

OPENING PROCEDURAL MOTION – First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council

REGION ROLL

That the Roll of First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council be (Manual 2026 C.1.1 and C.1.2):

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

QUORUM

That the quorum be as indicated in Section C.4.3 of the Manual 2026;

“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 must be at least one ministry personnel and one lay member who is not ministry personnel present. Corresponding members are not counted for this purpose.”

BOUNDS

“That the bounds of the Regional Council meeting be the virtual meeting room and the telephone connections to that meeting space, and St. James United Church, St. John’s, NL.”

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

“That representatives of General Council; representatives of United Church organizations; ministry students not serving a pastoral charge; and any other registered visitors to the Regional Council meetings be Corresponding Members of this Council.”

AGENDA

“That the agenda, as distributed, be adopted as the agenda for this meeting of First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council, subject to such changes as may be adopted and such Orders of the Day as may be determined by the Council.”

BUSINESS TABLE

That the business table be Kathy Brett, and Paula Gale.

MINUTE SECRETARY

That the minute secretary for the eighth (8th) annual Regional Council meeting be Jennifer Taylor.

RECORDING

This meeting will be recorded for the purpose of the Record of Proceedings. Once the Record of Proceedings has been produced, the recording will be destroyed.

ELECTIONS

That any elections held during this meeting be by majority ballot.

CHAPLAIN/PASTORAL CARE PROVIDER

That the Chaplain/Pastoral Care provider for this meeting be Beverly Matthews.

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PROCESS/FLOW SUPPORT

That the Process and Flow Support person for Regional Council be Paula Gale.

FRIEND IN COUNCIL

That the Friend in Council be Kathy Brett.

GUIDELINES FOR DISCUSSION

1. 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 2026 Appendix: Procedures for Holding a Meeting and Decision-Making. (*Note 3.7 In any point not covered in The Manual, the parliamentary rules accepted in Canada (Bourinot's Rules) will be followed.*)

Speakers will:

- start by identifying themselves (name, Pastoral Charge or Community of Faith)
- direct all discussion to the President
- address the President only once about a motion; except the mover, who may speak both first and last
- be allocated time as follows: The initial time allocated for the mover to address the motion be limited to three (3) minutes, and that all subsequent speakers be limited to two (2) minutes, including any reply by the mover of the motion
- make every effort to have discussion clear and concise, and deal only with the motion