The United Church of Canada
L'Eglise Unie du Canada

First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council
Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council
Regional Council 15

M E M O

TO: All Ministry Personnel and Communities of Faith

RE: World Wide Communion Sunday

DATE: September 29, 2020

Dear Communities of Faith:

As we prepare for the World Wide Communion Sunday, we are getting some questions about what congregations might do.

- One option is to have the elements at the front of the church, bless the elements, and acknowledge symbolically our connection with all Christians worldwide.

If communion is offered:
Communion is similar to a buffet and will need to be treated with great care.
Some suggestions:

- The Congregants maybe asked to bring their own elements (make sure you have some in a self contained container in case people forget)
- If you provide the elements, individual pieces of bread and individual cups are offered
- The officiant and server must use hand sanitizer before offering communion
- There should be only one server, who sanitizes their hands after serving
- Server offers the bread and cup to each person rather than each person taking them from a communal plate or tray
- Or have the elements already in a sealed self-container so no one person has to serve
- Each communicant must sanitize their hands before and after partaking
- Ask congregants to bring their own sanitizer
- Have sanitizer available for communicants if they have forgotten
- Each communicant places their empty cup into a separate garbage receptacle to keep your cleaning staff safe.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to be in contact.

Blessings,

Faith March-MacCuish
Executive Minister