

**Northern Spirit Regional Council  
Nominations Committee Report  
2020 Members and Vacancies**

**There is room for you ...**

The Nominations Committee works throughout the year to find people from all over the Northern Spirit region to fill vacancies on the Executive, Commissions, Committees and Task Groups, with the use of a rolling nominations process.

A rolling nominations process seeks out and invites nominations for vacancies as they arise, rather than waiting to fill them via nominations from the floor of an Annual Gathering. In the rolling nominations process, the nominations are presented to the Regional Council Executive for approval, and a yearly report is presented for ratification at each Annual Meeting.

It is important to note that for a rolling nominations process to work fully, the Nominations Committee needs information about the range of gifts, skills, interests and capabilities present among the members of the Regional Council. An [Interest and Gifts Profile](#) has been posted to the Regional Council web site. To assist with this, please feel free to complete the profile and send it to the Regional Council Office: by email to [northernspirit@united-church.ca](mailto:northernspirit@united-church.ca), or by post to 13535 122 Avenue NW, Edmonton AB T5L 2V7.

It is important to note that the Nominations Committee attempts to follow the diversity parameters established by the General Council of The United Church of Canada as well as the Calls to the Church by the Caretakers of our Indigenous Circle. Therefore, to the best of our ability, we make an effort to represent a diversity of identities, lenses and geography among nominees to positions.

The following is a list of the people serving the work of the Regional Council. Where noted, there are vacancies (highlighted in **red**). If you, or someone you know, is interested in playing a role as the Regional Council continues to develop its mission and ministry, please contact the Regional Council Office. There are a variety of opportunities available.

**Where do you feel called?**

**1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, 2021**

The Convenor of the Annual Meeting will preside at the next full meeting of the Regional Council, will be a corresponding member of the Regional Council Executive, and will be a member of the Annual Meeting Planning Team. The Convenor will also have a role in encouraging ecumenical and interfaith linkages within the Region and will represent the Region at local community of faith events and milestones.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Elected</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Convenor, 2021 Annual Meeting</b>	Gord Waldie	2020	1 year, renewable	OM, Grande Prairie Regional Council Executive Chairperson

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**2. Regional Council Executive**

The usual term length for Executive members is two years, with an option for renewal.  
The Chair-Elect will become Chairperson when the current Chairperson's term is completed.

Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Chairperson, Executive	Gord Waldie	2020	2 years	OM, Grande Prairie
Chair-Elect, Executive	Vacant		2 years	
Treasurer	Shauna Scott	2019	1 year	Lay, Edmonton
Executive Minister	Shannon McCarthy	2019	Continuous	OM, Winnipeg
Member-at-Large	Mary Annan	2020	2 years	Retired OM, Edmonton
Member-at-Large	Marilyn Carroll	2019	2 + 1 year	DM, Dawson Creek
Member-at-Large	Peter Chynoweth	2020	2 years	Retired OM, Cochrane
Member-at-Large	Margaret-Anne Hall	2020	2 years	Lay, Fort Nelson
Member-at-Large	Alistair MacKay	2019	2 years	Lay, Fort McMurray
Member-at-Large	Vacant		2 years	
Annual Meeting Convenor	Gord Waldie		1 year, renewable	OM Grande Prairie Corresponding Member
Pastoral Relations Minister	Earl Reaburn	2019	Continuous	Lay, Edmonton Corresponding Member

**Task Groups**

Task Groups are established, by the Regional Council, or its Executive, to carry out particular work deemed necessary for the life and work of the Regional Council.

Affirming Task Group				
Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Chairperson	Linda McLaren	2020	Continuous	OM, Edmonton
Member	Cathy Kinsman	2020	Continuous	OM, Lloydminster
Member	Wilson MacLennan	2020	Continuous	Lay, Edmonton
Member	Louise Rogers	2020	Continuous	Lay, Sherwood Park
Member	Monica Rosborough	2020	Continuous	OM, Athabasca
Member	Shylo Rosborough	2020	Continuous	Lay, Edmonton

Grants Task Group				
Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Member	Mary Annan	2020	1 year, renewable	Retired OM, Edmonton
Member	Peter Chynoweth	2020	1 year, renewable	Retired OM, Cochrane
Member	Leslie Penny	2020	1 year, renewable	Lay, Barrhead
Member	Susan Waldie	2019	1 year, renewable	Lay, St. Albert
Member	Vacant		1 year, renewable	

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**3. Northern Spirit Regional Council Commissions**

The work of the Commissions is reported to the Northern Spirit Regional Council through its Executive.

<b>Pastoral Relations Commission</b>				
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Elected</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Member</b>	Lois Belanger	2019	3 years	Lay, Edgerton
<b>Member</b>	Gaie Goin	2019	2 years	Lay, Wetaskiwin
<b>Member</b>	Arlene Henitiuk	2020	3 years	Lay, Manning
<b>Member</b>	Blaine Gregg	2019	3 years	OM, Edmonton/Leduc
<b>Member</b>	Kimberly Roy	2019	3 years	DM, Edson
<b>Member</b>	Stephen Sparks	2020	3 years	OM, Bonnyville

<b>Property Commission</b>				
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Elected</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Chairperson</b>	Martha Dawson	2019	1 year, renewable	Lay, Grande Prairie
<b>Secretary</b>	Erin White	2019	1 year, renewable	Lay, Mewassin
<b>Member</b>	Jim Belliveau	2019	1 year, renewable	Lay, Cold Lake
<b>Member</b>	Bob Miller	2019	1 year, renewable	Lay, Edmonton
<b>Member</b>	Greg Parker	2019	1 year, renewable	OM, Provost
<b>Member</b>	Susan Waldie	2020	1 year, renewable	Lay, St. Albert

**4. Northern Spirit Regional Council Committees**

<b>Communities of Faith Support Committee</b>				
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Elected</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Member</b>	Vera Engel	2019	1 year, renewable	Lay, Killam
<b>Member</b>	Wendy Galloway	2019	1 year, renewable	OM, Redwater
<b>Member</b>	Steven Johann	2019	1 year, renewable	OM, Edmonton
<b>Member</b>	Chang Lee	2019	1 year, renewable	OM, Onoway
<b>Member</b>	Vacant		1 year, renewable	Lay
<b>Member</b>	Vacant		1 year, renewable	OM, DM or DLM

<b>Lay Leadership Support Committee</b>				
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Elected</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Member</b>	Tazvi Nyarota	2019	1 year, renewable	OM, Edmonton
<b>Member</b>	Linda Roberts	2020	1 year, renewable	Lay, Spirit River
<b>Member</b>	Lesley Verdin	2019	1 year, renewable	Lay, Edmonton
<b>Member</b>	Vacant		1 year, renewable	OM, DM or DLM
<b>Member</b>	Vacant		1 year, renewable	Lay

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<b>Ministry Personnel Support Committee</b>				
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Elected</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Member</b>	Deborah Brill	2020	1 year, renewable	OM, Lamont
<b>Member</b>	Dirk Jessen	2019	1 year, renewable	OM, Devon
<b>Member</b>	Ray Olsen	2019	1 year, renewable	Retired OM, Edmonton
<b>Member</b>	Phyllis Greenslade	2020	1 year, renewable	Retired DLM, Edmonton
<b>Member</b>	Vacant		1 year, renewable	Lay, OM, DM, DLM

<b>Nominations Committee</b>				
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Elected</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Member</b>	Marilyn Carroll	2019	1 year, renewable	DM, Dawson Creek
<b>Member</b>	Brenda Simon	2020	1 year, renewable	OM, Fairview
<b>Member</b>	Vacant		1 year, renewable	
<b>Member</b>	Vacant		1 year, renewable	

<b>Youth Council</b>				
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Elected</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Member</b>	Scott Reynolds	2020	1 year, renewable	OM, Viking
<b>Member</b>	Daniel Chon	2020	1 year, renewable	Lay, Edmonton
<b>Member</b>	Deidre Fuder	2020	1 year, renewable	Lay, Wainwright
<b>Member</b>	Lorraine Nyarota	2020	1 year, renewable	Lay, Leduc
<b>Member</b>	Miriam Waldie	2020	1 year, renewable	Lay, Grande Prairie
<b>Member</b>	Vacant		1 year, renewable	
<b>Member</b>	Vacant		1 year, renewable	

<b>Annual Meeting Planning Committee</b>				
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Elected</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Meeting Convenor</b>	Gord Waldie	2020	1 year, renewable	OM, Grande Prairie Regional Council Executive Chairperson
<b>Chairperson</b>	Vacant		1 year, renewable	
<b>Member</b>	Sharon Adams	2019	1 year, renewable	
<b>Member</b>	Vacant		1 year, renewable	
<b>Member</b>	Vacant		1 year, renewable	

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**5. General Council Commissioners**

General Council Commissioners serve for a term of three years. Commissioners to the 43<sup>rd</sup> General Council (2018) were elected in 2018.

Commissioners to the 44<sup>th</sup> General Council (2022) will be elected in 2021.

<b>Lay Commissioners</b>	<b>Order of Ministry Commissioners</b>
Georgina Baron (Lay, Vegreville)	Britt Aerhart (OM, Sherwood Park)
Alison Cartwright (Lay, Moberly Lake)	Deanna Cox (OM, Killam)
Gaie Goin (Lay, Wetaskiwin)	Blaine Gregg (OM, Leduc)
Katharine Moore (Lay, Edmonton)	Catherine MacLean (OM, Edmonton)
Lorraine Stewart (Lay, Stony Plain)	Stephen Sparks (OM, Bonnyville)
Grace Tessier (Lay, Edmonton)	
Margery Wright (Lay, St. Albert)	
Paul Wright (Lay, Youth, St. Albert)	

**Notes:**

The responsibilities of most of the Commissions, Committees and Task Groups can be found on the Regional Council Website: [www.northernspiritrc.ca](http://www.northernspiritrc.ca).

OM=Ordained Minister, DM=Diaconal Minister, DLM=Designated Lay Minister, Lay=Lay Representative