

MINUTES of the Executive of Canadian Shield Regional Council held on May 1, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. online via Zoom.

PRESENT: Nancy Ferguson (Chair), Bill Steadman, Stewart Walker, Jim Jackson, Lionel Ketola, Susan Peverley, Bill Jones, Gord Roberts, Laurie Stevenson, David LeGrand, Susan Lindquist

STAFF: Peter Hartmans (Executive Minister), Susan Whitehead (Administrative Support), Diane Matheson-Jimenez (Staff Lead)

GUESTS: Jody Maltby (Minister, Finance and Property), Rob Smith (Pastoral Relations Minister), Melody Duncanson Hales (Minister, Community of Faith Support)

Chair Nancy welcomed everyone to the meeting of Executive.

Nancy honoured the traditional lands upon which we meet and then spoke about the CSRC being a safe space.

Peter read from Acts 9:3 and the transformation of Jesus seeing the light. He touched on the current political issues of today and linked it to the reading of Acts.

CHECK-IN

Nancy asked Executive to do a quick check-in time, focusing how we might be witnesses to God's light in our lives.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There is one correction – the Support to Communities of Faith Commission Minutes should be listed as February 19, 2025 and March 5, 2025 (not March 3, 2025).

MOTION by Jim Jackson/Bill Jones

CS EXEC 2025-05-01-01

That the agenda for the meeting be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Bill Jones/Lionel Ketola

CS EXEC 2025-05-01-02

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive held on April 3, 2025 be approved, as circulated.

CARRIED

RECEIVE MINUTES FROM COMMISSIONS

MOTION by Susan Peverley/Dave LeGrand

CS EXEC 2025-05-01-03

That the Minutes of the CSRC Support to Communities of Faith Commission from February 19, 2025 and March 5, 2025 be received, for information.

CARRIED

MOTION by Gord Roberts/Bill Steadman

CS EXEC 2025-05-01-04

That the Minutes of the CSRC Property Commission from March 27, 2025, be received, for information.

CARRIED

MOTION by Stewart Walker/Jim Jackson **CS EXEC 2025-05-01-05**
That the Minutes of the CSRC Pastoral Relations Commission from February 25, 2025 and March 25, 2025, be received, for information.
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Port Nelson UC re: Housing

Executive discussed a petition related to homelessness that was forwarded to the region. The team decided to share the petition with the region and refer it back to Shawn Redden for further action. There was also a discussion about a potential need for a Resource Team to handle justice issues, with some members suggesting that the existing resource teams could handle these issues.

2026 CSRC DRAFT BUDGET

Jody presented the 2026 CSRC Draft Budget. The Finance Resource Team has recommended the 2026 Draft Budget to Executive for approval:

MOTION by Michael Wesa / Dave Clark *CS FRT 2025 04 10 04*
That the Finance Resource Team of Canadian Shield Regional Council recommend the 2026 draft Budget to the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive for approval.

MOTION by Jim Jackson/Bill Jones **CS EXEC 2025-05-01-06**
That after review by the CSRC Finance Resource Team, the CSRC Executive recommends the 2026 Draft Budget to the 2025 Online Canadian Shield Regional Council meeting May 3, 2025, for review.
CARRIED

EXECUTIVE MINISTERS REPORT (Appendix A)

Peter shared his Executive Minister Report with Executive. Peter made a revision to his report regarding Towards 2035 and Executive discussed it.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations Committee Motion

At the November 12, 2024 meeting of the CSRC Nominations Committee, a motion was passed to add new members to the Mission Support Grants Resource Team but that motion has need been put before Executive.

MOTION by Kathie Smith/Mardi Mumford *CS NOMS 2024-11-12-01*
That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Nominations Committee recommend that Sarah Drouin and Allister Cruthers be appointed to the Mission Support and Grants Resource Team.
CARRIED

MOTION by Bill Jones/Susan Peverley **CS EXEC 2025-05-01-07**
That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive approve the recommendation of the Nominations Committee to appoint Sarah Drouin and Allister Cruthers to the Mission Support and Grants Resource Team.
CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATES:

- **2025 Online Regional Council Meeting** - Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom
- Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

CLOSING AND ADJOURNMENT

Nancy gave a closing prayer.

MOTION by Jim Jackson

CS EXEC 2025-05-01-08

That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive Meeting on May 1, 2025 be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Executive Ministers Report May 2025

GC45:

Major preparation continues for General Council 45, with an in-person meeting August 7-12. Commissioners will have had their National orientation on Sunday April 27th. Note the following dates for GC45:

Sunday, April 27, 2025 (online) 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. ET: Orientation to GC45, meeting technology and travel planning.

Sunday, June 22, 2025 (online) 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. ET: Opening of General Council

Saturday, June 28, 2025 (online) 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET: Learning and discussion
4:00 to 7:00 p.m. ET: Learning and discussion

August 7-11, 2025 (in person and online)

General Council worship, business, election and installation of the 45th Moderator

Logo and Theme: General Council 45



Moderator Nominee's for General Council 45 (As of April 24, 2025):

-Rev. Dr. Samuel V. Dansokho (he/him)

Ordained Minister, nominated by Nakonha:ka Regional Council

-Rev. Dr. John Pentland (he/him)

Ordained Minister, nominated by Chinook Winds Regional Council

-Rev. Dr. Cheri DiNovo, CM (she/her)

Ordained Minister, nominated by Shining Waters Regional Council

-Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath (she/her)

Ordained Minister, nominated by Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council

-Rev. Sungmin Jung (he/him)

Ordained Minister, nominated by Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council

For More information please see: <https://generalcouncil.ca/councils/general-council-45/moderator-nominees-gc45>

100th Anniversary June 8th 2025

The June 2025 UCC 100th celebration will take place on Sunday June 8th in Newfoundland.

I had the privilege of attending The United Church of Canada United Church Unveiling of The Last Supper for 100th Anniversary, on Holy Thursday, April 17. The photographic reimagining of The Last Supper, marked a significant moment in its centennial celebrations this year. Revealed for the first time at Metropolitan United Church in Toronto, this reinterpretation challenges traditional depictions of the iconic scene and affirms the United Church's belief in an all-encompassing love that embraces each person as their authentic self. See link for more information and to see the photograph.

<https://united-church.ca/news/united-church-unveils-bold-reimagining-last-supper-100th-anniversary>

To see the most update to date information for the United Churches 100th anniversary, which includes local events in CSRC see: <https://united-church.ca/100years>

Huntington University:

Dr. Kevin McCormick has requested a meeting with me for Monday, March 31. Conversations will continue regarding local regional council partnership with Huntington University. I also chatted with the General Council about the possibility of considering funding for a Chaplaincy, they are open to the idea. Conversations will continue both Regionally, with UCC and eventually Huntington.

Festival of Faith:

Planning continues for our CSRC and SWRC Festival of Faith in 2025. John Bell will be providing key leadership for the Festival of Faith and the festival will also include a number of workshops and key leadership from within the United Church too. The Moderator also hopes to attend the Festival of Faith. A pre-Clergy event is also be planned for CSRC folks, before the Festival of Faith. Online registration has started for the FoF and staff have been working at supporting carpooling with regional travel grants. Registration has started with equal registration so far from both regional councils.

Toward 2035:

The United Church of Canada is currently working on an update for its strategic planned called Toward 2035. A draft version of the report will be circulated publicly Mid-May. We are planning a joint Townhall Meeting for the evening of June 17, to present and get feedback for the material before General Council 45. A joint regional planning team will prepare for the event and our hope is that the Commissioners hear the feedback. One major advantage of hosting a joint townhall is that both regional commissioners can hear feedback from both regions. The joint townhall also afford the opportunity to hear similar themes and struggles. Leaving it to the planning team, my sense is the event will have an opportunity for CSRC and SWRC to connect as separate regional councils as well.

