Region 15 – Association of Ministers Update.

Your Association Steering Committee has been hard at work, creating the foundation for an active and effective Association for all ministry personnel in Region 15. Here are some highlights:

Membership: Membership is open to all ministry personnel (diaconal, ordained, and designated lay) who are active, retired or retained on the role as well as candidates for ministry who are serving in appointments who are not Regional Council staff.

Communication: The best way to keep up to date is through our Facebook group **Region 15 (Nova Scotia & Bermuda) Association of Ministers** A summary of steering committee meetings is posted there. A website is on its way.

Clergy Clusters: We're delighted that Clergy Cluster groups are forming in many parts of our Region. These are a crucial link in helping ministers feel connected and supported. If you don't know where your nearest group is or you'd like some help starting one in your immediate area, please be in touch.

Financial Grants: We've secured a couple of grants (thanks to EDGE and to Region 15!) to help move our work forward.

Justice and Advocacy: Your Association is preparing proposals for the Regional Annual Meeting and is developing a group of folk who can provide support and information to those engaged in hearings and other processes, as well as printed resources about options, rights, and processes.

National: So far, your Region is on the cutting edge in creating an Association. Other Regions are catching on and they're looking to us for our experience.

Meetings: Plan to attend your Association of Ministers Annual Meeting, May 20-21st, in conjunction with the Region Annual Meeting. Guest speaker, information sessions, important decision-making. Stay tuned for details. Please note that the meeting previously advertised for February 13th in Brookfield has been cancelled.

Stay in touch: Facebook: Request to join. Email: associationofministers15@gmail.com