

REGION 9
December 14, 2018

Present: Chair, Deborah Laforet; Jean Bethune, Rhonda Johns, Robert Lawson,, Christina Paradela, Sybil Wilson, Kate Young, Executive Minister, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa

Regrets: Margaret Bethune, Ted Smith, Executive Assistant, Sue Duliban

In the absence of Sue Duliban, Cheryl-Ann acted as Minute Secretary.

With a quorum present, Chair Deborah called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. This conference call forms the bounds of the meeting.

It was agreed that the agenda for the day included:

- 1) Selecting a name for the regional council;
- 2) Further refining the governance work already undertaken; and
- 3) Planning for the March 2nd gathering.

Name

The Commission reviewed the vote tally between Carolinian Forest and Horseshoe Falls. Horseshoe Falls was overwhelming the favourite.

Moved by Jean Bethune, Seconded by Sybil Wilson, that based upon the input received from the members of the regional council, the Commission confirms that the name for Region 9 will be Horseshoe Falls Regional Council. Carried.

Governance

The Commission further discussed the membership of the regional council and its desire to include valued lay leaders. As a result, it was agreed that there would be a provision for:

- 1) Past lay Presidents of Hamilton Conference;
- 2) Past lay Chairs of Erie, Great Lakes Waterways, Halton, Hamilton and Niagara Presbyteries;
- 3) Retired DLM who retired from a position within the bounds of the region and who are connected to a community of faith within the region

to serve as members of the regional council in addition to the representatives from their home community of faith.

It was also agreed that there would be further discussion re the engagement of youth and young adults in the regional council.

March 2nd Event

Plans for the March 2nd regional gathering were discussed. Robert Lawson, Christina Paradela and Sybil Wilson agreed to assist with the planning.

Having concluded its business, Chair Deborah adjourned the meeting.