

## ANNUAL PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Annual Planning Committee (APC) met by Zoom starting in January 2021. We had hoped to plan for an in-person meeting and delayed starting our preparations until we had a sense of where planning would take us during the pandemic. Once the decision was made that in-person was not to be, we started planning for a virtual meeting over three days. The theme chosen was "*Pieced Together in God's Love.*"

With the theme in place, we discussed various ways to involve the Communities of Faith within the Region. The Committee also brought two recommendations to the Executive for approval. The first was to order a satin finished ornament with the FSLDW Regional Council crest for presentation to Retirees/Jubilarians engraved with "*Thank you for your Ministry* ♡." The second was a gift for each person being celebrated of a Chalice and Plate with a Northern Lights Pattern from Kissed by Fire pottery in Sackville. The Executive passed both our requests.

Our Worship Team and the Faith and Formation Committee have been working together and distributed puzzle pieces to Communities of Faith for colouring with a request to return them by May 1<sup>st</sup>. These will be "pieced together" during our annual meeting.

A draft agenda is in the planning stages as well as worship services. We have our music leaders in place and invitation letters have gone to our ecumenical partners for the annual meeting. A celebration of our Retirees/Jubilarians from the last two years and a Memorial Service are also in the planning stages.

We have been busy during the last four months and the "*pieces*" are coming together. I appreciate the hard work of our Committee members and the dedication to making the annual meeting meaningful for all as well as informative and in keeping with our theme "*Pieced Together in God's Love.*"

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