

Pacific Mountain Regional Council
The United Church of Canada
June 11-13, 2021

**Business
Committee
Motions**

M/S/C (B. Fillier/K. Brittain) that:

- 1. The Roll of the 3rd General Meeting of Pacific Mountain Regional Council shall consist of those members of Pacific Mountain Regional Council who register prior to 12:00 p.m., Friday June 11, 2021. (The Manual 2021 C.1.1 and C.1.2.) Those arriving after that time shall not be included on the Roll.*
- 2. Quorum will be set at a minimum of 20 members which must include at least one ministry personnel and one lay member, not including Corresponding members. (The Manual 2021 C.4.3)*
- 3. The Bounds of The Pacific Mountain Regional Council shall be the Zoom™ digital meeting room assigned and shared with registered members; the Whova™ digital meeting space created for this meeting and any telephone connections established.*
- 4. The agenda as posted on www.pacificmountain.ca and within the Whova™ platform be the order of business, subject to those changes that are recommended by the Business Committee. Revisions will be announced, and an update posted on both platforms.*
- 5. The President shall have the authority to recess the Regional Council when business, as ordered, is completed, until the next order of the day.*
- 6. Graham Brownmiller be named as the recording secretary for the 3rd General Meeting of the Pacific Mountain Regional Council.*
- 7. The minutes of the 2nd General Meeting of The Pacific Mountain Regional Council held October 16 – 18 2021 over Whova™, be received for information.*
- 8. The Plenary portions of the agenda will be recorded within the Zoom™ platform and made available on The Pacific Mountain Regional Council website.*
- 9. The Business Committee for this General Meeting shall be Mauricio Araujo, Katherine Brittain, Tressa Brotsky, Allan Buckingham, Jenny Carter, Anna Chambers, Treena Duncan (Executive Secretary), Bob Fillier (Chair), Blair Odney (President).*
- 10. In order to facilitate the formulation of motions and discussion of matters raised in business, the President may, at their discretion, suspend the ordinary rules of parliamentary debate and engage in a different process. All final decisions of the council shall follow the rules of debate and order as summarized in the Appendix of The Manual (2021) or Bourinot's Rules of Order.*
- 11. At the discretion of the President, speakers can be limited to two minutes each.*
- 12. Voting shall be carried out by members using the Whova™ electronic platform where the online meeting will be hosted. Only eligible voting members logged into the Whova™ platform will receive a request to input their vote once a vote has been called by the President. In the case of technical issues during voting, the President can choose to accept votes sent in by email from voting members when submitted under the same email used for registration.*
- 13. All motions having significant budget implications for the Region (defined as \$2,000 or over) shall be considered "in principle only" and, if adopted, be referred to the Executive for consideration within adopted budgetary constraints.*

14. *In accordance with Section C.1.2(b) of The Manual 2021, Regional Executive Minister Treena Duncan and former Moderator Marion Best be named as members of Pacific Mountain Regional Council with full voting privileges.*
15. *Corresponding Privileges be granted to the Rev. Michael Blair, General Secretary, Vicki Nelson, General Council deployed staff, all other invited guests, registered visitors, and staff (other than those who are full voting members of The Region) with voice, yet no voting privileges.*
16. *The threshold for any successful vote to become an Affirming Ministry be set at 75% of those eligible to vote.*
17. *The Chairperson of the Business Committee will present proposals. The President will invite prayerful discernment and discussion on the wisdom of the proposal. A speaker from the body making the proposal will be permitted to speak to it. When the President discerns that the sense of the meeting is such that it is ready to hear a motion on the proposal, the President will invite the Chairperson to put the motion. Once the motion has been moved and seconded, Rules of Debate and Order shall be followed.*
18. *Proposals directed to the General Meeting must be received by the Business Committee prior to 9:00 p.m. Friday, June 11, 2021. The Business Committee may recommend editing or clarification before the Proposal comes to the floor. Proposals dealing with matters not noted on the agenda shall be dealt with in an order as determined by the Business Committee. Like proposals may be grouped together at the discretion of the Business Committee.*
19. *If Pacific Mountain Regional Council does not agree with a proposal where the General Council is the court of action, it will not be sent on to General Council unless a separate motion to transmit with non-concurrence is made and passed.*
20. *In the case of limited time for business, items will be dealt with in the following order: Proposals to The General Council, Proposals to Pacific Mountain Regional Council, Reports requiring a decision of the Regional Council, Reports for Information.*
21. *The procedural and prayer microphone shall be the chat box. For a procedural point of order members of the council are to use "Point of Order" at the start of their statement. For a prayer request, members of the council are asked to us "Prayer" at the start of their request.*
22. *All unfinished business, including non-General Council proposals, shall be referred to the Regional Council Executive.*
23. *Verbal and written reports be accepted as presented.*
24. *Nominations for Commissioners to the 44th General Council be received by the regional office before 9 a.m. on Friday June 11, 2021.*
25. *Nominations for President-Elect be affirmed as having closed on June 4, 2021.*
26. *Items of New Business shall be given to the Business Committee before 12:30 pm on Saturday, June 12, 2021.*
27. *The Pacific Mountain Regional Council Executive will have the authority to elect additional Commissioners to the 44th General Council (2022), if necessary, to fulfill the slate of fourteen (14) Regional Council-elected Commissioners, as set by the General Council.*
28. *Nominations for Regional Council Executive be received by the Regional Office before 9 a.m. on Friday June 11, 2021.*

29. *The President be permitted to appoint members to the Pacific Mountain Regional Council Executive, in consultation with the Nominations Committee, to fill any vacancies on the Pacific Mountain Regional Council Executive between General Meetings. Any appointment will be subject to election by the next General Meeting of Pacific Mountain Regional Council.*
30. *Requests to withdraw from the meeting shall be submitted to, considered, and granted by the Business Committee. Members leaving before 5:30pm on Saturday, June 12th without the consent of the Business Committee shall not be entitled to have travel expenses paid.*
31. *Payment of member expenses shall be made as specified in the travel claim form. Late claims submitted after June 30, 2021, shall not be paid.*

Proposal 21-01 “A Living Commitment to the KAIROS Palestine “Cry for Hope”

M/S/C (B. Fillier / K. Simmonds) that

Pacific Mountain Regional Council of The United Church of Canada affirm the recent declarations by various human rights groups that the actions of the Government of Israel conform to the definition of an apartheid state; and

that The United Church of Canada join the international campaign of Boycott, Divest, and Sanction against the Government of Israel until such time as it respects international laws and the equal rights of all people living in Israel and Palestine; and

that Pacific Mountain Regional Council transmit with concurrence to General Council 44 (2022).

Proposal 21-02 “A Task Group on Pension Equity for United Church Pension Plan Members”

M/S/C (B. Fillier / K. Simmonds) that

the 44th General Council of The United Church of Canada commission a Task Group to explore and make recommendations leading towards an equitable distribution of benefits (pension amount) amongst United Church of Canada Pension Plan members, and report to the 45th General Council for implementation and action; and

that Pacific Mountain Regional Council transmit with concurrence to General Council 44 (2022).

**Nominations -
President-Elect**

M/S/C (G. Brownmiller / B. Filler) that

Deborah Richards be acclaimed as President-Elect of Pacific Mountain Regional Council to be installed as President at the 4th General Meeting in Prince George.

Proposal 21-03 “Jubilee in a Land Now Their Own: forgiveness of refugee travel debt”

There were some questions about the proposal and it was advised that it be referred to the Business Committee to be brought back before the end of the meeting.

M/S/C (K. Simmonds / D. Moors) to defer definitely until Saturday, June 12th.

Affirm

M/S/C (L. Hermakin / B. Fillier) that

the Pacific Mountain Regional Council affirm the priority of continuing to become an Affirming Regional Council, endorse the Affirming Ministry Regional Statement, direct the Executive and Regional Executive Minister to complete the process of accreditation with Affirm United, and plan a public, intentional and explicit celebration for the 2022 General Meeting.

Having set the threshold for the affirm vote at seventy-five percent (75%), it was passed with ninety-seven percent (97%).

Proposal 21-04 “Making it Right: Alberni Indian Residential Schools (AIRS) Bringing Lost Children Home”

M/S/C (B. Fillier / M. Hornidge) that

the General Council undertake the following action to further address the harm caused by its Alberni Indian Residential School:

- 1. offer to conduct a forensic archaeological search of AIRS in order to locate any bodies of children buried on the site in unmarked graves;*
- 2. offer to exhume, identify, and repatriate, as requested, the bodies of any children buried on the AIRS site to their home, or for appropriate commemoration ceremonies, and markers;*
- 3. offer to safely remove and dispose of the remaining AIRS buildings from the territory;*
- 4. develop a plan and funding model for a Healing Centre on the former AIRS site;*
- 5. develop a plan to engage in deep listening to the Indigenous Elders in the territories of the other United Church of Canada residential schools to determine actions to offer in each context; and*

that Pacific Mountain Regional Council transmit with concurrence to General Council 44 (2022).

Proposal 21-05 “Making it Right: Alberni Indian Residential Schools (AIRS) Bringing Lost Children Home”

M/S/C (B. Fillier / M. Hornidge) that

Pacific Mountain Regional Council (PMRC) direct the Regional Council Executive to commit the appropriate fiscal and staffing resources over the next 4 budget cycles to:

- 1. offer to conduct a forensic archaeological search of AIRS in order to locate any bodies of children buried on the site in unmarked graves;*
- 2. offer to exhume, identify, and repatriate, as requested, the bodies of any children buried on the AIRS site to their home, or for appropriate commemoration ceremonies, and markers, including trauma care for those who undertake this work;*
- 3. develop a strategy within PMRC to host and share the stories of Residential School survivors that incorporates deep listening and relationship building, to be implemented by 2023;*
- 4. state reconciliation ministry as a priority for the Pacific Mountain Regional Council;*
- 5. proactively advocate for church bodies and government to implement the TRC Calls to Action;*
- 6. commit to raising one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to help ensure that a Healing Centre is built on the AIRS site; and*
- 7. advocate at all levels that the government of Canada take their legal and moral obligation seriously.*

The Council named several the saints, living and in the cloud of witnesses, who have gone before us in the work of reconciliation.

deferred **Proposal 21-03** “Jubilee in a Land Now Their Own: forgiveness of refugee travel debt”

M/S/C (B. Fillier / S. Nixon) that

Pacific Mountain Regional Council develop, as part of its justice ministry, a strategy and resources within PMRC to advocate for the forgiveness of refugee travel loans and the inequity they cause.

Proposal 21-07 “Jubilee in a Land Now Their Own: forgiveness of refugee travel debt”

M/S/C (B. Fillier / S. Nixon) that

the Pacific Mountain Regional Council request that the General Council of The United Church of Canada advocate for the forgiveness of travel loan repayment required of refugees moving to Canada; and

that the General Council facilitate the development of a national network for refugee ministry that enables communities of faith and refugee ministries across the country to connect for education, advocacy, and support; and

that Pacific Mountain Regional Council transmit with concurrence to General Council 44 (2022).

Proposal 21-06 “Active Bystander Witness Training”

M/S (B. Fillier / L. Megley-Best) that

Pacific Mountain Regional Council develop and offer an online educational program that can be held in each individual congregation that will teach individuals and our communities of faith skills for which to intervene in situations where we encounter racist or hateful behaviour or speech.

M/S/C (D. Moors / B. Fillier)

that Proposal 21-06 be forwarded to the Regional Executive Minister for consideration.

Nominations - 44th General Council Commissioners *M/S/C (J. Olson / C. Copeman-Haynes) that*

the following slate be elected as commissioners to the 44th General Council, and that the PMRC Executive be authorized to elect alternates as needed.

Kirstin Autio

Joseph Kyser

Cheryl Bear

Katherine Paton

Katherine Brittain

Keith Simmonds

Emily Cooke

Ruth Stebbing

Albert Fowler

Keri Wehlander

Laura Hermakin

Deborah Richards

Minnie Hornidge

and an unnamed Youth Forum Pilgrim

Enabling Motion

M/S/C (B. Fillier / K. Brittain) that:

- 1. The Regional Executive Minister be authorized to edit reports and minutes for the Record of Proceedings of this meeting.*
- 2. The Regional Council Executive be authorized to transact all business of the Regional Council until the next General Meeting of the Region Regional, except those matters prohibited by the Constitution and Bylaws of The United Church of Canada.*
- 3. All remaining ballots be destroyed – including the digital results.*
- 4. All digital records of public chat/comment boxes within Zoom™ and Whova™ will be appended to the record of proceedings.*
- 5. The meeting adjourn following the completion of business as ordered and the benediction received concluding the Celebration of Ministry service, June 13, 2021.*