

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL  
**REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE**

RC1

October 19, 2020 at 10:00am via video conference

**ATTENDANCE**

Attendance

Julielynn Anderson, Brett Anningson, Michelle Armstrong (for Cindy Ramsay), Heather Donnelly, Sheila Gallant, Rose Hannah Gaskin, Catherine Gaw, Kent Gibbons, Ruth Kennedy, Audrey Lounder, Faith March-MacCuish, Jack Spencer, Martha Vickers, Nathan Wright.

**REGRETS**

Regrets

Cindy Ramsay.

Welcome

**WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

Opening Prayer

The President, Audrey Lounder welcomed everyone to the meeting. The President offered special welcome to Nathan Wright, new chair of the Financial and Mission Services Committee, and Michelle Armstrong, participating on behalf of Cindy Ramsay, chair of Faith and Education Formation. The President opened the meeting with prayer.

**QUORUM AND CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL**

Quorum

The President noted that a quorum was present and constituted the council in the name of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, for the business that shall properly come before it.

Constitution of the Court

**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:** (Julielynn Anderson/Michelle Armstrong)

That the agenda be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

Minutes

**MOTION:** (Jack Spencer/Rose Hannah Gaskin)

That the minutes of the July 9, 2020 meeting of the Regional Council Executive be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS**

Reports

**FINANCIAL AND MISSION SERVICES** – Appendix A

Financial and Mission Services

Nathan Wright, new chair of the committee introduced himself to the Executive and presented the report. The report outlined the Mission and Support Grants approved at the October 15, 2020 meeting of the committee. It was noted that some funds were drawn from the reserves in order to meet these grant commitments. The committee has notified recipients that there will likely be cuts next year, so that they may be prepared for future reductions and plan accordingly.

**BUSINESS ARISING**

Business

**Executive Support with Ending Congregational Relationships**

Congregational Relationships

This work is with Pastoral Relations and is ongoing.

Trinity-Clifton  
PC

**Trinity-Clifton Pastoral Charge Review**

Catherine Gaw reported that this work is ongoing. The Executive Minister reported that the Regional Minister is working with the Pastoral Charge to arrange for an interim minister.

Annual Meeting  
Proposal

**Annual Meeting Proposal**

As follow up from the September 26, 2020 Annual Meeting, the Executive Minister reported to General Council that a proposal is coming to GC44 from the region. The proposal will be sent to General Council when they let the regions know that they are ready to receive them. The remit vote results will also be sent to the General Council Office.

Correspondence

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Letters of  
Thanks

1. **Letters of Thanks** – Received from Mount Royal United Church and Sambro-Jollimore Pastoral Charge with thanks for the summer worship services.
2. **Justice, Mission & Outreach** – Letter from Kent Gibbons regarding an emerging anti-racism network. The letter is asking the Executives of each of the three eastern regions to consider adopting an intentional process similar to the affirming process, and appoint people from the regional councils to work on this. It is also asked that a committee be struck within the region for this work. It was recommended that the document *Working to Become an Anti-Racist Denomination* from the General Council be circulated to provide further background on this issue. It was agreed that the region will closely follow the decision of the General Council Executive on October 24, 2020, and then ask the Justice, Mission and Outreach Committee do some work on a mandate and guidelines that can then be brought to Nominations.

Justice Mission  
& Outreach

Reports

**REPORTS** - continued

President

**PRESIDENT**

The President reported that the work around the Annual Meeting took a great deal of focus and attention until the successful conclusion of the meeting on September 26, 2020. The President is currently working on an Advent liturgy for the region to use during these COVID times, and is discerning projects for this coming year of her presidency.

Executive  
Minister

**EXECUTIVE MINISTER**

The Executive Minister reported that the Record of Proceedings from the annual meeting is nearly complete, and then the work of producing the archival bound book for the 2019 year can be completed. A communication regarding COVID guidelines and changes to masking has been distributed. The Executive Minister thanked the Executive and the congregations for all the work they are doing to continue to be church in these unusual times.

Nominations

**NOMINATIONS** – Appendix B

Rose Hannah Gaskin presented the Nominations report. Work has taken place to add new positions to the Faith and Education Formation Committee. The chair also asked the Executive for thoughts around evaluating the structure put in place by the commission, and whether now is the time to evaluate whether the committees, mandates and membership numbers are working effectively for the region. Discussion took place around continuing the method of committees bringing recommendations for change in the new structure to Executive.

Regional  
Planning  
Committee

**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE** – Appendix C

Sheila Gallant, chair, presented some preliminary results of the evaluations from the annual Meeting. Only 32 (thirty-two) evaluations have been received to date. Of the evaluations received, the responses and comments were overall very favorable, especially with respect to the financial presentation and the work of the worship and music team. Work for the joint meeting planned for 2021 will begin after the recall meeting of Regional Council 15 in early November. It was noted that one positive of the zoom platform was that it would allow for some who were unable to travel to participate, however it may have also have inhibited some who were unable to use the technology.

**PROPERTY**

Property

Brett Anningson presented the report. The chair asked that congregations be reminded that there is a process in place for permission to sell and repair church property, which can add time to the actual sale or transaction.

**PASTORAL RELATIONS** – Appendix D

Pastoral Relations

Catherine Gaw presented the report. The chair highlighted the work of the committee, including community of faith profiles, calls and appointments. The concerns with church hub continue. This platform is providing ongoing frustrations to the work of the committee. Work on the mandate review is continuing. An online training event for pastoral liaisons is being planning for November.

**FAITH AND EDUCATION FORMATION** – Appendix E

Faith and Education Formation

Michelle Armstrong presented the report of the committee on behalf of Cindy Ramsay, chair. The committee met on September 9 and October 14, 2020 to plan a support workshop for Sunday school leaders and continue work on the mandate of the committee. As a result of these meetings, the committee is bringing forward recommendations for changes to the mandate and responsibilities.

**MOTION:** (Michelle Armstrong/Heather Donnelly)

That the Regional Council Executive agrees in principle to make the recommended changes to the Faith and Education Formation Committee mandate, and to work with the nominations committee for the final wording.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** (Michelle Armstrong/Jack Spencer)

That items a) and b) of the responsibilities section of the mandate for the Faith and Education Formation committee be updated as follows:  
a) To recognize areas in need of Faith and Education formation within the region and develop/discover types of ministry or programming to fulfil those needs;  
b) Providing information and promoting learning opportunities within the wider church.

**CARRIED**

**STAFF SUPPORT TEAM**

Staff Support Team

Martha Vickers presented the report. The Team has not met since February. Martha Vickers is suggesting that the committee meet in the upcoming month to conduct work on the mandate of the tri-regional staff support committee. It was also reported that Debbie Aitken has joined the committee as additional representative from Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council.

**JUSTICE MISSION AND OUTREACH** – Appendix F

Justice, Mission and Outreach

Kent Gibbons presented the report as outlined in the appendix.

**ARCHIVES AND RECORDS**

Archives and Records

Julielynn Anderson presented the report of the committee. The committee has recently met, and has some recommendations to bring forward in December regarding naming positions to the committee. The chair also reported that zoom webinars will be happening in November and December, so please look for these in the announcements. Work on national working groups and defining regional responsibilities is ongoing. The chair noted with appreciation the work of the regional archivist Sarah Wallace.

Incorporated  
Ministries

**INCORPORATED MINISTRIES**

Jack Spencer reported on the work of the committee. Many of the boards of the incorporated ministries have not met during these COVID times, but the work to gather this information does continue. The revised by-laws of Abbey St. Andrew Inc. are ready to go to the committee. It was asked if the committee could have the power to approve these by-laws so that they would not need to wait until the December meeting.

**MOTION:** (Jack Spencer/Catherine Gaw)

That Regional Council Executive approves the by-laws of Abbey St. Andrew Inc., subject to the approval of the Incorporated Ministries Committee.

**CARRIED**

United Church  
Women

**UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (UCW)** – Appendix G

Ruth Kennedy reported on the work of the United Church Women. COVID has greatly affected the ability to gather and complete the work of the group. The National UCW met using zoom video conferencing to conduct business, which allowed members from across the country who are not national members to share communion together.

Discussion took place around the fact that the United Church info pack is now available virtually, and that the newsletter of the national UCW is no longer included in the pack. The UCW is looking at preparing their own newsletter and will look at ways to circulate this information, including the weekly announcements and the UCC East website. The Executive Minister will look into this matter further on behalf of the Executive.

**MOTION:** (Michelle Armstrong/Brett Anningson)

That the reports of the region be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

New Business

**NEW BUSINESS**

Celebration of  
Ministry Service

**CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY SERVICE**

The Executive Minister shared that two other regions have made plans for Celebration of Ministries Services. First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council conducted a service on October 18, 2020 and Regional Council 15 is planning a service on November 8, 2020. These events were planned with every necessary precaution in mind, and with a limited number of in-person attendance. Live streaming was available so that everyone had the ability to witness the milestone event. There are currently two candidates for admission in the region who are waiting for this service. The Executive Minister asked the Executive for their permission for the President and Executive Minister to begin planning for this service.

**MOTION:** (Jack Spencer/Sheila Gallant)

That Regional Council Executive empowers the President and Executive Minister to begin planning for a Celebration of Ministry Service for Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council.

**CARRIED**

Adjournment

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Benediction

**BENEDICTION**

The President closed the meeting with prayer.

**NEXT MEETING**

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive is scheduled on December 12, 2020 at 10:00am.

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Audrey Louder  
President

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Faith March-MacCuish  
Executive Minister

**Appendix A**

**FINANCIAL AND MISSION SERVICES**

Financial and Mission Services Committee Report  
October 19, 2020

The Financial and Mission Services Committee met on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, to consider mission support grant applications for the 2021 budget year.

The following amounts were approved:

- Tatamagouche Centre (ACTC) - \$25,000
- Peace and Friendship (ACTC) - \$9,500
- Breaking the Silence (ACTC) - \$5,000
- Brunswick Street Mission - \$5,000
- Camp Abegweit - \$16,450
- Camp Ta-wa-si - Awaiting clarification on use of funds
- Centenary Queen Square - \$15,000
- Fredericton Council for Christian Ministry - \$14,200
- LIFT Chipman PC- \$6,400
- Moncton Hospital Chaplaincy - \$10,400
- St. Croix Wellness Centre - \$20,000

In addition, approval was granted for ministries to retain their unspent 2020 grant funds for use in 2021, pending receipt of a plan for how those funds will be used.

The October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting was Kimberley Douglass' last one as chair of the committee; Nathan Wright is the new chair. The committee is grateful for Kimberley's leadership during the transitional time into the current structure and is glad that she will be continuing on the committee as a member until the end of her term in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nathan Wright

**Appendix B**

**NOMINATIONS**

Report from the Nomination Committee  
October 2020

Grace and Peace to you in Jesus' Name,

I am delighted to submit this brief report from your Nominations Committee. This is a very committed and hard-working group working to populate our Region's committees with just the right people. You may know how wonderful it feels when you find someone to serve on a particular committee who is keen, well-informed and eager to serve. It's a real feeling of excitement and satisfaction.

Our committees are fully populated at this time and the terms of office have been settled for the most part. As vacancies come up, we work to fill these, always striving to be mindful of the goal that each committee reflect the make-up of the Region. We want to bring our unconscious biases to light and empower the whole church in this Region to be actively engaged in ministry, serving God's church and our world. This is especially important as The United Church takes action to become an anti-racist denomination.

At the same time, we recognize that special skills and knowledge are also important for the effective working of the committees; so it is a balancing act. Important in this balancing act are accurate descriptions of the work of the committees that make up this Region's structure and function. Our discussions in the Nominations Committee have raised a couple of questions we wish to bring to you, the Executive.

First, having been a member of the Transition Commission as we prepared for the huge change that took place January 2019, I remember clearly how we worked intentionally with a 'blank slate' as we wove together what became Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region. We knew that there would be a need to adjust or tweak the structure once it became a living, working entity.

So, at this point, we are wondering about plans for an intentional process of evaluation. This would help us listen and make necessary changes in order that the Region functions in the way we intend it to, even in our ever-changing context. What would be the process and the timeline for such a process?

In some instances, we designed new committees and tried new names and new mandates. These need to be looked at with an open mind and with input from the Region. One related matter is how we name committees. For example, take the Regional Planning Committee. This would be more clearly re-named the Annual Meeting Planning Committee. Such clarity would help our Committee as we seek to recruit new members.

In Shared Ministry,  
Rose-Hannah Gaskin, Chair person

**Appendix B** - continued**NOMINATIONS** - continued**Nominations for Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters**  
**October 13, 2020****Affirm Committee**

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**Archives & Records (7)**

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**Faith and Education Formation (9)**

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Joy Noble (2021)	enjoy.noble@gmail.com
David Allan (2023)	David.lbrpc@gmail.com

**Incorporated Ministries (4)**

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Charlene Maguire-Mc Knight, Secretary (2023)	clergy@rogers.com
Robert Crowley (2024, 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	robertgcrowley@gmail.com
Bob Budge (2025, 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	realbazaar@gmail.com
Bill Peters (2024, 1 +1 year)	bpeters1150@gmail.com

**Mission, Justice and Outreach (8)**

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**Appendix B** - continued**NOMINATIONS** - continued**Nominations Committee (8)**

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**Property Committee (7)**

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**Mount Alison University Board of Regents**

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**Appendix C**

**ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Annual Meeting Planning Committee

The evaluations following our annual meeting were slow to come in and only 32 were received. The overall comments were either “good” or “excellent” in regard to effectiveness of written reports. Many felt the reports were well written and would be a good reflection of the work of the Region.

For the people who watched the webinars, they were pleased with the responses to questions and how well the webinars were presented.

As we hope to meet jointly with Region 15 next spring, we will be in touch to set a date to commence our joint planning for the second annual meeting.

Sheila Gallant  
Acting Chair,  
FSLDW Annual Planning Committee

Appendix D

**PASTORAL RELATIONS**

Pastoral Relations Committee  
Report to the Executive of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters  
October 19, 2020

Your pastoral relations committee continues to seek clarity in and through the new normal. Since last we reported the committee has met each month for regular business and once for a conversation focusing on what we envision for the pastoral support of communities of faith and ministry personnel. That discussion is ongoing and we are striving to identify ways of encouraging faith communities to fulfill the Manual obligations for regular community of faith self-assessment (The Manual G.1.2.2.) We are reviewing outlines from other regional council and may well be approaching this Executive to establish a working group to supplement our work and bring recommendations to this body.

The Licensed Lay Worship Leaders sub committee is well underway. A listing of names for relicensing and initial licensing is appended.

By far the larger portion of our work is reviewing community of faith profiles, communicating with the faith communities and reviewing and acting upon calls and appointments. The list of these is appended as well.

Our work is, like all church groups, subject to the restraints of Covid-19. Our monthly meetings continue to address concerns as identified from ministry personnel and community of faith leadership.

In order to move forward with our work an on-line training event for liaisons will be offered in November (at this point either Nov 18 or 25). Once the date is firmly established, it will be shared widely. If you know of anyone who is interested in acting as a liaison please contact either Kendall Harrison or myself.

We continue to work away at developing backgrounders on retirement, part-time ministry, United Fresh Start (in conjunction with Region 15), Sunday Supply document and funding for SME education.

As a committee we are preparing to say farewell to our Secretary Steven Longmoore as he prepares to move to a call in Ontario. His work has been a gift to us.

With regret we received the resignation of Larry Hale as a member of the PR Committee.

Our work remains grounded in a deep love of the church and a deep desire to be open and responsive to God's leading at this time.

Blessings,

Submitted by  
Catherine Gaw

**Appendix D** - continued

**PASTORAL RELATIONS** - continued

**Actions by Pastoral Relations since June 16, 2020**

**Calls**

Christine Schulze to Bedeque North

**New Appointments**

Alicia Walls to St David's Rothesay

Sim Rushton to Shediac

**Reappointments**

Steve Longmoore, Harmony (Saint John);

Danny Compton, Shediac (NB);

Charlotte Youland, Harrisville (Moncton);

John Fraser, St Andrew's Kirk (Saint John area);

Stephen Brown, Salisbury-Petitcodiac;

Pam Reidpath, Millstream (Sussex area);

Brett Anningson, Kirk McColl (St Stephen);

Catherine Smith, Bayfield-Little Shemogue (Moncton)

Debbie Aitken, Memorial United (PEI)

Keith MacPherson, Park Royal (Charlottetown)

Elizabeth Stevenson, Harmony (Saint John)

Bob Lockhart, Alberton-Elmsdale (PEI)

Christina Hague, Newtown-Waterford (Sussex area)

**Licensed Lay Worship Leaders**

**Relicensed 2 year terms:** Brian Botton, Janet Coates, Bernadette DeMone, Sharon Hannan, Kerry Howarth, Don Lockhart, Elizabeth Savoie, and Don MacEwan, effective October 14, 2020.

**Initial License 1 year term:** Trudy Colpitts effective October 14, 2020

**Change of Pastoral Relations Requests**

Jim Postlethwaite to Retire (Nov 1, 2020)

Steve Longmoore to Antler River Watershed (Dec 31, 2020)

Richard Bowley to new relationship in region (Dec 31, 2020)

Kelly Higgins to without pastoral charge (Dec 16, 2020)

**Community Profiles**

South Shore (PEI) approved for Search

Wilmot United (Fredericton) approved for Search

Blackville (NB) approved for Search

Alberton-Elmsdale (PEI) approved for Search

Bedeque (PEI) approved for Search

Appendix E

**FAITH AND EDUCATION FORMATION**

Faith and Education Formation Committee Report –  
Executive meeting October 19, 2020

The Faith and Education Formation Committee met via Zoom meetings on September 9 and October 14. Our plan is to meet monthly to continue deciding our focus areas and promoting faith formation. We are planning to have a resource pool to assist communities of faith in the region with knowing what and who is available for various areas of Christian life. In the next few weeks we will be hosting an online discussion webinar for anyone who would like to talk to others for ideas on working with youth and Sunday School during this restricted meeting time of covid. More details to follow.

We have had a number of discussions on the mandate and responsibilities of this committee. Presently the mandate and the first 2 points of the responsibilities read:

**Mandate:**

*To encourage persons with an interest in special ministries (i.e. camps, youth ministries, Atlantic Training Center, Tatamagouche Center) and to encourage those persons who may have a call to ministry to discern their call to ministry.*

**Responsibilities:**

- a) To identify needs and types of ministry;
- b) Encourage those within communities of faith who may have an interest in leading worship or sense a call to ministry to provide information to assist them and to consider learning opportunities;

After reviewing, we have identified inaccurate wording and overlap that are part of other committees of region or denominational bodies.

Therefore we are recommending that the Regional Executive make the following changes to the our mandate

**Mandate:** To encourage faith development with programing for those persons interested in expanding their spiritual and theological understandings and engagement for personal growth and strengthening communities of faith and to encourage persons with an interest in special ministries (including but not limited to camping, youth ministries, Tatamagouche Center).

and the following changes to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 points of the responsibilities:

**Responsibilities:**

- a) To recognize areas in need of Faith and Education formation within the region and develop/discover types of ministry or programming to fulfil those needs;
- b) Providing information and promoting learning opportunities within the wider church.

Respectfully submitted:

Cindy Ramsay  
Chair, Faith and Education Formation Committee

**Appendix F**

**JUSTICE, MISSION AND OUTREACH**

Justice, Mission & Outreach Committee

In consultation with Co-chairs Anne Hoganson from Regional Council 15 and myself, Kent Gibbons, and direction from Staff Person, Laura Hunter, a statement of solidarity from Regional Council Members was sent to ministers in the federal government on September 21, 2020. The statement says we stand in solidarity with Mi'kmaq fishers' attempts to exercise their inherent rights to fish for a "moderate livelihood" under Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution and the 1752 Peace and Friendship Treaty, as affirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada ruling in R v. Marshall 1999.

A proposal from Steve Berube, responding to our Global Partners Kairos Palestine, affirming Palestinians' rights to resist the occupation was voted on at the Regional Council Annual Meeting. The proposal was passed, and will be sent to General Council.

Other members from the Just Peace for Palestine and Israel Working Group have prepared an online workshop "Speaking Up for the Children" that they are making available to groups and Communities of Faith upon request. There is an e-petition presently circulating to address the rights of Palestinian children.

In July, staff person, Laura Hunter, coordinated an online book study on White Fragility, by Robin Diangelo. We had approximately 50 participants. I was one of the five facilitators. As a result, a few people have expressed interest in continuing to explore anti-racism issues and actions in our regions.

The Ecological Justice Working Group is sponsoring an online fall book study on Climate Church, Climate World, by Jim Antal with approximately 20 participants.

The Ecological Justice Working Group has also brought to our attention, a petition asking Canada to address the deteriorating situations with mining justice in the Philippines, which relate to Canadian mining companies.

Refugee sponsorship continues to be supported and encouraged by Lenora Timmons, a faithful volunteer serving all 3 Atlantic Regions from her home in Cheticamp, NS.

The next meeting of our committee will be on November 13-14th. If possible, we plan to meet at the Tatamagouche Centre.

The Justice, Mission, and Outreach Committee also supports the ongoing work of building a network of contacts interested in justice issues through a somewhat regular e-newsletter and a Facebook Group. There are over 100 people currently on the email list and 120 on the FB Group. In addition, there are over 150 regular listeners to the Justice, Mission, and Outreach podcast called "Making Hope Visible". I encourage anyone with interest in justice issues to connect with us through any or all of these avenues.

Submitted by Kent Gibbons, Chair

Appendix G

**UNITED CHURCH WOMEN**

Fall 2020

Maritime UCW is finding its way through this Pandemic, learning how to ZOOM and Conference Call. Many UCW units are nervous about meeting in person. Some are meeting virtually. In April because of Covid 19 breaching our shores, we were forced to postpone our Biennial meeting until it was safe to meet in person. Because of that decision, Ruth Kennedy will remain as President, Elaine Burrows will remain as Vice President and Debbie Hawkins and Marilyn Bubar will remain as co Second Vices until they can be voted in to their new positions by the full court of UCW.

Mission and Service donations for the Regions for 2019 were as follows Region 15 - \$79,490... Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters - \$49,517 and UCW Nationally gave 1,020,034. As the pandemic lingers UCW is challenged with thinking of new ways to help their local church and Mission and Service. Some units are having on line sales with curbside pick ups. I encourage everyone to make a conscious effort to be part of these sales by buying or sharing the information with others.

Having contact with every UCW unit in the Maritimes/Bermuda continues to be a challenge. We are asking that every unit as well as any individual UCW members without a unit contact Ruth Kennedy so information can flow freely and we can have a clear idea of how many UCW we have in our two Regions. It seems when our old United Church system stopped and the New system began, and Presbytery was eliminated, some units thought and think they were on their own in their local church. This is not the case. If there is any way to share this information, we would be so thankful for your help.

There was to be an appreciation day at Tatamagouche Center this fall which was cancelled for safety reasons. This will be held at a later date to celebrate our Maritime/Bermuda UCW ladies.

We recently finished our National UCW meetings via ZOOM. One item of note was that the InfoPaks will no longer be mailed. More disconcerting to UCW was the fact that the National church will no longer produce "Keeping in Touch" the UCW newsletter. It will not be in the virtual InfoPak. NUCW will now be producing its own Newsletter. An editor has been named. She as well as the President will be moving forward with the design and distribution of the National UCW Newsletter.

Because there was no one working in the General Council Offices, other than a few finance people, UCW requests for Lifetime Membership Pins have not been processed because there was no one in the mailroom to mail them out. Cheques were not cashed and are now stale dated. We are hopeful this issue is being worked out over the next few weeks.

At the end of the week of our National meetings we were afforded the opportunity, because we were meeting virtually, to invite UCW ladies from across Canada/Bermuda to join our national executive as we gathered in worship and participated in communion led by Rev. Michael Blair. Approximately 88 ladies joined us from coast to coast.

We continue to be challenged to get UCW work done, however it seems many are seeing the way through the Covid fog. We look forward to 2021 with expectation and hope.

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