

**Volunteer Recruitment Team  
Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council  
Fall Meeting Report, November 16, 2024**

At the WOW Spring meeting in 2024, we presented a slate of lay and ministry personnel volunteers to serve on our Executive and Commissions. We also presented a slate of six ministry personnel and six lay commissioners to General Council 45, as well as alternates. These slates were discerned with the help of volunteers – Andrew Hyde, Bruce Gregersen, Greta Horton, Marg Krauter, Michiko Bown-Kai, Heather Leffler and Rebekah Duncan.

This fall the WOW Executive approved our nominations of Sungmin Jung and John Adeyemi as Category H commissioners to GC45.

Part of the restructure of our United Church was to include self-selected clusters of communities of faith to support one another. While some clusters had formed throughout our Regional Council, there were many churches, especially those without ministry personnel who had not connected with their neighbours and were feeling isolated. In 2024, our Team organized our communities of faith into 17 clusters to

- encourage connections between neighbouring communities of faith
- share with congregations how WOW can support their ministry
- help communities of faith discover how they are making a difference and that together we can transform our communities and the world, and
- encourage participation in the Regional Council

We are grateful to the volunteers who made connections and led these gatherings. Several clusters have continued to meet. The hope is that where clusters did not meet or other connections have arisen, communities of faith will feel encouraged to gather and support one another as we seek to serve God in our regional council.

Our Team would like to thank our staff, especially Michele Petick, John Neff, Mark Laird and Sue Duliban for their support of our work.

If you are new to the Regional Council or have become excited by the work of our Commissions or Executive, please submit an expression of interest. Between meetings the Executive appoints volunteers to commissions and other positions that are confirmed at Regional Council meetings.

**Submitted by Heather Leffler, Jennifer Irving and Rebekah Duncan**