

***Outline for draft proposal to be presented to GC43 (exact wording to be determined later)***

Two issues need to be addressed:

1. The new regional councils need to make plans for how they will function starting January 1, 2019;
2. The new regional councils do not have the ability to make any decisions until they come into existence on January 1, 2019, though each of them will have the responsibilities of a fully-functioning regional council on that date.

How these issues can be addressed:

1. GC43 could name a regional council transition commission of people for each regional council to address issues identified, below. The work of each commission will be supported by the provisionally appointed Executive Minister.
2. Members of the commissions (perhaps 5 to 10) could be selected from current Conference Presidents/Leading Elders or their designates, and presbytery chairs or their designates, or from names supplied by a Conference Executive. Presbyteries that are about to be divided among multiple regional councils are invited to name a representative to each regional council commission to which they will relate.
3. The All Native Circle Conference and the Aboriginal Ministries Council will develop a process for naming and supporting the Indigenous members of the commission. Serving on a regional council transition commission does not make any assumptions about the future relationship between Indigenous communities of faith and any regional council. The Indigenous Church is in the process of working out what dual belonging means in accordance with the Calls to the Church document.
4. The new regional councils will review and finalize their structures in 2019.

Action requested of GC43

...that General Council 43 appoint a commission for each of the regional councils, consisting of:

Regional Council #1 (insert names of those nominated)

Regional Council #2 (insert names of those nominated)

Etc.

with each commission mandated to...

- a) function as the Executive of the regional council from January 1, 2019 until such time as the regional council meets and elects a new Executive; and
- b) make decisions on such items as in the commission's opinion are necessary to allow for the immediate functioning of the regional council on January 1, 2019;
- c) make decisions on the following items:

- any required actions regarding staff who will serve the regional council;
- a regional council budget for 2019;
- mission support grants for 2019;
- a preliminary Memorandum of Understanding between the regional councils being served by a single Executive Ministers;
- a plan for how the Executive Minister will come to know the regional councils;
- whether to have a getting-acquainted gathering in 2018 (optional);
- property matters formerly done by presbyteries or Conferences;
- a date and organizing a founding meeting for the regional council not later than June 30, 2019;
- any unfinished business from presbyteries.

d) propose plans for addressing the following potential topics:

- a vision for the regional council;
- the composition of the regional council's governing body;
- a process and timeline for determining the longer term governance of the regional council following the interim period filled by the commission;
- nominations policies;
- frequency and times of regional council meetings;
- a process for selecting a name for the regional council (no longer than 44 characters);
- a plan regarding current resource centres, if applicable.