

MINUTES of Special Council Meeting Monday, March 1, 2021 Held in the Zoom Platform at 4:00 p.m.

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Members Present: Charles MacDonald (Chair), Mary McFadden (Council Secretary), The Rev. Dr. Kate Crawford (Minister), Linda Obermaier (Accessibility), Janice Sinker (Affirming), Virginia Scott (Christian Development), Lois Gill (Congregational Care), Bryan Beattie (Finance/Treasurer), Lynne Desjardine (Mission & Outreach, Deb Gill (Property Management), Rosalind MacDonald (WOW), Wilma Harris (Worship)

* Correction: Lynne Desjardine and Lois Gill – Co-chairs (Fellowship & Outreach)

Absent:

Vacant (Ministry and Personnel), Bob Illman (Board of Trustees/WOW), Ruth Ann Eagleson (Worship/WOW)

Guest: Steve Northey

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order by Charles MacDonald at 4:03 p.m. quorum was present
- 2. Janice Sinker introduced Steve Northey, explained why he was present, which will be discussed further at the regular Council meeting on Thursday, March 25.
- * Correction: Should read "... was present as a nominee for team chair.
- 3. Acknowledgement of Territory was read by all Council members and guest.
- **4. Opening Prayer** Lead by Rev Kate Crawford.
- 5. Agenda Approval Charles MacDonald:
 - MOTION that the Agenda be approved. Moved, seconded and carried.
- **6. Lay Pastoral Minister Charles MacDonald:** ensured that all had received and reviewed the draft "Lay Employee Contract" for the position of "Lay Pastoral Minister" **(attached).** Charles asked if anyone had any corrections or questions. There were none.
 - MOTION that the Lay Employee Contract for Lay Pastoral Minister be approved as presented. Moved, seconded and carried.
 - Charles MacDonald abstained from vote. Rosalind MacDonald abstained from vote.

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Comments:

- With gratitude, Kate explained that Peter Challen originated the Congregational Visitors Program
 and what a blessing it has been to have such capable individuals in this role. Peter was joined by
 Rosalind shortly after the program commenced. When Peter stepped down, Joanne Barry joined. It
 has been very clear to Kate that this program is very successful and has been an invaluable support
 to her.
- A comment was made from the floor as to how much Rosalind and Joanne are appreciated.
- Rosalind spoke on this role in appreciation of the support she has received from the Community of Faith.
- **7. Closing** ask for Council members to stay for discussion on a couple of resent initiatives.
 - * Correction: word resent should read recent.
- 8. MOTION To adjourn at 4:16 p.m.

Charles MacDonald
Chair

Mary McFadden Council Secretary