

*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, December 8, 2021**
- At this meeting we had our normal agenda items, so we reviewed the most recent financial information and we heard from Earl Reaburn about the work being done by the various committees for which Earl is the staff support.
- Shannon McCarthy gave us an update on some of the news from the recent General Council Executive meeting. This included some changes to the General Council salary structure and information about proposed changes Designated Lay Ministry. Next year's General Council meeting will be discussing the proposals around DLM in more detail. For more information about what happened at this meeting of GCE click here: <https://generalcouncil43.ca/>
- Speaking of General Council, the opening of GC44 is fast approaching. GC44 will take place in a series of on-line gatherings starting in mid-February and going until the Summer, with decision making sessions taking place July 21-25 and the installation of the next Moderator scheduled for August 7th. For information about GC44 check out the website: <https://generalcouncil44.ca/>. More info will be added to that page as time goes by so check back periodically. There will be a training and discussion session for NSRC Commissioners in January.
- As an Executive we continue to try and discern what should or could happen regarding a NSRC gathering in 2022. There is no Manual requirement for a full gathering and any business for GC44 has already been done so one of our questions has been "what do we see as the purpose for this gathering?". One possibility under discussion is to wait until the fall to have this gathering and use it as a chance for Commissioners to GC44 to report on their experience.
- There are a number of ministry opportunities within NSRC. In particular we are aware that in May we passed a proposal relating to becoming an actively anti-racist body. We need a group of people to provide leadership on how exactly we do that. WE are also looking for a Chair-elect for the Executive as well as members of the Executive. If you are interested in finding out more about these opportunities contact the Regional Council Office or Marilyn Carroll
- We wish you all a truly Blessed Christmas season!

**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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