

ATTENDANCE

Krista Anderson, Anne Cameron, Lesley Hamilton, Peter Hardy, Debbie Hawkins, Catherine MacDonald, Faith March-MacCuish, Shannon MacLean, Max Martin, Jane McDonald, Donald Morrison, Janet Sollows.

Attendance

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Janet Sollows, President, welcomed the Executive to the meeting. A special welcome was extended to Debbie Hawkins, the new representative to Executive from the United Church Women. The President opened the meeting with a prayer/reflection written by Rev. Kate Jones of Two Rivers Pastoral Charge in New Brunswick.

Welcome and
Opening
Prayer

QUORUM AND CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL

The President, Janet Sollows, noted that a quorum was present and constituted the council.

Quorum
Constitution
of the
Council

ACKNOWLEDGING THE LAND

Janet Sollows, President, acknowledged the land on which we gather. We strive to live in right relations and move toward becoming the community that God calls us to be together.

Acknowledging
the Land

AGENDA

MOTION: (Anne Cameron/Donnie Morrison)

That the agenda be adopted with the addition of Justice, Mission and Outreach and Appointed Members under New Business, letters from the Association of Ministers and Joanne McFadden under Correspondence, and a report from the Governance working group under Reports.

Agenda

CARRIED

MINUTES

MOTION: (Jane McDonald/Anne Cameron)

That the minutes of the April 21, 2020 meeting of the Executive be adopted as presented.

Minutes

CARRIED

MOTION: (Peter Hardy/Donnie Morrison)

That the minutes of the May 15, 2020 meeting of the Executive be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

Future Directions Technology Proposal

The Executive Minister will forward this proposal to the Future Directions Team for their recommendation.

In Memoriam Service

Janet Sollows reported that work on this policy is continuing.

Business
Arising

Future
Directions
Technology
Proposal
In Memoriam
Service

HALO Report

The Executive discussed that in addition to Future Directions, this report should also be reviewed by the Division of Finance and Administration (Property Committee) to provide a full recommendation to Executive.

HALO Report

Annual Meeting Agenda

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The Executive Minister reported that the agenda has been approved, however in order to accommodate the electronic voting, the planning team are asking that the election of commissioners begin earlier in the meeting. The Executive agreed with this recommendation.

Festival of Faith

Festival of Faith

The Executive Minister reported that it is still uncertain whether in person meetings will be possible in the fall. The planning for this event will not take place until after the June 10, 2020 meeting. Work on the policies and fee structures will continue by the Division of Finance and Administration.

Correspondence

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters of Condolence

1. **Letters of Condolence**

The President acknowledged 17 (seventeen) expressions of sympathy received by the Region after the mass shooting in Nova Scotia.

Association of Ministers

2. **Association of Ministers**

The President shared a letter from the Association of Ministers strongly urging the Executive to reconsider the decision to not have proposals come to the June 10, 2020 meeting. The Executive agreed that it is hopeful that groups are future planning and that an additional meeting of the Regional Council could be added to allow groups time to prepare proposals and have them sent to the proposals committee.

MOTION: (Shannon MacLean/Jane McDonald)

That the regional council be recalled for an additional virtual session in the early fall to allow time for proposals, matters from Justice, Mission and Outreach, and any other additional items deemed necessary at the time.

CARRIED

Joanne McFadden

3. **Letter from Joanne McFadden**

The Executive Minister shared a letter from Joanne McFadden, requesting that the election of commissioners to General Council be deferred until after the decision is made regarding a new date for General Council. It was noted that 10 (ten) commissioners are to be elected on June 10, 2020 and there are an additional 5(five) commissioners to be elected at a later date.

General Council Commissioners

MOTION: (Anne Cameron/Krista Anderson)

That the agenda remain as proposed, with the election of General Council Commissioners taking place on June 10, 2020.

CARRIED

Reports

REPORTS

Finance and Administration

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Appendix A

Jane McDonald, Chair, present the report of the Division. The chair highlighted the work of the Division and its committees to date.

Church Extension Board Halifax Presbytery

MOTION: (Jane McDonald/Anne Cameron)

That the revised bylaws of the Church Extension Board of Region 15 of The United Church of Canada be approved.

CARRIED

MOTION: (Jane McDonald/Donnie Morrison)

That the trustees of Loch Lomond United Church appointed by Sydney Presbytery on June 15, 2016 be disbanded and that the trustees of St. Peter's-Grand River-Loch Lomond Pastoral Charge be granted authority to deal with any remaining matters relating to the property of the former Loch Lomond United Church.

CARRIED

Financial Statements

Financial Statements

Jane McDonald presented the 2019 audited financial statements to the Executive, and provided a detailed account of the region's finances. The audited statements will be available on the region's website.

MOTION: (Jane McDonald/Peter Hardy)

That Executive approves the audited statements for 2019 for Regional Council 15 and that they be brought to the regional council annual meeting on June 10, 2020.

CARRIED

Budget 2021

Budget 2021

Jane McDonald presented the proposed budget for 2021. It was noted that the General Council will be making some further cuts in staffing and in mission support grants in order to remove a further \$4 Million from the budget. These cuts will result in a reduction of 17% (seventeen) in the mission support grant to the region. The Chair also noted that budget items have been adjusted as we live into the new structure and receive a better picture of the cost of running the region, as many of the budget items for 2020 were based on estimates. In summary, the reduction in mission support grants and increase in salaries results in a deficit for 2020 and 2021. The Division is recommending that money from reserves be used in order to balance the budget. It was also noted that this is not a normal year, and that the inability to travel and COVID restrictions may further affect expenses.

MOTION: (Jane McDonald/Anne Cameron)

That the 2021 proposed budget be accepted as presented and be brought to the annual meeting on June 10, 2020 for approval.

CARRIED

PRESIDENT

President

Janet Sollows reported that, as President, she has participated in: meetings of the Bermuda Task Group, check-ins for ministers of the region, a meeting with regional presidents and incoming presidents, the regional vigil for the Nova Scotia mass shooting, several webinars by United in Learning, and strategic planning sessions. The President is also involved in the preparation of a series of four worship services that clergy can use during the summer when they may not be available for regular worship.

EXECUTIVE MINISTER

Executive Minister

The Executive Minister reported that this has been an extremely busy time for those who work for the church. Ministers, staff, volunteers, and lay people are all working harder. She reported that work in this time of uncertainty is heavier and requires so much more energy somehow, but thanked everyone for their faith and dedication. The work for the annual meeting is currently a major focus. Staff are working hard to learn the processes required to run an online annual meeting, and to offer a voting process. The Executive Minister encouraged everyone to remember to take time in the summer to nourish and recover.

REGIONAL SERVICES AND SUPPORT – Appendix B

Regional Services and Support

Donnie Morrison presented the report of the Division. The Division last met on May 15, 2020. The decisions of the Division are included in the appendix.

Community of Faith Support and Nurture**COMMUNITY OF FAITH SUPPORT AND NURTURE**

Krista Anderson presented the report of the Division. The majority of work has been focused on the strategic plan. A meeting took place on May 27, 2020, where a lot of conversation took place around COVID response and timing for this work. It was recommended that the strategic plan be continued by a working group, possibly the Future Directions committee, or an Executive committee, and be narrowed to a more simple plan with actionable items. The Mission, Vision and Values work was well received and will form the key framework for the work going forward.

Strategic Planning Working Group**MOTION:** (Krista Anderson/Anne Cameron)

That the Future Directions Committee be joined by Executive members Lesley Hamilton and Shannon MacLean to form a strategic planning working group and be tasked to continue with the strategic planning work.

CARRIED**MOTION:** (Krista Anderson/Lesley Hamilton)

That the report of the recommendations of the strategic planning work be accepted as presented.

CARRIEDMinistry Resources**MINISTRY RESOURCES** – Appendix C

Anne Cameron presented the report of the Division, including the Nominations Report.

MOTION: (Anne Cameron/Donnie Harrison)

That the resignation of Ruth Kennedy from Regional Council Executive be accepted with regret.

CARRIED**MOTION:** (Anne Cameron/Krista Anderson)

That Debbie Hawkins be added to the Regional Council Executive as the United Church Women representative.

CARRIED

Debbie Hawkins abstained from the vote.

Staff Committee**STAFF COMMITTEE**

Lesley Hamilton presented the report of the Staff Committee. As a tri-regional committee, the committee members have worked on the MOU, staffing changes, and taken turns to prepare a joint report that is submitted to the Executive of all regions. Lesley Hamilton offered thanks to David Hewitt for hosting check-ins for ministers on a weekly basis, and to the Executive Minister for the most recent document for re-opening of churches.

United Church Women**UNITED CHURCH WOMEN**

Debbie Hawkins was welcomed to Executive. She reported that the annual report to the region is now available on the region's website, and that she is looking forward to her new role.

Governance Structure**GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE** – Appendix D

Krista Anderson reported on the work of the Governance working group. The group met on April 29, 2020, and offer recommendations to the Executive following a request from the Nominations Committee to review the functioning of regional governance in the past year.

MOTION: (Krista Anderson/Debbie Hawkins)

That the recommendations of the Governance working group be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Lesley Hamilton abstained from the vote.

MOTION: (Donnie Morrison/Anne Cameron)

Order of Day

That the order of day be extended to 1:00pm.

CARRIED

New
Business

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTED MEMBERS TO THE REGION

Appointed
Members to
Regional
Council

(Catherine MacDonald assumed the chair)

The Executive Minister opened a discussion about Executive members being appointed as voting members to the region. Given the conflict of interest of several current Executive members, it was agreed that the Executive Minister bring to the annual meeting of the regional council the recommendation that those who are serving on Executive, but not elected by their congregations, be appointed voting members of the region.

(Janet Sollows re-assumed the chair)
(Max Martin left the meeting)

JUSTICE, MISSION AND OUTREACH

Justice,
Mission and
Outreach

Donnie Morrison brought a time sensitive request from Justice, Mission and Outreach (JMO). The Executive are asked to agree in principle to write to the Prime Minister, the leaders of the other federal parties, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs asking them to demand in the strongest terms that the newly formed Israeli government drop its proposal to annex lands in the occupied Palestinian territories, based on a letter prepared by JMO, when it is received. Regional Council 15 will distribute an invitation to its communities of faith to write similar letters and Regional Council 15 will send a copy of its action to the Executives of the other Regions of the United Church of Canada asking them to take similar action and to distribute an invitation to their communities of faith to write similar letters. The President and Executive Minister will take this action upon review of the JMO letter.

MOTION: (Donnie Morrison/Anne Cameron)

That the Regional Council Executive ask the President and Executive Minister to receive the letter from Justice, Mission and Outreach on behalf of the region and forward it as requested.

CARRIED

As this is a Canadian issue regarding foreign policy, Peter Hardy abstained from the vote.

MOTION: (Donnie Morrison/Krista Anderson)

That Regional Council Executive endorses the Justice, Mission and Outreach Committee's support for the e-petition regarding the Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise and will encourage, through the Weekly Announcements, United Church members in Region 15 to sign the petition.

CARRIED

Celebration of Ministries

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRIES – LAYING ON OF HANDS POLICY

(Shannon MacLean left the meeting)

Laying on of Hands Policy

The Executive Minister presented the policy for Laying on Hands in the Celebration of Ministries. This policy has been updated from Maritime Conference Policy. It was noted that it might be some time before the physical act of laying on hands can take place and therefore it was suggested that the definition be updated to “the spirit of accompaniment” or noted as “a symbolic gesture” to account for the uncertainty at this time.

MOTION: (Krista Anderson/Anne Cameron)

That the policy be adopted in principle as presented, with editing to take place before distribution.

CARRIED

Next Meeting

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is the annual meeting, scheduled on June 10, 2020 at 6:00pm via video conference.

Benediction

BENEDICTION

Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister, closed the meeting with prayer.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Janet Sollows
President

Faith March-MacCuish
Executive Minister

Appendix A

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

**Divisional Reports to Regional Council Executive Regional 15
Division of Finance & Administration
June 4th, 2020**

Division Name: Finance & Administration

Committees: Property
Finance, Accountability & Investments
Archives
Incorporated Ministries

Date of Divisional Meetings: May 27th, 2020

Report of the discussions & decision from the Division:

Dates of Committee Meetings:

Committees of Property – met monthly
Finance Accountability and Investments met monthly with an extra meetings to discuss budget 2021 preparation
Archives did not meet
Incorporated Ministries met as needed with a Chair finally being Identified

Reports of the decisions and discussion items from the Committees:

Property:

1. Concern on the availability of Annual Reports for Communities of Faith. These are necessary for the committee to do their due diligence when approving grants and approvals associated with property matters.
2. Properties being disposed of without the proper authority of the Committee and the Region. There was significant concern around this issue because there are legal liability consequences in this taking place. We need to come up with a mechanism that notifies all parties involved during the sale/disposal of ANY UCC property. Perhaps a Strong letter may be appropriate as well as tightening our processes.
3. Moved and approved by the Division that the Trustees of Loch Lomond United Church (formerly Sydney Presbytery) be disbanded and any matters be handled by the Trustees of St. Peter's-Loch Lomond-Grand River Pastoral Charge.

Finance, Accountability & Investments:

1. Approval of various grants for organizations includes:
 - a. Outdoor Recreational Ministries - \$15,000 for Virtual Camp enterprise
 - b. Sherbrook Lake - \$5,000 for portable handwashing stations
 - c. Maritime Church Administrator's fee - \$150.00
 - d. North Highlands Pastoral Charge - \$6,000 for an internship
 - e. Payment for Eric Tusz-King 350.00
2. Approved signing officers for the Region: two of the following need to sign cheques: Faith Marsh-MacCuish, Jennifer Whittemore, Laura Hunter or Ron Patterson.
3. Major discussions around the Budget for 2021. With national cuts to Mission and Support it was necessary to make adjustments to reflect those cuts. It was necessary to pull funds from reserves to meet the needs of the region to soften the blow of financial restrictions. This will be reflected in the budget documents attached as appendices.
4. Review Audited statements and prepared necessary motions for those documents.
5. Both the Audited Statements and the proposed budget will be highlighted in the Webinar to be held on the 4th of June at 7:00 pm after approval by the Region.

Appendix A - continued**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION** - continued

6. Mac MacLeod was nominated for a Commissioner position. Webinar will be on June 2nd at 7:00 pm.

Archives: No meeting**Incorporated Ministries:**

1. Finally have a Chair for this committee- Rev. Christine Marie Gladu from Kingston Pastoral Charge in the Annapolis Valley. Thank you for stepping forward!
2. Incorporated ministries continue to adjust their by-laws to reflect the new Region. These changes need to go to the General Council Office to be approved before they come to this table for approval.

Concerns of the Division and the Committees:

1. How do we get control of Communities of Faith needing approval for the sale/disposal of properties without taking legal action?
2. Approval of the Financial Statements for 2019.
3. Approval of Budget for 2021.
4. Understanding and thinking about long term costs to run programs without having to dip into reserves on an annual basis.

Recommended Motions from the Division to the Executive:

1. Region 15 approve that the Trustees of Loch Lomond United Church appointed by Sydney Presbytery on June 15, 2016 be disbanded and that the Trustees of St. Peter's-Loch Lomond-Grand River Pastoral Charge be granted authority to deal with any remaining matters relating to the property of the former Loch Lomond United Church.
2. Region 15 approve the financial Statements for 2019 as submitted.
3. Region 15 approve the proposed budget for 2021 with the funding from reserves to cover the anticipated deficits.

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Audited Financial Reports.

Appendix 2: Proposed 2021 budget and presentation.

Appendix B

REGIONAL SERVICES AND SUPPORT

**Divisional Reports to Regional Council Executive
Regional Council 15**

Division Name: Division of Regional Services and Support

Committee Names within the Division

- Faith Formation and Leadership Development
- Communications
- Youth, Children and Young Adult
- Stewardship
- Justice, Mission and Outreach
- Annual Meeting Planning

Date of Divisional Meetings: May 15, 2020

Report of the decisions and discussion items before the Division:

Discussed correspondence from the Division of Finance and Administration that asked Divisions and Committees to review their 2020 budget requests and try to anticipate their needs for 2021. A response has already been given to the Division of Finance and Administration.

Discussed correspondence from the Governance Committee about proposed recommendations to the Executive. A response was subsequently sent to the Governance Committee.

Discussed correspondence from the Nominations Committee asking committee and division members to choose a term length of either 1,2 or 3 years. Three committees have done this.

The Division concurred with a motion from the Youth Children and Young Adult Committee that \$2,500 of the 2019 YCYA budget (unspent) be used to offset the 2019 deficit of YF/I@C. Sent on to the Financial Accountability and Investments Committee to ask them to make the adjustment.

The new Minister for Youth, Children and Young Adults attended the May meeting to introduce herself and talk about her work. There was some discussion about the YF and I@C planning teams and Outdoor Recreational Ministries Unit not being named in the Regional structure. The Division will make a recommendation to the Governance Committee about how this can be done.

Dates of Committee Meetings:

Faith Formation and Leadership Development	May 7, 2020 <i>(meet on the second Friday of every month)</i>
Communications	by email
Youth, Children and Young Adult	subgroups meeting
Stewardship	by email
Justice, Mission and Outreach	Feb. 21, 2020 May 28, 2020
Annual Meeting Planning	April 20, 2020 May 26, 2020

Reports of the decisions and discussion items from the Committees:

Faith Formation and Leadership Development is working on a survey to send out to the Region to determine how they can best serve. The results of the survey will help them plan their work for the coming year. FFLD also established a Facebook page, another way (in addition to the Regional Newsletter) to disseminate information on programs, events and resources. Also, FFLD approved a pilot program for a digital church experience designed for individuals (aged 30s-50s) looking to deepen their faith experience in the liberal Christian tradition.

Appendix B - continued**REGIONAL SERVICES AND SUPPORT** - continued

Communications is working on a weekly or monthly newsletter for Communities of Faith. They were just starting to get somewhere when Covid happened and members energies had to go elsewhere. They still plan to go forward. Could use one more member on their committee with newsletter experience.

Youth, Children and Young Adult working on how to re-envision how camps and programs will happen this year.

Stewardship had to put on hold their plans for meeting with Communities of Faith until it will be allowed by government.

Justice, Mission and Outreach working groups continue on. Online justice work has greatly increased with webinars, Palestinian justice and mining issues. Networks plugged into this are producing a lot of online content. Laura Hunter, Minister for Justice, Mission and Outreach produces a bi-weekly podcast – conversations about Justice, Faith and Action.

The Annual Meeting Planning Committee has re-imagined the format for this year and working on presenting the Regional Annual Meeting.

Concerns of the Division and the Committees:

None

Recommended Motions from the Division to the Executive:

None

Appendix C

MINISTRY RESOURCES

**Divisional Reports to Regional Council Executive Regional 15
Division of Ministry Resources
June 4th, 2020**

Division Name: Ministry Resource

Committees: Licensing
Nominations
Pastoral Relations

Date of Divisional Meetings: May 29th, 2020

Report of the discussions & decision from the Division:

Dates of Committee Meetings:

Nominations - March 17, April 30th

Pastoral Relations - March 20th, April 17th, April 30th

Reports of the decisions and discussion items from the Committees:

Licensing - No report.

Nominations

Approved motions of the Nominations Committee

that the following persons were named to the following committees:

1. Sandra Tomsons-Member of Mission, Justice, and Outreach Committee
2. Rev. Christine Marie Gladu-Chair of Incorporated Ministries Committee
3. Sheila van Shaik-member of Stewardship Committee
4. Cora Fanning-member of Stewardship Committee
5. Shirley Shot-member of Faith Formation and Leadership Development Committee
6. Fay Smith-member of Annual Meeting Planning Committee

that the following resignations were accept with regret:

1. Margie MacIntyre- Faith Formation and Leadership Development Committee
2. Bob McArel- Retiree Support Committee
2. Sheila Redden-Smith- Faith Story Community Covenant Committee
3. Bill Drysdale- Association of Ministers Committee
4. Rick Fullerton- Secretary of the Division of Community Faith Support and Nurture

that the following motions be recommended to the Regional Council Executive for approval:

1. Accept the resignation of Ruth Kennedy as UCW representative
2. Move that Debbie Hawkins be named as UCW representative

Additional Updates for Information only:

1. Kim Curlett and Kevin Parks have decided to be co-chairs of the Faith Formation Leadership Development Committee
2. As of the March executive meeting, the Financial Accountability Committee and the Trusts and Investments Committee have merged into one committee.
3. Alicia Cox, have been added as a representative from Nominations of the Governance Committee, to help with the recommendations that Nominations had sent to the March Executive meeting.
4. Committees and Divisions are slowly responding with initial term lengths. Anyone new added from this point on will be a 3 year term.
5. The Nominations Committee drafted a proposal to be sent to the executive for the election of General Council Commissioners. This was approved at a special executive meeting, and is in process now. There has not been a significant response as of this writing. Currently, 3 nominations of lay representatives have been received, with no nominations for ministry personnel received as of this time.

Appendix C - continued**MINISTRY RESOURCES** - continued

6. Tracey Rose has added the volunteer form on the announcements a few times since our buildings have closed, and we have received a few new volunteers, reflected in our new member nominations.
7. The Committee is still working on filling positions and are hopeful that changes to the Governance Structure will help ease some of this. Annual Meeting Planning Committee has been one of the hardest to fill.

Pastoral RelationsThe following were approved:

- the Call of Natalie Buchanan-Rutherford to Kennetcook St. Paul's Pastoral Charge, 6 hours per week, effective July 1, 2020
- the Renewal of Appointment of Roger Moore with First United Church, Truro, 10 hours per week, July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.
- in principle the proposed Appointment of Carol Smith in a collaborative ministry between Liverpool Pastoral Charge and Caledonia Pastoral Charge, 20 hours per week, April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Further that upon the receipt of the official Record of Appointment through Church Hub and confirmation of the terms, the Regional Minister is authorized to Approve the Appointment.
- the Appointment of Bill Gibson with Hantsport Pastoral Charge, 13.33 hours per week, May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021
- the Interim Ministry consultancy contract of Ross Bartlett with Hantsport Pastoral Charge
- North Highlands Pastoral Charge as a site for Supervised Ministry Education
- the end of the cooperative ministry agreement between St. David's United Church Port Hastings and St. Mark's United Church Port Hawkesbury and that both churches prepare separate profile materials and position descriptions
- the Appointment of Jeff Chant to Bridgewater United Church, 30 hours per week retroactively from, June 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021
- the Provisional Appointment of Mavis Peddie Peters with Hopewell Eureka East River Pastoral Charge, 30 hours per week, September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2023
- the Call of Phillip Kennedy to Clifton Pastoral Charge, full-time, effective July 1, 2020.
- the Appointment of Jennifer Evans, Candidate, to Whycocomagh East Lake Ainslie Pastoral Charge, 30 hours per week, September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2022
- the Renewal of Appointment of Stephen Mills to North Sydney St. Matthew-Wesley Pastoral Charge, 20 hours per week, July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022
- the SME Appointment of April Hart, Candidate, to the collaborative ministry of Coldstream Pastoral Charge and St. David's Bible Hill Pastoral Charge, full-time, June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021
- the Appointment of Robyn Brown-Hewitt to Dalhousie University Campus Ministry, 24 hours per week, August 15, 2020 to May 15, 2021
- the profile materials for St. Luke's United Church, Tantallon, and authorize Search

Defeated Motion and follow up:

the change in terms of Call for Kathleen Anderson with Crossroads Pastoral Charge to 20 hours per week, effective July 1, 2020. Defeated.

Further to Crossroads...It was agreed that another meeting with the Pastoral Charge was in order as they had no Regional representation when they voted the change in Terms of call. David Hewitt will attend on behalf of Pastoral Relations and a member from Future Direction Committee on June 2nd.

For information and group discussion:

Donna Lovelace has returned to work from medical leave
 Springhill Wayne McCarther not renewing
 Part Time Policy
 When Crisis Becomes Critical
 NS Emergency Leave of Absence
 Pending Calls/Appointments
 Coldstream/St. David's Bible Hill

Appendix C - continued

MINISTRY RESOURCES - continued

Clifton
Whycocomagh
North Highlands
Upper Stewiacke
Irregular positions:
Clyde Carleton
Vaughans

Concerns of the Division and the Committees: None.

Recommended Motions from the Division to the Executive:

- that the following motions be recommended to the Regional Council Executive for approval:

1. Accept the resignation of Ruth Kennedy as UCW representative
2. Move that Debbie Hawkins be named as UCW representative

Appendix D**GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP****June 4th Report to RC15 Executive
Governance Working Group**

The Governance Working Group of Region 15 met by videoconference on April 29, 2020.

The meeting was prompted by a request from the Nominations Committee and a review of the functioning of Region governance in the past year.

Attendance: Krista Anderson, Ross Bartlett, Anne Cameron, Donnie Morrison, Joyce Wylie, Faith March-MacCuish. Guest: Alicia Cox, Nominations

As a result of that meeting, the following recommendations (that, on subsequent consultation, have been accepted by the groups/individuals involved) are presented to the Regional Council Executive for adoption and addition to the Governance Handbook of the Region,

1. That all committee membership criteria be redefined with a minimum number of four members. Committees with more members who have been working well do not have to reduce members but continue as is. Maximum numbers have yet to be determined by each committee.
2. That the Nominations Committee report directly to the Regional Council Executive rather than through a Division.
3. That the following realignments be enacted:
 - a. Future Directions Committee be moved to the Division of Ministry Resources
 - b. Faith Stories Committee be moved to the Division of Ministry Resources
 - c. The Retirees Support Committee be moved to the Division of Ministry Resources.
 - d. The Association of Ministers Committee be moved to Division of Regional Services and Support.
 - e. The Division of Community Faith Support and Nurture be disbanded.
4. That the practice of having Division Secretaries be continued with the chair of the Division having the option of signaling to Nominations whether or not there is a genuine need for the role to be filled. *[Explanation: This will likely depend on the amount of Division business and the confidence of the Chair in her/his/their ability to manage both roles]*
5. That the Licensing Committee continue as a separate body (i.e. not be merged with Pastoral Relations as was suggested)
6. We affirm the continuing role of Nominations to find representatives on behalf of the Atlantic School of Theology Senate, General Council as needed and Incorporated Ministries as required in their by-laws.
7. That Child, Youth, and Young Adult Committee membership include representation from Youth Forum, Intermediates at Conference, and Outdoor Recreational Ministries.