**PROPOSAL #1**

**Title:** **Opening and Procedural Motion**

Origin: Executive Minister

**What is the issue?**

The regional council must establish the procedures by which it will conduct business.

**Why is this issue important?**

This clarifies and confirms the way in which decision-making will happen.

**How might the regional council respond to the issue?**

The regional council might adopt the following as a consent docket:

1. Adopt the agenda as circulated and authorize the Agenda and Business Committee to make any changes as necessary;
2. Approve the minutes of the meeting of 2023-10-13-14;
3. Receive the minutes of the following meetings of the
4. Executive

 24-04-24

 24-03-06

24-02-26

24-02-06

24-01-24

24-01-13

23-12-13

23-11-22

23-10-25

23-09-26

1. Congregational Support Commission

2024-01-23

2024-01-09

2023-12-12

2023-11-30

2023-11-14

2023-10-17

2023-09-26

2023-09-12

2023-08-17

2023-07-25

2023-06-14

1. Human Resources Commission

2023-06-28

1. Discipleship and Justice Commission

2023-09-26

2023-05-30

for information.

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1. Appoint Martha Lockwood as Parliamentarian;
2. Appoint Wendy Lowden as Chair, Agenda and Business Committee and Recording Secretary;
3. Name Tessica Hackshaw to serve as Equity Support Team Member;
4. Name President Lennox Scarlett, Chair Agenda and Business Committee and Recording Secretary Wendy Lowden, Parliamentarian Martha Lockwood, as the Agenda and Business Committee;
5. Name the Chair Agenda and Business Committee and Parliamentarian as scrutineers;
6. Set the bounds of the meeting as the zoom call, and the UNIFOR Family Education Centre, Port Elgin, Ontario;
7. Make the designated representative from any United Church ministry, other than a congregation, which has been invited to become a community of faith by entering into a covenant with the regional council, a member of the regional council for this meeting (Section C.1.2 c);
8. Make all guests corresponding members;
9. Set the deadline for new business to be submitted to the Agenda and Business Committee as 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 25, 2024.
10. Adopt the following method for dealing with proposals for action by the regional council

Step One:

The Presenter will outline:

1. What is the issue? and
2. The suggested way in which the regional council might respond to the issue.

Step Two:

The President will inquire if there are questions for clarification. Please note this is for clarification only.

Step Three:

The President will then ask if there are changes or additions being suggested for the proposal. Using warm and cool signals, the regional council will seek to come closer to agreement on how to respond to the issue.

Step Four:

Once there is significant agreement, the President will invite the Presenter to move the motion at which point the regional council enters the formal debate process.