

**Northern Spirit Regional Council
Nominations Committee Report
2020-2021 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 Meeting. Nominations are presented to the Regional Council Executive for approval, and a yearly report is presented to each Annual Meeting.

It is important to note that the Nominations Committee attempts to follow the diversity parameters established by 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 try to represent a diversity of identities, lenses and geography among nominees to Regional Council roles.

A summary of the roles on the Executive, Commissions, Committees and Task Groups that currently carry out the mission and ministry of the Northern Spirit Regional Council can be viewed or downloaded [here](#).

The following is a list of the people involved in the work of the Regional Council. Where noted, there are vacancies (highlighted in **red**). If you, or someone you know, is interested in getting involved as the Regional Council continues to develop its mission and ministry, please complete the online [Expression of Interest and Nominations Form](#).

There are a variety of opportunities available.

Where do you feel called?

1. Annual Meeting Convenor

The Convenor of the Annual Meeting will preside at the next full meeting of the Regional Council.

Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Convenor, 2021 Annual Meeting	Gord Waldie	2020	1 year, renewable	OM, Grande Prairie
Convenor, 2022 Annual Meeting	Vacant			Lay, OM, DM or DLM

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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	Gord Waldie	2020	2 years	OM, Grande Prairie
Chairperson-Elect	Vacant		2 years	Lay, OM, DM or DLM
Treasurer	Donna Kline	2021	2years	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 (2)	Vacant		2 years	Lay, OM, DM or DLM
Annual Meeting Convenor	Gord Waldie		1 year, renewable	OM, Grande Prairie Corresponding Member
Pastoral Relations Minister	Earl Reaburn	2019	Continuous	Lay, Edmonton Corresponding Member
Communications & Justice Minister	Julie Graham	2020	Continuous	Lay, Saskatoon Corresponding Member
Financial Administrator	Heather Dootoff	2019	Continuous	Lay, Regina Corresponding Member
Recording Secretary/ Executive Assistant	Jamie Mackay	2019	Continuous	Lay, Winnipeg 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

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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

3. Northern Spirit Regional Council Commissions

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

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

Committees of the Pastoral Relations Commission

Communities of Faith Support Committee				
Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Member	Vera Engel	2019	1 year, renewable	Lay, Killam
Member	Wendy Galloway	2019	1 year, renewable	OM, Redwater
Member	Steven Johann	2019	1 year, renewable	OM, Edmonton
Member	Chang Lee	2019	1 year, renewable	OM, Onoway
Member	Helen Reed	2020	1 year, renewable	DM, Camrose
Member	Vacant		1 year, renewable	Lay, OM, DM or DLM

Lay Leadership Support Committee				
Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Member	Tazvi Nyarota	2019	1 year, renewable	OM, Edmonton
Member	Linda Roberts	2020	1 year, renewable	Lay, Spirit River
Member	Lesley Verdin	2019	1 year, renewable	Lay, Edmonton
Member (2)	Vacant		1 year, renewable	Lay, OM, DM or DLM

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

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

4. Northern Spirit Regional Council Committees

Annual Meeting Planning Committee				
Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Chairperson	Deborah Hoekstra	2020	1 year, renewable	OM, Edmonton
Chairperson-Elect	Vacant			Lay, OM, DM or DLM
Annual Meeting Convenor	Gord Waldie		1 year, renewable	OM, Grande Prairie
Member	Sharon Adams	2019	1 year, renewable	Lay, Grande Prairie
Tech Support	Stuart Jackson	2020	1 year, renewable	Retired OM, Edmonton
Affirming TG	Linda McLaren	2021	1 year, renewable	OM, Edmonton
Affirming TG	Shylo Rosborough	2021	1 year, renewable	Lay, Edmonton Corresponding Member
Member (2)	Vacant	2021	1 year, renewable	Lay, OM, DM or DLM

Nominations Committee				
Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Member	Marilyn Carroll	2019	1 year, renewable	DM, Dawson Creek
Member	Brenda Simon	2020	1 year, renewable	OM, Fairview
Member (4)	Vacant		1 year, renewable	Lay, OM, DM or DLM

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Youth Council				
Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Member	Scott Reynolds	2020	1 year, renewable	OM, Viking
Member	Daniel Chon	2020	1 year, renewable	Lay, Edmonton
Member	Deidre Fuder	2020	1 year, renewable	Lay, Wainwright
Member	Lorraine Nyarota	2020	1 year, renewable	Lay, Leduc
Member	Miriam Waldie	2020	1 year, renewable	Lay, Grande Prairie
Member (2)	Vacant		1 year, renewable	Lay, OM, DM or DLM

5. General Council Commissioners

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

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

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

Notes:

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