

Northern Spirit Regional Council Newsletter — November 2021

Next Meeting
NSRC Executive Dec 8,
2021 via Zoom

*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, November 10, 2021**
- At this meeting we had a healthy discussion about and passed the budget for 2022.
- The Chairs of NSRC, Living Skies, and Prairie to Pine had a meeting last month to talk about Annual Meetings. The plan is that all three regions will have in online meetings in 2022 and all three will have in-person meetings in 2023. From that point on one region a year will have an in-person meeting. This puts less pressure on our shared staff and on our regional budgets.
- We had a lengthy discussion about the future of Campus Ministry within NSRC. Funding this ministry remains a challenge. Also we are wanting to discuss and explore how we might broaden Campus Ministry beyond the Edmonton campus of the University of Alberta.
- Growing out of the discussion above was a recognition that it is time to have some intentional conversations about “How will we be the United Church of Canada as NSRC? How will we support the work of the church in our various communities of faith?”. To this end we are having a special meeting of the executive in January which will focus purely on vision and mission issues. We anticipate that after that we will invite people to a series of focus-group style discussions. One of the guiding points in these discussions will be the mission and vision statements recently accepted by the General Council.
- As a reminder, there are a number of opportunities for ministry available within NSRC. This includes membership on the Anti-Racism Task Group, people to help plan our 2022 annual gathering, and a Chair-Elect for the Executive.
- We received a proposal for **Love Your Neighbour Regional Council ice and snow art/ snow castle competition**. The vision is that this could be a community-building event as we celebrate the gifts of the winter season. Watch for more information!

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

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