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MEMO

To: Ministry Personnel and Lay Members to First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council

Re: Election of General Council Commissioners for the 2022 Meeting of General Council 44

Date: April 12, 2021

Please see the nominations form here:

<https://ucceast.ca/61625-44th-general-council-commissioner-form-2/>

Nominations will close April 30, 2021 at 11:59 pm NDT

As you know from our meeting last fall, First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council is eligible to elect thirteen (13) commissioners to the 44th General Council. The President of the Region is also a commissioner by virtue of their office and one space will be held for the chosen Pilgrim.

We currently have four (4) Lay commissioners and four (4) Ministry Personnel commissioners elected. At the Annual Meeting this May 14-16, 2021, we will be electing the last three (3) commissioners (keeping one position for the Regional Pilgrim).

Unfortunately, the General Council had to make the difficult decision to make the 44th General Council an online General Council for the first time in the history of the United Church.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider serving as a General Council commissioner, which provides you a unique opportunity to be part of the wider church and have an impact on the future of The United Church of Canada.

To ensure balance and diversity, the three (3) commissioners to be elected should give particular attention to the balance of diversity. Diversity of age, gender, orientation, racial and cultural identities as well as regional geographical diversity.

Nominations will close on April 30, 2021 at 11:59 pm NDT. There will be no nominations received from the floor. All nominees must be either elected lay representatives of a community of faith within the bounds of the Region or ministry personnel within the bounds of the Region. Each nomination needs to be moved and seconded by someone other than the nominee (no self nominations please) and the mover and seconder must be a member of a community of faith within the bounds of the Region. These nominations do not need to be passed through a governing body of a community of faith.

- Biographical information collected from the Nominations process will be posted on the Regional Council website for all attendees of the Annual Meeting to review before the meeting.
- A ballot will be distributed to all voting members who are present to the Annual Meeting on May 14, 2021 through electronic means. Voters will be asked to choose three (3) names from the list who they think will best represent the diversity and values of the Region.
- The Nominations Committee will present the three (3) elected and the others will be elected as the alternates.

If you are interested in serving as a Commissioner to the 44th General Council, please complete the online nominations form from the link above. If you wish to know the role and responsibility of a commissioner, please see the attached link: <https://ucceast.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Position-Description-Commissioners-2021-March-FINAL.pdf>.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration to serve your church in this meaningful way. If you have any questions, please be in touch with the Nominations Committee Chair Bruce Rideout at bruce.rideout@ymail.com.

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