

CANADIAN SHIELD REGIONAL COUNCIL

**MINUTES
OF THE REGIONAL MEETING
September 23 - 25, 2022**

The annual meeting of Canadian Shield Regional Council took place September 23 – 25, 2022 at St. Andrew’s United Church, 111 Larch Street, Sudbury, Ontario, and via Zoom video conference. The theme was *Tending Our Nets*.

FRIDAY, September 23, 2022

Words of Welcome, Opening of Meeting and constituting the Council

Canadian Shield Regional Council gathered at St. Andrew’s United Church, Sudbury, and via Zoom, at 3:00 p.m. to begin the annual meeting of Canadian Shield Regional Council.

Barb Nott, Chair, welcomed all those participating, both in person and via Zoom.

The Chair constituted the meeting in the name of Jesus Christ, and as the United Church gathered together, to deal with such business as should properly come before the Council.

Sylvia Carscadden provided an acknowledgement of traditional territories. Peter Haddow, Team Lead of the Affirming Ministry Resource Team, gave a safe space statement.

Brian Bigger, Mayor of Sudbury brought greetings from the City of Sudbury and Elder Gimaa Craig Nootchtai brought greetings on behalf of the Atikamemshing, Anishnabek reserve.

The Chair introduced the meeting’s Chaplains, the parliamentarian, the General Council guests, and Shining Waters Regional Council guests. Peter Hartmans introduced the staff and the Finance Administrator. Chair, Barb Nott introduced the Canadian Shield Executive and the co-chairs of the planning team for the regional council meeting. David Leyton-Brown, President of Shining Waters Regional Council brought greetings from Shining Waters.

The Chair led an orientation and practice on the process for voting during the meeting.

Opening motions

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CSRC Mtg 2022-01

by Peter Hartmans / Nancy Ferguson that the following enabling motions be adopted...

- a) Roll of the Regional Council: that the Roll of the Regional Council shall consist of:

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- All ministry personnel within the geographic bounds served by the Canadian Shield Regional Council (Basis of Union 6.2.1);
 - Ministers of denominations within mutual recognition agreements while under appointment or call (Basis of Union 6.2.2);
 - Lay members elected by the Community of Faith, respecting the balance of lay and ministry personnel where possible (Basis of Union 6.2.3);
 - Additional lay members as determined by the Regional Council if necessary, to respect a balance of ministry personal and lay members who are not ministry personnel in the membership of the Regional Council (2022 Manual C.1.2.b)
- b) Bounds of the Regional Council Meeting: that the bounds of the Regional Council meeting for voting purposes shall be the numbered tables in the meeting space on the floor of the meeting at St. Andrew’s United Church, 111 Larch Street, Sudbury, Ontario P3E 4T5 and the Zoom meeting ID 89755048801, when in session; that the Canadian Shield Regional Council hold a Celebration of Ministry Service Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. to take place at St. Andrew’s United Church, 111 Larch Street, Sudbury, Ontario P3E 4T5.
- c) Agenda: that the Agenda as printed and circulated be the order of business, subject to those changes that are recommended by the Agenda & Business Chairperson and approved by the Regional Council; or as recommended by the Regional Council itself.
- d) Minutes: that the Minutes of the meetings of the Canadian Shield Regional Council held October 16, 2021 be approved as circulated.
- e) Accountability reports: that the reports as presented in the Report Packet be accepted for information.
- f) Adjournment of Sessions: that the Chair has the authority to recess the Regional Council when business, as ordered, is completed, until the next order of the day.
- g) Corresponding Members: that corresponding members shall be official guests of the Regional Council. Their names shall be included in the Record of Proceedings. (2022 Manual C.1.5)
- h) New Business: that any items of New Business shall be referred to Nancy Ferguson and Helen Smith, of the Agenda & Business Committee. New Business items close at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 24th, 2022.

Procedural

1. The procedural and prayer microphone shall be the chat box and designated floor microphone at St. Andrew’s United Church.
2. Any handouts must be authorized by the Agenda & Business Committee;

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3. The Parliamentarian shall be Rev. Bill Steadman;
4. The Chair shall present proposals. The Chair will invite prayerful discernment and discussion on the wisdom of the proposal. When the Chair discerns that the sense of the meeting is such that we are ready to hear a motion on the proposal they will invite the presenter to move the motion. Once the motion has been moved and seconded, Rules of Debate and Order shall be followed;
5. At the discretion of the Chair, microphone time for each speaker will be limited to 1½ minutes per proposal and 1½ minutes per motion with the exception of the mover (who may speak at the beginning and end of a motion).
6. Microphone time may be reduced at the discretion of the Agenda & Business Committee in 30-second increments when any item of business exceeds 20 minutes.
7. The normal voting procedure shall be: in-person, a show of hands using ballot cards, except where a secret ballot is required, and by Zoom, a show of hands using the RAISE HAND icon found at the bottom of the participants panel or *9 for those on the phone. If two people are joined from the same household one person will vote with the Raise Hand icon and the second will type YES or NO in the chat. Those who wish to abstain will type ABSTAIN in the chat. Where a secret ballot is required, ballot sheets will be provided by the regional council and an online poll will be provided.
8. In the case of limited time for business, items will be dealt with in the following order: Proposals to Canadian Shield Regional Council, Reports requiring a decision of the Regional Council, Reports for Information.

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CSRC Mtg 2022-02

by Nancy Ferguson / Bill Jones that the Bounds of the regional council meeting of Canadian Shield Regional Council also include Hannah Lake Camp in the City of Greater Sudbury, when in session.

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Introductions to Nominations

Kathie Smith, Chair of the Nominations Committee introduced nominations and announced the time of close of nominations.

Planning Team

Co-Chairs of the Planning Team, Nancy Ferguson and Helen Smith, were introduced and they introduced the rest of the Planning Team. They gave some announcements.

Opening Worship

Barb Nott led an opening worship.

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Erin Todd led the group through a stretch break.

Table Group Session with Co-Chairs

Nancy Ferguson and Helen Smith introduced a table group session time to enable people to get to know each other.

Announcements and Grace

Nancy Ferguson and Helen Smith were called on for announcements.

The meeting broke for dinner and reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Theme Speaker: Jennifer Henry, Senior Program Development and Strategy Lead, General Council office.

Jennifer's presentation titled, *Deep, Bold, Daring: Exploring Our Call as a Denomination* delved into the newly-articulated call of The United Church of Canada: Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice. She spoke about being rooted in the call to fisher folk into deep water, into deeper relationship, and deep spirituality, as well as bold discipleship that makes hope real in daring acts of justice.

Manitou Art Collection

Lisa Blais, Team Lead for the Right Relations Team, made a presentation about the Manitou Art Collection that included the background of the collection.

Book Room

Pat Gilmour from Grand River Bookstore spoke about the books available at the book room during the meeting.

Announcements

Nancy Ferguson and Helen Smith were called on for announcements.

Theological Reflection: Michael Blair, General Secretary of The United Church of Canada Michael offered a theological reflection on transformation. He gave an invitation to be together, to dream together, to imagine the future that God has restored for our community and the communities beyond; a day of invitation to hope, to new stories, to transformation.

Announcements and Adjournment

Helen Smith was called on for announcements.

The meeting was adjourned until Saturday morning.

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SATURDAY, September 24, 2022

Chair, Barb Nott, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Opening Worship

An opening worship was provided by student ministers, Minhyuk Hwang, David Chuipka, and David Coldwell.

Budget and Funds Presentation – Janet MacDonald

Finance Administrator, Janet MacDonald, introduced the budget and answered questions.

GC44 Commissioners Report

Barb Nott, one of the Canadian Shield Regional Council Commissioners to General Council 44 gave an informal report on the General Council meeting that took place this year. She also introduced the Commissioners from Canadian Shield Regional Council.

Greetings from Moderator

The Right Rev. Carmen Lansdowne, new Moderator of The United Church of Canada, brought greetings via video.

Nominations Reminder

Kathie Smith gave a reminder announcement about nominations.

Then Let Us Sing – Video

The meeting viewed a video about the new music resource, *Then Let Us Sing*.

Emmanuel College

Andrew Aitchison of Emmanuel College gave information from Emmanuel College.

The meeting took an all-purpose break.

Affirming Resource Team Presentation

Peter Haddow, the Team Lead of the Affirming Resource Team led a presentation on how to become an Affirming congregation.

The meeting took an energizing body break led by Erin Todd.

Camp McDougall Presentation

Halle Zachary and Ayla Thurston from Camp McDougall gave a presentation about the Camp.

Announcements and Grace

Nancy Ferguson was called on for announcements. Barb Nott gave a grace prior to the lunch break.

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The meeting broke for lunch.

Open Session: Life Cycle of a Congregation with Melody Duncanson-Hales

Melody spoke about belonging, and being part of life. We are part of life but not the centre of life. If your congregation changes, life continues; we are meant to evolve. She went on to talk about the life cycle of a congregation in this context.

Budget

CSRC Mtg 2022-03

MOTION by Nancy Ferguson / Helen Smith that on the recommendation of the Executive, the Canadian Shield Regional Council approve the 2023 draft budget as presented.

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Nominations Report

CSRC Mtg 2022-04

MOTION by Kathie Smith / Stuart Taggart that the Canadian Shield Regional Council elect those listed in the Nominations slate to serve on the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive, Commissions, Committees and Resource Teams of Canadian Shield Regional Council for the stated terms.

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Presentation of New Executive

Chair, Barb Nott introduced the new Executive members.

Manitou Intentional Learning Community (MILC) Presentation

Natasha Gerolami gave a presentation about the Manitou Intentional Learning Community (MILC).

Announcements

Helen Smith was called on for announcements.

The meeting took an all-purpose break.

Roundtable Discussions and Apology Cairn

Members of the meeting broke into groups to take part in a trip to the Apology Cairn; a Roundtable discussion for lay-led congregations led by Susie Henderson; or a Roundtable discussion on General Council led by Michael Blair.

Banquet, Service and Theological Reflection

The meeting held a banquet and service starting at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Erin Todd gave a welcoming statement and statement of purpose. The service celebrated the regional council student ministers, Admissions Ministers, Ministers serving in other institutions; Jubilands; retirees; those who have passed away; and communities of faith that have closed. Michael Blair, General Secretary of The United Church of Canada gave a theological reflection. He

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spoke about ‘hush’ meaning I hear you, I understand you, I empathize with you. We’re all in it together and God is ‘in it’ with us; God is with us and we are with each other.

The closing benediction was given by Cory Vermeer-Cuthbert.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. until Sunday morning.

SUNDAY, September 25, 2022

Chair, Barb Nott, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the meeting.

Installation of New Executive

Rev. Peter Hartmans presided over the installation of the new Executive of Canadian Shield Regional Council.

Courtesies

Nancy Ferguson and Helen Smith were called on for announcements and courtesies.

The meeting took an all-purpose break.

Celebration of Ministry Service

The Canadian Shield Regional Council held a Celebration of Ministry service at St. Andrew’s United Church, Sudbury. Chair, Barb Nott, presided assisted by Executive Minister, Peter Hartmans. Worship leaders were Rev. Rob Smith and Rev. Dave LeGrand. Barb Nott gave an Acknowledgement of the Land and a safe space statement. The Scripture readings were Matthew 4:18-23 and from Ephesians 3:14-21. Rev. Michael Blair delivered the message titled, *We Have This Ministry*.

The Rev. Mastard Sakala was admitted to the order of ministry of The United Church of Canada. The region covenanted with new staff member, Diane Matheson-Jimenez.

Chair, Barb Nott, declared the meeting closed.

Mastard Sakala offered the commissioning and benediction.