

Working structure for Justice, Mission and Outreach Joint Committees of the Atlantic Regions

It is proposed that at this time it makes sense for the former Maritime Conference Regions work together similarly to previous structure, and that First Dawn Eastern Edge (NL) will be working to discover and establish the most effective structure to serve their future work and context.

The Justice, Mission and Outreach Committees (JMO's) of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters (NB,PEI, Gaspé) and Region 15 (NS, Bermuda) will begin working together in the following ways:

- **Joint Committees** - will consist of 2 co-chairs (1 from each region), 2 co-secretaries, convenors of Working Groups, partner representatives, and members-at-large. The numbers will be approximately 5 – 8 members from each region, striving for a balanced representation of voices from around the regions (young, older, rural, urban, clergy, lay leaders, intercultural)
- **Working Groups** – will work on specific topics or tasks of concern to the Regions. They will work across regional boundaries. They will be formed upon the recommendation of the Joint Committees and affirmation by a Regional Council. They will be formed when there is a person with a passion to convene and lead the group. Working Groups are encouraged to add members as needed with the skills and interests to support the work. Working Group convenors become members of the JMO Joint Committees
- **Clusters** – geographically close groups who choose to come together to work on Justice, Mission, or Outreach projects focussed in their local area. They are not formally part of the Joint Committees but they will be encouraged to make connections and seek support as needed through the Committee, Working Groups, and Justice and Mission Network.
- **Justice and Mission Network** – this network is being established to make connections, share information, to inspire and encourage Justice Mission and Outreach work of all 3 Regions. It will consist of a database of individuals, communities of faith, and organizations who have expressed an interest in receiving communications related to social justice and outreach topics in the Atlantic Regions. It will be a means of sharing stories, invitations to action, learning events, etc. The database will be tended by the Minister for Justice and Mission and chairs or appointees from the JMO Committees.

In First Dawn Eastern Edge Region, actions for social justice are happening primarily at a congregational level or in local clusters informally. The Minister for Justice and Mission is having ongoing meetings and conversations with groups and individuals to discover common passions and explore potential directions for the social justice work in their area. Any interested individuals will be encouraged to connect with the Justice and Mission Network to be in regular communication about their work and whatever else may be taking place.

Justice, Mission, and Outreach Structure

The structure can be visualized in this way:

