

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Nominations Committee is responsible for reviewing nominations and submitting to the Regional Council, its Executive or the Executive Minister, as appropriate, recommendations for election to the following:

- a) Executive (including Chair, Past Chair, Chair-Elect and members)
- b) Support to Communities of Faith Commission
- c) Pastoral Relations Commission
- d) Property Commission
- e) Nominations Committee
- f) Finance Resource Team
- g) Mission Support and Grants Resource Team
- h) Right Relations Resource Team
- i) Affirming Resource Team
- j) Youth and Young Adult Resource Team
- k) Commissioners to the 45th General Council

In carrying out this responsibility, the committee:

- reflects theologically on the basis for appointed member participation in the church
- discerns who is equipped to serve
- develops and tests processes for selecting individuals and developing effective groups
- to the best of the committee's ability, strives to meet the region's commitments to its mission, including the equity policy and
 - becoming an intercultural church
 - the full inclusion of people with disabilities
 - developing new and young leadership
 - the Caretakers of Our Indigenous Circle Calls to the Church
 - any future commitments regarding the appointed leadership of the United Church

Members of the Nominations Committee actively seek out and encourage nominations from across the diversity of the church and try to ensure that at least one third of any nominations slate is reserved for diversity appointments.

The Nominations Committee offers thanks to all those completing their term with this regional meeting, to those who have agreed to continue on a Committee, Commission, or Resource Team and to those who have put their name forward to fill a vacancy.

a) Executive (including President, Past President or President-Elect and members)

The primary role of the Executive is to develop and monitor policies that enable the Region to live out its mission.

The Executive consists of the Chair, Chair-Elect or Past Chair and members to a maximum of 12 who are members of The United Church of Canada. One member from the Indigenous community will be named at the Spiritual Gathering.

The Chair is elected at the Regional Council meeting for one year as Chair-Elect, a two-year term as Chair and one year as Past Chair.

Chair

- Nancy Ferguson (ministry personnel) (term as Chair ending 2026)

Chair- Elect

- Bill Jones (ministry personnel) (term ends 2028)

Members

- Stewart Walker (ministry personnel) (second term ending 2027)
- Jim Jackson (lay person) (second term ending 2027)
- Dave LeGrand (ministry personnel) (second term ending 2027)
- Susan Peverley (ministry personnel) (first term ending 2027)
- Laurie Stevenson (ministry personnel) (first term ending 2027)
- Lionel Ketola (lay person) (first term ending 2027)
- Susan Lindquist (lay person) first term ending 2027)
- Gordon Roberts (ministry personnel) (first term ending 2027)
- One position available for an Indigenous member named by the Spiritual Gathering on Indigenous Communities

b) Support to Communities of Faith Commission

The Commission:

- sets policy and give direction within their mandate,
- cares for communities of faith and provide resources for collegiality and support amongst communities of faith,
- nurtures new ministries, and
- empowers and resources ministry in the Region. This includes supporting communities of faith in areas such as clusters, networks, visioning, amalgamation, disbanding, and property matters.

Membership is a chair and six to ten members.

- Jim Jackson - Chair (lay member) (first term ending 2025)
- Mardi Mumford – Secretary (lay member) (second term ending 2027)
- Peter Haddow – (lay person) (second term ending 2027)
- Susan Peverley (ministry personnel) (second term ending 2027)
- Ernie Epp (lay person) (second term ending 2027)
- Crystal Greig (lay person) (second term ending 2027)
- Bonnie Johnson (lay person) (second term ending 2027)
- Marilyn Schatzler (lay person) (second term ending 2026)
- Janice Brownlee (lay person) (first term ending 2027)
- Kathy Calverley (lay person) (first term ending 2027)
- Desire Tiriwepi (ministry personnel) (first term ending 2027)

c) Pastoral Relations Commission

The Commission:

- sets policy and gives direction within their mandate, and

- provides support for ministry personnel throughout their ministry, including equipping, covenanting, pastoral relationships and retirement.

Membership is a chair, a secretary and six to ten members (12 total).

- Stewart Walker - Chair (ministry personnel) (second term ending 2027)
- Karen Gooch – Secretary (lay person) (second term ending 2027)
- Fraser Williamson – Liaison (ministry personnel) (term ending 2025)
- Joy Galloway – Liaison (lay person) (term ending 2025)
- Jan Venton – Liaison (lay person) (term ending 2025)
- Pam Brown (ministry personnel) (term ending 2027)
- Jane Graham (lay person) (term ending 2027)
- Ted Harrison (ministry personnel) (term ending 2027)
- Elaine Lush (ministry personnel) (term ending 2027)
- Cyndy Raby (lay person) (term ending 2027)
- Steven Loweth (ministry personnel) (term ending 2027)

d) Property Commission

The Commission:

- sets policy and gives direction within their mandate, and
- outlines the authority, membership and responsibilities of the Property Commission working with communities of faith on property matters

Membership is a chair and eight to ten members (11 total).

- Gordon Roberts – Chair (ministry personnel) (first term ends 2027)
- Janet Ross (lay person) (first term ends 2027)
- Paul McAlister (lay person) (first term ends 2027)
- Wayne Jeffkins (lay person) (first term ends 2027)
- Rob Farris (lay person) (first term ends 2027)
- James Ko (ministry personnel) (first term ends 2027)
- Laurie Kendall (lay person) (first term ends 2027)

e) Nominations Committee

Membership is six (6) members including at least two, but not more than four, members of the Executive and up to four (4) members not currently serving on the Executive. These must be members of the United Church but not necessarily members of the Regional Council, at least two of whom are lay members and two are ministry personnel (where possible).

- Bill Jones – Chair (ministry personnel) (term ending 2026)
- Laurie Stevenson (ministry personnel) (term ending 2027)
- Mardi Mumford (lay person) (term ending 2027)
- Janice Brownlee (lay person) (term ending 2027)
- Kathie Smith (lay person) (term ending 2027)

f) Finance Resource Team

The Resource Team:

- supports the Executive Minister in preparation and review of the Annual Budget

Membership is 3-5 members (5 total)

- Dave Clarke (lay member)
- Barbara Cunningham (lay member)
- Michael Wesa (lay member)
- Lawrence Muvunzi (ministry personnel)

g) Mission Support and Grants Resource Team

The Resource Team:

- receives the applications for Mission Support Grants, and applications for funding grant from the communities of faith or other ministries of the Regional Council, and
- makes recommendations to the Support to the Communities of Faith Commission for decision.

Membership is 3-5 members (5 total)

- Dave Clarke (lay member)
- Nancy Rouble (lay member)
- Susan Siczkar (lay member)
- Allister Cruthers (lay member)
- Sarah Droiun (lay member)

h) Right Relations Resource Team

The Resource Team:

- creates an intentional structure through which the Regional Council lives its commitment to Truth and Reconciliation and the Calls to the Church

Membership is 8-10 members

- Lisa Blais – team lead (ministry personnel)
- Janie Clayton (lay member)
- Susan Lindquist (lay member)
- Sylvia Carscadden (ministry personnel)
- Brian Mundell (lay member)
- Whitney Bruno (ministry personnel)
- Lionel Ketola (lay member)

i) Affirming Resource Team

The Resource Team:

- To guide the Regional Council through the required, Affirm United process to be recognized as an Affirming Ministry and to hold the Regional Council to the commitments made in that process

Membership is 8-10 members

- Peter Haddow – team lead (lay member)
- Marilyn Schatzler (lay member)
- Whitney Bruno (ministry personnel)
- Ryan Fea (ministry personnel)
- Charles Bolduc (lay member)
- Susan Peverley (ministry personnel)

- Harry Stewart (lay member)
- Caitlin Smithers (ministry personnel)
- Laura Hutchison (ministry personnel)

j) Youth and Young Adult Resource Team

The Resource Team:

- plan for opportunities for youth and young adults within the boundary of the Regional Council to gather and to encourage participation in denominational opportunities while facilitating and supporting existing regional youth activities already active and offering support to youth and young adults working in communities of faith within the region

Membership is 8-10 members

- Christina Boggs (lay member)
- Pam Brown (ministry personnel)
- Diane Tait (ministry personnel)
- Laura Hutchison (ministry personnel)
- Blessing Tiriwepi (lay member)

k) Commissioners to the 45th General Council

The regional council elected 10 commissioners to attend the 45th General Council which will occur August 7 – 12, 2025 in Calgary, Alberta. The regional council Chair will also attend.

The slate of commissioners includes a mix of ministry personnel and lay people, new and experienced commissioners and reflect a broad geographic presence. There will be at least one youth or young adult and also people intentionally selected to reflect diversity not otherwise reflected.

- Bill Jones Chair-Elect (ministry personnel)
- Whitney Bruno (ministry personnel)
- Joyce Fergus-Moore (ministry personnel)
- Peter Haddow (lay member)
- Laurie Kendall (lay member)
- Steven Loweth (ministry personnel)
- Fraser Williamson (ministry personnel)
- Blessing Tiriwepi (lay member)
- Desire Tiriwepi (ministry personnel)
- Stewart Walker (ministry personnel)

Alternates

- Nancy Ferguson (ministry personnel)
- Dave LeGrand (ministry personnel)
- Beverley Rumble (lay member)