

ASSEMBLY COUNCIL
March 26–28, 2023

The Assembly Council met at Crieff Hills Community, Puslinch, Ontario from March 26-28, 2023. B. Faris led the Council in worship including communion.

LAND**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

141/23C

We acknowledge that Crieff Hills occupies the ancestral lands of the Attawandaron/Chonnonton, the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples and the treaty lands and territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. We recognize the significance of the Dish with One Spoon Covenant and offer our respect and gratitude to all of the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island who have cared for and defended this land for centuries. We acknowledge that we are here as a result of blood that has been shed through colonization, the pain of which continues to be the lived experience of Indigenous communities across Turtle Island. This acknowledgment is our declaration of our responsibility to this place and to its peoples' histories, rights and presence. We support and add our voice to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's "calls to action" to never forget, to hold governments to account and to seek redress and healing for injustice.

PRESENT

142/23C

Assembly Appointees: the Rev. Cherie A. Inksetter (convener), the Rev. Jennifer L. Cameron, the Rev. Daniel Cho, Mr. Charles Greaves, Mr. Peter A. Kinch, the Rev. Bethany McCaffery, the Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray, Ms. Barbara Sargent, the Rev. John R. Wilson.

Presbytery Representatives: the Rev. Bartholomew Alexander, the Rev. John C. Borthwick, Ms. Brenda Butler, Ms. Martha J. Ferguson, the Rev. Paul D. Johnston, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Ms. Diane Reader Jones, Ms. Linda Shaw.

Ex-Officio – Voting: the Rev. Dr. Robert N. Faris, Ms Donna McIlveen, Ms. Cathy Reid, Ms. Carol Stymiest.

Ex-Officio – Non-Voting: The Rev. Victor Kim (secretary), the Rev. Dr. Ross A. Lockhart, Mr. Oliver Ng, the Rev. Ian Ross-McDonald.

Staff: Ms. Terrie-Lee Hamilton, the Rev. Donald Muir.

REGRETS

143/23C

The Rev. Jinsook Khang.

VISITORS

144/23C

The Rev. Dr. Daniel D. Scott, Office of Cross-Cultural Liaison Working Group.

AGENDA

145/23C

It was moved by J. Borthwick, duly seconded and

AGREED, that the agenda be approved.

REPORTS**Received and Considered**

146/23C

It was moved by J. Cameron, duly seconded and

AGREED, that the reports be received and considered.

MINUTES**Council**

147/23C

It was moved by G. Lovelace, duly seconded and

AGREED, that the Assembly Council minutes of November 20–22, 2022 be adopted.

Executive

148/23C

It was moved by C. Stymiest, duly seconded and

AGREED, that the Executive minutes of December 6, 2022 and January 27, 2023 be received for information.

CORRESPONDENCE
Overture No. 3, 2023 re
funding for Indigenous
Ministries
149/23C

A letter was received from the Business Committee re Overture No. 3, 2023 re sustainable funding for Indigenous ministries.

It was moved by P. Kinch, duly seconded and

AGREED, to receive and note consultation process with Life and Mission Agency.

Working Group re
Overture No. 3, 2023
150/23C

A letter was received from I. Ross-McDonald, Life and Mission Agency Committee, re representation on Working Group re Overture No. 3, 2023.

It was moved by B. Alexander, duly seconded and

AGREED, to refer to the Nominating Committee.

27 Brentcliffe Ave. Task
Group
151/23C

A letter was received from I. Ross-McDonald, Life and Mission Agency Committee, re representation on the 27 Brentcliffe Ave., Toronto Task Group.

It was moved by P. Kinch, duly seconded and

AGREED, to refer to the Nominating Committee.

H. Han, resignation of
152/23C

A letter was received from H. Han indicating his desire to resign from the Council.

It was moved by B. Butler, duly seconded and

AGREED, that Henry Han's resignation be received with regret and thanks.

EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE
153/23C

P. Kinch presented the report of the Executive Committee.

O. Ng, Retirement
154/23C

Recommendation No. 1

It was moved by P. Kinch, duly seconded and

AGREED, that a note of appreciation acknowledging the retirement of Oliver Ng as CFO/Treasurer be included in the minutes and that the convener of the Assembly Council, the Principal Clerk and the Finance Committee convener prepare a minute of appreciation for the report to the General Assembly.

Report
155/23C

It was moved by P. Kinch, duly seconded and

AGREED, that the report as a whole be adopted.

ARCHIVES AND
RECORDS
MANAGEMENT
156/23C

V. Kim presented the report of the Archives and Records Management Committee.

Records Microfilmed
157/23C

Recommendation No. 1

It was moved by B. Butler, duly seconded and

AGREED, to recommend to the General Assembly:
that congregations be urged to have their session minutes and church registers (marriages, baptisms, deaths/burials) digitized and/or microfilmed through the Archives to ensure a preservation copy is created for these vital records.

Digital files
158/23C

Recommendation No. 2

It was moved by B. Butler, duly seconded and

AGREED, to recommend to the General Assembly:
that congregations be urged to review their digital files (e.g., typed minutes, photos) and apply records management standards to them as they would to physical records and frequently back them up to an external hard drive or USB which should be stored in a secure location.

Web Archiving Program
159/23C

Recommendation No. 3

It was moved by B. Butler, duly seconded and

AGREED, to recommend to the General Assembly:
that congregations be urged to take part in the Web Archiving Program offered through the Archives to preserve histories, photographs, videos and other valuable material that is posted online to their websites or social media pages.

Report
160/23C

It was moved by B. Butler, duly seconded and

AGREED, that the report be adopted.

EVENING RECESS

The Council recessed for the evening. C. Inksetter closed this session with prayer.

MONDAY MORNING

MORNING PRAYER

C. Inksetter opened the morning session with prayer.

**EWART ENDOWMENT
FOR THEOLOGICAL
EDUCATION**
161/23C

T. Hamilton presented the report of Ewart Endowment for Theological Education Committee.

**Knox Woodstock re
Summer Camp**
162/23C

Recommendation No. 1

It was moved by J. Cameron, duly seconded and

AGREED, that a three-year grant for Knox Church, Woodstock, Ontario, Summer Camp in the amount of \$9,000 (2023: \$5,000, 2024: \$3,000, 2025: \$1,000) be approved.

**Knox College re Professor
in Practice in Ministry and
Faith Formation**
163/23C

Recommendation No. 2

It was moved by J. Cameron, duly seconded and

that a five-year grant for Knox College re Ewart Professor in Practice in Ministry and Faith Formation in the amount of \$325,000 (\$65,000 per year) be approved.

164/23C

Amendment

It was moved by D. McIlveen, duly seconded and

AGREED, to replace the wording after that with: a one year grant for Knox College re Ewart Professor in Practice in Ministry and Faith Formation in the amount \$65,000 be approved, with possible renewal, subject to consultation with Knox College and an annual evaluation.

165/23C

Amended Motion

The amended motion being put to a vote was carried.

**Presbyterian College re
Mentoring Program**
166/23C

Recommendation No. 3

It was moved by J. Cameron, duly seconded and

AGREED, that a three-year grant for Presbyterian College re mentoring program in the amount of \$49,500 (\$16,500 per year) be approved.

Report
167/23C

It was moved by J. Cameron, duly seconded and

AGREED, that the report be adopted.

**BENEVOLENCE
COMMITTEE**
Report
168/23C

D. McIlveen presented the report of the Benevolence Committee.

It was moved by D. McIlveen, duly seconded and

AGREED, that the report be received for information.

**COMMISSION ON
ASSETS OF DISSOLVED
OR AMALGAMATED
CONGREGATIONS**
169/23C

O. Ng presented the report of the Commission on Assets of Dissolved or Amalgamated Congregations.

It was moved by B. Alexander, duly seconded and

AGREED, that the report be received for information.

MANAGEMENT TEAM
Report
170/23C

I. Ross-McDonald presented the Management Team's report.

It was moved by C. Greaves, duly seconded and

AGREED, that the report be received for information.

REAL ESTATE GROUP
171/23C

P. O'Brien presented the report of the of the Real Estate Consultation Group.

**Framework for
Conversation**
172/23C

Additional Motion

It was moved by J. Borthwick, duly seconded and

AGREED, that the Real Estate Consultation Group provide guidance for a discussion relating to the disposition of property and issue of accountability at the November Council meeting, possibly leading to recommendations for the General Assembly's consideration.

Report
173/23C

It was moved by P. O'Brien, duly seconded and

AGREED, that the report be adopted.

**CFO/TREASURER
SEARCH COMMITTEE**
174/23C

P. Kinch, presented the report of the Search Committee for CFO.

Search Postponed
175/23C

Recommendation No. 1

It was moved by P. Kinch, duly seconded and

AGREED, to recommend to the General Assembly:
that the search for a permanent CFO/Treasurer be postponed until later
in 2023, at the earliest.

Report
176/23C

It was moved by P. Kinch, duly seconded and

AGREED, that the report be adopted.

**MENTORING FUND
FOR NON-EURO
CANADIAN CLERGY**
177/23C

V. Kim presented the report of the of the Mentoring Fund for Non-Euro Canadian
Clergy Working Group. The report continues after the Stated Hours.

**CONVERSATIONS RE
PROPHETIC ROLE**
178/23C

V. Kim led the members through this initial session on the conversation re the
prophetic role of the Council along with the opportunities and challenges before the
church. The framework below was used for this discussion:

What is the current narrative of The Presbyterian Church in Canada?

- A narrative sets out a story of an organization, in our case our
denomination, our congregations, our church.
- Narratives are more than only stories, however. They have the ability to
shape and change the trajectory of ministry and the church.

In preparation for a time of discussion and exploration at the upcoming
Assembly Council meeting, please consider the following questions:

1. What is your experience of the dominant narrative within The Presbyterian
Church in Canada today?
 - Speak from “your experience”, not what you might have heard from
others.
 - Be prepared to give specific examples of your experience.
 - Understand that what you may experience may or may not be fully
rooted in facts but that our perceptions hold much power and need to
be understood.
2. If the current dominant narrative within The Presbyterian Church in
Canada needs to be renewed or changed, what would that new narrative
be?
 - What would be some of the core facets of this narrative?
 - What would the hoped for outcome for such a narrative be?
 - Would the narrative you envision serve to take us back or move us
forward?

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**OFFICE OF CROSS-
CULTURAL LIAISON
WORKING GROUP**
Report
179/23C

The convener welcomed Dan Scott to present the report of the Office of Cross-
Cultural Liaison Working Group.

**Cross-Cultural Liaison
Position Description**
180/23C

The council discussed the position description for the Cross-Cultural Liaison.

Recommendation No. 1

It was moved by G. Lovelace, duly seconded and

that the job description for the Cross-Cultural Liaison be approved.

(cont'd below)

LUNCH RECESS

The hour for lunch having arrived, the Council recessed. B. Alexander offered grace.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

OFFICE OF CROSS-CULTURAL LIAISON WORKING GROUP

Position Description
(cont'd from p. 1546)
181/23C

The Council resumed the conversation regarding the position description for Cross-Cultural Liaison.

Amendment

It was moved in amendment by B. Alexander, duly seconded and

AGREED, that the position description as revised be approved.

182/23C

Amended Motion

The amended motion being put to a vote was carried.

Revised Position Description
183/23C

Intercultural Liaison Position Description

Preamble

Precision in definitions are important especially in sensitive contexts that involve layered meanings, such as race, culture, ethnicity.

Multicultural refers to a society that contains several cultural or ethnic groups. People live alongside one another, but each cultural group does not necessarily have engaging interactions with each other. For example, in a multicultural neighbourhood people may frequent ethnic grocery stores and restaurants without really interacting with their neighbors from other countries.

Cross-cultural deals with the comparison of different cultures. In cross-cultural communication, differences are understood and acknowledged, and can bring about individual change, but not collective transformations. In cross-cultural societies, one culture is often considered “the norm” and all other cultures are compared or contrasted to the dominant culture.

Intercultural describes communities in which there is a deep understanding and respect for all cultures. Intercultural communication focuses on the mutual exchange of ideas and cultural norms and the development of deep relationships. In an intercultural society, no one is left unchanged because everyone learns from one another and grows together.

(springinstitute.org/whats-difference-multicultural-intercultural-cross-cultural-communication)

Position

The position of Intercultural Liaison is a General Secretary level appointment of the General Assembly on nomination of the Assembly Council (see Book of Forms Appendix B-1).

This position is a five-year appointment. The position is open to all qualified individuals within the Reformed faith tradition.

Accountability

The incumbent is, in matters relating directly to the work of Assembly, a servant of the General Assembly and accountable to the General Assembly for the right discharge of their duties. While ultimate accountability is always to the General Assembly, interim direction will be given by and accountability will be to the

Assembly Council, and through it, to the General Assembly for all matters relating to this position. As an Assembly appointee, the incumbent retains the right of direct recourse to the Assembly. Although this is a 5-year appointment,* performance reviews will be carried out and will be the responsibility of the Assembly Council as determined by its Executive.

*Note: A full position review will take place at the 4-year mark to evaluate the continuing need for the position beyond the 5-year mandate.

An Advisory Committee will be named to support the work of the Intercultural Liaison.

Nature And Scope

“People will come from east and west, from north and south and will eat in the kingdom of God.” (Luke 13:29)

The Intercultural Liaison will collaborate with and assist congregations, courts and committees of The Presbyterian Church in Canada to be welcoming and inclusive of all God’s people. The work of the Intercultural Liaison will be to act as an advocate of the diverse communities of World Christianity, both to The Presbyterian Church in Canada and from within it to the outside church. The position will focus on serving as a catalyst for the growing ethnic/cultural nature of the denomination resulting from migration patterns of World Christianity and how those patterns may help to shape and guide the denomination going forward. The Intercultural Liaison will also be engaged in the active advocacy against systemic racism in all aspects of the denomination.

Administrative and program support for the Intercultural Liaison may come either from a creation of an Office of Intercultural Liaison or the position may be situated within an existing department of the national office with access to support from within that office. The nature and scope of the position will need to be iterative, where duties and responsibilities will need to be amended as the position evolves. It is expected that as this position evolves, current positions and responsibilities within the national office may also need to be amended.

Tasks and Responsibilities

The Intercultural Liaison will be responsible for:

1. Leading in interpreting to The Presbyterian Church in Canada what it means to be an intercultural church.
2. Facilitating learning within the denomination regarding World Christianity and providing opportunities to engage with the diverse communities of World Christianity already within The Presbyterian Church in Canada and how these communities impact the direction, life and mission of the denomination.
3. Creating opportunities for the development of new World Christian communities of faith (open to a variety of Presbyterian expressions) within The Presbyterian Church in Canada. This includes empowering mono-cultural congregations as they evolve into intercultural congregations.
4. Providing for and facilitating programs for mentoring and supporting clergy serving interculturally within the denomination.
5. Advocating with the rest of the church toward the eradication of systemic racism in the courts, polity, structure, and membership of the church.
6. Connecting/Networking with committees, agencies, ministries and staff of the church to better implement an understanding of intercultural issues and

involvement of people from the various cultural and ethnic backgrounds within the denomination in the programs and committees of the denomination.

7. The position of Intercultural Liaison will be a non-voting member of the Assembly Council and the Life and Mission Agency Committee and a resource to all standing and special committees of the General Assembly's various advisory committees, in particular with those committees where intercultural challenges are present.
8. The Intercultural Liaison will be a resource to the Management Team and staff/departments of the national office.

General Qualifications and Personal Characteristics

The incumbent shall possess:

- evidence of a mature Christian faith and a commitment to the goals and vision of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, including its goals and vision;
- a sensitivity for the dignity and worth of each individual person regardless of ethnicity, race, age, gender, sexual orientation or economic status;
- a vision of both pastoral and prophetic ministries in the church;
- a demonstrated understanding of the history, ethos, traditions, governance and polity of The Presbyterian Church in Canada;
- a working knowledge of the Book of Forms and experience within the courts of the church, or if from outside The Presbyterian Church in Canada, a commitment to learn and participate therein;
- a knowledge, familiarity and demonstrated engagement with various expressions of Presbyterianism within The Presbyterian Church in Canada or a commitment to learn and engage;
- a strong commitment to work effectively and co-operatively within the national office of the church;
- a demonstrated ability to work within a collegial model of administration, consensus building and decision making;
- a demonstrated ability to work in a team style of leadership;
- a creative style that shows initiative and active commitment to seek solutions and improvements;
- an ability to be a decisive, involved leader who is organized and efficient;
- a demonstrated ability to manage/oversee multiple tasks simultaneously;
- demonstrated cultural intelligence;
- excellent communication skills – oral, written and electronic.

Permission to Search 184/23C

Recommendation No. 2

It was moved by B. Alexander, duly seconded and

AGREED, to recommend to the General Assembly:
that the Assembly Council proceed with the search for the Intercultural Liaison position.

Revised 2024 Budget 185/23C

Recommendation No. 3

It was moved by B. Alexander, duly seconded and

AGREED, that the proposed 2024 Operating Budget include \$100,000 to account for the prorated salary, benefits and other costs associated with the Intercultural Liaison position, anticipated to begin after a candidate is appointed by the 2024 General Assembly.

- Report**
186/23C
- It was moved by G. Lovelace, duly seconded and
AGREED, that the report be adopted.
- MODERATOR, 2022
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
187/23C
- B. Faris, Moderator of the 2023 General Assembly spoke about various events and connections that he has made since the last meeting of the Council. Some of them have included: Advent meditations held online with leaders of the Anglican Church, Lutheran Evangelical Church and United Church; western trip to Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia where there was a focus connecting with various Indigenous ministries; preaching opportunities; and events focusing on inclusion of 2SLGBTQIA+. The international trip to Taiwan will be in April.
- MENTORING FUND**
(cont'd from p. 1546)
Fund Terms of Reference
188/23C
- The Council resumed the conversation on the Mentoring Fund.
- Recommendation No. 1**
It was moved by J. Wilson, duly seconded and
that the terms for the Mentoring Fund for non-Euro Canadian Clergy be approved.
- 189/23C
- Motion to Refer Back**
It was moved by J. Borthwick, duly seconded and
AGREED, that the report be referred back to the Working Group to review the language in the terms.
- FINANCE COMMITTEE
Report**
190/23C
- P. Kinch, convener of the Finance Committee and O. Ng, CFO, presented the report of the Finance Committee.
- 2024 Budget**
191/23C
- Recommendation No. 1**
It was moved by P. Kinch, duly seconded and
to recommend to the General Assembly:
that the 2024 budget be approved.
- 192/23C
- Amendment**
It was moved in amendment by J. Borthwick, duly seconded
DEFEATED, to increase the budget by \$300,000 in expenditures so that it be \$8,300,000.
- 193/23C
- Original Motion**
The original motion being put to a vote was carried.
- 2025–2027 Forecast**
194/23C
- Recommendation No. 2**
It was moved by P. Kinch, duly seconded and
AGREED, to recommend to the General Assembly:
that the 2025 to 2027 forecast be received for information.
- Restricted Fund Transfer
2023**
195/23C
- Recommendation No. 3**
It was moved by P. Kinch, duly seconded and
AGREED, to recommend to the General Assembly:
that the transfer of the restricted funds be increased from \$2,000,000 to \$2,300,000 for 2023.

- Undesignated Bequests for 2023**
196/23C
- Recommendation No. 4**
It was moved by P. Kinch, duly seconded and
- AGREED, that the suggested undesignated bequests distribution be approved as:
- First \$250,000 to Presbyterians Sharing Legacy Fund
 - Remaining:
 - 10% to colleges – \$26,686
 - 40% to LMA Priority Fund – \$106,742
 - 50% to be allocated by the Assembly Council is:
 - Sexuality and Inclusion Fund – \$70,000
 - Emerging Issues Contingency Fund – \$64,426.
- Report**
197/23C
- It was moved by P. Kinch, duly seconded and
- AGREED, that the report be adopted.
- AUDIT COMMITTEE Report**
198/23C
- P. Kinch presented the report of the Audit Committee.
- 2022 Financial Statements, The Presbyterian Church in Canada**
199/23C
- Recommendation No. 1**
It was moved by P. Kinch, duly seconded and
- AGREED, that the financial statements for The Presbyterian Church in Canada for the year ended December 31, 2022 be approved.
- Signing Statements**
200/23C
- Additional Motion**
It was moved by P. Kinch, duly seconded and
- AGREED, that the convener of the Assembly Council and the convener of the Finance Committee be authorized to sign the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.
- 2022 Financial Statements, Pension Fund**
201/23C
- Recommendation No. 2**
It was moved by P. Kinch, duly seconded and
- AGREED, that pending completion of the audit procedures by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), final review/approval from the Audit Committee be delegated to the convener of the Audit Committee and the CFO, with power to issue granted to the convener and CFO to approve the financial statements for The Presbyterian Church in Canada Pension Fund for the year ended December 31, 2022.
- Signing Statements**
202/23C
- Additional Motion**
It was moved by P. Kinch, duly seconded and
- AGREED, that pending final review by the convener of the Audit Committee and approval by the CFO, the convener of the Assembly Council, the convener of the Finance Committee and the convener of the Pension and Benefits Board be authorized to sign the financial statements for the Presbyterian Church in Canada Pension Fund.
- Auditors for 2023**
203/23C
- Recommendation No. 3**
It was moved by P. Kinch, duly seconded and
- AGREED, that PricewaterhouseCoopers be appointed as auditors for 2023 and that their remuneration be fixed by the Audit Committee.

Report
204/23C

It was moved by P. Kinch, duly seconded and
AGREED, that the report be adopted.

**LIFE AND MISSION
AGENCY
Report**
205/23C

D. McIlveen, convener of the Life and Mission Agency Committee and I. Ross-McDonald, General Secretary, presented the report of the Life and Mission Agency.

**McBain-Barker Small
Community Fund**
206/23C

Recommendation No. 1

It was moved by D. McIlveen, duly seconded and

AGREED, that a transfer of \$100,000 from the New and Renewing Ministries Fund be made to the McBain-Barker Small Community Fund.

Evelyn B. Walker Fund
207/23C

Recommendation No. 2

It was moved by D. McIlveen, duly seconded and

AGREED, that a transfer of \$100,000 from the New and Renewing Ministries Fund be made to the Evelyn B. Walker Fund.

Report
208/23C

It was moved by D. McIlveen, duly seconded and

AGREED, that the report be adopted.

**COMMITTEE TO
NOMINATE STANDING
COMMITTEES**
209/23C

D. Muir, presented a proposal that the Clerks of Assembly are presenting to the General Assembly to address Rec. SPC-006 re the membership of the Committee to Nominate Standing Committees.

Recommending
MEmpership
210/23C

The proposed changes to Book of Forms 288.1 are:

A Committee to Nominate Standing Committees, consisting of nine members of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, shall be appointed by the General Assembly. Every three years in rotation, synods will submit candidates from members within their bounds to the Assembly Council. The Assembly Council, when necessary in the rotation, will recommend a ninth candidate. The Assembly Council will prepare a slate of nominees for the consideration of the General Assembly that is representative of the membership of the denomination. The convener is to be named from among the membership. Each member shall serve a three-year non-renewable term, with one-third of the members retiring each year.

211/23C

Motion to Refer

It was moved by J. Borthwick, duly seconded and

AGREED, to refer the above motion to the Executive with power to issue on the recommendation that the Assembly Council concur with the response of the Clerks of Assembly in addressing Rec. SCP-006 re membership of the Committee to Nominate Standing Committees.

DINNER RECESS

The hour of dinner having arrived the Council recessed, M. Ferguson offered grace.

MONDAY NIGHT

- PRAYER**
212/23C
C. Inksetter offered prayer with attention to the tragedy at a school in Nashville earlier this day.
- NOMINATING COMMITTEE**
213/23C
J. Murray presented the Nominating Committee report.
- Appointments**
214/23C
It was moved by J. Murray, duly seconded and
AGREED, that the following appointments be:
- Overture No. 3, 2023 Working Group: John Borthwick and Cindy Stephenson
- 27 Brentcliffe Ave Task Group: P. Kinch
- Reappointments**
215/23C
It was moved by J. Murray, duly seconded and
AGREED, that the reappointment to Council of John Borthwick and Brenda Butler be supported.
- Appreciation**
216/23C
It was moved by J. Murray, duly seconded and
AGREED, that appreciation be expressed to retiring members: Brenda Butler, John Borthwick, Charles Greaves, Germaine Lovelace, Barb Sargent, Carol Stymiest, John Wilson and Bob Faris.
- Report**
217/23C
It was moved by J. Murray, duly seconded and
AGREED, that the report as a whole be adopted.
- CONVERSATIONS**
(cont'd from p. 1546)
218/23C
The Council returned to the discussion on the prophetic role of the Council. While there were no directions recommended, the Executive will continue to focus on this role incorporating elements from the conversations at this meeting.
- NEXT MEETINGS**
219/23C
The Council will next meet November 26–28, 2023. The Executive will next meet at the call of the convener.
- WORSHIP**
220/23C
L. Shaw led the Council in a time of worship.
- ADJOURNMENT**
AGREED, that the Council adjourn.

Cherie Inksetter
Convener

Victor Kim
Secretary