



## First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Weekly Announcements December 23, 2020

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### **Greetings – Rev. Faith March MacCuish, Executive Minister**

Greetings members of First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council.

This will be the last announcements for 2020. A few weeks ago, when we were on a clergy conversation by zoom, we were lamenting that Christmas like Easter would not be as we would want or expect it to be. We were reminded through conversation, that there is nothing that can take Christmas away from us, because there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God, that is Christmas. That God loved the world so much, that God touched the earth in such a way as this:

- that God walks with us in our human experience, that God comes to teach us that love is stronger than hate.
- that God through Jesus teaches us that forgiveness is for all people.
- that we are loved beyond measure, not because of anything we did to earn God's love but simply that God first loved us.

If Christmas morning you woke up and all you had was this story: A Jewish baby born in the first century hovel in Bethlehem, a child that embodied the love of God, a child in whom we can experience God, was born. That would be more than enough. Nothing can stop Christmas from coming because nothing can separate us from the love of God. May the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love of Christ be with you. Amen and Amen.

### **Christmas Greetings – First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Staff**

Christmas greetings and best wishes from all the staff of First Dawn Eastern Edge Region

[Staff Christmas Greetings](#)

### **Save the Date**

Please save the date for a Tri-Regional Town Hall, to be held using zoom video conferencing:

**Topic: Congregational Annual Meetings**

**Date: January 28, 2021 at 12:30pm (Atlantic)**

## **Christmas Greetings – First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council**

Rev. Peggy Johnson, President – First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council

[President's Message 2020](#)

## **Rev. Faith March MacCuish, Executive Minister – First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council**

[Greetings from Executive Minister 2020](#)

## **Staff of First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council**

[Greetings - Regional Council Office 2020](#)

## **First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Work Position**

We are pleased at the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Office in St. John's to hire an individual starting in the new year to work in our Office and Bookstore. We were successful in receiving a Canada Summer Jobs grant from Service Canada for 252 hours at \$11.65 per hour. **The position will begin on January 11, 2021 and end no later than February 26, 2021.** The position includes set up of our not-for-profit bookstore for online sales, office related duties and archival work.

To be eligible to participate in the Canada Summer Jobs Initiative, the individual must:

- Be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment;
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act. All supporting documentation for refugees must be documented in the CSGC (e.g. a letter from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada). Persons awaiting a refugee status ruling, as well as those who hold a temporary visitor visa, youth visa or work visa (e.g. foreign youth) are ineligible. These types of youth usually have a Social Insurance Number that starts with "9"; and,
- Have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of and throughout the employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations. In a province or territory where labour and employment standards legislation states a different minimum age for employment (i.e. over 15 years of age), the age of eligibility for the program must be adjusted to reflect that legislative requirement.

At this time, we are accepting resumes from individuals who are interested in this position. **The deadline for receiving resumes is Tuesday, January 5, 2021.** Resumes may be forwarded to Leona Laundry at [l laundry@united-church.ca](mailto:l laundry@united-church.ca)

## **Removal of Insurance on Properties Sold**

To all Ministry Personnel, Central Treasurers, Board Chairs, Incorporated Ministries - Please find a letter on the Regional Council website from Rev. Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister, regarding removal of insurance on properties sold: <https://ucceast.ca/60855-removal-of-insurance-on-properties-sold/>

## **Milestones in Ministry Celebration**

The slideshow from the **Milestones in Ministry Celebration** has been uploaded to the Regional Council website. You can view the slideshow here: <https://ucceast.ca/60735-milestones-in-ministry-celebration-slideshow/>

## **Call for Nominations**

There are several vacancies for committees. The deadline for the recruitment is Monday January 11, 2021. Please review these current calls and share with others. If you think someone you know would be a good fit and encourage them to apply.

We have just launched a new call for nominations for the Indigenous Reference Group. The Indigenous Reference Group works with the Racialized Reference Group and the Dismantling White Privilege Working Group to advise the General Council Executive and National Indigenous Council on how The United Church of Canada may dismantle White privilege, decolonize, and become an anti-racist organization. The three groups work together and with others to shift the power structures within our church. Please share this information with people who might express their interest, or nominate others.

For more information please visit: <https://uceast.ca/60885-call-for-nominations-to-general-council-committees/>

## **First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Office Re-opening**

First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council office will re-open to the public on January 11, 2021. Office hours will be 8:30am – 4:30pm Monday to Friday. Bookstore hours will be 8:30am – 1:00pm, 2pm-4:30pm Monday to Friday.

COVID-19 protocols will be in place. The doors will remain locked please ring the buzzer next to the door to enter. Before proceeding upstairs please use the hand sanitizing station located in the porch. Masks are mandatory as well. If you wish to meet with one of our staff, we ask that you contact that person and make an appointment.

The bookstore will permit 3 people to be in the store at one time and when we have reached capacity, you will be asked to remain in your vehicle until space permits you to come in. The bookstore is hoping in 2021 to have our products online, which will permit you to order online or you are always welcome to visit in person.

Any questions, please contact Leona Laundry at [l laundry@united-church.ca](mailto:l laundry@united-church.ca)

## **Atlantic Regions Ministry & Personnel Committees – Managing Conflict**

A webinar for lay members of M&P Committees

Saturday, February 20, 2021

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (AST), 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon (NST)

This webinar will be resourced by the three Regional Ministers of the Atlantic Regions, Kendall Harrison (Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region), David Hewitt (Region 15) and Heather Sandford (First Dawn Eastern Edge Region). Topics will include roles and responsibilities, stages of conflict, strategies for addressing conflict, resources and support.

An online registration form will be made available in early January. For more information, please contact Rev. Heather Sandford: [hsandford@united-church.ca](mailto:hsandford@united-church.ca)

## **First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Vacancies**

Carmanville Pastoral Charge is a lovely 3 point Pastoral Charge., this Community of Faith is looking for pulpit supply while they search for a new Minister. If you are travelling from afar, then you would be welcome to stay at their manse which is adequately furnished for that purpose. Your travel and visiting daily rate would be paid. For more information please contact the Pastoral Charge Supervisor Rev. Desmond Jagger-Parsons at [desmondkeith@yahoo.ca](mailto:desmondkeith@yahoo.ca)

**First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Webpage Emergency Response Link**

Stay updated with [Emergency Response Updates on COVID-19](#) on the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council web-page.

