



NORTHERN SPIRIT REGIONAL COUNCIL

The United Church of Canada

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The structure of the United Church of Canada is based on a collegial model. Within this structure, each Community of Faith develops and lives out a Mission that is important to its unique circumstances. Also, the Community of Faith is in relationship with the other Communities of Faith in the region and in the national church. The Manual gives specific tasks to each part of this collegial model. For the Northern Spirit Regional Council to accomplish the tasks given to a regional council, we need your:

“HELP!”

Help! We need somebody.

Help! Not just anybody.

Help! You know we need someone. Help!

Here are the Want Ads for positions in Northern Spirit Regional Council that we would like to fill at the Regional Meeting in June. In the nominations process, the Nominations Committee presents a yearly report for ratification at each Annual Meeting. There are, nevertheless, two positions reserved for open nomination at the 2020 Annual Gathering: the 2021 Annual Meeting Convenor, and the Chair-Elect for the Regional Executive. There will be a call for nominations to these positions during the 2020 Annual Gathering.

REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE:

❖ **Chair Elect** - This is a two-year position, one year on the Executive and a second year as Chair. As Chair, this person not only chairs the Executive, but attends internal United Church events and consultations as may be needed.

❖ **Two Members-at-large** - one layperson, one order of ministry. These are two-year positions.

CONVENOR of the ANNUAL MEETING:

❖ This is an annually elected position with an option of renewal for up to one more term. The Convenor chairs each Annual Meeting, is on the annual Regional Meeting Planning Committee, and represents the Regional Council at ecumenical and interfaith events.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMISSION:

❖ **Lay representative, one vacancy** - This appointee should have previous experience with Pastoral Relations work and preferably be from the northern part of the region.

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PASTORAL RELATIONS SUPPORT COMMITTEES:

- ❖ The three support committees - **Ministry Personnel Support, Community of Faith Support, Lay Leadership Support** - would like to add additional members so that they can continue and enhance the work they are doing.

PROPERTY COMMISSION:

- ❖ This commission responding to issues relating to property in the region would like to increase its membership.

YOUTH COUNCIL:

- ❖ The 2019 Regional Meeting established the need for a Youth Council for the region. This council made up of both youth and adults needs **two adult members**.

MINISTRY AND MISSION GRANTS:

- ❖ This task group requires 3 - 5 members, primarily to consider the submissions for major grants from the Ministry and Mission portion of the NSRC budget (the previous Mission Support Grants). They may also be asked during the year to consider other grant requests.

REGIONAL MEETING PLANNING:

- ❖ This task group will coordinate theme, worship, business and logistics for the Regional Meeting in Fort Nelson in 2021. The Convenor of the next Annual Meeting is a member of this committee.

NOMINATIONS:

- ❖ This committee will work with the Executive and staff to place volunteers, matching passions, skills and the needs of the region.

Other task groups may be established at the Regional Meeting in Camrose. Stay alert for new possibilities.

If you are considering being a Commissioner for General Council 44, information about the naming of Commissioners will come out in an additional mailing.

If you would like an additional information about these opportunities, you may contact either Marilyn Carroll (carroll@neonet.bc.ca) or Susan Waldie (swaldie@telus.net) .

Included with this mailing is a nominations form. If you are considering any of these positions, please fill out this form, and return it to Kathy Jackson at the Regional Council Office (KJackson@united-church.ca).