

**Minutes of Prairie to Pine Regional Council
3rd Annual Regional Meeting via Zoom
May 28-30, 2021**

Friday, May 28, 2021

Gathering of Regional Council The 2021 Regional Meeting of Prairie to Pine Regional Council of the United Church of Canada met from Friday, May 28th to Sunday, May 30th via Zoom.

Kwang Beom Cho and Diane Dwarka, Co-Chairs of Prairie to Pine Regional Council Executive, presided.

Introductions Kwang Beom Cho and Diane Dwarka introduced themselves as Co-Chairs of Prairie to Pine Regional Council and introduced Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister.

Treaty Land Acknowledgement Kwang Beom Cho made the following treaty territory acknowledgement:

"As we gather to share the work that rightly comes before this court, let us acknowledge Treaty No. 1. We acknowledge the ongoing relationship to the land which Indigenous people have had for generation upon generation. We acknowledge those traditional territories that fall both within and outside the treaty lands that we are on. We also recognize our mutual obligation to care for and respect the land and its people; and to be open to the Creator's teaching and wisdom which the land offers."

Diane Dwarka declared the opening of the Prairie to Pine Regional Council Meeting 2021 to be open at 7:00 PM with the following statement:

"Welcome one and all. In the name of Jesus Christ, the only head of the church, and by the authority vested in me by this regional council, I declare the 3rd Annual Meeting of Prairie to Pine Regional Council of the United Church of Canada open for worship, study, companionship, and such business as shall properly come before us."

Opening Worship Equity and Diversity Committee led us in our Opening Worship.

Covenanting with Communities of Faith A Service of Covenanting was held with those Communities of Faith who have completed their Covenants.

In Memoriam We remembered the following individuals who have passed since our last meeting:

Frank Evans
January 10, 2021

Rev. Gordon Ivan Fulford
February 24, 2021

Rev. Alistair Riddell

March 5, 2021

Rev. John Edward Robertson

March 14, 2021

Rev. Lloyd Thomas (Tom) Little

May 6, 2021

BUSINESS

Introduction to Voting Process Kwang Beom Cho explained the voting process for those in attendance by phone and by Zoom.

Procedural / Enabling Motions Diane Dwarka read the procedural and enabling motions.

**ENABLING MOTIONS
PPRC 001-2021** Elizabeth Brown / Marg West
That Prairie to Pine Regional Council accepts the following Enabling Motions #1 – 12 for this Regional Council meeting:

1. Roll of Regional Council:

That the Roll of the Regional Council for the purposes of the 3rd Annual Regional Council meeting be:

- i. The members of the Order of Ministry within the bounds served by the regional council; and
- ii. Other ministry personnel in a covenantal relationship with a community of faith within the bounds of the regional council;
- iii. Lay members of the regional council are members of the United Church who are not ministry personnel and who are elected by communities of faith. (Manual 2019, C.1.1 & C.1.2);
- iv. Members-at-large, lay members within the Regional Council who have been appointed members as necessary for the work of the Regional Council by the Regional Council Executive and who have not been elected by their community of faith.

2. Corresponding Members:

That all invited guests, registered visitors, and staff be corresponding members of this regional council meeting, with voice but not vote.

3. The Bounds of the Council:

That the Bounds of the Regional Council meeting be the virtual meeting room and the telephone connections to that meeting space.

4. Minimum Number of Members at Meetings:

That 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 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 (Manual 2019; C.4.3).

5. **Limits to Debate:**

That without the permission of the Council, no member shall speak more than once on any proposal or amendment; and that speeches be limited to two minutes per person on each proposal, except at the discretion of the President.

6. **Agenda Committee:**

That the Agenda Committee for this Regional Council meeting be the members of the Regional Council Meeting Planning Committee, plus one person designated as Parliamentarian.

7. **Rules of Debate and Order:**

That the rules of debate and order for Parliamentary debate be those spelled out in Appendix of The Manual 2021 (pages 191-194); and that any point not covered in such Appendix, the parliamentary rules accepted in Canada (Bourinot) shall be followed.

8. **Proposals to the General Council:**

That, if Prairie to Pine Regional Council does not agree with a proposal where the General Council is the court of action, it will not be sent on to General Council unless a separate motion to send it on is made and passed.

9. **General Council Commissioners:**

That the Prairie to Pine Regional Council Executive will have the authority to elect additional Commissioners to the 44th General Council (2022), if necessary, in order to fulfill the slate of fourteen (14) Regional Council-elected Commissioners, as set by the General Council.

10. **Unfinished Business:**

That unfinished business be referred to the Prairie to Pine Regional Council Executive.

11. **Minutes:**

That the Minutes of the 2nd Annual Meeting of Prairie to Pine Regional Council (September 30 & October 7) be approved as distributed.

12. **Reports:**

That the verbal and written reports be accepted as presented.

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Nominations Report A Nominations Report was in the Workbook.

GC Commissioners Betty Kelly brought forward names to be Commissioners to the 44th General Council. Fourteen names were accepted and approved by the regional council.

Thirteen commissioners and four alternates still need to be named at a later date.

Two questions arose from the report regarding Indigenous commissioners.

The Executive Minister indicated that the Nation Indigenous Council has its own General Council commissioners and then there are also some spots that are named by General Council in order to have a diversity of commissioners. Whatever diversity is not captured in the slate, they can use alternates to seek the names submitted by the regional councils.

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Eric Matheson / Frances Flook

That Prairie to Pine Regional Council accepts the following slate of Prairie to Pine Commissioners and alternates to General Council 44:

- Elizabeth Brown
- Christopher St. George Davis
- Ken DeLisle
- Diane Dwarka
- Lesley Harrison
- Donna Kennedy
- Hope Mattus
- Cyndi Price
- Heather Sandilands
- Anna Stewart
- Karen Tjaden
- Erica Wiebe
- Taeil Yang
- Ila Swain (alternate)
- Linda Buchanan (alternate)
- Betty Kelly (alternate)
- Tessa Blaikie Whitecloud (alternate)

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Stewardship

A report from Vicky Nelson, Stewardship Animator, was in the Workbook.

A video on Mission & Service was shared.

What is your community of faith's mission?

What inspires you to stay involved with your community of faith?

**Mission & Service
Fundraiser #1**

We took time for our Mission & Service fundraiser. "The Masked Puppets"

St. Andrew's College

Richard Manley-Tannis reported on behalf of St. Andrew's College. Full report is in the workbook.

Honouring Retirees 1

A video was played to honour Nelson Hart, Retiree.

Closing Worship Closing worship took place. People were invited to stay and go into breakout rooms for informal conversation afterward.

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Opening Worship The Equity and Diversity Committee led the opening worship. Ken DeLisle translated the worship in Sign Language.

Honouring Retirees 2 A video was played to honour Susan Tilleman, Retiree.

Presentation by Gloria Cook A video of Gloria Cook giving a presentation on Reconciliation and shared some Indigenous Teachings was played for the council.

Breakout Rooms We went into breakout rooms to discuss:

- What one new learning did you gain from the teaching?
- How can this teaching build on your past experience?

Honouring Retirees 3 A video was played to honour Jenny Sprong, Retiree.

LUNCH

Welcome Back The meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM.

Mission & Service Fundraiser #2 The second installment of "The Masked Puppet" took place.

Ministry Celebrations We heard from Christopher St. George Davis, Admittand, via video.

Reports

Co-Chairs Report A report from Executive Co-chairs, Kwang Beom Cho and Diane Dwarka, was in the Workbook.

Executive Minister's Report A report from Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister, was in the Workbook.

Finance Report Valerie Beckingham & Heather Dootoff presented the Financial Report and directed people to the Audited Financial Statement in the Workbook.

Indigenous Ministries & Justice Murry Pruden, Executive Minister, Indigenous Ministries & Justice, sent regrets and forwarded a letter which was read by Shannon McCarthy.

**Call to Prayer from
the National Centre
for Truth and
Reconciliation**

Our hearts are heavy as we mourn the 215 children found at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. This news is a stark reminder of the violence inflicted by the residential school system and the wounds carried by communities, families, and Survivors into the present. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Tk'emlúps te Secéwpemc community as well as the families and communities affected.

NCTR will be lighting a sacred fire at 7:00 pm CST to honour the spirits of these children. At this time, Elders will join by lifting their pipes in ceremony across Turtle Island. While we may not know who the 215 children are, we are all relations and know these little ones are deeply loved by their communities and our Creator. Ceremony is integral to the path forward and it will take all of us to heal. We invite you to join us by lighting a fire or with prayers at this time.

Moderator's Video

A video greeting from Moderator Richard Bott was played.

Anniversaries

25 Years (1996)

Anne Duncan (RD)
Sue Everton (RD)
Beth Elaine Gardner (RO)
Muriel Gray (RO)
Harold Kenyon (OM)
Gloria Muskego (RO)
Beth McLean (RD)
Lynn Stevens (RO)

30 Years (1991)

Evelyn Broadfoot (OM)
Mary Best (OM)
Marc Whitehead (OM)

35 Years (1986)

Allan Doerksen (OM)
Carol Fletcher (OM)
Elgin Hall (R-DLM)
Nelson Hart (RO)
Judy Hare (OM)
Margret Kristjansson (OM)
Gary Loewen (RO)
Patricia Wotton (RO)

40 Years (1981)

Irene Greenwood (OM)
Kathy Highmoor (RO)
Eric Matheson (RO)
Bill Millar (OM)
Denis Thornton (OM)

50 Years (1971)

Bob Haverluck (RO)
Ross Taylor (RO)
John Lea (RO)
Stan McKay (RO)
John Thompson (RO)

55 Years (1966)
Paul Campbell (OM)

60 Years (1961)
George Davidson (RO)
Oriole Veldhius (RD)
Russell Young (RO)

65 Years (1956)
Fraser Muldrew (RO)

**Mission & Service
Fundraiser #3**

The third installment of "The Masked Puppet" took place.

**Mission & Service
Fundraiser #4**

The fourth installment of "The Masked Puppet" took place.

Covenanting

A Service of Covenanting was held with the elected GC44 Commissioners.

Closing Worship

The Equity and Diversity Committee led the closing worship. Ken DeLisle translated the worship in Sign Language.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

**Games Night
(optional)**

The Young Adult and Youth (YAAY) held a virtual games night for delegates.

**Mission and Service
Fundraiser**

The Mission and Service Fundraiser, "The Masked Puppets" raised over \$8500 for the Mission and Service Fund.

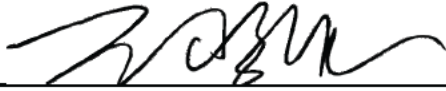
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Affirming Celebration

An affirming celebration worship for the whole Regional Council was recorded and shared via our Regional Council YouTube Channel

**Affirming Celebration
Rainbow Dessert**

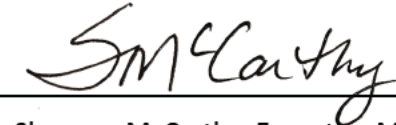
People were invited to a zoom gathering to have a time of celebration and dessert following the service.



Kwang Beom Cho, Co-Chair



Diane Dwarka, Co-Chair



Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister

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