

*We acknowledge with gratitude the traditional territories of our Indigenous and Métis 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, May 12, 2021.**
- As this was our first meeting following the Annual Meeting we spent a good deal of time talking about the two proposals that called for action by the Regional Council. These were the proposal regarding the K-6 Social Studies Curriculum and the proposal regarding incidences of Racial Hatred and Violence:
 - ◇ We will work with the Being Good Relations Network and also connect with Chinook Winds Regional Council and hope to have a letter regarding the Social Studies Curriculum prepared for sending before National Indigenous Day.
 - ◇ Work is being done to develop terms of reference for the Anti-Racism Task Group. Gord and Shannon will be working on the letter to be sent regarding this proposal. More discussion about how we will encourage and empower Communities of Faith and individuals within NSRC to be actively anti-racist will happen at the June meeting.
- We also had a more general conversation about how the Annual Meeting went and what we might have learned for next year. We know that we need to have the planning team for the 2022 Annual Meeting established very very soon. Does this sound like something you would like to be involved in?
- As usual we spent time with Earl Reaburn and learning about the work being done by the committees he works with. Out of came a discussion about how we memorialize congregations that are closing. We hope that this will become something done during future Annual Meetings.
- We passed a Moving Grant Assistance Policy. When a Community of Faith enters a new Pastoral Relationship they are responsible for moving costs for the new minister and sometimes this adds a financial challenge to the life of the community, so there is now a policy where Communities of Faith may be able to get financial assistance with those costs. You can get more information from the Regional Office.
- We started a discussion about evaluating what it means to be the church under our new structure. What is working well? What needs to be tweaked?
- As a part of the nominations report we named Leslie Penny as a member of the Executive for a two year term. All other current members of the Executive are staying on for this year.

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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