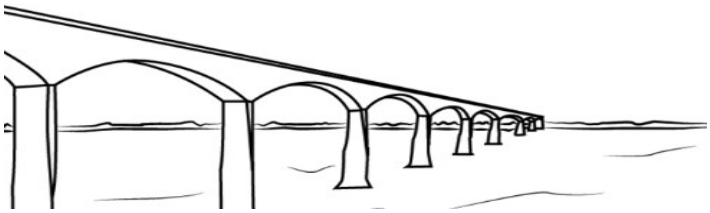

Region 14 Transition Team Update—August 2018

It's all in a name...

So, here's the deal. We need to name our region… well, we could stick with Region 14 but how boring would that be. What we need is a really good name that sums up who we are...or who we want to be!

If you have a great name, email that name to UCCRegion14@gmail.com or mail it to Region 14 2 Crestwood Dr. Rothesay NB E2E 5H2 and, using some discretion, we will add it to the list of potential names. You will have until the end of September to get that submission in. Voting will take place in October.

And there is a prize! You will get to choose between a basket of Fair Trade items or a $100. gift card!

Rev. Faith March-MacCuish, Provisional Executive Minister; Wayne Trail, Steve Berube, Chignecto Presbytery; Rick Bowley; youth representative Jason O'Hearn, Kevin Dingwell, Sheila Gallant, P.E.I. Presbytery, Audrey Lounder, Pam Reidpath, Saint John Presbytery; Sharon Hannan, Jane Doull, St. Croix Presbytery; Rose-Hannah Gaskin, Heather Donnelly, Woolastook Presbytery; Blair Lewis, Miramichi Presbytery.

What we've been up to...

After the members had been named, a conference call was held for members to become acquainted with each other and with Rev. Faith. During the Maritime Conference Annual Meeting the Team met over lunch for an hour and set a June 20th date for a full day meeting. On June 20th we discussed many topics: budget, staffing, what we saw as challenges/affirmations/concerns. From this we noted similar themes emerging. We also turned our attention to how we could accomplish the work we needed to accomplish in a short period of time and the deadlines we had to meet. The Team has divided into Task Groups to work on individual items and as the work is completed, the Team as a whole meets by conference call to review the work completed and to tweak as needed.

Continuing

On July 10th we held another conference call and reviewed the proposed budget for Regional 14, and briefly reviewed the planning for the inaugural meeting of the Region and the costs associated therewith. We also had reports on the various staffing position descriptions and the associated costs with each position identified as either required as a full-time position or part-time position, and if there was an indication from either Region 15 or 16 of sharing a position.

Region 14 has a Facebook page which contains information on the Region. One item of interest to everyone would be the naming Region 14. A contest will be held and more information will be on the Facebook page regarding this. We are looking forward to the suggested names.

As we look to the fall, invitations for Region 14 Transition Team (or some members thereof) have been received. Rev. Faith will be speaking at the September meeting of Miramichi Presbytery. Another request has come from Woolastook Presbytery and some members are attending their September meetings.

All requests for the Transition Team to attend should be sent to Rev. Faith (executivesecretary@nfld.net) or Sheila Gallant (sfgallant@bellaliant.net) and the Team will review who is available to attend. As Presbyteries wind up their work and finances, we are hopeful that they will consider forwarding some or all of their surplus funds to the Region to support the important work we now all share .

At our July 30th conference call, the results of the 43rd General Council meeting were discussed. We had five members of the Transition Commission in attendance at GC43. Our next tasks were noted as we continue to deal with the proposed budget, staff position descriptions and proposals from General Council office to share services.

Our Regional Executive Minister, Rev. Faith March-MacCuish continues to liaise with each of the Regions (14, 15 and 16) as we seek out ways to work together and share staff between us.