



**EASTERN ONTARIO (& NUNAVUT) DISTRICT CONFERENCE
May 3, 2023**

**BUSINESS SESSION
ONLINE CONFERENCE HOSTED IN OSHAWA, ONTARIO**

23-001.dc CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:15 am and welcomed the Conference Delegates to the 2023 District Conference, "Consecrated."

23-002.dc WELCOME

The Chair extended a special welcome to those credential holders new to the District in the past two years, Lay Delegates, PAOC National Officers, David Wells, and Craig Burton. The former District Superintendents Gordon Upton, Stewart Hunter, and Craig Burton were welcomed.

The Itinerant Ministers, Chaplains, Specialized Ministers, Global Workers, and Mission Canada Workers were also acknowledged.

The Chair explained the voting process through Election Runner to the voting delegates. Questions were invited to be submitted by email to questions@eod.paoc.org.

23-003.dc ROSTER REPORT

The Roster Report was presented. There were 146 voting delegates and 6 guests registered.

23-004.dc CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

The Conference Committees were presented to the registered delegates.

23-005.dc VOTING BAR

The voting bar for the 2023 EOND Business Conference shall include registered voting members.

The Chair introduced Election Runner, the voting platform for the Business Meeting.

23-006.dc BALLOT #1 - RESOLUTION #1

The Chair read Ballot #1 – Resolution #1 and walked through the voting details with online delegates.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following be approved:

- Roster Report as presented.

- The voting bar for the 2023 Eastern Ontario & Nunavut District Business Conference shall include registered voting members.
- Conference Committees as presented.
- District Conference Minutes dated May 5, 2021, Special Conference Minutes dated July 20, 2022, and Special Meeting Minutes dated October 3, 2022, as presented in the digital booklet.
- Credential Changes from April 14, 2021, to April 11, 2023, as presented in the digital booklet.

MOVED, SECONDED

The Chair asked for the release of Ballot #1 – Resolution #1.

23-007.dc DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Jason Luscombe presented the District Superintendent Report in video format.

As Pentecostal leaders, the Superintendent affirmed our belief that Jesus is returning soon and that the Father has sent the Holy Spirit to empower us as witnesses. Therefore, may we consecrate ourselves to God's use in these last days.

It was reported that 2022 was a transition year in the Eastern Ontario & Nunavut District. The District Superintendent and the Assistant to the Superintendent Ministry were both newly elected. As regular ministries and camps resumed post-pandemic, the District is working to understand the times and evaluate effectiveness by assessing this new season and what we need to do next.

The delegates were reminded of the importance of Healthy Leaders. Appreciation was given to Jeremy Albrecht and Candace Bell for their work in establishing the Leadership Cluster Group initiative. It was reported that there are 44 clusters with 153 leaders in the District participating.

Prayer as a priority was reinforced, and EOND leaders were invited to join other leaders each Tuesday morning via Zoom for a time of prayer and waiting on the Lord.

The District Ministry Team is committed to delivering meaningful care for our leaders. They also believe in the importance of discipleship, strengthening our leadership pipeline, and the need for new models to provide tools and training to deliver the resources needed in our current ministry climate.

Appreciation was expressed to Craig Burton for his faithful and careful leadership over the past 17 years, the Officers District Executive, Cheryl Rogers, and men and women from the District Office and District camps who are committed to caring, serving, and supporting the EOND credential holders and churches. Gratitude was expressed to the Superintendent's wife, Colleen, and their two sons for their support and encouragement.

21-008.dc RESULTS – BALLOT #1 – RESOLUTION #1

The Chair presented the results for Ballot #1 – Resolution #1.

YES: 98% NO: 2%

Be it Resolved that Resolution #1 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

23.009dc BALLOT #2 – NOMINATION BALLOT FOR SECTION PRESBYTER

The Chair asked for the release of Ballot #2 – Nomination Ballot for Section Presbyters.

Section Presbyter

The following names were presented as a result of the Pre-Conference Nomination ballot for Section Presbyter.

Capital
Jeff Hillier

Kawartha
Crystal Moore

Toronto South
Godfrey Adderley

Lakeshore
Sam Sibley

Lanark Seaway
Paul Birley

York-Toronto North
Sam Vijayasenan

Ottawa Valley
Peter Snow

Quinte - Rideau
Stephen Heathcock

The Chair invited David Blakely to present the Financial Report and Jeff Kechnie to present the Kechnie Benefits Report via video.

23-010.DC DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT

The Assistant to the Superintendent - Resources was invited to present the 2022 Audited Consolidated Financial Report in video format. It was noted that Norton McMullen LLP includes a positive Letter of Opinion on pages 1 & 2 of the statements. Reference was made to the legal name of The Eastern Ontario District of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada for banking and legal purposes.

At the end of 2022, the District was in a solid financial position with over \$9 million in net assets. Along with many other organizations, the District's financial report reflects the impact of COVID-19 on operations.

While other components of the District's financial year show fluctuations in the past three years, the tithes of churches and half-tithes of credential holders remain strong in 2022. Appreciation was given to the churches and credential holders for their faithful support.

A summary of General District expenditures was presented, followed by an update on the infrastructure work at both Lakeshore Pentecostal Camp and Ottawa Valley Pentecostal Camp to align them with the provincial government's requirements for handling sanitary waste.

Appreciation was expressed to the District Financial team, Audit, and Financial Committee members.

23-011.DC KECHNIE BENEFITS REPORT

Jeff Kechnie presented a video report on behalf of our group health provider, Kechnie Benefits.

23-012.dc RESULTS: BALLOT #2 - NOMINATION BALLOT FOR SECTION PRESBYTERS

Section Presbyters

The Chair read the results of the Nomination Ballot for Section Presbyters and extended congratulations to all the elected Section Presbyters.

Capital Jeff Hillier	99% ELECTION	Kawartha Crystal Moore	95% ELECTION
Lakeshore Sam Sibley	95% ELECTION	Lanark Seaway Paul Birley	99% ELECTION
Ottawa Valley Peter Snow	100 % ELECTION	Quinte Rideau Stephen Heathcock	99% ELECTION
Toronto South Godfrey Adderley	97% ELECTION	York - Toronto North Sam Vijayasenan	98% ELECTION

Rick Lott, Glen Halliwell, and Jeff Laird were recognized for their years of service as Section Presbyters, and appreciation was extended.

23-013.dc BALLOT #3 – ELECTION MEMBERS AT LARGE / ELECTION PAOC, GEX CREDENTIALIED

Members at Large

The following names were presented as a result of the Pre-Conference Nomination Ballot for Members at Large. Delegates were asked to select two names on the election ballot.

Mark Scarr
Mark Goring
Andrew Jones
Josh Livingston

Credentialed Nominee to the PAOC General Executive

The names presented for the Eastern Ontario & Nunavut District credentialed nominees to the PAOC General Executive are Kaarina Hsieh, Patrice Wheeler, & Eric Tremblay. Delegates were asked to select one name on the election ballot.

The voting delegates were invited to complete Ballot #3. The Chair invited the Assistant to the Superintendent - Resources to present his report to the Conference, followed by the Assistant to the Superintendent – Ministry's Report.

23-014.dc ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT – RESOURCES REPORT

The Assistant to the Superintendent – Resources began his report with thankfulness to the Lord. He explained that reports are coming in from across our District of new things that God is doing these days. There are stories about courage, optimism, disappointments, and concerns, but above all, THANKFULNESS! We look to the future with renewed vision.

The number of EOND credential holders, churches, and satellite congregations was reported. Church name changes, church closures, and new affiliated assemblies were also reported.

The Assistant to the Superintendent – Resources expressed appreciation to Kechnie Benefits for their partnership and identified the safe, confidential clergy care resources available to our credential holders.

Leaders are being developed through Master's College & Seminary, Institut Biblique de Quebec, and Aboriginal Bible Academy. These institutions have the support and confidence of the District Office.

The District Office will remain available for churches looking to keep pace with changing government requirements and regulations. When invited, we are available to assist churches and Church Boards with policy templates, compliance, and credential questions. We are pleased to work together to support our local churches during a transition.

In today's business session, the District's governance document regarding new regulations affecting Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations will be reviewed. The proposed revision will provide for electronic meetings and align the District with the General Constitution & By-Laws changes at the 2022 General Conference. The goal is to be positioned to serve as best we can.

The Assistant to the Superintendent – Resources is grateful to his wife, Kathy, for supporting him through over 43 years of ministry together—special thanks to the Officers, District Team, Nicole Pedersen, for her continued help as the Administrative Assistant – Resources.

23-015.dc ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT – MINISTRY REPORT

The Assistant to the Superintendent – Ministry presented an update on our EOND Global Workers, Mission Canada, and RAN Workers. The importance of partnering in missions was outlined, and appreciation to those who faithfully support was given.

With a commitment to Multiplication, the District saw new church expressions open in the last two years. A working group called "The Toronto Proper" comprised of EOND, WOD, and Mission Canada personnel was compiled to meet the need for new ministry initiatives. That team is meeting, praying, and strategizing together on where to plant new churches in Toronto.

A new expression of meaningful care and leadership development was launched recently. The District has hosted three cohorts of new Lead Pastors from across the District, bringing them together for relationship, mentoring, and resourcing purposes through times of online and in-person connection.

Appreciation was expressed by the Assistant to the Superintendent – Ministry for his wife, Helen, who is a tremendous support. Thanks to the Officers for their leadership and friendship, Ministry Specialists and their team, the camps leadership team, and Amie Bolton.

23-016.dc RESULTS: BALLOT #3 - NOMINATION BALLOT FOR SECTION PRESBYTERS, ELECTION BALLOT FOR MEMBERS AT LARGE, and CREDENTIALLED NOMINEE FOR PAOC GENERAL EXECUTIVE

Members at Large

The Chair read the results of the Election Ballot for Members at Large. Mark Scarr and Mark Goring were elected to the District Executive as Members at Large. Special thanks to Andrew Jones and Josh Livingston for their willingness to let their names stand.

Mark Scarr	56.5% ELECTED
Mark Goring	60.2% ELECTED
Andrew Jones	53.7%
Josh Livingston	29.6%

Credentialed Nominee to the PAOC General Executive

The Chair read the results of the nomination ballot for PAOC General Executive Credentialed Nominee.

Kaarina Hsieh	46%
Patrice Wheeler	32%
Eric Tremblay	21%

The name with the lowest percentage (Eric Tremblay) will be removed with respect and appreciation. The voting delegates were invited to select one of the two names presented on Ballot #3.1, which will launch shortly.

23-017.dc BALLOT #3.1 –1ST ELECTION BALLOT FOR PAOC GENERAL EXECUTIVE CREDENTIALLED NOMINEE

The Chair asked for Ballot #3.1 –1st Election Ballot for PAOC General Executive Credentialed Nominee to be released.

23-018.dc BALLOT #4 – RESOLUTION #2 SPECIAL RESOLUTION – CONSTITUTIONAL UPDATE

The Chair presented Ballot #4 – Resolution #2 and invited David Blakely to explain the constitutional updates in detail.

2 SPECIAL RESOLUTION – Constitutional Update

WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario District is a provincially registered not-for-profit corporation and is required to comply with the Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, 2010;

AND WHEREAS the 2022 General Conference of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada amended its General Constitution and By-Laws and replaced the Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths with the Statement of Essential Truths (Article 5) and the Positions and Practices (Article 6) of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada;

AND WHEREAS the provision for the use of electronic and telephonic media would be beneficial in the conducting of District business;

AND, WHEREAS numerous grammatical and housekeeping corrections are required;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2017 version of The Eastern Ontario District of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada Constitution and By-Laws, which is the Operating By-Law of the Corporation, be amended as recommended by the District Executive and revised to include the changes proposed in the draft version as presented to the Conference.

MOVED, SECONDED

The Chair asked for the release of Ballot #4 – Resolution #2.

23-019.dc RESULTS: BALLOT #3.1 - CREDENTIALLED NOMINEE FOR PAOC GENERAL EXECUTIVE

Credentialed Nominee to the PAOC General Executive

The Chair read the results of the nomination ballot for PAOC General Executive Credentialed Nominee. Congratulations to Kaarina Hsieh on her election as our District representative to the General Conference. Thanks to Patrice Wheeler and Eric Wheeler for letting their name go forward for consideration.

Kaarina Hsieh 59% ELECTED
Patrice Wheeler 41%

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The meeting reconvened at 10:50 am.

23-021.dc PAOC INTERNATIONAL OFFICE REPORT

The Chair expressed appreciation for the work of the PAOC International Office and the leadership of Officers Dave Wells, Craig Burton, and Murray Cornelius. David Wells, General Superintendent, was invited to present the PAOC International Office Report.

23-022.dc RESULTS: BALLOT #4 – RESOLUTION #2

The Chair presented the results of Ballot #4 – Resolution #2

Yes 96%
No 4%

CARRIED

23-023.dc BALLOT #5 – RESOLUTION #3,4,5

The Chair presented Ballot #5 – Resolution #3,4 & 5

RESOLUTION # 3

BE IT RESOLVED that the reports of the District Superintendent, the Assistant to the District Superintendent – Ministry, and the Assistant to the District Superintendent – Resources be accepted as presented.

RESOLUTION # 4

BE IT RESOLVED that the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for 2022 be approved as presented.

RESOLUTION # 5

BE IT RESOLVED that the firm of Norton McMullen LLP Chartered Accountants be appointed to Audit the District’s Consolidated Financial Statements for 2023/2024.

MOVED, SECONDED

The Chair asked for the release of Ballot #5– Resolution #3,4 & 5 and invited Rich Janes, President of MCS, to present his video report.

23-024.dc MASTER'S COLLEGE AND SEMINARY REPORT

The Chair expressed appreciation to Rich Janes, President of MCS, for his faithful years of service and invited the MCS Report to be shown by video.

23-025.dc RESULTS: BALLOT #5 – RESOLUTION #3,4,5

The Chair presented the results of Ballot #5 – Resolution #3,4,5

100% yes
0% no

23-026.dc MASTER'S PENTECOSTAL SEMINARY REPORT

The Chair invited Van Johnson, President of Master's Pentecostal Seminary, to present the MPS video report.

21-027.dc SPECIAL THANKS AND CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair congratulated Russel Bates and the Cornwall Church and Danforth (Stone) on 100 years in ministry.

Delegates were reminded that EOND churches are a family and were invited to stand in honour of those who have gone to be with the Lord over the past two years. A Memory Video was observed.

Appreciation to the District Conference Team for their excellent work in all elements related to the Conference planning and execution. Special thanks to all who have let their names stand for the election process.

21-028.dc ADJOURNMENT

Be it Resolved that the Eastern Ontario & Nunavut District Conference be adjourned.

MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED

Rev. Jason Luscombe
District Superintendent

Rev. David Blakely
Assistant to the Superintendent – Resources