Bethe Benjamin Cameron, Audrey Lounder and Jack Spencer (Ministry Personnel) be acclaimed as the 2021 Elected Commissioners to the 44th General Council.

CARRIED**MOTION:** (Sue White/Wayne Spires)

That Whitney Walls (Young Adult); Sheila Gallant, Heather Keith, Elizabeth Morrison (Lay); and Alice Finnamore, Rose-Hannah Gaskin, Alicia Walls (Ministry Personnel) be acclaimed as the 2021 Elected Alternate Commissioners to the 44th General Council.

CARRIED

(Audrey Lounder reassumed the chair)

Grace and
Lunch

GRACE AND LUNCH

Camp Abegweit camping youth offered a musical grace.

Gathering**GATHERING**Worship**WORSHIP**

Members gathered for worship, led by the Worship Team of the Regional Council Planning Team. Music leadership was offered by Christopher Lane, Terri-Lynn McNichol, Alicia Walls, Tracey Johnstone Miller, and St. Paul's United Church Band. The scripture reading was from 1Thessalonians 5:16-18, and the reflection was offered by Rev. Bethe Benjamin Cameron.

Theme**THEME**

The President welcomed theme presenter, Rev. Murray Pruden, Executive Minister for Indigenous Ministries and Justice with The United Church of Canada. Rev. Pruden started with an update on the recent tragic discovery of graves at the residential school site in Kamloops, BC. The Moderator and Rev. Pruden have prepared prayers that have been shared on the church website.

Rev. Pruden provided background on the indigenous church, and identified the indigenous roots in the United Church. In the early stages of the church, indigenous groups were not recognized as people, and did not have a voice in the church.

The indigenous church moved along with the liberation movements in the 1960s and 1970s. In Canada in the 1980s we saw so much in the movement towards apologies for colonization and residential schools. The All Native Circle Conference was established in 1988, and the Aboriginal Ministries Council followed in 2010. The structural changes in the United Church required rebuilding of the authority that had been built. In October, 2019, the National Indigenous Council was declared as a region with regional authority, however, there is still so much work to be done on mending old relationships and creating new relationships.

The news that has touched everyone across Canada has taken a toll. We need to pause and take time to mourn. Indigenous and settler communities alike are struggling to find the way through this tragedy, as it affects so many in so many different ways. Stop. Reflect. Take time to pray. Indigenous leaders have shared that coming out of a great sacrifice from ancestors, this will be a time of great learning. The council paused together in silence and Rev. Pruden offered prayer for healing.

ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE WORKING GROUP

The President introduced Emma Seamone from the joint Ecological Justice Group of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters and Regional Council 15. A video presentation was shared, highlighting congregational projects that are working towards climate justice through education and example, as well as the *For the Love of Creation* faith and action campaign. *Faithful Footprints* is a program of the United Church, focusing on reducing the carbon footprint of our buildings. Members are invited to share their stories and to be in touch with the Ecological Justice Working Group for any support.

Ecological
Justice
Working
Group

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP

Laura Hunter, Minister for Justice and Mission offered information on prayers for non-violence and respect for fishing and treaty rights.

Prayer for
Peace and
Friendship

UKULELE CHURCH

Catherine Stuart, Children, Youth and Young Adult Minister, and Linnea Good, biblical storyteller and musician, introduced the council to Ukulele Church, a new ministry for children ages 5-12 in the regions, which offers bible stories, crafts and music each Sunday afternoon. This initiative was developed as a response of "how to be the church with children during these pandemic times". It is growing into a musical and spirit-filled way of being church together. More details are available on the regional website, through the minister of Children, Youth and Young Adults. The ministry has also received a grant through Embracing the Spirit, and The United Church of Canada Foundation. All members are encouraged to invite youth in the region to join.

Ukulele
Church

BREAK

Break

SING 2025

The President introduced Kevin Parks, a member of Sing 2025, the development team working on the church's new digital hymn and worship resources. Kevin presented a background of the future forward plan for Worship United; the umbrella for *Gathering* online and the *Let Us Sing* portal for online resources that are easy to access, simplify copyright issues, and are readily searchable. These resources are planned to be available for the church's 100th anniversary. Church music leaders are invited to connect through Music United for mutual support and encouragement.

Sing 2025

ARCHIVES AND RECORDS

Julielynn Anderson, Chair of the Archives and Records Committee, provided information and education on archives and artefacts. The regional archives are a state-of-the-art storage space for the preservation of church records. This is a legal obligation, which preserves history and allows stories to be told. Workshops will be available again in the fall to answer questions about United Church records and artefacts.

Archives and
Records

Equity Support
Team

EQUITY SUPPORT TEAM

Jane Johnson of the Equity Support Team updated the council on the biases and inequities that were noted in today's meetings. It was noted that inequality is not about the intent, but by the effect our actions may have on others. The team thanked everyone for their efforts to understand better our inequities.

Courtesies

COURTESIES

The President thanked all of the guests who took part in the meetings. Thanks were offered to those who provided presentations, representatives of the General Council, ecumenical guests and those who provided leadership during the meeting. Special thanks to the Regional Planning Committee and Worship Team, the staff, and all Regional Council members for their work and dedication to the region.

Closing Motion

CLOSING MOTION

MOTION: (Faith March-MacCuish/Wayne Spires)

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 2021; and

That the third annual meeting of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council be closed and the completion of the Celebration of Ministries Service on June 14, 2021; and

That the fourth annual meeting of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council be held in the spring of 2022, at a date and place to be determined.

CARRIED

Installation of
the President

INSTALLATION OF THE PRESIDENT

The President, Audrey Lounder, installed the new President of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council, Sheila Gallant. Sheila Gallant made the promises of the office of the President and accepted the stole and symbols of the office. The newly installed President, Sheila Gallant addressed the council and offered thanks and gratitude to Audrey Lounder for her service to the region as president, especially in these uncertain pandemic times, and presented a gift to the outgoing president.

Closing Worship

CLOSING WORSHIP

Closing worship was offered by the Worship Team. The meeting closed with prayer, music and scripture from Micah 6:8. Rev. Audrey Lounder, outgoing president, provided the reflection. Whitney Walls performed the closing hymn. The new President, Sheila Gallant offered the benediction.

Monday, June 14, 2021

Celebration of
Ministries

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRIES

The Celebration of Ministries service was held at Mount Royal United Church, Moncton, NB, on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 2:00pm. There were a limited number in attendance (in person) at the service, but the service was live streamed so that all members were able to witness this important milestone event. The Past President, Rev. Audrey Lounder, was the preacher. Emma Seamone was ordained as a minister in The United Church of Canada.

Audrey Lounder
President

Faith March-MacCuish
Executive Minister

Appendix A

ATTENDANCE

Adeniyi	Adekunle
Allan	David G.C.
Anderson	Julielynn
Armstrong	Michelle
Arsenault	Christene
Ashley	Bette
Atwood	David W.
Ball	Nelson
Benjamin Cameron	Bethe
Berube	Stephen R.
Bigsby	Kathy
Bird-Daley	Doreen E.
Blakely	Jane
Bolo	Corina
Boulter	Richard
Bowley	Richard
Bubar	James
Budge	Sarah (Sally) E.
Burke	Kelly A.
Burleigh	Paul
Burrows	Elaine
Butt	Pix
Cairns	Barbara J.
Cameron	Heather
Campbell	David E.
Campbell	Rachel A.
Carter-Jay	Gail
Chongva	Val L.
Christie	Robert
Cleave	Shirley
Clow	Blanche
Coté	Regina
Crowley	Robert
Crozier	Horace
Daley	Beverly A.
Daley	Muriel
Day	Rosemary
DeMone	Bernadette

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Appendix A - continued

ATTENDANCE – continued

Dempsey	Karen
Dickieson	Wayne
Dickson	Catherine Ann
Dingwell	T. Kevin
Donnelly	Heather
Douglass	Kimberley
Doull	Jane
Easter	Cindy
Easter	Roland
Ellsworth	Corinne
Estabrooks	Susan L.
Fairney	Janice
Finnamore	Alice J.
Fisher	Robert
Forward	Helen
Forward	Larry
Fraser	Bonnie A.
Friars	Tracy
Frizzell	Gordon
Gallant	Joseph
Gallant	Sheila
Gaskin	Rose-Hannah
Gaw	Catherine
Gibbons	R. Kent
Gosbee	Rebecca (Becky)
Gourson	Tara Ann B.W.
Green	Marion
Hague	Chris
Hale	Larry
Hall	Joan
Hannan	Sharon
Hannan	Steven
Harrison	Kendall
Herman	Jean
Howard	Lance
Howatt	Cathy
Hunter	Laura J.
Jay	Leslie A.
Johnson	Christine

Appendix A - continued

ATTENDANCE – continued

Johnson	Jane
Johnston	Shirley
Jones	Kate
Keller	Claudia K.
Kennedy	James D.
King	Susan
Knowles	Stan
Lavers	Deborah
LeMaistre	Sue
Leslie	Eileen
Levesque	Gail
Livingstone	Dennis
Loane	Gordon
Lockhart	Robert (Bob)
Luker	A. David
MacDougall	Heather A.
MacEwen	Don
MacLean	Edith
MacLean	Ernest (Ernie)
MacLean	Janice A.
MacLeod	Marlene
MacPherson	Keith R.
MacRae	Connie
Maguire MacKnight	Charlene M.
March-MacCuish	Faith
Matheson	Ila M.
Matheson	Melaney L.
Matthews	Terry
Mullin	Wayne
Naugler	Ron
Palmer	Jini
Palmer	Neal
Perley	Lori
Peters	Anna
Pippy	Carol
Powell-Bujold	Delena
Ramsay	Cindy
Redden	Shawn R.
Reid	Peggy

Appendix A - continued

ATTENDANCE – continued

Richardson	Andrew
Richardson	Joan
Rogers	Andrea
Roxborough	Janet
Roy	John
Sabin	Richard
Schaerer	Claudia
Seamone	Emma
Smith	Catherine E.
Spencer	Jack
Spires	Wayne
Stadelmayer	Arlene
Stevenson	Elizabeth A.
Stewart	Calvin
Stuart	Catherine T.
Stuart	Scott
Szemok	Alice
Vickers	Martha
Walker	Pauline
Walls	Alicia
Walls	Wesley
Walls	Whitney
Watson	Linda
White	Susan P.
Wilson	John A. C.
Wright	Nathan
Wylie	Gail

Charters	Sarah	GCO Representative
Ellis	Hugh	Visitor
Good	Linnea	Visitor
Janes	Roger	Staff
Jensen	Jonna	Ecumenical Guest
LeBlanc	Robert	Ecumenical Guest
Munro	Carol	Visitor
Parks	Kevin	Visitor
Pruden	Murray	Theme Presenter
Taylor	Jennifer	Staff
Whittemore	Jennifer	Staff

Appendix B

REGRETS

Adams	Debra
Anthony	Leslie
Brown	Stephen
Buck de Jesus	Kimberley
Dalzell	Birdeena
Davis	Greg
Delaney	Vickie
DeLong	Deborah
DeLong	Brian
Ellis	Diane
Henry	Katherine
Johnson	Robert
Lewis	Blair
MacDonald	Brian
MacLeod-Wilkie	Karen
Manson	Ian
Mersereau	JoAnne
Noble	Joy
Reidpath	Pamela
Russell	Sharon
Tingley	Mary
Trail	Eddie
Williams	Greg

Appendix C

PROPOSAL 1

Proposal Name: Climate Crisis: A Call to the Faithful to Work Towards Climate Justice

Origin: Ecological Justice Working Group of Justice, Mission and Outreach Committee, Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region

Issue: We believe that we are called to work towards climate justice. God's great gift of Creation – the context in which all life seeks fulfillment - is in crisis. As people of faith we must respond now to work towards a sustainable future for all life on the planet.

“The climate crisis, while overwhelmingly frightening, calls the church to its deepest vocation: incarnating the love that is God.” - Richard Rohr

Why is it important?

In the United Church of Canada we have listened to our global partners, attended UN Climate Conferences, heard the warnings of Indigenous peoples across these lands and around the world. We have witnessed the predictions of climate scientists come true sooner than expected, and we have been moved by the outcry from young people taking to the streets.

As cited in the first “[Sustainability Report](#)” (2019-2020) “climate and ecological degradation has a disproportionate impact on the vulnerable.”

The church has a mission and calling to respond.

As a denomination, we have committed to reducing carbon emissions in our buildings 80% by 2050 in line with the Paris climate targets. Resources, money, and time have been dedicated to this goal, including the Faithful Footprints program. We have begun to redirect investments from fossil fuels toward climate solutions. We are participating in ecumenical and interfaith advocacy and action. This is a start, but actions are needed at every level, and in every Community of Faith.

Addressing the present ecological crisis will require changing hearts as much as minds, developing caring relationships to one another and Creation, and building compelling visions for a future we want for coming generations. This is spiritual work. Communities of Faith and their leaders have important roles to play.

We recognize that we are facing an existential emergency. There is an urgent need to take wise action.

How should the Region respond?

We propose that Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region call upon Communities of Faith to prioritize the urgent need to work towards climate justice in 2021-22 through prayer, liturgy, education and action.

Appendix C - continued

PROPOSAL 1 - continued

Responses may include:

- Regular preaching on seeking climate justice as a faith response
- Offering dialogues and studies, such as “Climate Change, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change.” Author Jim Antal, or “Faithful Climate Conversations” (from For the Love of Creation - forthe loveofcreation.ca)
- Reducing energy consumption in church buildings aiming to help contribute to reaching the UCC emissions reduction targets of 80% by 2050, with Faithful Footprints program as a resource. (faithfulfootprint.org)
- Forming a climate justice committee in their Community of Faith
- Acting ecumenically and with community-based organizations on climate justice-related advocacy
- Take part in community planning for responses to climate related emergencies

And that Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region ask that Communities of Faith share responses with the Ecological Justice Working Group, so that stories and actions may be communicated at the next Annual Meeting in order to inspire and encourage others.

Appendix D

PROPOSAL 2

Proposal Name: That Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters become an Affirming Ministry

Origin: FSLDW Affirm Ministry Committee

1. What is the issue?

We believe the Region is called to continue the story of Jesus by embodying the Spirit of Christ's presence in the world.

We believe we are called to continue that story by living into the Vision adopted at the 2020 FSLDW AGM 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.

We believe that FSLDW is committed to enacting this vision for Affirming Ministries within the Region.

We believe we are called to respond to the challenge from Affirm United in becoming an Affirming Ministry in our new identity as Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters.

As an Affirming Ministry, and to continue the growth of Affirming ministries in the Region, the Affirm Ministry Committee Chair, (or representative) would be a member of the Regional Executive. It will be important to have that voice and listening ear at the Executive level.

2. Why is this issue important?

Key underlying theological, ecclesiological, missional, or justice issues?

In keeping with the Core Values, Mission and Vision Statements of the Region and recognizing the wide diversity of peoples within its bounds, FSLDW Region seeks to create a safe and welcoming space for all people.

History/background of this issue?

Even though the former Maritime Conference was recognized as an Affirming Ministry, as a new Region FSLDW has different people involved offering different dynamics. Affirm United asked that FSLDW go through the education process to become Affirming in it's new identity.

The 2020 FSLDW AGM made a commitment to engage an educational program to raise awareness of what it means to be Affirming and to receive a vote to become Affirming at the 2021 AGM.

Principles informing this issue?

FSLDW understands Affirming to mean "gifts shared for the good of all, resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize... human dignity defended..." (A Song of Faith UCC) , as seem in the teachings and actions of Jesus of Nazareth. (a)

Appendix D - continued

PROPOSAL 2 - continued

Therefore, FSLDW will celebrate the blessings of and support one another in the challenges of our diverse life experiences, including yet not limited to sexual orientation, gender or gender identity, life experience, different abilities, ethnicity, skin colour, generational culture, age, geographic location, economic circumstance, and other areas we have yet to discern. That said, we note that this work was born out of a particular concern for discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity within the church.

FSLDW will equally welcome all people of God and offer them the complete range of opportunities to fully be part of and participate in the life and work of the church, continually seeking to identify and dismantle barriers that hinder the participation and inclusion of marginalized groups and individuals. Listening actively and attentively, we will strive to be public, intentional, and explicit as we live into understanding one another, treating those with whom we disagree with love and respect.

(a) Some scripture references to “teachings”: Matthew 22:34-40; Mathew 25: 31-46, Luke 10: 25-37; Luke 15:11-32; Mark 5:21-23; Mark 10: 13-16; Luke 19: 1-10; John 4: 1-26.

Action Requested:

That Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region become an Affirming Ministry and a member of Affirm United for an annual membership fee.

