

# Northern Spirit Regional Council Newsletter — March 2022

**Next Meeting**  
NSRC Executive April 13,  
2022 via Zoom

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## Northern Spirit RC Executive

- Northern Spirit Regional Council (NSRC) Executive met **via zoom, March 9, 2022.**
- At this meeting we learned that First United in Wetaskiwin is planning to install solar panels on their building. We wish them great success with this endeavour.
- Last year the management of the Student Bursary Fund moved from the Bursary Fund Society to NSRC as the Society concluded its existence. At this meeting we confirmed where those funds are invested and we heard about the bursaries that were being awarded this year. While NSRC is administering the fund, bursaries continue to be awarded to all candidates in the territory of the former Alberta Northwest Conference (which means both Northern Spirit and Chinook Winds Regional Councils).
- Executive received a recommendation regarding the amalgamation of the Morinville and Namao Pastoral Charges into one Pastoral Charge and officially made that amalgamation a reality. We wish those communities of faith well as they live into this new way of being the church in their area.
- Earl Reaburn gave an update on the various pieces of work being done by the Pastoral Relations Commission and the Lay Leadership Support, Community of Faith Support, and Ministry Personnel Support Committees.
- Last year the community of faith in Ashmont was selling their church building. A request came through from the Acimowin Society for the building. The community of faith decided, as an act of reconciliation and in the spirit of seeking Right Relations, that they would gift the building to Acimowin. The Society is having a Round Dance this month in memory of the Blue Quills Residential School, Shannon McCarthy will attend on behalf of NSRC.
- At every meeting over the next few months we will hear an update on the work of GC44. The Learning Sessions regarding proposals start March 9th and continue every Wednesday evening for several weeks (with a break for Easter). The March 9th sessions will include presentations on 2 proposals from NSRC.
- A reminder that the Annual Gathering of NSRC will be held online in the fall. It is planned to be a time of information sharing and connection building. Folk interested in helping create this time together are encouraged to contact the Regional Council office.
- Plans are beginning for the 2022 Celebration of Ministry Service. It is expected that this will happen in June at a church in Edmonton that is able to live stream so all of NSRC can join in. Watch for details!

**NSRC Executive** Gord Waldie (Chair), Helen Reed (Chair-Elect), Donna Kline (Treasurer), Alistair McKay, Margaret-Anne Hall, Peter Chynoweth, Marilyn Carroll, Leslie Penny, Mary Annan, Shannon McCarthy  
*Executive Minister,*

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**Nominations are opening for a number of positions across the Northern Spirit Regional Council.**