

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
Association of United Church Clergy (aUCC)  
aUCC ANNUAL MEETING 2023  
April 25

Meeting ID: 853 4779 5093  
Passcode: 243283

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1. Call to Order
  - a. Chair: Ross Bartlett; Recording Secretary: Wayne Smith

**RENEWAL**

2. Opening Devotion & Acknowledgement of Place:

**COMMUNITY**

3. Small Group time (10 minutes):
4. Minutes of the Previous Annual Meeting
5. General accountability report: Ross Bartlett (*Info Packet A.1*)
  - a. Pillar reports (*Info Packet C.1-C4*)
6. Financial report: Catherine MacDonald (*Info Packet B.1-B.2*)
7. Amendments to By-laws in the aUCC Governance Handbook:
  - a. Part V. Nominating Team  
Responsibilities:  
Prepare a slate of candidates for ~~election~~ *nomination* to all elected ~~and~~ positions
8. Election of Board and Officers: Alicia Cox  
Chair: Shannon MacLean      Vice-Chair: ???  
Treasurer: Catherine MacDonald      Recording Secretary: Wayne Smith  
Member(s) at Large: Lori Crocker; Heather Manuel  
Education Pillar Lead – Susan MacAlpine-Gillis  
Advocacy Pillar Lead – Betsy Hogan  
Renewal Pillar Lead – Mary-Lynne Whyte  
Community Pillar Lead - Carol Smith  
Nominations – Alicia Cox  
Members at Large - Lori Crocker; Heather Manuel  
Ex-officio: John Wray
9. Communications and Membership: John Wray (*Info Packet D.1*)
10. MOU with Region 15 (*To arrive separately*)

**ADVOCACY**

*Your association is committed to creating a safe place for its members to share their concerns and experiences in ministry. While we do not offer personal advocacy support, we listen carefully and advocate to the wider church our members shared interests in a unified voice. Our advocacy ranges from workplace issues to the overall spiritual, mental and physical well-being of clergy. It is not uncommon for clergy to find themselves in the midst of various forms of conflict or confusion and this is a place for you to share, discuss and reflect on your experience as we all work together to create a healthy and life-giving professional experience.(aUCC Governance Handbook)*

11. Proposals for the Regional Annual Meeting (*Info Packet E.1-E.2*)
  - a. Clusters
  - b. Congregational Designated Ministers
12. New resource: “Negotiating Calls and Appointments” now on the web site

**EDUCATION**

*Lifelong learning is essential for healthy clergy. Developing our skills, awareness and learning new practices is a requirement if we are to remain competent in ministry. Finding opportunities for education which meet our needs, are cost effective and close to home can be a struggle. The association is committed to supporting professional growth through our annual regional events, practical workshops designed for your needs and a host of learning opportunities we will share with you from the wider church. (aUCC Governance Handbook)*

## **COMMUNITY**

*As clergy we often experience a deep loneliness within our callings. While we know we are not alone, we can feel like we are walking a lonely road – often working in almost empty buildings, sometimes with little or no support (staff or otherwise), taking on the cares and concerns of our congregants and communities while having few outlets for our own fears. The association is your sanctuary. We understand that as people of faith we were created to be in community. The Community Pillar seeks to identify and offer a variety of opportunities and resources for connection with colleagues for support, conversation, specially focussed small groups on needs as well as providing fellowship and community building. We are not alone, and the Community Pillar lives out that care. (aUCC Governance Handbook)*

## **RENEWAL**

*Clergy are by nature and by calling, care-givers in the name of Christ. As “givers” we need regular opportunities to be renewed in mind, body, and spirit in order to be effective in ministry. We continue to live in a time of huge upheaval within our church and society and it is critical that we create moments for renewal. This Pillar seeks to provide opportunities and resources for clergy to find a place and space to be re-created, to grow spiritually and be able to engage in ministry with renewed hope, love and health. (aUCC Governance Handbook)*

13. Q&A

14. Closing