

**Northern Spirit Regional Council
Nominations Committee Report
2021-2022 Members and Vacancies**

Preface

On January 1, 2019, the Northern Spirit Regional Council of The United Church of Canada came into being. It is made up of Lay Representatives from Communities of Faith, Ministry Personnel (active and retired), and others, within a geography encompassing 1,567,442 km² and four Treaty territories: 6, 8, 10, 11.

There is room for you ...

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the United Church. We rely on the wisdom and talents that committed individuals bring to all areas of the life and work of Northern Spirit Regional Council. Whether it is a spiritual calling, or the willingness to offer gifts and abilities named by others, there are a variety of opportunities to “get involved”. Please consider where you might be called, and talk to others about where they might find a place in the Northern Spirit Regional Council.

The Nominations Committee attempts to follow the diversity parameters established by The United Church of Canada. Diversity, in terms of racial and ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical abilities, geographical location, vocation or economic status, makes us strong, by bringing a variety of important perspectives to work of the Regional Council.

A list of the Roles on the Executive, Commissions, Committees and Task Groups that currently carry out the mission and ministry of the Regional Council can be viewed or downloaded [here](#).

The Nominations Committee works throughout the year to find people from all over the Northern Spirit region to fill vacancies on the Executive, Commissions, Committees and Task Groups, with the use of a rolling nominations process, that seeks out and invites nominations for vacancies as they arise, rather than waiting to fill them via nominations from the floor of an Annual Meeting. Nominations are presented to the Regional Council Executive for approval, and a yearly report is presented to each Annual Meeting.

It is important to note that the Nominations Committee attempts to follow the diversity parameters established by The United Church of Canada, as well as the Calls to the Church by the Caretakers of our Indigenous Circle. Therefore, to the best of our ability, we try to represent a diversity of identities, lenses and geography among nominees to Regional Council roles.

The following is a list of the people who have been involved in the work of the Regional Council for the 2021-2022 pastoral year. Where noted, there are vacancies (highlighted in **red**). If you, or someone you know, is interested in getting involved as the Regional Council continues to develop its mission and ministry, please complete the online [Expression of Interest and Nominations Form](#).

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Where do you feel called?

1. Annual Meeting Convenor

The Convenor of the Annual Meeting will preside at the next full meeting of the Regional Council.

Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Convenor, 2022 Annual Meeting	Leslie Penny	2021	1 year, renewable	Lay, Barrhead AB

2. Regional Council Executive

The usual term length for Executive members is two years, with an option for renewal.

The Chair-Elect will become Chairperson when the current Chairperson's term is completed.

Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Chairperson	Gord Waldie	2020	2 years	OM, Grande Prairie AB
Chairperson-Elect	Helen Reed	2022	2 years	DM, Camrose AB
Treasurer	Donna Kline	2021	2 years	Lay, Edmonton AB
Executive Minister	Shannon McCarthy	2019	Continuous	OM, Winnipeg MB
Member-at-Large	Mary Annan	2020	2 + 2 year	Retired OM, Edmonton AB
Member-at-Large	Marilyn Carroll	2019	2 + 1 year	Retired DM, Dawson Creek
Member-at-Large	Peter Chynoweth	2020	2 + 2 years	Retired OM, Cochrane AB
Member-at-Large	Margaret-Anne Hall	2020	2 + 2 years	Lay, Fort Nelson BC
Member-at-Large	Alistair MacKay	2019	2 + 2 years	Lay, Fort McMurray AB
Member-at-Large	Leslie Penny	2021	2 years	Lay, Barrhead AB
Member-at-Large	Vacant		2 years	Lay, OM, DM or DLM
Annual Meeting Convenor (2022)	Leslie Penny	2021	1 year, renewable	Lay, Barrhead AB Corresponding Member
Pastoral Relations Minister	Earl Reaburn	2019	Continuous	Lay, Edmonton AB Corresponding Member
Communications & Justice Minister	Julie Graham	2020	Continuous	Lay, Saskatoon SK Corresponding Member
Financial Administrator	Heather Dootoff	2019	Continuous	Lay, Regina SK Corresponding Member
Recorder/Executive Assistant	Jamie Mackay	2019	Until June 2022	Lay, Winnipeg MB Corresponding Member

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Task Groups

Task Groups are established, by the Regional Council, or its Executive, to carry out particular work deemed necessary for the life and work of the Regional Council.

Affirming Task Group				
Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Chairperson	Linda McLaren	2020	Continuous	OM, Edmonton AB
Member	Cathy Kinsman	2020	Continuous	OM, Lloydminster AB
Member	Wilson MacLennan	2020	Continuous	Lay, Edmonton AB
Member	Louise Rogers	2020	Continuous	Lay, Sherwood Park AB
Member	Monica Rosborough	2020	Continuous	OM, Athabasca AB
Member	Shylo Rosborough	2020	Continuous	Lay, Edmonton AB

Anti-Racism Task Group				
Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Member	Wilson MacLennan	2022	Continuous	Lay, Edmonton AB
Member	Douglas Walfall, Paul	2022	Continuous	OM, Ft. Saskatchewan AB
Members (3)	Vacant			

3. Northern Spirit Regional Council Commissions

The work of the Commissions is reported to the Northern Spirit Regional Council through its Executive.

Pastoral Relations Commission				
Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Member	Lois Belanger	2019	3 years	Lay, Edgerton AB
Member	Blaine Gregg	2019	3 years	OM, Edmonton/Leduc AB
Member	Linda McLaren	2021	3 years	OM, Jasper AB
Member	Susan Silverthorne	2021	3 years	Lay, Wetaskiwin AB
Member	Stephen Sparks	2020	3 years	OM, Bonnyville AB
Member	Vacant		3 years	Layperson

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Committees of the Pastoral Relations Commission

Communities of Faith Support Committee				
Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Member	Vera Engel	2019	1 year, renewable	Lay, Killam AB
Member	Wendy Galloway	2019	1 year, renewable	OM, Redwater AB
Member	Steven Johann	2019	1 year, renewable	OM, Edmonton AB
Member	Chang Lee	2019	1 year, renewable	OM, Onoway AB
Member	Helen Reed	2021	1 year, renewable	DM, Camrose AB
Member	Vacant		1 year, renewable	Lay, OM, DM or DLM

Lay Leadership Support Committee				
Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Member	Gaie Goin	2021	1 year, renewable	Lay, Wetaskiwin AB
Member	Tazvi Nyarota	2019	1 year, renewable	OM, Edmonton AB
Member	Linda Roberts	2020	1 year, renewable	Lay, Spirit River AB
Member	Lesley Verdin	2019	1 year, renewable	Lay, Edmonton AB
Member	Trudy Tanner	2021	1 year, renewable	Lay, Hinton AB

Ministry Personnel Support Committee				
Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Member	Deborah Brill	2020	1 year, renewable	OM, Lamont AB
Member	Anna Constantin	2022	1 year, renewable	OM, Edmonton AB
Member	Dirk Jessen	2019	1 year, renewable	OM, Edmonton AB
Member	Ray Olsen	2019	1 year, renewable	Retired OM, Edmonton AB
Member	Phyllis Greenslade	2020	1 year, renewable	Retired DLM, Edmonton AB
Member	Vacant		1 year, renewable	Lay, OM, DM or DLM

Property Commission				
Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Chairperson	Martha Dawson	2019	1 year, renewable	Lay, Grande Prairie AB
Secretary	Erin White	2019	1 year, renewable	Lay, Mewassin AB
Member	Jim Belliveau	2019	1 year, renewable	Lay, Cold Lake AB
Member	Bob Miller	2019	1 year, renewable	Lay, Edmonton AB
Member	Gregory Parker	2019	1 year, renewable	OM, Provost AB
Member	Susan Waldie	2020	1 year, renewable	Lay, St. Albert AB

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4. Northern Spirit Regional Council Committees

Annual Meeting Planning Committee				
Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Chairperson	Deborah Hoekstra	2020	1 year, renewable	OM, Edmonton AB
Chairperson-Elect	Vacant			Lay, OM, DM or DLM
Annual Meeting Convenor (2022)	Leslie Penny	2021	1 year, renewable	Lay, Barrhead AB
Executive Chairperson	Helen Reed	2022	1 year, renewable	OM, Camrose AB
Member	Sharon Adams	2019	1 year, renewable	Lay, Grande Prairie AB
Tech Support	Stuart Jackson	2020	1 year, renewable	OM, Edmonton AB
Affirming TG	Linda McLaren	2021	1 year, renewable	OM, Edmonton AB
Affirming TG	Shylo Rosborough	2021	1 year, renewable	Lay, Edmonton AB Corresponding Member
Members (2)	Vacant	2021	1 year, renewable	Lay, OM, DM or DLM

Mission Support Grants Committee				
Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Member	Mary Annan	2020	1 year, renewable	Retired OM, Edmonton AB
Member	Peter Chynoweth	2020	1 year, renewable	Retired OM, Cochrane AB
Member	Leslie Penny	2020	1 year, renewable	Lay, Barrhead AB
Member	Susan Waldie	2019	1 year, renewable	Lay, St. Albert AB

Nominations Committee				
Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Member	Marilyn Carroll	2019	1 year, renewable	DM, Dawson Creek BC
Member	Brenda Simon	2020	1 year, renewable	OM, Fairview AB
Members (4)	Vacant		1 year, renewable	Lay, OM, DM or DLM

Youth Council				
Position	Name	Elected	Term	Comments
Member	Scott Reynolds	2020	1 year, renewable	OM, Irma/Viking AB
Member	Daniel Chon	2020	1 year, renewable	Lay, Edmonton AB
Member	Deidre Fuder	2020	1 year, renewable	Lay, Wainwright AB
Member	Lorraine Nyarota	2020	1 year, renewable	Lay, Leduc AB
Member	Miriam Waldie	2020	1 year, renewable	Lay, Grande Prairie AB

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Member (2)	Vacant		1 year, renewable	Lay, OM, DM or DLM
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5. General Council Commissioners

General Council Commissioners serve for a term of three years.

Commissioners to the 44th General Council (2022) were elected at the 3rd Annual Regional Council Meeting in May 2021.

Lay Commissioners	Order of Ministry Commissioners
Daniel Chon (Lay, Edmonton AB) Lloyd Henderson (Lay, Yellowknife NT) Amy Kaler (Lay, Edmonton AB) Sarah Waldie (Lay, Grande Prairie AB) Bruce West (Lay, Sherwood Park AB)	Mary Annan (OM-Retired, Edmonton AB) M.P.T. Basele (OM, Wainwright AB) Peter Chynoweth (OM-Retired, Cochrane AB) Helen Reed (DM, Camrose AB) Scott Reynolds (OM, Irma/Viking AB) Leigh Sinclair (OM, Leduc AB) Gord Waldie (OM, Grande Prairie AB)

Notes:

OM=Ordained Minister, DM=Diaconal Minister, DLM=Designated Lay Minister, Lay=Lay Representative