

2nd ANNUAL MEETING OF NORTHERN SPIRIT REGIONAL COUNCIL ENABLING MOTIONS

1. **Roll of the Regional Council:** that the Roll of the Regional Council for the purposes of the 2nd 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 as members 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 guests, 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 Convenor.
6. **Business Committee:** that the Business Committee for this Regional Council meeting be the members of the Regional Council Meeting Planning Committee, plus Blaine Gregg, who is designated as the Parliamentarian.
7. **Rules of Debate and Order:** that the rules of debate and order for Parliamentary debate be those spelled out in the Appendix of The Manual 2019 (pages 187-191); and that any point not covered in such Appendix, the parliamentary rules accepted in Canada (Bourinot) shall be followed.
8. **Unfinished Business:** that unfinished business be referred to the Northern Spirit Regional Council Executive.
9. **Minutes:** that the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Northern Spirit Regional Council be approved as distributed.
10. **Celebration of Ministry:** that the Northern Spirit Regional Council, having received confirmation of readiness of the following candidate for admission from the Office of Vocation, and confirmed

through the Northern Spirit Regional Council Pastoral Relations Commission that a covenantal relationship is in place with a community of faith, will hold a Celebration of Ministries service on a date and time to be determined by the Regional Council Executive to Admit John Calvin Rhoad Jr. (The Manual H.4.8).

11. Reports: that the verbal and written reports be accepted as presented.

Remit 1:

Does the Regional Council agree that:

- (a) the Order of Ministry be open to persons of all gender identities; and
- (b) the Basis of Union be amended to reflect this change as follows:

10.0 The Order of Ministry shall be open to all persons of all gender identities.