

Northern Spirit Regional Council Newsletter — April 2021

Next Meeting
NSRC Executive May 12,
2021 via Zoom

*We acknowledge with gratitude the traditional territories of our Indigenous and Metis neighbours and their hospitality.
We offer our respect and commitment to living into right relationship with all our relations.*

Northern Spirit RC Executive

- Northern Spirit Regional Council (NSRC) Executive met **via zoom, April 14, 2021.**
- At this meeting we were happy to appoint Donna Kline as the new Treasurer for NSRC. Donna replaces Shauna Scott who first took on the role of Treasurer for Alberta Northwest Conference in 2006 and then migrated to NSRC with the structure change. We all offer Shauna a heartfelt thanks for her years of service and also wish Donna well as she steps into the role.
- In her last act as Treasurer Shauna presented the audited NSRC Financial Statements for 2020 to the Executive. If folk wish to see the statements please contact the NSRC Office or Gord Waldie, Chair of Executive and we can get them to you.
- Communities of Faith are reminded to send their Annual Reports to the NSRC Office. A team has been established to review these reports and provide feedback as needed.
- We discussed plans for the NSRC 2021 Annual Meeting which is happening on the evenings of May 4th and 6th. If you are a delegate from your Community of Faith please register as soon as possible. And Communities of Faith please let the NSRC Office know who you have elected as your delegates.
- At the Annual Meeting we will be electing our Commissioners for GC44, taking place online in 2022. We need to elect 10 Commissioners (and some alternates might be a good idea too). Knowing that for some people an online meeting is very challenging either because of comfort levels or poor internet connectivity, the General Council Office is working on ways to provide technological support to make it possible for anyone who is elected to serve as a Commissioner. Please check the NSRC website for more information about being a Commissioner, and please consider if this is something you (or someone you know) are called to at this point in time.
- We are excited to announce that Matthew Heesing will be Ordained this year. Barring COVID-related restrictions Matthew will be ordained at a service in Fort Saskatchewan on June 27th. We are also working on setting a date to celebrate Rev. Johnny Rhoad's Admission to the United Church sometime this Spring.
- Shannon shared information about the Strategic Planning work happening at the General Council Offices. There are Town Hall gatherings planned and folk are encouraged to be a part of the discussion. Have your chance to share where you think the United Church of Canada should be putting its resources and energy.
- See you all at the beginning of May!

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

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