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THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL
October 4, 2019 at 10:00am
Regional Council Office, Sackville, NB

Attendance

ATTENDANCE

Julielynne Anderson, Heather Donnelly, Bob Fisher (for Kimberley Douglass), Sheila Gallant, Catherine Gaw, Kent Gibbons, Audrey Lounder, Faith March-MacCuish, Jack Spencer, Scott Stuart, Ruth Kennedy.

Regrets

REGRETS

Bethe Benjamin Cameron, Richard Bowley, Kimberley Douglass.

Welcome and Opening Worship

WELCOME AND OPENING WORSHIP

Audrey Lounder led the Executive in opening worship.

Quorum and Constitution of the Council

QUORUM AND CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL

The President noted that a quorum was present and constituted the council for the business that shall properly come before it.

Acknowledging the Land

ACKNOWLEDGING THE LAND

The President, Audrey Lounder acknowledged the territory on which we gather. We strive for respectful partnerships with all the peoples of this land.

Agenda

AGENDA

MOTION: (Heather Donnelly/Sheila Gallant)

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Minutes

MINUTES

MOTION: (Catherine Gaw/Jack Spencer)

That the minutes of the June 7, 2019 Executive meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

Mission and Vision Workshop

MISSION AND VISION WORKSHOP

(Heather Donnelly assumed the chair)

Audrey Lounder led the discussion *Our Mission Our Vision*. A powerpoint presentation was shown on *Appreciative Inquiry*; inspiring people to tell their story. What is working; focusing on this builds hope.
Assumptions:

- Every Community of Faith has things that are working well.
- What we focus on becomes our reality.
- Asking questions influences the group.
- People have more confidence in the journey to the future when they carry forward a part of the past.
- If we carry parts of the past into the future they should be what is best about the past.

The workshop was to experience this series of questions. The Executive worked in teams with each team working on a question.
Names of books for further reading:
Appreciative Inquiry– Rethinking Human Organization Toward a Positive Theory of Change – David L. Cooperrider, Peter F. Sorensen, Jr. Diana Whitney, Therese F. Yaeger;
Memories, Hopes, and Conversations - Appreciative Inquiry and Congregational Change Mark Lau Branson – First Edition;
Memories, Hopes, and Conversations – Appreciative Inquiry, Missional Engagement, and Congregational Change, Second Edition Mark Lau Branson

Individual teams discussed the outcomes of their questions. Conclusion: take this idea and questioning process on the road to pilot groups then compile and distill data into database, identifying 8-12 (eight to twelve) core values with common ground. Work to define Vision then Mission statements and prepare statements. Executive consultation in March. Present to Regional Council meeting in May.

Executive need to feel if this is the right way to proceed. Big challenge given time frame, and various locations to visit (Proposed sites include Campbellton, Miramichi, Fredericton, Moncton area, Quispamsis, St. Andrews, and Summerside and Winslow, PE). Concerns as to how to connect/coordinate/reassure could be part of Living Faith Story, thought to be doable and information could be shared with Catherine Gaw and Kendall Harrison to best focus living faith story. Not restricted to persons identified as delegates (Official Member to Regional Council) for Communities of Faith. Anybody can register.

Recruiting Listeners – someone who can listen deeply, listen and clarify but not to make story their own, able to listen to those in pain or anger without taking personally; maintain a positive focus in the work. (40 (forty) hours). Audrey Lounder will send the presentation to Executive.

Information to go on website under Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters.

MOTION: (Jack Spencer/Ruth Kennedy)

> That Executive endorse the mission and vision program as presented by Audrey Lounder using the Appreciative Inquiry process.

CARRIED

LUNCH AND GRACE

Lunch and Grace

BUSINESS ARISING

Business Arising

(Heather Donnelly assumed the chair)

Office of Vocation – Ordination/Commissioning

Office of Vocation

Ordination/ Commissioning

Audrey Lounder reported on the conversation with Andrew Richardson regarding whether Ordinands should have opportunity for admission to take place outside Regional meeting. Audrey Lounder and Andrew Richardson recommend yes, with clear process in place and that Executive have final decision. There could be considerable cost associated with the ordination service – can we transfer this authority to another authority. Faith March-MacCuish advised we would request the Region to ordain that person. If in local area who pays for this or if it is outside of annual meeting does pastoral charge take up cost.

It was suggested that this normally takes place at annual meeting in May, but special consideration at other times would be considered. Travel is the major expense with possibly accommodation. Other considerations are those being recognized, i.e. those finished their program in September we would not ask to make wait until May. Faith March-MacCuish spoke with John Young; wouldn't affect ecumenical partners. Task group to work on who has to be there at Recognition.

The norm is that ordinations happen at regional gathering as part of the United Church as a whole; not individual pastoral charges.

In the current system, the Office of Vocation deems candidates ready. There were several scenarios that were discussed for requiring services to take place at other times throughout the year. Requests could come to Executive and then decision made. Executive need to discuss due to financial implications. Do not define exceptional circumstances – individual requests should make their case. How do you deal with legal aspect practically without upsetting the ceremonial/religious aspects. Struggling with tradition.

Action: After much discussion, it was discerned that Faith March-MacCuish will respond to Andrew Richardson that we are keeping with the current practice.

(Audrey Lounder reassumed the chair).

No Way to Treat a Child Campaign

No Way to Treat a Child Campaign
Nothing further to report.

Annual Meeting Proposal

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A discussion took place regarding the proposal brought forward at the annual meeting in May. Regarding equivalency status, information received from Regional Council 15 indicates that this was not possible. **Action:** Kent Gibbons will take the proposal back to the Justice Mission and Outreach Committee for some further discussion.

Zoom

Zoom
Each Region will now have zoom and adobe. Training will be available online that people can access.

Correspondence

CORRESPONDENCE

Affirm United

1. **Affirm United** – The Executive Minister received a response regarding the affirming status of the Region. Automatic status is not granted to Regions from affirming Conferences, however the Region could be granted Interim Affirming Ministry Status once the vision and mission statement is received and approved. A small committee may be able to work on this process.

French Ministries Covenant

2. **French Ministries Covenant** – Letter and draft covenant received asking the Region to enter into a covenant where we can we will encourage French ministries. **Action:** Kent Gibbons will look further into the draft covenant and will present recommendations at next meeting.

Richard Bowley

3. **Richard Bowley** - Richard Bowley sent letter requesting his sabbatical starting October 1, 2019. Letter forwarded to Catherine Gaw.

Rose-Hannah Gaskin

4. **Rose-Hannah Gaskin** - Letter received. Formal notice of termination of December 31, 2019 at Wilmot United Church. Forwarded to Catherine Gaw.

Trinity-Clifton PC

5. **Trinity-Clifton Pastoral Charge** – Faith March-MacCuish reported, asking the Region that they order a congregational review of their Pastoral Charge. Pastoral Relations forwarded this matter to Executive as it beyond their scope. This matter will be assigned Review File 2019-1004-01.

Review File 2019-1004-01

MOTION: (Catherine Gaw/Heather Donnelly)

That the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council order a review under J.4 (United Church Manual 2019) of Trinity-Clifton United Church Pastoral Charge and that the Executive Minister be empowered to name the Reviewer.

CARRIED

Discontinued Service List (Voluntary)

6. **Discontinued Service List**

MOTION: (Catherine Gaw/Kent Gibbons)

Peter Atkinson

That Peter Atkinson's request that he be put on the discontinued service list (voluntary) be approved.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Reports

EXECUTIVE MINISTER

Executive Minister

Faith March-MacCuish presented her report. She offered appreciation for everyone working in their committees and doing the work of the Region. She stated that there are no quick answers, but we need to keep working together to be able to hear and reform and make things better. She offered that anything that is required from the Executive Minister, please ask. We need to look at how do we still connect; some congregations feel that they are isolated, but now they have a wider church who supports them.

FINANCIAL AND MISSION SERVICES

Financial and Mission Services

Mission Support Grants

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Faith March-MacCuish presented the Mission Support Grant recommendations for 2020.

MOTION: (Bob Fisher/Heather Donnelly)

That The Mission Support Grants for 2020 be approved as recommended.

CARRIED

NOMINATIONS -- Appendix A

Nominations

The updated nominations report was circulated by Sheila Gallant. This report will be posted on the region's website.

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Regional Planning Committee

Sheila Gallant provided an update on the work of the Regional Planning Committee. A joint meeting was held on October 2, 2019 with Regional Council 15. Ideas for the agenda were presented. Worship group is well underway. The Moderator, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Richard Bott will be present. Audrey Lounder is filling in as secretary for a short time. The theme for the annual meeting is: Cause for Celebration.

Theme

PROPERTY

Property

Elizabeth Morrison reported on the Property Team. The committee has done an amazing amount of work.

A Property Handbook for Communities of Faith will be reviewed under new business.

PASTORAL RELATIONS – Appendix B

Pastoral Relations

Catherine Gaw reported on the work of the Pastoral Relations Team, giving an idea where we are with called and appointed ministry personnel. She expressed concern for the difficulty in getting accurate lists for Licensed Lay Worship Leaders (LLWL). The Team are asking that the Executive agree to ask the Nominating committee for new member of Pastoral Relations Committee who would relate specifically to LLWL.

LLWL

Community Profiles are to be a living document; a springboard to adjustments and updates. Monthly or bi monthly meetings have been taking place. The Committee rotates members, who appreciate the opportunity. Focusing on clarity of purpose.

Community Profiles

The Committee are considering an idea to work with Andy O'Neil and Peter Short in a program to support Ministry Personnel by Sewing Promise. The program is aimed at leadership development, work of ministry and the toll it takes. The Executive agreed to support the Committee to continue with the development stage.

The Executive Minister stated it was an amazing the amount of work that this committee has been able to accomplish. Catherine Gaw thanked Steven Longmore and Kendall Harrison for all their work.

Staff Support Team

STAFF SUPPORT TEAM

MOTION: (Heather Donnelly/Julielynne Anderson)

That the name of the youth and young adults position be changed to Children, Youth and Young Adults.

CARRIED

MOTION: (Julielynne Anderson/Ruth Kennedy)

That Tracy Rose be hired two days a week during Sarah Wallace's maternity leave (November 25, 2019 to May 31, 2020).

CARRIED

Justice, Mission and Outreach

JUSTICE, MISSION AND OUTREACH – Appendix C

Kent Gibbons presented the report.

Archives and Records

ARCHIVES AND RECORDS

Julielynne Anderson reported that the committee hope to meet with Regional Council 15 this fall. She expressed concerns coming from the June meeting and the worry that the archives are becoming Ontario centered and that a national body with such diversity is missing representation.

There are some problems with digitizing records, especially at congregational level. Possible, a series of workshops run by volunteers could gather groups in local communities every 3 years; this is what you need to do, this is what needs to go to Archives, do you have any other questions? Funding would be needed above what is already allocated.

Incorporated Ministries

INCORPORATED MINISTRIES – Appendix D

Jack Spencer presented the report. The committee has met twice regarding the organization chart. The committee is looking for one other member from the Moncton area.

MOTION: (Jack Spencer/Catherine Gaw)

That the terms for Incorporated Ministries members, outlined in the report, be accepted.

CARRIED

MOTION: (Jack Spencer/Bob Fisher)

That the revised by-laws for the PEI Church Extension Board, Camp Ta-Wa-Si, Newport Village, Saint John Home Mission Council and Ken-Val United Church Suites be approved.

CARRIED

United Church Women

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (UCW) – Appendix E

Ruth Kennedy, UCW Representative presented the report. The 60th (sixtieth) Anniversary will take place July 11-15, 2020 in Sydney, NS.

This summer, the UCW doesn't have voice at General Council. The new structure did not give UCW a seat at the table. United Church Women across Canada are not feeling appreciated, whereas the UCW in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia are very grateful to have a place on the Executive. Ruth Kennedy wishes to let the Regional Councils know that the UCW were appreciative of this.

MOTION: (Shelia Gallant/Catherine Gaw)

That the reports to the Regional Council Executive be received as presented.

CARRIED

ORDER OF THE DAY

Order of the Day

MOTION: (Kent Gibbons/Sheila Gallant)

That the end of day be extended by 30 (thirty) minutes to 4:00pm.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

New Business

Covenanting Services

Covenanting Services

Executive are reminded to please attend covenanting services if nearby as before it would be attended by Presbyteries. Services are coming up in PEI and Bathurst.

Website

Website

Faith March-MacCuish reported that the website is up and being revised. Mondays are dedicated to the website updating. The directory is being assessed and will be specific for each Region. The clergy, lay members to Region and committees will be on the directory. Please take the opportunity to look at it and please let us know what needs to be tweaked. The goal is to be user friendly.

Governance Structure

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Reminder to committees that the Governance Structure is a living document. Please bring recommendations back to Executive if you want to make changes. Executive will make approval.

Property Policy

Property Policy

The Executive Minister presented the Property Policy as a handbook for communities of faith. This document has been a year in the making, and undergone many revisions. The Executive Minister highlighted the definitions and processes involved in dealing with property transactions; whether renovations, closures, sales, amalgamations, etc. The policy also includes a new definition for distribution of funds realized from property assets.

MOTION: (Sheila Gallant/Julielynne Anderson)

That the Property Policy handbook for Communities of Faith be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

Members at Large

Members at Large

Nora Sanders, General Secretary, is working on policy that allows members at large voting rights if approved by General Council.

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting

The next meeting is January 10, 2020.
Action: Report on how much committees have been spending.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Benediction

BENEDICTION

The meeting closed with prayer.

Audrey Lounder
President

Faith March-MacCuish
Executive Minister

Appendix A

NOMINATIONS

Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council
Nominations Committee Report
October 4, 2019

The Nominations Committee met by telephone conference on August 8, 2019. During the meeting we addressed the "Expression of Interest Form" and if the current form was meeting our needs. We decided to continue with the present form. We asked that a notice be added to the Weekly Announcements to ask people interested in serving on committees to complete the form. Once completed the form would come directly to me.

We also had received interest from people who offered to serve on the Annual Meeting Regional Planning Committee. Following discussion, the Committee appointed Deborah Ambridge-Fisher as Secretary of the Planning Committee; and two lay members, Kyle Grant and Andrea Rogers.

The Incorporated Ministries Chair, Jack Spencer, had forwarded Bob Budge's name for nomination to his committee which the Nominations Committee accepted the name and appointed him.

During the summer, the chair of the Property Committee had submitted his resignation. We have been in contact with a number of people who had listed an interest/experience in property or that members knew had experience in property matters. To date, only one person has agreed to sit on the Property Committee and his name will be presented at our upcoming October 22nd face-to-face meeting here in Sackville. The Nominations Committee has been advised of his acceptance and two of the Committee have responded favourable to his appointment as both know him.

If anyone has names of people whom they feel would be interested or have experience in property matters, please send them my way. The Property Committee has a lot of work ahead of them and need at least two more appointees and hopefully one of them would take on the duties as Chair of the meeting.

Thank you.

Sheila Gallant
Chair, Nominations Committee
Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council

Appendix B

PASTORAL RELATIONS

Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council
Report to the Executive
Pastoral Relations October 4, 2019

Greetings and peace.

The Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council pastoral relations committee relates to some 124 pastoral charges within its bounds. Of those being in called or appointed relationships, 56 are regularly called full time, 6 are called to part-time positions, 16 are retired supply (part time), 6 part time United Supply under appoiontment, 1 retired DLM (under appointment), 2 are in the admissions process. This leaves some gaps which are requiring attention from the committee. (Our statistics are based upon work done by Steven Longmore, our efficient secretary who has developed a 'tracking' process which has now been shared with the committee.)

On September 20-21 we met for a face to face meeting in Sackville. At that time we were able to move through the mandate as adopted for the pastoral relations committee. We had several learnings and some questions. We identified several areas needing clarification and one of these is where would our concerns best be directed?

One of the more pressing concerns has to do with the number of Licensed Lay Worship Leaders within the bounds of our region. After much diligent searching in the archives and with direct contact with the former presbyteries we have gathered a list of 43 LLWL's. That may not be accurate, but it is a beginning. This number of individuals have agreed to serve in this program. One of the requirements is regular review by the pastoral relations committee. Our committee of eight members requests that the Executive of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council seek out an additional member of the pastoral relations committee who is specifically responsible for the oversight, licensing and relicensing of LLWL in our region.

In addition, it was agreed to communicate to the LLWL's who were licensed by the former presbyteries that we would issue a relicensing upon receipt of their request. It would be my hope that an interviewing process be developed over the next several months in consultation with the new pastoral relations member relating to the LLWL's.

Another concern emerged around number 5 under our mandate: "Oversee communities of faith/pastoral charges including review of records on a regular basis and when an issue arises, to recommend an appropriate action". We do not feel this is a function of pastoral relations. At best we could direct our liaisons to review the most recent annual reports of a community of faith with which they are engaged and to submit those reports to the archives. The important function of record review rightly belongs to the archives.

One area in which the pastoral relations committee is focusing is in the encouragement of the development of community of faith profiles and/or living faith profiles. At this point we are awaiting a more fully functioning web page in order to offer this encouragement including the initial contact with a liaison. Some questions emerged around these profiles as well: who will be privy to the community profile? Where will they be maintained? At this point it is anticipated that the committee will receive and review these profiles. It is our goal at this time to maintain a file in the regional council office. Again, it is important to remember that this living faith profile is to be a living document, to be reflected upon on a regular basis, adjusted as needed. One of the intents behind this is to shorten the time frame often required to complete a community profile upon a change in pastoral relations.

We received a request from a faith community to conduct a review under Section J.4 of The Manual of The United Church of Canada. This was considered and we determined that this request be forwarded to the regional council for your action.

Appendix B - continued

PASTORAL RELATIONS - continued

To date, the pastoral relations committee has agreed to have one member, on a rotated basis, on what we are calling our executive along with the secretary and chair. We have set the third Tuesday of the month as our telephone meetings if needed. So far this has involved more of the committee members while not committing all members to a possible meeting every month. We have been able to hold these executive meetings in a timely manner to address requests from communities of faith. Our next full tele conference meeting is November 19, 2019.

In the nine months of our formal being, we feel we are gaining clarity of purpose and able to discern how best to support and encourage the ministry personnel and faith communities within Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council. On the back burner is the development of a program to "encourage and support ministry personnel toward health, joy, and excellence in ministry". More information will be forthcoming.

My thanks to Steven Longmore and Kendall Harrison for their dedication to their respective tasks.

We remain rooted in the ministry we share and ask that our journey be guided by the grace, peace and hope of the One whose ministry it truly is, Jesus our Christ.

Blessings be,

Catherine Gaw

Actions of Pastoral Relations since the Annual Meeting

Calls Approved:
Jennifer Brown to St Paul's Sussex, Sept 1, 2019; Rachel Campbell to Trinity, Summerside, Oct 7, 2019

Covenanting Service:
Bonnie Fraser and the Montague Pastoral Charge

Covenanting Services being Scheduled:
Jennifer Brown, St Paul's Sussex; Rachel Campbell, Trinity, Summerside; Alice Finnamore, Prince William; Nathan Wright, Nashwaaksis; Neal Palmer, Bathurst; Greg Davies, Central Queens

Appointments to fill vacancy
Jean Herman, Tabusintac, (Admissions)

New Appointments
Christine Schulze, Bedeque North (Admission); Brett Anningson, Kirk McColl; Beverly Daley, Mount Royal Moncton; Carolyn Rushton, Port Elgin-Baie Verte; Christina Hague, Newtown-Waterford (LTD Supply)

Re-Appointments
Emma Seamone, McAdam, Upper Mills, Bocabec PCs (Student); Danny Compton, Shediac; Joanne Barr, Kingsley-Birdton; Charlotte Youland, Harrisville; Ellen Beairsto, Wilmot; Wendall Gregan, Derby United; Kathryn MacIntosh, Derby United; Mary Tingley, Sheffield; Pam Reidpath, Millstream; Steve Longmoore, Harmony; John Fraser, St Andrew's Kirk; Stephen Brown, Petitcodiac-Salisbury; Brian Delong, Stanley; Wally Ellis, Cavendish-Breadalbane; Catherine Smith, Bayfield-Little Shemogue; David Cleveland, Quispamsis; Elizabeth Stevenson, Harmony; Bob Lockhart, Trinity Summerside (until call issued); Jennifer Brown, St Paul's Sussex (until call issued)

CDM Position Approval
Trinity, Summerside

Community Profiles Approved
Mount Royal, Moncton

Gathering names and requesting applications/reapplications for LLWLs within the Region hope to have a completed list by the end of October.

Appendix C

JUSTICE, MISSION AND OUTREACH

Justice, Mission and Outreach Committee Report
Submitted by Kent Gibbons, Chair

The Justice, Mission and Outreach (JMO) committees of Regions 14 and 15 held an all day meeting on May 23, in conjunction with the regional council annual meeting weekend. The various working groups shared updates on their work. We are planning to meet again on Thursday, October 31 – Friday, November 1 at Tatamagouche Centre.

We have working groups focusing on a just peace for Palestine/Israel, the environment, refugees, access to justice, mental health, and racial justice. We have a Facebook page: Justice and Mission – UCC Atlantic. This Facebook page gives people an idea of some of the things members of our committee are working on at the present time.

There has been a lot of energy around organizing events pertaining to climate change. One such event will be at Tatamagouche Centre on November 1 & 2. It is called "Climate Crisis: What's Faith Got to Do with It?" A special guest will be former Moderator, Mardi Tindal. Many members of our committee to part in the climate strikes in our region.

Another major undertaking of members of our committee has to do with a just peace for Palestine/Israel. They meet to address the ongoing injustice, suffering, and deaths of Palestinians. There have been a lot of events across the country focusing on this issue. We had a workshop called "No Way to Treat a Child" at our regional council annual meeting. Anne Hoganson, Chair of JMO from Region 15 will be attending a "Come and See" trip in Palestine/Israel in November.

Our committee continues to be concerned about injustice related to gold mining.

There are many events about social justice at Tatamagouche Centre. These are being promoted by our committee.

We had a proposal seeking the accreditation of the "Building Bridges/Breaking Barriers" program being offered at Tatamagouche Centre this week-end. We have been advised by the Office of Vocation that due to a prior decision made by General Council not to offer equivalencies for required racial justice training, that they are not in a position to open the question of equivalencies at this time.

Appendix D

INCORPORATED MINISTRIES

Incorporated Ministries Report to Regional Executive –October 4, 2019

The committee has had 2 telephone conference calls to deal with organization and regular business. (August 6th and September 17th). Our membership consists of Jack Spencer (Chair) Charlene Maguire MacKnight (Secretary), BobCrowley, Bob Budge and Faith Marsh MacCuish (Executive Minister). We are open to having one further member from the Moncton area to give us members in each area of the Region where we have incorporated ministries.

There are currently15 ministries listed under our oversight and we are in the process of assigning committee members to be the lead contact for each of these ministries.

Items for action

1) **Committee Terms**

We have established proposed terms of membership for each committee member that will allow for a cascading of membership so we do not have everyone retiring at the same time and would seek the Executive's approval of the following terms:
Bob Crowley – an initial one year term ending in 2020 followed by a 4 year term to end in 2024
Bob Budge – an initial two year term ending in 2021 followed by a 4 year term to end in 2025
Jack Spencer - a three year terms ending in 2022
Charlene Maguire MacKnight a four year term ending in 2023
Faith March MacCuish –ex officio

2) **Bylaw Approval**

All our Incorporated Ministries need to update their By Laws to reflect the changes in the United Church Structure. The process involves the Ministry reviewing its bylaws and sending a copy of the proposed new bylaws to Bev Oag at General Council. She reviews them and sends them back to our committee with approval or suggested additional changes. Once any additional changes are made by the ministry our Committee brings them to the Executive for approval and they are then sent on to the General Secretary of General Council for final approval and filing.

Today our Committee is recommending that the revised bylaws for the Prince Edward Island Church Extension Board, Camp Tawasi, Newport Village, the Saint John Home Mission Council and Ken Val United Church Suites be approved by the Executive and forwarded to the General Secretary of General Council.

Appendix E

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Regional Meetings - October 2019 –

In summer 2019 the National UCW sent out a survey to all UCW's across Canada to give them a sense of the dollar amounts, UCW 's were giving to the church. The survey dealt with money given to the local Faith Communities of the UCW's, the money given to the local Community Outreach. It asked how many UCW members were Licensed Lay Worship Leaders and how many ladies(not counting the representative on Council/Official Board) were on committees. One thing that spurred the survey was the fact that many Regions have decided to not give UCW a voting voice at their Regional Council Executives, as well as the ongoing decision not to allow UCW to have a voting voice at General Council. Our National UCW President attends General Council as a Corresponding member.

Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters:
60 out of 134 units replied 44.8%
I found 17 more by looking at annual reports for financial totals this gave me 57% UCW units for the figures.

- $231,154 was given to their churches, knowing this I can prorate that to $405,533 is given to their churches in 2018
- $ 72,510 was given to local outreach knowing this I can prorate that to $127,210 given to local outreach in 2018
- Of the 60 surveys returned there were 12 LLWL and 378 committee positions.
- Regions combined for Mission and Service 2018 gave $126,771 (we were still one Conference in 2018)
- The documented amount given to the church/outreach/Mission and Service in 2018 for the combined Regions is $682,889
- We can prorate that UCW has contributed financially in 2018 To our regions **$1,047,912**

NATIONALLY:
Money given to Mission and Service in 2018 - 1,133,000

- 56% from across Canada responded - there are 109 LLWL and 3,802 on committees
- $ 2,240,085 was given to churches therefore we can prorate that to $4,000,151 was given in 2018.
- $779,415 was given to local outreach therefore we can prorate that to $1,391,812 was given in 2018.
- The documented amount of givings to Mission and Service (1,133,000) plus our Prorated amounts ($5,391,963) means UCW has contributed financially **$6,524,963**.

These amounts do not take into account the money ladies give to Outreach Nationally or Internationally. It does not account for the in kind donations (hats, shawls, food bank items, soup kitchens, family Christmas hampers and so on; nor does it take into account the volunteer hours.

I, on behalf of Maritime UCW, am very grateful that both Regions have given us a seat at their table. I have heard and am aware that the people of the Maritimes/Bermuda do appreciate UCW and all they do and all they offer.

Our new name is Maritime UCW. We have dropped the names "Conference" and "Presbyterials" but will follow the same boundaries as before with a new name for these area, to be decided.

One Executive for 2 Regions.

To Identify as a UCW member there is criteria such as answering role call, in agreement with the purpose, and supports the organization with gifts and annual dues while living the purpose.

Appendix E - continued

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN - continued

There are now individual memberships available to UCW ladies who want to stay connected and do not have a unit within their area that they can attend.

Woolastook area UCW's have been invited to become part of the Maritime UCW once again in light of the United Church Restructuring. We are awaiting the decision from the area.

UCW is a Christian Woman's Organization with its own guidelines, executive and structure. It works closely with the United Church of Canada and operates under the United Church's umbrella however acts independent of GCO.

Biennial is in Riverview, April 24-27, 2020.

Maritime UCW is hosting the 60th Anniversary Celebration "Continuing in Hope" July 11-15, 2022 at Membertou Trade and Convention Center, Sydney, Nova Scotia. 350 ladies from coast to coast.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Kennedy
President Maritime United Church Women