

# Northern Spirit Regional Council

## Newsletter — April 2022

**Next Meeting**  
NSRC Executive May 11,  
2022 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**, April 13, 2022.
- **The 2022 Celebration of Ministry Service will be held on June 5, 2022 at 1:00.** The service will be held at Spirit of Hope United Church in Edmonton and will be live-streamed on their YouTube Channel. The direct link for the service is: <https://youtu.be/PMOKXwV3sLQ>. We look forward to working with SOHUC and giving the Regional Council a chance to see their newly renovated worship space. We will be celebrating an ordination this year. We will also mark a number of retirements from active ministry. One of the prayers in the service will include *In Memoriam* names. If you know of someone who should be included please let Kathy Jackson know.
- Earlier this year the United Church in Barrhead sold their building. As a part of that sale they sent 10% of the proceeds to Northern Spirit Regional Council and also sent money to the Indigenous Church. At this meeting we determined how we would distribute NSRC's proceeds. We sent some of the money to Mission & Service, with the rest split to different funds within NSRC.
- An update was shared about the work of GC44. Right now the Commissioners are in the midst of the Learning phase, with weekly sessions where questions for clarification can be asked about the various proposals. The Discussion phase will take place in mid-June, with the Decision phase happening in late July.
- In his report Earl Reaburn encouraged (and challenged) the Executive to do some visioning and priority setting work as we discern what it means to maintain and support a UCCan presence in this part of the country. The Executive hopes to have an in-person meeting in the fall to facilitate these discussions.
- As part of this Visioning work the Executive is contemplating how best to ensure that what we know about the life and needs of Communities of Faith within NSRC is shared as appropriate between various parts of our structure so that we can best know how the RC can respond. The Financial and Ministry Viability assessments from Communities of Faith will inform that process.
- Like many other (or all other) parts of the church, we in NSRC have a Nominations challenge. Is there a role for you on the Executive or one of the other bodies that help NSRC provide a supportive presence for our Communities of Faith? Please contact the Regional Council Office to learn what opportunities are available.

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

**Questions?** Contact us at [northernspirit@united-church.ca](mailto:northernspirit@united-church.ca) or Gord Waldie @ (780) 532 2415.

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