

Northern Spirit Regional Council Newsletter — February

Next Meeting
NSRC Executive March
10, 2021 via Zoom

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Northern Spirit RC Executive

- Northern Spirit Regional Council (NSRC) Executive met **via zoom, February 10, 2021** to share the work you have elected us to do.
- The Bursary Fund Society is wrapping up and is transferring the Bursary Fund to the Regional Council. This month we named signing authorities for the relevant accounts as assets are transferred.
- We heard a very full report from Earl Reaburn about some of the Pastoral Relations realities within NSRC. Currently there are 29 Communities of Faith without paid ministry personnel.
- Earl invited the Executive to ponder what the future of NSRC might look like. “What will we look like 5, 10, 15 years from now?” As an Executive we have known that we need to do some visioning work, this will help both to push us to do that work and help shape the way we do it. Thanks Earl.
- You may remember that the main item of business at our NSRC Gathering/Meeting last October was to vote on a Remit. That Remit was approved by **all 16** Regional Councils and ratified at the last meeting of the General Council Executive. The change to the Basis of Union will thus be included in the next update of *The Manual*.
- Last month we shared a plan for a split Annual Meeting with an education piece in the spring and a business meeting in the fall. Since the General Council has asked that Commissioners be elected by June 2021 that plan is now being adjusted. Look for more details next month.
- Along that line, do you feel called to put your name forward as a Commissioner to GC44? The nominations process for that will be shared as soon as we work out how that election will happen.
- We have learned that the monthly business at our meetings often does not leave us time for fuller discussions of issues. So we are having a special meeting at the end of February to look at these two questions:
 1. How can/will NSRC support youth, young adult, and Campus Ministry?
 2. How can/will NSRC support justice and advocacy work?
- The NSRC Treasurer, Shauna Scott, is stepping down once the audit for 2020 is complete. Shauna had originally set the end of 2019 to step down but has graciously remained in office until now. We offer our heartfelt thanks to Shauna for many years of service with ANW Conference and then with NSRC.

NSRC Executive Gord Waldie (Chair) Shauna Scott, Alistair McKay, Margaret-Anne Hall, Peter Chynoweth, Marilyn Carroll, Mary Annan, Shannon McCarthy *Executive Minister*,

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Nominations are opening for a number of positions across the Northern Spirit Regional Council.