

We Are Not Alone~ Reimagining Community



4th Annual Meeting

**Regional Council 15
The United Church of Canada**

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing

May 27-29, 2022

Record of Proceedings – Volume 2

REGIONAL COUNCIL 15 Annual Meeting 2022

Regional Council Executive

President.....	Ms. Jane McDonald
President Elect.....	Dr. Sandra Tomsons
Past President	Ms. Janet Sollows
Executive Minister.....	Rev. Faith March-MacCuish
Division of Finance and Administration.....	Ms. April Hart
Division of Regional Services and Support.....	Mr. Donald Morrison
Division of Ministry Resources.....	Ms. Anne Cameron
Nominations.....	Rev. Alicia Cox
Staff Committee Liaison.....	Rev. Derek Elsworth
Member at Large.....	Mr. Peter Hardy
Member at Large.....	Mr. Max Martin
Member at Large.....	Rev. Shannon MacLean
United Church Women Representative.....	Ms. Deborah Hawkins

SESSIONS OF REGIONAL COUNCIL 15

<u>YEAR/PLACE</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE MINISTER</u>
2019 – Sackville, NB	Rev. Catherine MacDonald	Rev. E.V. Faith March-MacCuish
2020 – Virtual Meeting	Ms. Janet Sollows	Rev. E.V. Faith March-MacCuish
2020 – Virtual Re-Call Meeting	Ms. Janet Sollows	Rev. E.V. Faith March-MacCuish
2021 – Virtual Meeting	Ms. Janet Sollows	Rev. E.V. Faith March-MacCuish
2022 – Virtual Meeting	Ms. Jane McDonald	Rev. E.V. Faith March-MacCuish

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REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL**Ministry Personnel**

Anderson, Kathleen	Ordained Minister	Active
Anderson, Kathryn	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Anderson, Krista	Ordained Minister	Active
Anthony, J. Peter	Ordained Minister	Active
Antle-Brison, Florence	Ordained Minister	Retired
Archibald, A. Fred	Ordained Minister	Retired
Aven, Katherine	Ordained Minister	Active
Bachem-Jennings, Elisabeth	Ordained Minister	Active
Ballantyne, Sharon	Ordained Minister	Active
Bartlett, I. Ross	Ordained Minister	Active
Biggar, Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Billard, Jennifer	Candidate	Active
Blois, Janet	Ordained Minister	Retired
Bristo, Richard	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Brown, James	Ordained Minister	Retired
Brown-Hewitt, Robyn	Ordained Minister	Retired
Buchanan-Rutherford, Natalie	Ordained Minister	Active
Burke-Cole, Kymberly	Ordained Minister	Active
Burns, Helene	Ordained Minister	Active
Burrill, Gary	Ordained Minister	Active
Bursey, Jeffro	Ordained Minister	Retired
Caines-Corkum, Grace	Ordained Minister	Active
Caldwell, Blake	Ordained Minister	Retired
Carruthers, Sandra	Ordained Minister	Retired
Chant, Jeffrey	Ordained Minister	Active
Chapman, Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Chisholm, James	Ordained Minister	Active
Chisholm, M. Dale	Ordained Minister	Retired
Chisholm, Susan	Ordained Minister	Active
Churchill, Gloria	Ordained Minister	Retired
Clark-Ettinger, W. Martin	Designated Lay Minister	Active
Cleary, Heidi	Candidate	Active
Clifton, Lydia	Candidate	Active
Colbourne, Heber	Ordained Minister	Retired
Cole, Tony	Ordained Minister	Active
Corbett, J. Raymond	Ordained Minister	Retired
Cornelius, Marjory	Ordained Minister	Retired
Corrigan, Nancy	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Cox, Alicia	Ordained Minister	Active
Cox, Kevin	Ordained Minister	Active
Cox, Sandra	Ordained Minister	Retired
Crawford, M. Dale	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Crocker, E. Lorraine	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Crooks, Howard	Ordained Minister	Active
Crozman, Randall	Ordained Minister	Retired
Crump, Judith	Ordained Minister	Retired
Cumming, G. Paul	Ordained Minister	Retired
Curlett, Kimberlea	Ordained Minister	Active
Darby, Betty	Ordained Minister	Retired
Darby, H. Allen	Ordained Minister	Retired
Davies, Elizabeth	Ordained Minister	Retired
Davis, Christina	Ordained Minister	Active
Davis, S. Allison	Ordained Minister	Active
Dean, M. Kathleen	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Demmons, A. George	Ordained Minister	Retired
Den Draak, Hubert	Diaconal Minister	Active
Doucette, Shane	Candidate	Active
Drysdale, William	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Duggan, Emily	Ordained Minister	Active
Edgar, Suzanne	Ordained Minister	Retired
Edsall, Holly	Ordained Minister	Retired

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

Elliott, Waldo	Ordained Minister	Retired
Elsworth, Derek	Ordained Minister	Active
Etter, Alison	Ordained Minister	Active
Evans, William	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Feltmate, Dana	Ordained Minister	Active
Fennell, Robert	Ordained Minister	Active
Ferrier, Heather	Ordained Minister	Active
Fillier, Matthew	Ordained Minister	Active
Fillmore, Karen	Ordained Minister	Active
Finlayson, John	Ordained Minister	Retired
Fitzgerald, Sylvia	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Fram, Stephen	Ordained Minister	Active
Fraser, Heather	Ordained Minister	Active
Fraser, Ian	Ordained Minister	Admission
Fraser, Meredith	Ordained Minister	Retired
Gamble, K. Ruth	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Gamblin, Susan	Ordained Minister	Active
Gardner, Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Gibson, William	Ordained Minister	Retired
Gillis, William	Ordained Minister	Retired
Godin, Rosemary	Ordained Minister	Retired
Golding, A. Gail	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Gregan, J. Ivan	Ordained Minister	Active
Griffin, Joan	Ordained Minister	Active
Gunn, Daniel	Ordained Minister	Retired
Gunn, Richard	Candidate	Active
Handcock, Sean	Ordained Minister	Active
Hankinson, J. Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Hann, David	Ordained Minister	Active
Harrison, Andrea	Ordained Minister	Active
Harrison, Ian	Ordained Minister	Active
Harrison, Mary	Ordained Minister	Active
Harrison, W. Lawrence	Ordained Minister	Retired
Hart, April	Candidate	Active
Hart, David	Ordained Minister	Retired
Harty, Rosemarie	Ordained Minister	Active
Haylock, Mary	Ordained Minister	Retired
Hemming, Heather	Ordained Minister	Active
Henderson, Michael	Ordained Minister	Active
Hennigar-Shuh, John	Ordained Minister	Retired
Hewitt, David	Diaconal Minister	Active
Hill, Dianne	Designated Lay Minister	Active
Hogan, Elizabeth	Ordained Minister	Active
Hoganson, Anne	Ordained Minister	Active
Huestis, Lorna	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Ihasz, Louis	Ordained Minister	Retired
Ihasz, Vincent	Ordained Minister	Retired
Innes, F. Marion	Ordained Minister	Retired
Irving, Sandra	Candidate	Active
Jarvis, W. Wayne	Designated Lay Minister	Active
Jenkins, Foster	Ordained Minister	Retired
Johnston, Ralph	Ordained Minister	Retired
Kean, Wendy	Ordained Minister	Active
Kempt, Dianne	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Kennedy, Phillip	Ordained Minister	Active
Kennedy, Valerie	Ordained Minister	Retired
Kerr, Gerald	Ordained Minister	Retired
Kierstead, Emily	Diaconal Minister	Retired
King-Darby, Susan	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Kingsbury, Valerie	Ordained Minister	Active
Lawrence, Donna	Ordained Minister	Active

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

Le Roux, Pieter	Ordained Minister	Active
LeBlanc, David	Ordained Minister	Retired
Little, Kevin	Ordained Minister	Active
Llewellyn, Hallett	Ordained Minister	Retired
Llewellyn, Karen	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Lloy, Marion	Ordained Minister	Retired
Logan, Katherine	Candidate	Active
Lohnes, Sharon	Ordained Minister	Active
Lovelace, Donna	Ordained Minister	Active
Lutes, David	Ordained Minister	Retired
Lynch, Karen	Ordained Minister	Retired
Lynk, L. Allan	Ordained Minister	Active
MacAlpine-Gillis, Susan	Ordained Minister	Active
MacAskill, Lorraine	Ordained Minister	Active
MacCuish, Laurie	Ordained Minister	Active
MacCulloch, Lynda	Ordained Minister	Active
MacDermid, Mary	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
MacDonald, A. Ross	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacDonald, Catherine	Ordained Minister	Active
MacDonald, Daniel	Ordained Minister	Active
MacDonald, Donald	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacDonald, Iain	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacDonald, Neil	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacDonald, R. Marilyn	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacDougall, Gary	Ordained Minister	Retired
Mack, A. Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacKenzie, Bruce	Ordained Minister	Active
MacLachlan, David	Ordained Minister	Active
MacLean, Alexander	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacLean, Angela	Ordained Minister	Active
MacLean, David	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacLean, Glenn	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacLean, Leland	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
MacLean, Mark	Ordained Minister	Active
MacLean, Shannon	Ordained Minister	Active
MacLeod, Carolyn	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacLeod, Victor	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacNaughton, Barbara	Candidate	Active
MacNaughton, James	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
MacPherson, Donald	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacQueen, Donald	Ordained Minister	Retired
MacVicar, R. Diane	Ordained Minister	Retired
Manchester, R. Joseph	Ordained Minister	Retired
Manuel, Heather	Ordained Minister	Active
March-MacCuish, Faith	Ordained Minister	Active
Marmura, Elizabeth	Ordained Minister	Retired
Marple, Meredith	Ordained Minister	Active
Marple, Norman	Ordained Minister	Retired
Martin, Maxwell	Candidate	Active
McCarther, Wayne	Ordained Minister	Retired
McCulloch-Taylor, Shelagh	Ordained Minister	Retired
McCurdy, Brenda	Ordained Minister	Active
McDonald, Curtis	Ordained Minister	Retired
McEwen, Neil	Ordained Minister	Active
McFadden, L. Joanne	Ordained Minister	Active
McIntosh, J. Allan	Ordained Minister	Retired
McKay, Brenda	Ordained Minister	Retired
McNamara, Constance	Ordained Minister	Active
Meredith, Richard	Ordained Minister	Active
Mills, Norma	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Mills, Stephen	Ordained Minister	Retired

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

Moore, L. Vivian	Ordained Minister	Retired
Moriarity, Mary-Beth	Ordained Minister	Active
Morrison, Sandra	Ordained Minister	Retired
Moses, John	Ordained Minister	Retired
Mugford, Michael	Ordained Minister	Active
Murray, Donald	Ordained Minister	Retired
Murray, Gordon	Ordained Minister	Retired
Murray, Roland	Ordained Minister	Active
Myles, S. Marlyne	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Nelson, Penny	Ordained Minister	Active
Nesbitt, John	Ordained Minister	Active
Nicholson, Carolyn	Ordained Minister	Retired
Norton, Ivan	Ordained Minister	Retired
Organ, Montford Craig	Candidate	Active
Orton, Debra	Ordained Minister	Active
Pace, Eric	Ordained Minister	Retired
Palmer, Carolyn	Ordained Minister	Retired
Pardy, Dana	Candidate	Active
Parsons, A. John	Ordained Minister	Retired
Peddie Peters, Mavis	Ordained Minister	Active
Perry, Judith	Ordained Minister	Retired
Phillips, P. Nicholas	Ordained Minister	Active
Pick, Shelley	Ordained Minister	Active
Pilsworth, Douglas	Ordained Minister	Retired
Plant, Margaret Ann	Designated Lay Minister	Active
Porter, Ronald	Ordained Minister	Retired
Ralph, Karen	Ordained Minister	Active
Reaburn, Sarah	Ordained Minister	Active
Redden-Smith, Sheila	Ordained Minister	Retired
Reid, Herbert	Ordained Minister	Retired
Reid, Martin	Ordained Minister	Active
Reppert, Wade	Ordained Minister	Retired
Ritchie, Nancy	Ordained Minister	Retired
Roach, Duncan	Ordained Minister	Active
Robinson, Leslie	Ordained Minister	Retired
Ross, Karen	Ordained Minister	Active
Rutherford, Alice	Ordained Minister	Retired
Sagar, Margaret	Ordained Minister	Retired
Sangster, Annika	Diaconal Minister	Active
Sanson, Margaret	Ordained Minister	Active
Scherzinger, Linda	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Schofield, Rhonda	Candidate	Active
Schurman, Wayne	Ordained Minister	Active
Sellsted, Donald	Ordained Minister	Active
Settle, Lester	Ordained Minister	Retired
Shaffner, W. James	Ordained Minister	Retired
Shaw, Ronald	Candidate	Active
Shaw, Sally	Ordained Minister	Active
Sheremeta, Krystal	Ordained Minister	Active
Simmons, Michael	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Simms-Mills, H. Jean	Ordained Minister	Retired
Simpson, Lee	Ordained Minister	Retired
Skinner, Dale	Ordained Minister	Active
Skinner, Maryann	Ordained Minister	Active
Smith, Carol	Ordained Minister	Active
Smith, Glennis	Ordained Minister	Retired
Smith, Greta	Ordained Minister	Retired
Smith, Peter	Ordained Minister	Active
Smith, Wayne	Ordained Minister	Active
Smithers, Caitlin	Candidate	Active
Snow, Ebbie	Ordained Minister	Retired

REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL - continued

Ministry Personnel – continued

Snyder, Frederick	Ordained Minister	Active
Spears, Glendon	Ordained Minister	Retired
Steele, David	Ordained Minister	Active
Stewart, Douglas	Ordained Minister	Retired
Stright, Jeanne	Ordained Minister	Retired
Tapscott, John	Ordained Minister	Retired
Taylor, Mary	Ordained Minister	Active
Taylor, Valerie	Ordained Minister	Retired
Thompson, Edward	Ordained Minister	Retired
Tingley, Diane	Ordained Minister	Retired
Tourneur, Donna	Ordained Minister	Active
Veenema, Michael	Ordained Minister	Admission
Vincent, M. J. Boyd	Ordained Minister	Retired
Waddell, Harvey	Ordained Minister	Retired
Webber-Cook, James	Ordained Minister	Active
Webber-Cook, Mary	Ordained Minister	Active
Wentzell, Brian	Ordained Minister	Active
Whent, Thomas	Ordained Minister	Retired
Whitney-Latham, Nancy	Designated Lay Minister	Retired
Whyte, Mary Lynne	Ordained Minister	Active
Wilson Wynne, Carolyn	Diaconal Minister	Retired
Winn, Krista	Ordained Minister	Active
Winton, Linda	Ordained Minister	Retired
Wiseman, Keith	Candidate	Active
Woods, Thomas	Ordained Minister	Active
Woodworth, Alfred	Ordained Minister	Retired
Worrell, Linton	Candidate	Active
Wray, John	Ordained Minister	Active
Wright, Heather	Ordained Minister	Active
Wynne, Joseph	Ordained Minister	Retired
Yates, Linda	Ordained Minister	Retired
Zinck, Robert	Ordained Minister	Retired

REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL - continued**Elected Lay Members**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pastoral Charge</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pastoral Charge</u>
Algar, Rosemary	North Highlands	Archibald, Olive	St. Mary's
Ball, Michael	Shelburne	Baxter, Bruce	Amherst: Trinity- St. Stephen's
Bernard, Andre	Halifax: St. John's	Betts, Patricia	Halifax: St. Andrew's
Birch, Elizabeth	Margaree	Boldrini, Gabriela	Riverview
Boulger, Sean	Middleton	Brennan-Alpert, Pat	Halifax: St. John's
Brown, Wendall	Waverley	Burrows, Leslie	Clifton
Butt, Byron	Aylesford	Cameron, Ross	Trenton
Canning, John	Westville	Canning, Pamela	Westville
Carrigan, Pat	Salt Springs- Scotsburn-Lyon's Brook	Carson, Dorothy	Cobequid
Chivers, Wally	Dartmouth: Port Wallis	Cleave, Pat	Dartmouth: Grace
Cochrane, Norma	Springhill	Collins, Joan	William Black Memorial
Cook, Carolyn	First South	Corkum, Bill	LaHave-New Dublin
Curtis, Kathy	Three Harbours	Curtis, Sandra	North Highlands
Dauphinee, Beverley	Halifax: Hope	Davis, Allan	New Glasgow
Demers, Kevin	Truro: St. Andrew's	DeMings, Myrtle	Clyde-Carleton
Dicks, Nancy	New Glasgow	Dixon, Helen	Dartmouth: Woodlawn
Dodge, Doris	Walton	Dodson, Margaret Anne	Pictou
Donald, Murdock	St. Ann's Bay United Church	Dyer, Edward	St. Margaret's Bay
Fanning, Cora	Dartmouth: Port Wallis	Fletcher, Bruce	Kennetcook-St. Paul's
Forbes, Marg	Bridgewater	Francis, Paula Jane	Sydney Mines
Girard, Norm	Stellarton	Gould, Alice	Walton
Gunn, Sharon	Salt Springs- Scotsburn-Lyon's Brook	Gunter, Fay	Dartmouth: Woodlawn
Harris, David	McCully	Hartnett-Beasley, Adrian	Bermuda: Hamilton Wesley
Hayes, Judy	Sackville: Knox	Henderson, Ken	Truro: St. Andrew's
Hiltz, Valerie	St. Peter's-Grand River-Loch Lomond	Hoeg, Marlene	Hopewell-Eureka-East River
Holborn, David	Annapolis-Granville	Hughes, Barbie	Windsor
Isenor, Margaret	Sydney River	Jack, Meghann	St. Mary's
Jamieson, Gina	Three Harbours	Jensen, Arthur	New Germany
Kay, Peter	Stellarton	Keller, Jane	Sydney: United Heritage
King, Jim	Tatamagouche	Kingsbury, Kaleigh	Truro: First
Knapp, Glen	Halifax: Bethany	Langille, Lynn	Salt Sprgs-Scotsburn-Lyon's Bk
Langley, Anna Marie	Port Hawkesbury	Logan, Jack	Bridgewater
MacArthur, Ann	Windsor	MacAskill, Alice	West Bay
MacDonald, Cameron	Oxford-Thomson	MacDonald, Shauna	Dartmouth: St. James
MacDonald, Ian	Halifax: Fort Massey	MacDougall, Gail	Mahone Bay
MacGillivray, Joan	Antigonish	MacInnis, Janice	Sydney River
MacIntyre, Margie	Whycocomagh-East Lake Ainslie	Mackay, Donald	Sydney: United Heritage
MacKenzie, Grant	Halifax: Bethany	MacLeod, Malcolm	Dartmouth: Port Wallis
MacMullin, Norm	Baddeck: Greenwood	MacNeil, Kelly	Dartmouth: Woodlawn
Matchett, Sandra	New Germany	Matell, Beulah	Hopewell-Eureka-East River
Matheson, Audrey	Halifax: Fairview	McDonell, Teresa	Amherst: Trinity- St. Stephen's
McElhiney, John	Truro: First	McEwan, Nelson	Port Hastings
McFadgen, Stacy	Glace Bay: Knox	McKay, Kathy	Halifax: St. Paul's, Spryfield
McNair, Nancy	Petite Riviere	Melanson, Shelley	Yarmouth: Beacon
Miner, Gail	Sackville: Knox	Moore, Norma	Harmony-Camden
Morrison, Donald	Sydney River	Morrison, Jack	Lockeport
Muir, Gerald	Westville	Munro, Brenda	Halifax: Rockingham
Munroe, Kelvin	Clyde-Carleton	Nauss, Joan	Riverport
O'Connell, Trudi	Brookfield	Oliver-Snair, Joyce	Port Hawkesbury
Orlando, Tony	William Black	Parks, Kevin	Halifax: St. Andrew's
Parsons, Kerry	Milford-Gay's River-Lantz	Patterson, Helen	Walton
Penney, Cindy	Dartmouth: Grace	Phillips, Roberta	Margaree
Pinkham, Joyce	Eastern Guysborough	Radford, Wanda	Port Hastings
Rafter, Tanya	Waverley	Reid, Ian	St. Luke's
Roche, Lawrence (LJ)	Dartmouth: Stairs Memorial	Scherzinger, Linda	Halifax: St. Andrew's
Schnare, Cheryl	Sambro-Jollimore	Sellsted, Cheryl	Orchard Valley
Semple, Stuart	Three Harbours	Shears, Keith	Sydney: United Heritage
Siggins, Herbert	Bermuda: St. Georges	Siggins, Jeanie	Bermuda: St. Georges
Skelhorn, Elizabeth	Windsor	Skidmore, Terry	Kingston

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REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL - continued

Elected Lay Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pastoral Charge</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pastoral Charge</u>
Smith, Vera Faye	Brookfield	Smithers, Caitlin	Halifax: Hope
Sollows, Janet	Yarmouth: Beacon	Steadman, Anna	St. Paul's Mount Uniacke
Stewart, Sheila	Berwick – Trinity	Stewart, James	Onslow-Belmont
Terry, Carolyn	Truro: Bible Hill	Thompson, Michael	Dartmouth: Port Wallis
Tingley, Jocelyn	Bedford	Tomsons, Sandra	Mulgrave
Turner, Beverley	Glace Bay: Newsom United Church	van Schaick, Sheila	Boularderie
Walker, David	Bridgewater	White, Linda	Caledonia
Williams, Jennnifer	Sackville: Knox	Winton, Linda	Kingston
Wylie, Joyce	Dartmouth: St. James	Zwicker, Barry	Dartmouth: Woodlawn

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

REGIONAL COUNCIL ROLL - continued

Appointed Members

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

Corresponding Members

Fennell, Robert C.	Visitor
Fry, Kim	Visitor
Gibson, Marcie	Resource Person
Munikwa, Sherpherd	Staff
O'Neill, Tim	Ecumenical Guest
Parsons, Wanalda	Visitor
Pruden, Murray	GCO Representative
Richardson, D. Andrew	Staff
Robbins, Anna	Theme Presenter
Rose, Tracey	Staff
Stuart, Catherine T.	Staff
Taylor, Jennifer	Staff
Whittemore, Jennifer	Staff

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
REGIONAL COUNCIL 15
Annual Meeting
May 27-29, 2022
via zoom video conference

RC73

We Are Not Alone: Reimagining Community

Friday, May 27, 2022

REGISTRATION

Registration

Members of Regional Council 15 registered online for the May 27-29, 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 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 5:00pm for members to gather and to test connections.

CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order

The President, Jane McDonald, welcomed everyone to the fourth annual meeting of Regional Council 15, and called the meeting to order. The President welcomed everyone to this meeting of the regional council.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE LAND

Acknowledging
the Land

Jane McDonald, President, acknowledged the land on which we walk, live and gather, as the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik, Mi'kmaq and Peskotomuhkati peoples. This territory is covered by the "Peace and Friendship Treaties". We gather with respect for all peoples of this region. We are all treaty people.

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

OPENING WORSHIP

Opening
Worship

Opening worship was led by Sandra Tomsons, President-Elect. Prayer, song and scripture were offered to help animate the theme *We Are Not Alone: Reimagining Community* and to offer thanks and praise for this gathering. The President-Elect offered a scripture reading from 1 Corinthians 12:3-13, and asked the members gathered to reflect on a theme question, based on Matthew's Beatitudes, *is the spirit of God in you calling you to be salt and light in your communities of faith?* The members shared, in unison, the New Creed. Music ministry was offered by video presentations of *I am the Church, Make Me a Channel of Your Peace, and One More Step Along the World I Go*.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Service of
Remembrance

As part of the opening worship, the Past President, Janet Sollows, led the in-memoriam video presentation. The Executive Minister, Faith March-MacCuish, 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 United Church of ours. The President, Jane McDonald offered the Prayer of the People, and the President-Elect, Sandra Tomsons offered the benediction.

Procedural
Motion**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

Janet Sollows presented the procedural motion.

MOTION: (Janet Sollows/Heather Manuel)

That the Roll of Regional Council 15 be (Manual 2022 C1.1 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 (sixty) or more members, at least 20 (twenty) 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 Bedford United Church, Halifax, NS.

"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 Regional Council 15, subject to such changes as may be adopted and such Orders of the Day as may be determined, by the Council."

That the business table be Janet Sollows, Heather Manuel, and Fay Smith.

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.

Guidelines for discussion the speaker 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 MOTIONConsent
Motion**MOTION:** (Janet Sollows/Heather Manuel)

That Regional Council 15:

1. Approves the Minutes of the Regional Council Meeting, May 28-29, 2021 (RC88-RC107), as circulated.
2. Receives and accepts the following accountability reports:
 - a. President
 - b. Executive Minister
 - c. Division of Finance and Administration
 - i. Financial Accountability & Investments
 - ii. Incorporated Ministries
 - iii. Property
 - iv. Archives, Records & History
 - d. Division of Regional Services and Support
 - i. Communications
 - ii. Faith Formation & Leadership Development
 - iii. Children, Youth & Young Adults
 - iv. Stewardship
 - v. Justice, Mission & Outreach
 - vi. Annual Meeting Planning
 - vii. Association of Ministers
 - e. Division of Ministry Resources
 - i. Pastoral Relations
 - ii. Licensing
 - iii. Faith Stories & Community Covenants
 - iv. Future Directions
 - v. Retiree Support
 - f. Nominations Committee
 INCLUDING THE DIRECTORY OF DIVISIONS AND STANDING
 COMMITTEES AND THE 2022-2023 REGIONAL EXECUTIVE
 - g. Tri-Regional Staff Support Committee
 - h. Affirming Committee
 - i. Strategic Plan Implementation
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. Hunter United Church Building Fund
 - f. Office of Vocation
 - g. United Church Women
4. Receives for information the following ecumenical greetings:
 - a. Mr. Charles Greaves, Moderator, Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, The Presbyterian Church in Canada
 - b. The Rev. Jonna Jensen, Transitional Conference Minister, Maine Conference of United Church of Christ
 - c. Deborah Stewart, President Maritime Disciple Board, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

CARRIED**INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS**Introduction
of Students

Andrew Richardson, Office of Vocation Minister, welcomed the students and candidates for ministry to the council.

Introduced to the regional members were candidates for Ordered Ministry; Jennifer Billard, Heidi Cleary, Angela Clifton, Shane Doucette, Donna Kelly, Katie Logan, Max Martin, Jenna McBride, Jamie McLellan, Dana Pardy, Rhonda Schofield (FSLDW), Ron Shaw, Catlin Smithers, Keith Wiseman (FDEE) and Linton Worrell, and Designated Lay Ministry Candidate; Sandi Irving. Welcome and congratulations were extended to Richard Gunn and April Hart, who are being ordained this weekend at the Celebration of Ministries Service. Rick and April were both offered the opportunity introduce themselves to the Regional Council.

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

The President introduced Rev. Murray Pruden, Executive Minister for Indigenous Ministries and Justice, joining the meeting as representative of the General Council Office.

Theme**THEME I**

The President welcomed the theme presenter, Rev. Dr. Anna Robbins, President of Acadia Divinity College and Dean of Theology, Acadia University. The theme presenter began her presentation to the region by looking back; reflecting on the stories of the past. The origin of the word nostalgia is defined as a longing to return home; perhaps to an ideal of home that never existed. Nostalgia leads us to constantly look back. What "was" becomes the ideal; only retelling the best stories. Sometimes looking back prevents us from moving to where God is calling us to be. Rev. Dr. Robbins used Isaiah 43 to capture this sentiment; we have relied on God's grace and forgiveness, but have forgotten what the Creator has provided. In our churches today, nostalgia brings us comfort, but there is no going back. Going forward is the only road available. The pandemic has forced us into a new place where the church is journeying into a new unknown wilderness. It may be scary and new and uncertain, but the theme presenter reminded members gathered that God is our touchstone. God provides.

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 what new possibilities there are for our communities of faith as we come out the other side of the Covid pandemic.

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, with 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.

Atlantic
School of
Theology**ATLANTIC SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**

The President welcomed Dr. Tim O'Neill, Interim President of the Atlantic School of Theology (AST), to the council. Dr. O'Neill introduced himself to the region and brought greetings from AST faculty, staff and students. Dr. O'Neill thanked the region for its prayerful support, and for the relationship that the university has developed with individuals and communities of faith throughout the region. AST is pleased to be offering in-person courses this summer and is always working to expand programming to help students enhance their leadership skills in congregations.

Milestones
in Ministry**MILESTONES IN MINISTRY**

Jane McDonald, Regional Council President, 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**Retirements**

Rev. Elisabeth Bachem-Jennings
Rev. A. Grace Caines-Corkum
Rev. Trent Cleveland-Thompson

Anniversaries

Rev. W. Lawrence Harrison 50 years
Rev. John Nesbitt 50 years

Anniversaries**Staff Anniversaries**

There was special acknowledgement of staff celebrating significant anniversaries with The United Church of Canada: Jennifer Whittemore, 15 years; David Hewitt, 10 years (2021), Jennifer Taylor, 10 years, and Sarah Wallace, 10 years (2021).

**Staff
Anniversaries****Welcome**

Tom Woods, Pastoral Relations Chair, welcomed new ministers to the region; Rev. Dr. Sharon Ballantyne, Rev. Dr. Sherpherd Munikwa, and Rev. Susan Gamblin, and wished farewell to ministers leaving the region; Rev. Christine Marie Gladhu, and Rev. Trent Cleveland-Thompson, with thanks for their ministry.

Welcome**CLOSING PRAYER**

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

**Closing
Prayer****Saturday, May 28, 2022****GATHERING**

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

Gathering**OPENING WORSHIP**

The President welcomed those who were gathered and introduced candidates for ordination, Rick Gunn and April Hart, to lead the opening worship. Song, reflection and prayer were offered based on the theme reading from John 17:23. Rick Gunn and April Hart also offered music leadership.

**Opening
Worship****MINISTER FOR JUSTICE, MISSION & OUTREACH**

Rev. Sherpherd Munikwa was introduced to the region as the new Minister for Justice, Mission and Outreach for the three eastern regions. Sherpherd took time to introduce himself to the region, and to the work being carried out in the region in the name of God's mission for equity and fairness for all. Sherpherd would like to work with communities of faith to make the commitment to restore and rebuild relationships and to help plan for our future vision of how we can live out the mission to be the church.

**Minister for
Justice,
Mission and
Outreach****THEME II**

Theme presenter, Rev. Dr. Anna Robbins, President of Acadia Divinity College and Dean of Theology, Acadia University, was welcomed back to the council. Rev. Dr. Robbins continued her presentation on reimagining community, and how difficult change can be, especially as we are struggling to understand the environment around us. We have to adapt to seeing our community from a different view; a higher up view, to see what is really happening around us. The theme presenter introduced the members to the concept of cultural malaise; where there is a loss of the sense of a higher power, or loss of belief in God. In this cultural malaise, people asked themselves, "is that all there is?" If there is no meaning; no purpose, then grab the moment and live in the now. Over time, our thoughts moved towards a naturalistic sense of the world, where there was a shift towards seeking a scientific answer to "who are we?". People are looking for meaning, but they are finding it elsewhere and not from the church; finding purpose in the moment. We are doing anything to distract ourselves from the fact that there may not be anything else meaningful to life. We work to escape on the weekend, or holiday; to look at the world with ourselves as the centre. This has been exacerbated by the pandemic. People are now desperate for connection, but do not know where to find it. This crisis of meaning becomes a crisis of theodicy. We provide for ourselves through consumerism what God used to provide. We need to envision a new kind of community to find something to connect with and work towards. Strategic planning involves visioning, with strategies and tactics to move in that direction. The theme presenter asks that we encourage one another, even when tactics fail. There will be challenges, but it is not hopeless. It is a daunting task for the church, but regardless of what we are facing, we are not alone. This is a God-given opportunity to know who we are. It is a unique calling for churches to form new connections and plan for the future.

Theme

Break**BREAK**Finance
and
Administration**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**Audited
Financial
Statements

April Hart, chair of the Division of Finance and Administration, presented the 2021 audited financial statements to the Regional Council. A detailed account of the region's finances was presented during a webinar on May 25, 2022. The auditor, MNP, reported that the statements *present fairly the financial position of the regional council.*

MOTION: (April Hart/Shaina MacDonald)

That the 2021 audited financial statements for Regional Council 15 be accepted as presented.

CARRIEDBudget**BUDGET 2023**

The Regional Council budget for 2023 was presented by April Hart. An information webinar for the 2023 budget took place on May 25, 2022. It was noted that the budget for 2023 shows very few changes from 2022, given that we are still operating in these pandemic times, and have not had the opportunity to gauge regular operating expenses since entering the new structure. The changes noted in the budget are mainly due to an increase in staff salaries; due to a new policy for equality with ministry personnel and lay salaries, and cost of living adjustments. Some decreases noted are based on actuals from 2021. The budget is presented as a deficit budget; however, the hope is that 2022-23 will allow the region a better look at normal operations and how to budget to live within our means. This deficit will be covered by previous surplus in regional council funds.

MOTION: (April Hart/Mac MacLeod)

That the 2023 budget for Regional Council 15 be approved as presented.

CARRIEDPresident**PRESIDENT**

(Janet Sollows assumed the chair)

The President, Jane McDonald, addressed the council. She took the opportunity to thank the members of the region for the privilege of serving. The President especially thanked the Executive Minister, staff, volunteers, committees and executive for their support. The President thanked communities of faith for their thoughtful conversations and opportunities to connect. The President expressed heartfelt best wishes to the incoming President, Sandra Tomsons.

(Jane McDonald reassumed the chair)

Pastoral
Relationship
Equity
Research
Project**PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP EQUITY RESEARCH PROJECT**

Marcie Gibson, Project Co-Researcher on the Pastoral Relationship Equity Research Project, introduced the region to the project *Pastoral Relationships Thriving with Equity*, with the goal of offering pro-active actions that will help pastoral relationships to thrive. Equity-Seeking Ministry Personnel and congregations are encouraged to consult the website for more information and to please sign up for this important research for more equality and justice.

Elections**ELECTIONS**General
Council
Commissioners**General Council Commissioners**

Alicia Cox introduced the matter of Commissioners to General Council 44. There have been several resignations, and there are no more elected alternates to fill the vacancies. The region has been in touch with the General Council, who have agreed that the vacant positions may be filled, as the work to date is available on line, and the decision-making sessions have not yet begun.

MOTION: (Alicia Cox/Tony Orlando)

That the Regional Council Executive be given the power to elect General Council Commissioners for GC44 as needed, when resignation(s) have been received.

CARRIED**President-Elect****President-Elect**

Alicia Cox, Nominations Chair, introduced the matter of the election of the President-Elect. The nominee for President-Elect attended a webinar on May 25, 2022, and was given five minutes to speak to introduce herself to the members gathered.

MOTION: (Alicia Cox/Ruth Gamble)

That Shauna MacDonald be named to the position of president elect.

CARRIED**GRACE AND LUNCH****Grace and Lunch**

Faith March-MacQuish, Executive Minister, offered grace.

YOUTH WORSHIP**Youth Worship**

Youth of Regional Council 15 led the members gathered in worship. Youth representatives and members of the Children, Youth and Young Adults Committee lit the Christ candle and offered scripture, song and prayer to help guide the day's work with love and compassion. Hope United Church shared a Godly Play Story; *The Good Shepherd*.

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 people, stories and land from 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 uncertainty 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, even though facing signs of decline. God is not finished with us yet. May we all know the blessing of being God's people and the fullness of what God desires us to do in the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**Announcements**

Two videos were presented as members moved into a break. Andy O'Neill appeared, offering a new resource, *Building God's Beloved Community*, coming to the UCRD in June. Leona Laundry, from the United Church Bookstore, also offered an invitation to shop with the bookstore and highlighted new resources and contact information.

ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE WORKING GROUP**Ecological Justice Working Group**

Elisabeth Bachem-Jennings of the Ecological Justice Working Group of Justice, Mission and Outreach, was introduced to the members gathered. At the 2021 Annual Meeting, the region accepted a proposal to make the climate crisis a priority. Elisabeth shared a video presentation of some of the stories and actions that have been taken by communities of faith in the region in response to this crisis.

Elisabeth introduced Kimberley Fry of the Ecology Action Centre, to the meeting. Kimberley is also the regional liaison for the Faithful Footprints program. Kimberley congratulated the United Churches in the province of Nova Scotia for their leadership in climate action, and invited congregations to attend the Climate of Hope interfaith conference. The Ecology Action Centre extends support for those who would like to be in contact about working together for the future.

General
Council
Office
Representative

GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE

The President welcomed Murray Pruden, Executive Minister for Indigenous Ministries and Justice, in attendance at the annual meeting as General Council Office representative. Murray 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 with humility and respect. Murray Pruden reported that the GCO is continuing its work on the anti-racism action plan. This plan includes goals for education, healing and accountability. Murray also updated the regional council on General Council 44 (GC44). The work of GC44 continues with decision making sessions in July and the election of a new Moderator. Murray also brings greetings on behalf of the National Indigenous Council (NIC), which has a proposal for restructuring before the General Council. The Council is striving for identity, and for equity. Murray shared that so much has changed since the discovery of unmarked graves in Kamloops. It has been a hard road to walk, and the NIC is working with the General Council on an initiative to bring the children home and to raise a totem in memory of missing children. Murray offered a reflection as we approach National Indigenous People's Day, and thanked the council for allowing him to be present to bring greetings.

Break

BREAK

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, not what's wrong; and keep asking*.

The Executive Minister shared some of her experiences during a trip to the Philippines in 2019 to meet with our 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. Imagine the opportunities if, in coming to our communities of faith, we came with not only the issue, but also a solution; the *what's possible*. 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.

Ecumenical
Guests

ECUMENICAL GUESTS

Greetings from ecumenical guests were shared in the reports to the region, and also through video messages. A video message from Rev. Dr. Michael Pryse, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada was shared.

Guaranteed
Livable
Income

GUARANTEED LIVABLE INCOME

Hal Llewellyn 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.

UCRD

UNITED CHURCH RESOURCE AND DISTRIBUTION (UCRD)

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

Affirm Working
Group

AFFIRM WORKING GROUP

Ivan Gregan presented an update to the region on the work of the Affirm Working Group. Affirming Ministries are at the heart of the work to become publicly inclusive of marginalized groups. Becoming affirming is a journey, and involves three steps towards being public, intentional and explicit. Affirm United encourages communities of faith to look at barriers to those coming to your ministry and community, and offers resources to developing a plan of action. The working group is currently developing educational webinars and is updating the region's mission statement. The updated mission statement was presented to members for their discernment.

Affirming Vision Statement for Regional Council 15

Inspired by the transformative movement of the Spirit, Region 15 commits itself to becoming an Affirming Ministry within the United Church of Canada, one that welcomes all people, including people of all sexual orientations and gender identities to fully participate in all aspects of the life and work of its ministry.

As an Affirming Ministry, we acknowledge the harm caused by exclusionary views about sexuality, love and gender identity. We acknowledge that these views did not and do not reflect the abundant love of God. We acknowledge the Churches' part in the trauma caused to those who have been marginalized.

Striving to be faithful followers of Jesus in our time and place, Regional Council 15 (RC15) commits itself and its members:

- to remove barriers to full participation of all people in the life and work of RC15;
- to co-create a RC15 and society that embodies the love of God where individuals can live free from harmful ideologies rooted in fear and hatred;
- to be an inclusive and affirming sign of the incarnation of the living Christ.

CHECK-IN**Check-In**

Using breakout rooms, members of the region took time to check-in with each other and further reflect on the mission statement. Members were asked to share what were their reactions to the Affirm Mission Statement and what comments they may have for the Affirm Working Group.

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 100th anniversary.

BERMUDA TASK GROUP**Bermuda Task Group**

Janet Sollows and Adrian Hartnett-Beasley, members of the Bermuda Task Group, provided an update on the work of the group. When the United Church of Canada restructured in 2018, the relationship with Bermuda Synod needed to be redefined in the new context. A task force was established with representatives from Bermuda; Adrian Hartnett-Beasley, Hubert Siggins, and Jacki Zuill, the General Secretary, Executive Minister and (then) President, Janet Sollows. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was developed, which has been approved by Regional Council 15 Executive. Bermuda Synod has also voted in favor of the associate relationship, and the MOU, as drafted. This MOU is coming to General Council 44 as a proposal this July. This is a supportive and shared ministry that is important to Regional Council 15, Bermuda, and the United Church of Canada. The task group thanked the regional council members for their support.

PRESIDENT-ELECT**President-Elect**

Alicia Cox, Nominations Chair, introduced the newly named President-Elect, Shauna MacDonald, and offered congratulations on behalf of the regional council. The President-Elect was provided the opportunity to address the regional council.

CLOSING MOTION**Closing Motion**

MOTION: (Faith March-MacCuish/Jim Webber-Cook)

That Regional Council 15 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 Regional Council 15 close at the completion of the Celebration of Ministries Service, Sunday, May 29, 2022; and
that the fifth annual meeting be held in the spring of 2023 in person, if feasible, at a date and place to be determined.

MOTION TO AMMEND: (April Hart/Stephen Mills)

That the words *if feasible* be removed from the closing motion.

CARRIED

MOTION TO AMMEND: (Sharon Lohnes/Peter Smith)

That the words *in person* be removed from the closing motion.

CARRIED

MOTION: (Faith March-MacCuish/Jim Webber-Cook)

That Regional Council 15 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 (4th) annual meeting of Regional Council 15 close at the completion of the Celebration of Ministries Service, Sunday, May 29, 2022; and that the fifth (5th) annual meeting be held in the spring of 2023, at a date and place to be determined.

CARRIED

Courtesies**COURTESIES**

The President thanked all members for gathering to do the work of the region. Thanks and appreciation was offered to the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, those who worked in the back end to support the meeting, provided presentations, representatives of the General Council, the theme presenter, ecumenical guests and those who provided leadership during the meeting. Special thanks and gratitude to the regional council members for their on-going work and dedication to the region.

Closing
Worship**CLOSING WORSHIP**

Youth representatives and members of the Children, Youth and Young Adults Committee shared the light of the Christ candle and led the members in closing worship. Song, prayer and scripture were offered to animate the love and gifts that we can share; giving us the vision, boldness, and confidence to do what God calls us to do. Catherine and Ethan Stuart offered music leadership with a ukulele performance of *My Lighthouse*. A scripture reading from Corinthians 12:4-11 was shared, and a musical reflection of the gifts that we share was presented; asking how can you use your gifts for discipleship. Linnea Good and Catherine Stuart performed *I have Decided to Follow Jesus*.

Adjournment**ADJOURNMENT**

The President, Jane McDonald, adjourned the meeting for the day, with the invitation to join the Celebration of Ministries service which will be live streamed on May 29, 2022 at 3:00pm.

Sunday, May 29, 2022

Celebration
of Ministries**CELEBRATION OF MINISTRIES**

The Celebration of Ministries service was held at Bedford United Church, Halifax, NS, on Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 3:00pm. 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 be a part of this important milestone event. The President, Jane McDonald, was the preacher. Rick Gunn and April Hart were ordained into the ministry of word, sacrament and pastoral care of The United Church of Canada. Sandra Tomsons was installed as the next President of Regional Council 15.

Jane McDonald
President

Faith March-MacCuish
Executive Minister

Appendix A

ATTENDANCE

Algar, Rosemary
Anderson, Krista
Aven, Katherine
Ball, Michael
Bartlett, I. Ross
Birch, Elizabeth
Boldrini, Gabriela
Brennan-Alpert, Patricia
Brown-Hewitt, Robyn L.
Burns, Helene F.
Cameron, K. Anne
Carson, Dorothy
Chivers, Walter
Cochrane, Norma
Cox, Alicia
Crawford, M. Dale
Curtis, Kathy
Dauphinee, Beverley
Den Draak, Hubert
Dodson, Margaret Anne
Drysdale, William N.
Elsworth, Derek G.
Fanning, Cora
Fillier, Matthew W.H.
Fraser, Heather G.
Gamblin, Susan
Godin, Rosemary
Griffin, Joan B.
Gunn, Sharon
Hann, David N.
Harrison, Ian W.M.
Hartnett-Beasley, Adrian
Hayes, Judy
Henderson, Michael
Hiltz, Valerie
Hoganson, Anne
Hughes, Barbara
Isenor, Margaret
Jensen, Arthur
Kempt, Dianne E.
Kerr, Gerald
Langille, Lynn
LeBlanc, David A.
Lohnes, Sharon M.
Lynne, Mary
MacAskill, Alice
MacDonald, Catherine A.
MacDonald, Murdock
MacDougall, Gail
MacInnis, Janice
Mackay, Donald
MacLean, Shannon L.
MacMullin, Norman
Manuel, Heather D.
Matheson, Audrey
McDonald, Jane
McEwen, Neil A.
McKay, Kathleen
McNamara, Constance A.
Mills, Norma

Anderson, Kathleen E.
Antle-Brison, Florence A.
Bachem-Jennings, Elisabeth
Ballantyne, Sharon
Bernard, André
Blois MacNaughton, Barbara
Boulger, Sean
Brown, Wendall
Buchanan-Rutherford, Natalie F.
Burrows, Leslie
Carrigan, Pat
Chisholm, Susan
Cleave, Pat
Collins, Joan
Cox, Kevin
Curlett, Kim
Curtis, Sandra
Davis, Allan
Dicks, Nancy
Doucette, Shane
Duggan, Emily M.
Embree, Cynthia
Ferrier, Heather
Fram, Stephen D.
Gamble, K. Ruth
Girard, Normand
Gregar, J. Ivan
Gunn, Rick
Handcock, Sean A.
Harrison, Andrea
Hart, April
Hawkins, Debbie
Henderson, Kenneth
Hewitt, David W.
Hogan, Elizabeth A.
Holborn, David
Irving, Sandra
Jarvis, W. Wayne
Jolynn, Mary
Kennedy, Phillip
Kingsbury, Valerie L.
Langley, Anna
Llewellyn, Hallett E.
Lutes, David R.
MacArthur, Ann
MacDonald, Cameron
MacDonald, Daniel
MacDonald, Shauna
MacDougall, Gary A.
MacIntyre, Margie
MacLean, Angela
MacLeod, Malcolm
MacQueen, Donald M.A.
March-MacCuish, Faith
McCurdy, Brenda
McDonell, Teresa
McFadgen, Stacy
McLellan, Jamie
Melanson, Shelley
Mills, Stephen R.

Appendix A - continued

ATTENDANCE - continued

Miner, Gail
 Moriarity, Mary-Beth
 Morrison, Jack
 Muir, Gerald
 Nauss, Joan
 O'Connell, Trudi
 Orlando, Tony
 Parsons, Kerry
 Penney, Cindy
 Radford, Wanda
 Sagar, Margaret E.
 Scherzinger, Linda
 Sellsted, Cheryl
 Shaw, Ron
 Siggins, Herbie
 Skelhorn, Elizabeth
 Skinner, Dale
 Smith, Fay
 Smith, Vera Faye
 Smithers, Caitlin
 Steele, David
 Taylor, Mary E.
 Thompson, Michael
 Tingley, Jocelyn
 Tournour, Donna E.
 Webber-Cook, James W.
 Williams, Jennifer
 Wiseman, Keith
 Wylie, Joyce
 Zwicker, Barry

Moores, L. Vivian
 Morrison, Donald
 Mugford, Michael G.
 Munro, Brenda
 Nelson, Penny
 Oliver-Snair, Joyce
 Parks, Kevin
 Peddie Peters, Mavis
 Plant, Margaret Ann
 Reaburn, Sarah L.
 Sangster, Annika
 Schnare, Cheryl
 Sellsted, Donald
 Shaw, Sally
 Siggins, Jeannie
 Skidmore, Terry
 Smith, Carol Anne
 Smith, Peter A.
 Smith, Wayne G.
 Sollows, Janet
 Stewart, James
 Terry, Carolyn
 Thompson, Shirley
 Tomsons, Sandra
 Van Schaick, Sheila
 White, Linda
 Winton, Linda J.
 Woods, Thomas R.
 Yates, Linda M.B.

Other:

Fennell, Robert C.
 Fry, Kim
 Gibson, Marcie
 Munikwa, Sherpherd
 O'Neill, Tim
 Parsons, Wanalda
 Pruden, Murray
 Richardson, D. Andrew
 Robbins, Anna
 Rose, Tracey
 Stuart, Catherine T.
 Taylor, Jennifer
 Whittemore, Jennifer

Visitor
 Visitor
 Resource Person
 Staff
 Ecumenical Guest
 Visitor
 GCO Representative
 Staff
 Theme Presenter
 Staff
 Staff
 Staff
 Staff

Appendix B

REGRETS

Anderson, Kathryn
Anthony, John
Burke, Kymberely (Kym)
Cameron, Ross
Canning, John
Chant, Jeff
Churchill, Gloria
Clark-Ettinger, Marty
Clifton, L. Angela
Cook, Carolyn
Corkum, Bill
Davis, Christina
Demers, Kevin
Demings, Myrtle
Gardner, Robert
Gillis, William (Bill)
Gould, Alice
Gunter, Fay
Harris, David
Jenkins, Foster B.
Kay, Peter
Kean, Wendy
King, James
Knapp, Glendon
Lawrence, Donna
Lloy, Marion
MacAlpine-Gillis, Susan
MacDonald, Ian
MacDonald, Marilyn
MacGillivray, Joan
MacNeil, Kelly
Matchett, Sandra
McElhiney, John
Pardy, Dana
Phillips, Nick
Rafter, Tanya
Reid, Ian
Roach, Duncan
Roche, Lawrence
Ross, Karen
Semple, Stuart
Simpson, Lee
Steadman, Anna
Stewart, Sheila
Turner, Beverley
Walker, David
Winn, Krista Elizabeth
Wright, Heather

