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The United Church of Canada

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REPORTS TO REGION



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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

On March 12<sup>th</sup> 2020, I finalized my President's Report for the Region and sent it off to be included in the Annual Report to the Annual Meeting. Little did I know that two days later, the world that I had addressed would change forever.

I wrote about transformation as we lived into our new structure. Well, we had transformation all right. As we lived into a new reality brought about by the COV-SARS2 coronavirus. Some of the transformation has been amazing. Some of it has been incredibly sad. Still more has been awesomely enlightening. I feel safe in saying most of it was hard – even the good stuff.

After years of suggesting to congregations that we had to get out of our buildings and reach into the world, we suddenly found ourselves outside of our buildings. They were no longer safe places to be. Some of us floundered for a bit, wondering what to do. Some were up and running within days, looking for the best outlet for me... Facebook? YouTube? Zoom? As well as other platforms.

People met in their cars and worshiped together thanks to FM transmitters and others found worship in their mailboxes and had the time to sit, read and ponder, question and discern. Some found their spiritual lives expanded as they worshiped in St John's in the morning and Toronto in the early afternoon and BC later in the day. People found community in parking lot coffee parties and Zoom social hours.

And in those rare moments when we could sing, we sang quietly, masked to protect others and when the music was taken away, we learned to sing in our heads and our hearts.

I found myself still President. When our ability to gather opened, I was there and when it closed again, I looked for someone to stand for me. I met and got to know people on Zoom that I might never have known under different circumstances and I thank God every day for the opportunity to know and be known.

So, here I sit. It is February 19<sup>th</sup> and the one year mark is approaching and I wonder... is there anything from my message last year that could possibly apply to the year we just experienced. I was so surprised to find this...

“If I have learned nothing else from our time together, it is that God is at the centre of all we do. That if we continue to focus on the place that God has in the creation, if we continue to focus on following the way... the path that Jesus has shown us, then, well, what can possibly go wrong.”

Hallelujah!

As a year like no other comes to its conclusion, all I can say is... we must continue to focus on the places where we find God in our lives and in God's good creation, and if we continue to focus on following the Way... the path that Jesus has shown us, then, well, we will be faithful through it all.

Blessings!  
Audrey

## **Procedures for Holding a Meeting and Decision-Making**

### **A Whole People's Covenant**

*The 41<sup>st</sup> General Council 2012 used A Whole People's Covenant to help define the way in which the members of the General Council sought to work together. It has been adapted here for use as a resource by all councils and church bodies.*

Each of us comes as a pilgrim to this gathering of siblings in Christ. Each of us comes with our own cultural values, assumptions, and world views. Each one of us, and the cultures we represent, are God's living letters of faith, hope, love, and beauty. Therefore, we embrace the following Christian virtues that honour God and promote right relationship between us as we gather together and learn from one another:

We promise to relate to one another with

- respect;
- humility;
- patience;
- open-mindedness;
- courage; and
- the spirit of grace and forgiveness we have received in Christ Jesus. We acknowledge the land that we stand upon by
- remembering that Indigenous peoples have walked these paths;
- understanding that we are one part of God's creation; and
- honouring future generations by preserving this land as they find their own paths.

In our Christian love for one another we will

- invite the Spirit into both our worship and business;
- attend to others with our whole selves: our physical senses, intuition, imagination, and intellect;
- speak for ourselves in the spirit of truth and gentleness, avoiding unhelpful generalizations and racial stereotypes;
- not interrupt when others are speaking;
- be mindful of language that is not inclusive;
- affirm the deep wisdom of silence and pause, as necessary, to ponder what others have said;
- seek to understand rather than win arguments and assume best intentions;
- hold our beliefs and opinions lightly; and
- hold one another in prayer.

Today this pilgrimage will lead us to becoming a whole people. With God's help, I will leave behind what I must to make this journey. Thanks be to God.

### **Holy Manners**

*The Very Reverend Marion Pardy introduced Holy Manners as a resource for the 38<sup>th</sup> General Council 2003. Holy Manners has been used as resource for the conduct of meetings by subsequent General Councils and their executives. It has been adapted here for use as a resource by all councils and church bodies*

We will

- keep God at the centre of everything we do;
- each speak for ourselves;
- speak for a purpose;
- separate people from problems;
- allow for full and equitable participation;
- attend to others carefully without interruption;
- welcome the conflict of ideas;
- take a future orientation;
- demonstrate appreciation;
- honour the decisions of the body;
- commit to holding one another to account when we do not keep our holy manners;
- keep the discussion at the table;
- be mindful of our body language;
- check in about good use of time;
- allow the quiet people to speak, with an invitation to speak; and
- sincerely say what we really feel.

## **Guidelines for Business Procedures**

**1. Motion: A Council may only pass motions for which it has the authority and which do not contradict the decision of the higher court. A motion contradicting a motion already passed at the same meeting is out of order, unless it is a motion to reconsider.**

- The mover reads the motion.
- The seconder is named.
- The mover has the privilege of speaking at the beginning and end of the discussion of their motion.

**2. Discussion:**

- Start by identifying yourself (name, Pastoral Charge or Community of Faith)
- All discussion should be directed to the President.
- Each person may address the President only once about a motion, except the mover, who may speak both first and last.
- That the initial time allocated for the mover to address the motion be limited to three minutes.
- That all subsequent speakers limit their time to two minutes, including any reply by the mover of the motion.
- All discussion should be clear and concise and deal only with the motion.

**3. Amendments:**

- Any motion to amend a motion must be dealt with before dealing with the original motion.
- Any voting member, except the mover and seconder of the original motion, may make a motion to amend the original motion.
- An amendment is a suggestion to change a motion slightly by:
  - i. Removing words and replacing them with others, or
  - ii. Adding or deleting words
- An amendment cannot change the intent of a motion.
- When all motions to amend have been dealt with, the Council may deal with the final form of the original motion.
- A separate vote must be taken for each motion to amend.

**4. Amendment to the Amendment:**

- A motion to slightly change the amendment.
- See above

**5. Voting:**

- Voting will take place by raising hands
- All those with voting privileges (members) are expected to indicate their vote by selecting yes or no in the virtual meeting (those on computer) or by raising of hands (those on the phone)
  - i. If there is a close vote, tellers will count.
  - ii. If there is a tie, the President will cast the deciding vote.

**6. Motions that Interrupt the meeting:**

**At any time during a meeting, any voting member may make a motion to:**

- Close discussion without a vote on the motion;
- Fix the time to adjourn;
- Adjourn;
- Take an immediate vote (2/3 vote required);
- Limit or extend limits of discussion (2/3 vote required);
- Postpone discussion and decision on the motion to a definite time;
- Refer the motion to another body or commission;
- Amend/change the motion; or
- Postpone discussion and decision on the motion indefinitely (without a specific time).

An original motion may be interrupted by any of the above motions.

While these motions are being dealt with, they may only be interrupted by a motion above it in the list.

**7. How to Reconsider a Motion:**

- A motion to reconsider a motion already passed may be made if no motion is under consideration. A motion to reconsider has the same priority as the motion to be reconsidered.
- Only a voting member who voted “yes” for the original motion may move the motion to reconsider. This motion must be seconded by a voting member.
- A motion to reconsider in an ongoing meeting must be approved by 2/3 of the voting members present.
- The revised motion may be reconsidered if a motion is changed on reconsideration and passed.
- A motion on which action has been taken may not be reconsidered.

**8. Business Committee:**

- To sort and clarify issues when things are bogged down in procedure wrangles or wording problems.
- To deal with changes to Agenda during the General Meeting.

**9. Other:**

- Other rules of order are contained in the Manual. In general, the conduct of the business is at the discretion of the President. The President may seek the advice of the Business Table. Where the Manual is silent, Bourinot’s Rules of Order will be used.

## **RESOURCE PERSONS**

President	Rev. Audrey Louder
President-Elect	Ms. Sheila Gallant
Executive Minister	Rev. Faith March-MacCuish
Annual Meeting Planning Chair	Ms. Sheila Gallant
Annual Meeting Planning Secretary	Ms. Alicia Walls
Proposals Unit Chair	Rev. Jack Spencer
Local Arrangements Chair	N/A Virtual Meeting
Worship Planning	Ms. Alicia Walls Ms. Andrea Rogers Mr. Kyle Grant
Head Teller	Rev. Melaney Matheson
Retirees & Jubilarians Banquet Host	Ms. Heather Donnelly
Office Manager/ Admin Support (Sackville Office)	Ms. Jennifer Whittemore
Office Manager Assistant/ Admin Support (Sackville Office)	Ms. Tracey Rose
Executive Assistant (UCC Regions East)	Ms. Jennifer Taylor

**GENERAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE****Mrs. Sarah Charters**

Acting President of The United Church of Canada Foundation,  
Acting Director of Philanthropy for The United Church of Canada

Sarah Charters is the Acting President of The United Church of Canada Foundation as well as the Acting Director of Philanthropy for The United Church of Canada. Sarah oversees the Foundation, governance, granting and investing portfolios as well as the fundraising, including planned giving, for both the Foundation and Church. Sarah works with donors and communities of faith on their financial stewardship and giving as well as on best practices for long term fund and asset management. Sarah began her work in the charitable sector as a fundraiser and has worked for various health charities. Since 2007, she has worked at the Foundation and enjoys the interaction with individuals and communities of faith passionate about the work of the church. Sarah is a member and chorister at Kingston Road United Church.

She is also a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (Toronto Chapter) and is a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE).

**THEME SPEAKER****The Reverend Murray K. Pruden**

National Executive Minister for Indigenous Ministries and Justice  
The United Church of Canada

“My role as a leader and person of faith and spirituality has grown to a role of a storyteller and person of inspiration. This path I am taking is the foundation, the history and literature to help form a good sustenance of authority and community building for me and for our Indigenous communities. I like to think that this all leads to me being a strong voice for Indigenous people on the level of religion and spirituality and the love of our communities. And a path of self love and love for all of Creators creations.” Rev. Murray K. Pruden.

Rev. Murray Pruden is Nehiyaw, Cree First Nations from the Goodfish Lake and Saddle Lake First Nations. He grew up in the rural community of Smoky Lake. And his family’s history come from that area based on his ancestor Rev. Henry Bird Steinhauer.

Rev. Pruden has studied theatre at the University of Alberta, received a theatre performance diploma from Keyano college in Fort McMurray and an undergrad BFA from the University of Lethbridge. He completed his Master of Divinity at the Vancouver School of Theology at UBC and studies at the Sandy Sauteaux Spiritual Centre in Manitoba.

Murray’s path to Ministry has taken him to many good uses of his talents and spiritual gifts-dramatic works on theological topics, workshop presentations on storytelling, ecumenical representation on Indigenous theology and sermon reflections to various communities of faith across Canada.

Rev. Pruden is the current National Executive Minister for Indigenous Ministries and Justice for the United Church of Canada.

## **OPENING PROCEDURAL MOTION**

### **REGION ROLL**

That the Roll of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council be (Manual 2021 C1.1 and C.1.2):

The members of the Order of Ministry and other Ministry Personnel who are:

- a) Members of the order of ministry within the bounds served by the regional council; and
- b) Other ministry personnel in a covenantal relationship with a community of faith within the bounds of the regional council; and
- c) The lay members who are members of the United Church who are not ministry personnel and who are elected by their Communities of Faith.
- d) Appointed members, lay members of the Regional Council Executive who have not been elected by their community of Faith.

### **QUORUM**

That the quorum be as indicated in Section C.4.3 of the Manual 2021;

“The Regional Council may meet only if a minimum number of members is present... If there are 60 or more members, at least 20 members must be present; and that there be at least one ministry personnel and one lay member who is not ministry personnel present. Corresponding members are not counted for this purpose.”

### **BOUNDS**

“That the Bounds of the Regional Council meeting be the virtual meeting room and the telephone connections to that meeting space.”

### **CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**

“That representatives of General Council; representatives of United Church organizations; ministry students not serving a pastoral charge; the active and retired Lay Overseas Personnel; ecumenical delegates and observers; the President of the Atlantic School of Theology (or their designate); and any other registered visitors to the Regional Council meetings be Corresponding Members of this Council.”

### **AGENDA**

“That the agenda as printed and distributed be adopted as the agenda for this meeting of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council, subject to such changes as may be adopted and such Orders of the Day as may be determined, by the Council.”

### **BUSINESS TABLE**

That the business table be Sheila Gallant, Melaney Matheson, Kyle Grant.

### **MINUTE SECRETARY**

That the minute secretary for the Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Annual Regional Council meeting be Jennifer Taylor.

**GUIDELINES FOR DISCUSSION**

The President will chair the meeting, making any rulings necessary. The Regional Council will work together using the Whole People's Covenant and Holy Manners as its guide. The President will apply the Manual 2021 Appendix: Procedures for Holding a Meeting and Decision-Making.

Speakers will:

- Start by identifying them self (name, Pastoral Charge or Community of Faith)
- All discussion should be directed to the President.
- Each person may address the President only once about a motion, except the mover, who may speak both first and last.
- That the initial time allocated for the mover to address the motion be limited to three minutes.
- That all subsequent speakers limit their time to two minutes, including any reply by the mover of the motion.
- All discussion should be clear and concise and deal only with the motion.

**CONSENT MOTION**

That Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council:

1. Approves the Minutes of the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council Meeting, September 26, 2020 (RC71-RC84) as circulated.
2. Receives and accepts the following accountability reports:
  - a. President
  - b. Regional Executive Minister
  - c. Affirm Ministry
  - d. Archives and Records Committee
  - e. Faith and Education Formation Committee
  - f. Finance and Mission Services Committee
  - g. Incorporated Ministries Committee
  - h. Justice, Mission and Outreach Committee
  - i. Nominations Committee
  - j. Pastoral Relations Committee
  - k. Property Committee
  - l. Regional Planning Committee
  - m. Tri-Regional Staff Support Committee
3. Receives for information the following reports:
  - a. Atlantic School of Theology
  - b. Atlantic School of Theology Senate
  - c. Centre for Christian Studies

- d. Emmanuel College
  - e. Office of Vocation
  - f. United Church Women
4. Receives for information the following ecumenical greetings:
- a. The Rev. Dr. Marion Barclay MacKay, Moderator, Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, The Presbyterian Church in Canada
  - b. The Rev. Jonna Jensen, Transitional Conference Minister, Maine Conference of United Church of Christ
  - c. The Rev. Dr. Michael Pryse, Bishop, Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
  - d. The Rt. Rev. David J. Edwards, Diocesan Bishop, Anglican Diocese of Fredericton

## **EXECUTIVE MINISTER REPORT**

### Reflecting on the Year

In John O'Donohue's book To Bless the Space Between Us; in one of the blessings it says: "As high over the mountains the eagle spreads its wings, may your perspective be larger than the view from the foothills".

As Regional Council members, Executive, and staff, our responsibility is to have a perspective that is larger than the view from the foothills. It is also important to know the view and the experience from the foothills in order to provide support and leadership.

This has been a difficult year for everyone. Having come through the 2019 transition year, 2020 was to be the year when all of our committees would begin their work, design programs, build community and connection. Just as we began to make our plans, we began to hear of a virus that was considered dangerous and highly contagious. Before we were into the first quarter of the year, we needed to close our buildings and develop a new way forward. With the support of one another, we were able to learn new ways of doing things that would take us into a place of resilience and hope. This pandemic has taken much away from us, but it has also given us new possibilities. It is important as we reflect on 2020, that we, as a church, discern about the things we have learned and wish to keep, and what things from before the pandemic do we wish to leave behind. It is also important as a region that we discern our ministry priorities through the lens of our named Core Values, Vision, and Mission.

This has been a year of many ups and downs. For those of you who are on the ground ministering in this pandemic world, you have had the heavy work of being present in the midst of complicated grief. I know there is an overall fatigue amongst our volunteers, our ministry personnel, and staff, and rightly so. This has been no ordinary year. It has been heavy and hard. It has been a year when the smallest decisions have taken so much more energy, creative thinking and time. The words

*thank you* seem so inadequate to express the gratitude for everyone who has given so much of themselves to the living out of the Gospel in this time and place in our history. Well done and Thank You.

I have listed below some of the work that I, and others, have spent time with this year. If anyone has any questions please do not hesitate to be in touch:

- 1) Ensuring that communities of faith and ministry personnel had the tools they needed and the information to follow the pandemic protocols. Providing information sessions as well as written material to help with the preparation of shutting down our buildings and learning new ways to be church.
- 2) Providing town hall meetings for the three regions to talk about plans and ways forward within the pandemic.
- 3) Providing information and updates for communities of faith to have information about financial programs and give assistance where needed.
- 4) Providing, through the region, tools for conducting meetings for the communities of faith. The regions have been able to provide the zoom links and conference calling numbers for communities of faith, free of charge.
- 5) Providing worship services for the communities of faith to have for when the clergy are on vacation.
- 6) Thanks to the committees and the staff, we have strived to be responsive to the needs of the communities of faith, in a good and timely way. This is something that we continue uphold as a priority. We are also open to conversation when this has not been the case.
- 7) Working with the committees to continue to discern their role and function in their regional ministry as well as supporting them in their work.
- 8) Ensuring that regional policies are updated and that communities of faith are aware of the regional policies.
- 9) Supporting the presidents, Annual Meeting Committees, and working to provide the online platform so that we can have our annual meetings, despite the disappointment of not being able to be together. All three regions were able to have their annual meetings and do the work that was needed.
- 10) Working with the office managers and the finance team to provide budgets for the region and the Audited Statements.
- 11) Connecting and supporting our staff through regularly planned one on one sessions (every 8 weeks) to discuss workload, well being, concerns and goals, as well as tri-regional staff gatherings.
- 12) Engaging with the president and the executive for each region in developing the agendas. Providing educational opportunities for the executives.
- 13) Working with the Regional Ministers to assess ways to support ministry personnel and communities of faith in the Region.
- 14) Supporting Incorporated Ministries when needed, as well as being the ex-officio member of all boards.
- 15) Supporting the Affirming process and the educational webinars.
- 16) Being the connection between the General Council and the Region, along with the staff, and to help highlight initiatives from the General Council that will help communities of faith in their ministries.

- 17) Identifying gaps - work with the executive, committees, and staff to identify gaps that need to be addressed.
- 18) Working with the reviews and the appeals in the regions.
- 19) Asset Management- working with the office managers and the finance committees/teams to manage our assets both in terms of finances and staff.
- 20) Conducting follow-up on work coming from the regional council annual meeting and executive meetings.

#### *Operating Fund*

Again, this year, it has been difficult to estimate the budget needed to have a full program year, as we have not had a regular year since we have become a region. We ended the 2020 year in a surplus position. The 2022 budget process is underway, and we prepared in 2020 for the cuts to Mission and Service in 2021.

#### *Restricted and Unrestricted Funds*

Working with the finance committees and the office manager to provide and update the restricted and unrestricted funds. Making sure our applications for funding are updated to reflect the new structure. Evaluating the investment policy and a policy for a contingency fund.

#### Staffing

We welcomed Rev. Catherine Stuart as our Regional Minister for Children, Youth and Young Adults and thank her for beginning her ministry in the midst of a pandemic. Even though she has worked for the first year in the midst of pandemic protocols, she has done a wonderful job at working to support the three regions.

All of our staff have worked hard over this past year to support our communities of faith, our committees, our ministry personnel and our laity. I take this opportunity to thank each one of them for their continuous support, faithfulness and professionalism in the work they do for our Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council.

***May we continue to strive to embody an active and faithful reflection of Jesus' ministry in the world.***

**ECUMENICAL GREETINGS****Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, The Presbyterian Church in Canada**

The Rev. Dr. Marion Barclay MacKay, Moderator

It is indeed a pleasure to extend greetings and best wishes from the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces to you all as you come together for this Annual Meeting of the Fundy St. Lawrence Dancing Waters Regional Council. May God's Spirit move in your midst as you experience times of worship, decision-making, learning and fellowship together. While meeting via Zoom will lend a different ambience to your gathering, may your connectivity be enriched and the cup of renewal for ministry be replenished.

In many communities throughout Atlantic Canada there is a meaningful and supportive connection between the congregations of our two denominations. Together we serve the people of our communities in caring and compassionate ways. Together we witness to the presence of God's gracious love in all the varied circumstances of daily life. Thank you for this on-going ecumenical partnership as we endeavour to serve faithfully in Christian ministry, in our communities and through these challenging days of this COVID pandemic.

In your gathering may the hope and peace that Jesus, the Living Christ offers our world, and our lives, bless you with renewed confidence, boldness and vigour. I will be supporting you in my thoughts and prayers as you meet in these days.

May the love, grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**United Church of Christ**

The Rev. Jonna Jenson

Will bring live greetings.

**Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada**

The Rev. Dr. Michael Pryse, Bishop

Recorded greeting played at the meeting.

**Anglican Diocese of Fredericton**

The Rt. Rev. David J. Edwards, Diocesan Bishop

Recorded greeting played at the meeting.

## **CANDIDATE FOR CELEBRATION**

### **ORDINAND**

**Emma Kathleen Seamone** BSc, PgDip (Youth Ministry), MDiv

Emma Seamone was raised on Nova Scotia's North Shore by Three Harbours Pastoral Charge, the daughter of Penny and Warren Hebb of Wallace, NS. Greatly influenced early on by the work of Tatamagouche Centre Emma has spent her career working with communities, and always asking whose voice is not in the room and how do we speak acknowledging their perspectives. Emma studied Environmental Science at Acadia University and went on to work for several Environmental non-profits in the Maritimes, she took on the role of co-convenor of the Maritime Conference Environmental Working Group in 2012, and has served as co-convenor of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters' Ecological Justice working group post the restructuring. Called to ministry Emma worked in Youth Ministry at Saint John's St. Mark's United Church for three years and received her Youth Ministry Diploma from the Atlantic School of Theology in 2018. Emma Seamone is a candidate for ministry from Wesley United Church of St. Andrews NB, and has been under appoint to Upper Mills, Bocabec, and McAdam Pastoral Charges since 2017. She is a recent graduate from the Atlantic School of Theology's Summer Distance MDiv program. Emma has accepted a provisional call to Carberry Pastoral Charge of Carberry Manitoba. Currently she lives in St. Stephen NB with her husband Jason, and their cat Harley Quinn.



## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **AFFIRM MINISTRY COMMITTEE**

The FSLDW Region Affirm Ministry Committee met monthly by Zoom.

Members: Pix Butt, Jane Johnson, Tony Burnett, Randy Breckenridge, Executive Minister Faith Marsh-MacCuish and Elizabeth Stevenson (Chair).

Recently Randy Breckenridge resigned from the committee due to work commitments.

We give thanks for Randy's presence in helping to launch the work of the Affirm Committee and wish him well in his new adventures.

The Committee's work focused on the action plan for FSLDW to become an Affirming Ministry through a motion to be presented at the 2021 June AGM.

This work evolved through two priorities:

#### **1. Equity Team**

The committee:

- Researched the work of an Equity Team
- Recommended to Executive terms of reference for the work of an Equity Team.
- Recommended Equity Self-Monitoring Questions
- Two members began that work starting with the Region Executive.

## 2. Education webinars.

Through ZOOM the Affirm Committee offered the Region a number of educational webinars that focused on specific 'isms' identified in the FSLDW Region Vision Statement approved at the 2020 AGM.

February 17, 2021 **Gender Diversity and Becoming an Ally.** Presenter Pix Butt, Elliot Williams (video recording)

March 10, 2021 **Becoming an Anti-Racist Church.** Presenter Laura Hunter and Yvette Swan (video recording)

April 15, 2021 **Ableism** Presenter Stephanie McClellen

May 13, 2021 **Creating a Safe Space.**

A recording of these webinars is to be available on the regional website at: [ucceast.ca/affirm-committee/](https://ucceast.ca/affirm-committee/)

A special thank you to all who presented. Thank you to all who participated.

As I write this report, news of the death of our friend and colleague Yvette Swan is heavy on our hearts. You would have met Yvette on Zoom at last year's pre-AGM information webinar and again through a video recording at the March 10 webinar.

Yvette was a faithful supporter of the work of Affirming Ministry. She shared her personal story that more of us would understand the reality of racism in our region.

Thank you Yvette.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Stevenson, Chair

## ARCHIVES AND RECORDS COMMITTEE

As with all others, the Archives and Records Committee of the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council (hereafter FSLDW) has had what it had hoped to do affected by the pandemic. Sadly, we have not – as we had hoped – been able to do a series of in person workshops on archives/artefacts in various locales around the region. When we are able to travel again, it is still the intention to undertake a series of educational workshops across the region aimed at helping communities of faith in managing and preserving their records and artefacts.

Adapting to the situation, we have been able to run two workshops by Zoom. Both a workshop on archives and a workshop on artefacts were held this past January. The archives workshop was open to people in Region 15 as well as FSLDW participants and the artefacts workshop was open to participants from all three Regional Councils of Regions East. The workshops were both well attended and well received (with PEI winning the race for most attendees thanks no small part to the excellent communication through the PEI cluster). We have had requests to run both workshops again and we hope to do just that in the near future.

At the denominational level, various working groups continue on archives related matters. I, the chair of the FSLDW Archives and Records Committee, am personally involved in the working group related to artefact issues. We are working on guides for helping communities of faith and

regional councils manage their artefacts. We are also working on a guide aimed at helping church members manage and relate to indigenous artefacts in appropriate and culturally respectful ways.

This year we have two members of the archives committee finishing their terms. We thank Elaine Burrows and Barbara Mahaffy for their work on the committee. Some members leaving us this year have been with the archives committee beginning with the Maritime Conference Committee, through the transition to regions, into a new structure and now into the pandemic. We thank them for their participation through all these changes.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our archivist, Sarah Wallace, for her continuing hard work. Through many pandemic enforced upheavals, she has continued her dedicated work for the region. Thank you, Sarah!

Respectfully submitted,  
Julielynn Anderson, Chair  
Archives and Records Committee,  
FSLDW RC  
April 23, 2021

### **FAITH, EDUCATION AND FORMATION COMMITTEE**

The Faith, Education and Formation Committee have had 6 virtual meetings since the last annual meeting where we have developed a clearer sense of what our mandate and responsibilities are and we are working on where we want to go as a committee. We expanded our committee by adding a representative from Outdoor Recreational Ministries to ensure the voice of these ministries is represented. The updated mandate and responsibilities are

**Mandate:** To encourage faith development and spiritual growth in individuals and communities of faith; and to support special ministries in our region including, but not limited to, camping, youth ministries, Tatamagouche Center.

**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.
- c) Encourage learning events for communities of faith for lay leaders and encourage youth to become more involved in their communities of faith and their church as a whole;
- d) Identify learning opportunities and share with other communities of faith;
- e) Encourage development and production of webinar learning events on new roles within regions;
- f) Encourage networking between communities of faith for learning;
- g) Produce a webinar or information pamphlets for region on opportunities within the region and encourage completion of interest form for appointment to area of interest on a committee with the region;
- h) Learning opportunities for youth, children and intermediates and the Youth and Young Adult Minister be consulted and be an *ex officio* member of the committee.

Under the direction of the committee, the Executive will be setting up a focus group for the region to discuss and dream the future of Intermediates at Conference and Youth Forum as we try to envision the place of youth in the new Regional structure.

Over this year we have held 3 discussion sessions with Sunday School/youth group leaders for the purpose of sharing resources and ideas for these groups in areas such as Advent, Lent, and Easter; of hearing what is working in our region for this age group; and of offering support to each other during these difficult times. A retreat is being planned for the near future for group leaders themselves.

Financially we have supported Ukulele Church, training for camp leaders, and the retreat of group leaders.

Our plan is to continue 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. This will be located on the regional website. We thank everyone in the region who filled out the survey to give us ideas for direction of the committee

In conjunction with the annual meeting worship team, puzzle pieces were gathered from communities of faith across our region to be used at this annual meeting and we express our thanks to all who participated in this connecting activity.

I want to express my personal thanks to members of the committee - Rev. Michelle Armstrong (secretary), Heather Donnelly, Rev. Bonnie Fraser, Rev. Raymond Kraglund, Rev. Neal Palmer, Lori Perley (Outdoor Recreation Ministries rep), Rev. Alice Szemok, and Alicia Walls for the tireless work on behalf of the committee in the region; and to our support staff of Rev. Faith March-MacCuish, Jennifer Taylor, Jenn Whittemore, Tracey Rose, and especially Rev. Catherine Stuart, Youth and Young Adult Minister, who have been so supportive of our work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Ramsay

### **FINANCIAL AND MISSION SERVICES COMMITTEE**

The Financial and Mission Services Committee met virtually several times throughout the past year to consider the business that came before it. The committee considered requests for mission support grants, and reviewed and approved other requests for funding from a variety of funds held by the Regional Council. A loan request from the Personnel Emergency Fund was also approved.

Approval was granted to move funds held by the former presbyteries within the bounds of the Regional Council, along with the principal and interest from several investment certificates that had matured, into the Contingency Fund of the Regional Council. Further decisions regarding the use of these funds will be made at a future date.

The committee approved a recommended draft 2022 budget to be reviewed by the Regional Council Executive and submitted for final approval to the Annual General Meeting. It should be noted that decreasing revenues could mean reductions to mission support grants in the future. Grant recipients were made aware of this when their funding notices were sent.

In terms of the committee membership, there were two changes of note: David Allen joined in May 2020, and Kimberley Douglass stepped down as chair in October 2020 (but is continuing as a member until the end of her current term). Nathan Wright was appointed as the new chairperson.

Our staff support is Executive Minister Faith March-MacCuish, and her guidance and the assistance of Jennifer Whittemore, Office Manager/Administrative Support have been invaluable.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Wright, Chair, Financial and Mission Services Committee

## BUDGET

FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL BUDGET				
	2021 ADMINISTRATION	2021 MISSION AND SUPPORT	2022 ADMINISTRATION	2022 MISSION AND SUPPORT
REVENUE				
General Council Administration Grant	\$ 325,000.00		\$ 325,000.00	
General Council Salary Grant	33,500.00		33,500.00	
General Council Cross Region Support Grant	33,500.00		33,500.00	
General Council Mission and Support Grant		\$ 239,870.00		\$ 239,870.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION REVENUE	<u>\$ 392,000.00</u>		<u>\$ 392,000.00</u>	
TOTAL MISSION AND SUPPORT REVENUE		<u>\$ 239,870.00</u>		<u>\$ 239,870.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE (Admin and Mission Support)	<u>\$631,870.00</u>		<u>\$631,870.00</u>	
EXPENDITURES				
ADMINISTRATION				
Personnel				
Regional Staff Salaries and Benefits	\$ 251,650.00		\$ 261,022.00	
Executive Minister and Executive Assistant Travel & Office Shared Expenses	15,000.00		15,000.00	
Regional Staff Travel/Telephone/Study/Misc.	11,280.00		11,280.00	
Sub-Total	<u>\$ 277,930.00</u>		<u>\$ 287,302.00</u>	
Governance				
Regional Executive	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,500.00	
Regional Offices Administration	43,800.00		40,000.00	
Regional Office Rent	18,000.00		18,000.00	
Shared Services (IT)	7,500.00		4,700.00	
Audit Expenses	10,000.00		6,000.00	
User and Bank Fees	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Sub-Total	<u>\$ 81,300.00</u>		<u>\$ 71,200.00</u>	
Regional Meeting				
Expenses	\$ 40,000.00		\$ 35,000.00	
Sub-Total	<u>\$ 40,000.00</u>		<u>\$ 35,000.00</u>	

**FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL  
BUDGET**

	2021 ADMINISTRATION	2021 MISSION AND SUPPORT	2022 ADMINISTRATION	2022 MISSION AND SUPPORT
<b>Committees</b>				
President's Expenses	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00	
Affirm	-		1,000.00	
Nominations	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Tn-Regional Staff	500.00		500.00	
Archives	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Regional Planning	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Property	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Finance and Mission Support	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Pastoral Relations	8,000.00		8,000.00	
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,000.00</b>		<b>\$ 18,000.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 416,230.00</b>		<b>\$ 411,502.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION REVENUE OR (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ (24,230.00)</b>		<b>\$ (19,502.00)</b>	
<b>MISSION AND SUPPORT</b>				
Mission and Support Grants		\$ 130,500.00		\$ -
Youth Forum and Intermediates at Conference Grants		15,000.00		15,000.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$ 145,500.00</b>		<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>
<b>Committees</b>				
Faith and Education		\$ 25,000.00		\$ 20,000.00
Incorporated Ministries		800.00	you	800.00
Justice, Mission and Outreach		10,000.00		10,000.00
Salaries and Benefits		60,842.00		62,512.00
Travel/Telephone/Study/Misc		11,500.00		11,500.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$ 108,142.00</b>		<b>\$ 104,812.00</b>
<b>TOTAL MISSION AND SUPPORT EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$ 253,642.00</b>		<b>\$ 119,812.00</b>
<b>TOTAL MISSION AND SUPPORT REVENUE OR (DEFICIT)</b>		<b>\$ (13,772.00)</b>		<b>\$ 120,058.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES (Admin and Mission and Support)</b>		<b>\$669,872.00</b>		<b>\$624,148.00</b>
<b>REVENUE or (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ (24,230.00)</b>	<b>\$ (13,772.00)</b>	<b>\$ (19,502.00)</b>	<b>\$ 120,058.00</b>

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**FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS  
REGIONAL COUNCIL  
Financial Statements  
Year Ended December 31, 2020**

**FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
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## Independent Auditor's Report



To the Members of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council

### Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council (the "Council"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2020, and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Council as at December 31, 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

### Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the Council derives revenue from fundraising activities the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Council. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to fundraising revenue, excess of revenues over expenditures, and cash flows from operations for the year ended December 31, 2020, current assets and net assets as at December 31, 2020.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Council in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

### Other Matter

The financial statements of the Council for the year ended December 31, 2019 were audited by Winsor Coombs of Mount Pearl, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada, prior to its merger with MNP LLP. Winsor Coombs expressed a qualified opinion on those statements on May 7, 2020 for the reasons described in the Basis for Qualified opinion paragraph.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of



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these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Mount Pearl, Newfoundland and Labrador

May 27, 2021



*MNP LLP*

Chartered Professional Accountants

**FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**December 31, 2020**

	2020	2019
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	\$ 291,218	\$ 498,494
Short-term investments	770,000	1,528,631
Accounts receivable	2,475	16,016
Prepaid expenses	4,714	205
Due from related parties (Note 5)	140,814	-
	1,209,221	2,043,346
<b>LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (Note 3)</b>	73,888	73,888
	<b>\$ 1,283,109</b>	<b>\$ 2,117,234</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 39,668	\$ 37,448
Due to related parties (Note 5)	5,073	1,005,485
Funds held in trust (Note 4)	28,917	46,999
	73,658	1,089,932
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Operating Fund - Unrestricted	286,636	213,385
Internally Restricted Funds (Schedule 1)	820,079	714,891
Externally Restricted Funds (Schedule 2)	102,736	99,026
	1,209,451	1,027,302
	<b>\$ 1,283,109</b>	<b>\$ 2,117,234</b>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

 Director  
 Director

**FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**Statement of Changes in Net Assets**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2020**

	2019 Balance	Excess of revenues over expenditures	Net Additions	2020 Balance
Operating Fund - Unrestricted	\$ 213,385	\$ 73,251	\$ -	\$ 286,636
Internally Restricted Funds (Schedule 1)	714,891	-	105,188	820,079
Externally Restricted Funds (Schedule 2)	99,026	-	3,710	102,736
	<b>\$ 1,027,302</b>	<b>\$ 73,251</b>	<b>\$ 108,898</b>	<b>\$ 1,209,451</b>

	2018 Balance	Excess of revenues over expenditures	Net Additions	2019 Balance
Operating Fund - Unrestricted	\$ 171,792	\$ 41,593	\$ -	\$ 213,385
Internally Restricted Funds (Schedule 1)	267,582	32,125	415,184	714,891
Externally Restricted Funds (Schedule 1)	98,051	975	-	99,026
	<b>\$ 537,425</b>	<b>\$ 74,693</b>	<b>\$ 415,184</b>	<b>\$ 1,027,302</b>

See notes to financial statements

**FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL****Statement of Revenues and Expenditures****Year Ended December 31, 2020**

	General Fund 2020	Total 2019
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Grant - United Church of Canada	\$ 586,680	\$ 591,219
Miscellaneous revenue	37,462	50,766
Interest income	-	35,256
	624,142	677,241
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Administration	6,923	8,529
Mission and Support Services	192,217	191,439
Office operating expense	43,711	57,495
Other	19,700	26,811
Regional Council Executive	9,638	1,889
Staff salaries and travel	256,611	255,183
Standing Committees	22,091	61,202
	550,891	602,548
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 73,251</b>	<b>\$ 74,693</b>

See notes to financial statements

**FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL****Statement of Cash Flows****Year Ended December 31, 2020**

	2020	2019
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 73,251	\$ 74,693
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	13,541	(16,016)
Accounts payable	2,220	37,446
Prepaid expenses	(4,509)	(205)
Funds held in trust	(18,082)	46,999
	(6,830)	68,224
Cash flow from operating activities	66,421	142,917
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITY</b>		
Long term Investments	-	(73,888)
Cash flow from (used by) investing activity	-	(73,888)
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Advances from related parties	(1,141,226)	1,005,485
Net assets transferred from Maritime Conference	-	294,610
Unrestricted funds transferred from Maritime Conference	-	120,980
Received from Presbyteries for internally restricted funds	-	126,837
Internal transfer to Learning Grants program	-	(5,000)
Net additions from internally restricted funds	105,188	415,184
Net additions from externally restricted funds	3,710	-
Cash flow from (used by) financing activities	(1,032,328)	1,958,096
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH FLOW</b>	(965,907)	2,027,125
Cash - beginning of year	2,027,125	-
<b>CASH - END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 1,061,218</b>	<b>\$ 2,027,125</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION</b>		
Interest received	\$ -	\$ (35,256)
<b>CASH CONSISTS OF:</b>		
Cash	\$ 291,218	\$ 498,494
Short-term investments	770,000	1,528,631
	<b>\$ 1,061,218</b>	<b>\$ 2,027,125</b>

See notes to financial statements

**FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**Notes to Financial Statements**

**Year Ended December 31, 2020**

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**1. PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL**

The Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council is a Council of the United Church of Canada. Its principal activities include the provision of services to the Pastoral Charges affiliated with the United Church of Canada in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Gaspé, Quebec.

The Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act and not subject to income tax.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of presentation

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

Fund accounting

Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.

The Operating Fund accounts for the Council's delivery of services and administrative activities. This fund reports unrestricted resources and restricted operating grants.

The Internally Restricted Funds consist of funds maintained by the Council for various purposes and are restricted in their purpose and cannot be used for general operations of the Council.

The Externally Restricted Funds consist of funds restricted outside of the Regional Council to be used for specific purposes and cannot be used for general operations of the Council. These funds include the Bequest Fund and the Special Fund. The Bequest Fund reports the assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenditures related to the assets bequeathed to the Council. The Special Funds report the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures related to the Council's funds that have been set up for a specific purpose.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, balances with banks and short-term deposits. Bank borrowings are considered to be financing activities.

Investments

Long term investments, which consist primarily of term certificates are carried at market value.

Revenue recognition

Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund in the year in which the contribution is received or receivable. All restricted contributions for which there is no specific restricted fund are recognized as revenues when the related expenses are incurred in the general fund.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the general fund when received or receivable if the amount can be reasonably estimated and receipt is reasonably assured.

Investment income earned on restricted investments is recognized as revenue as it is earned in the appropriate fund. Other investment income is recognized in the general fund statement of operations.

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**FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL****Notes to Financial Statements****Year Ended December 31, 2020****2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**Post retirement benefit plan

The employees of the Council participate in a defined benefit plan administered and held nationally by The United Church of Canada. The Council is not responsible for the obligations due for the employees under this benefit plan.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, financial assets with actively traded markets are reported at fair value, with any unrealised gains and losses reported to income. All other financial instruments are reported at amortized cost, and tested for impairment at each reporting date. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale, or issue of financial instruments are expensed when incurred.

**3. LONG TERM INVESTMENTS**

The investments are investment certificates issued and held in trust by Financial Services, Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada.

	2020	2019
Investment - interest for distribution as bursaries for ministerial candidates		
Aitken Memorial Trust	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Vera Dickey Bequest	8,807	8,807
Wesley Memorial United Church	1,000	1,000
	<b>12,307</b>	<b>12,307</b>
Investment - interest for distribution as support for special projects		
MacRae Belliveau	4,070	4,070
William A. Crawford Trust	988	988
Metzler Bequest	411	411
Agnes J. Ross Bequest	36,383	36,383
J. Oscar Young Bequest	19,500	19,500
Robert Wells Bequest	229	229
	<b>61,581</b>	<b>61,581</b>
	<b>\$ 73,888</b>	<b>\$ 73,888</b>

**4. FUNDS HELD IN TRUST**

	2020	2019
Church funds held in trust:		
McKinleville NB United Church	\$ -	\$ 14,952
Milltown NB United Church	28,917	32,047
	<b>\$ 28,917</b>	<b>\$ 46,999</b>

During prior years, the former Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada received proceeds from pastoral charges as a result of their disbandment. These funds are held in trust until the distribution is approved by the Council Executive.

**FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL****Notes to Financial Statements****Year Ended December 31, 2020****5. DUE FROM (TO) RELATED PARTIES**

	2020	2019
General Council of the United Church of Canada	\$ 140,814	\$ -
	2020	2019
Regional Council 15	\$ 1,478	\$ 991,524
First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council	3,595	13,961
	\$ 5,073	\$ 1,005,485

Advances from related parties are non-interest bearing and have no set repayment. These related parties are Regional Councils of the United Church of Canada.

**6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Council considers any contract creating a financial asset, liability or equity instrument as a financial instrument. The Council's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, restricted cash, accounts payable, investments and funds held in trust.

The Council initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value adjusted for transaction costs. Transaction costs related to financial instruments subsequently measured at fair value are recorded in the statement of revenues and expenditures on initial measurement. The Council subsequently measures all of its financial instruments at amortized cost.

The risks that arise from financial instruments include liquidity risk, market risk and interest rate risk. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Council is not exposed to other price risks arising from financial instruments.

**Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Council is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its payments of expenditures.

**Market risk**

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency rate risk, interest rate risk and other price risk. The Council is mainly exposed to interest rate risk.

**Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. In seeking to minimize the risks from interest rate fluctuations, the Council manages exposure through its normal operating and financing activities. The Council is exposed to interest rate risk primarily through its long-term investments.

**7. VARIOUS FUNDS ANNUAL SURPLUS**

These amounts represent the excess of revenues over expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2020 related to those specific funds disclosed in schedules 1 and 2.

**FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL****Notes to Financial Statements****Year Ended December 31, 2020****8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The following is a summary of the Council's related party transactions:

	2020	2019
United Church of Canada General Council ( <i>Governing body of the Council</i> )		
Grants - United Church of Canada less amount deferred for		
Mission and Support grants unexpended	\$ 586,680	\$ 591,219
Office operating expense paid to	18,000	18,000

These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

**9. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE**

The Council receives 100% of its operating funds under a grant from the United Church of Canada. If this situation should change in the future, management is of the opinion that continued viable operations would be doubtful.

**10. COVID 19**

Since March 12, 2020, the outbreak of the novel strain of coronavirus, specifically identified as "COVID-19", has resulted in a widespread health crisis that has affected economies and financial markets around the world resulting in an economic downturn. This outbreak may cause the cancellation of operating events and increased government regulations or interventions, all of which may negatively impact the operations or financial condition of the Council. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 outbreak is unknown at this time and is not possible to reliably estimate the length and severity of these developments.

**FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL  
SCHEDULE OF INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**SCHEDULE 1  
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	Balance Opening Jan. 01/20	Additions in the year	Deductions in the year	Net Additions	Balance Ending Dec. 31/20
Archives	\$ 1,656	\$ 10,836	-	\$ 10,836	\$ 12,492
Building Maintenance	60,973	138	-	138	61,111
Camping Ministry	87,005	-	18,000	(18,000)	69,005
Chaplaincy - Moncton	25,784	18,441	21,852	(3,411)	22,373
Church Properties	1,914	-	-	-	1,914
CLG Projects	1,649	-	-	-	1,649
Conflict Resolution - Legal	12,000	-	-	-	12,000
Discretionary Fund	274,940	-	3,000	(3,000)	271,940
Be Ministry	8,542	-	-	-	8,542
Disaster Relief	100	-	-	-	100
UCC Emergency Fund	696	-	-	-	696
Fresh Start Program	-	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Intermediates at Conference	1,564	-	-	-	1,564

**FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL  
SCHEDULE OF INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**SCHEDULE 1  
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	Balance Opening Jan. 01/20	Additions in the year	Deductions in the year	Net Additions	Balance Ending Dec. 31/20
Investment Funds		3,037		3,037	3,037
New Ministries	1,222	19,711	-	19,711	20,933
Refugee Support	42,714	-	-	-	42,714
Youth Forum Fundraiser	1,291	-	-	-	1,291
Youth Opportunities	31,533	-	-	-	31,533
Youth Social Justice Development	336	-	-	-	336
Internship Sites	37,000	-	1,000	(1,000)	36,000
Learning Grants	9,424	5,127	290	4,837	14,261
Mission Support Grant	89,781	94,320	15,700	78,620	168,400
Generosity Fund	1,818	-	-	-	1,818
Personnel Emergency Fund	22,949	920	2,500	(1,580)	21,369
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 714,891</b>	<b>\$ 167,530</b>	<b>\$ 62,342</b>	<b>\$ 105,188</b>	<b>\$ 820,079</b>

FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL  
SCHEDULE OF EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

SCHEDULE 2  
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	Balance Opening Jan. 01/20	Additions in the year	Deductions in the year	Net Additions	Balance Ending Dec. 31/20
Bequest Funds	\$ 73,888	-	-	\$ -	\$ 73,888
Special Funds	25,138	3,710	-	3,710	28,848
Total	<u>\$ 99,026</u>	<u>\$ 3,710</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,710</u>	<u>\$ 102,736</u>

**Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council****Funds**

Balances as at January 1, 2021

<b>W. E. "Ed" Aitken (1997)</b> .....	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>Amount expected to be available</b> .....	<b>\$892.02</b>
* Support of ministry candidates.	
* See "Application for Vera Dickey Bursary Assistance & Rev. W.E. Aitken Memorial Fund" at the following link: <a href="https://ucceast.ca/57083-vera-dickey-bursary-assistance-rev-w-e-aitken-memorial-fund-2/">https://ucceast.ca/57083-vera-dickey-bursary-assistance-rev-w-e-aitken-memorial-fund-2/</a>	
<b>William A. Crawford (1935)</b> .....	<b>\$987.50</b>
<b>Amount expected to be available</b> .....	<b>\$794.52</b>
* For any purpose the Region deems wise	
* Unrestricted	
* See "Bequest Fund Application" at the following link: <a href="https://ucceast.ca/57081-fundy-st-lawrence-dawning-waters-regional-council-bequest-funds-application/">https://ucceast.ca/57081-fundy-st-lawrence-dawning-waters-regional-council-bequest-funds-application/</a>	
<b>Vera Dickey Bequest (1989)</b> .....	<b>\$8,806.77</b>
<b>Amount expected to be available</b> .....	<b>\$2,168.39</b>
* Support of ministry candidates.	
* See "Application for Vera Dickey Bursary Assistance & Rev. W.E. Aitken Memorial Fund" at the following link: <a href="https://ucceast.ca/57083-vera-dickey-bursary-assistance-rev-w-e-aitken-memorial-fund-2/">https://ucceast.ca/57083-vera-dickey-bursary-assistance-rev-w-e-aitken-memorial-fund-2/</a>	
<b>Generosity Fund</b> .....	<b>\$1,817.83</b>
* For Ministry Personnel who have emergency situations that are not covered by other funds.	
* Please contact the Regional Minister.	
<b>Gerry Friars Christian Education Fund</b> .....	<b>\$735.15</b>
* To provide Christian education and learning opportunities for United Church members within the bounds of the former St. Croix Presbytery.	
<b>Lisson/Robb Fund for Social Ministry</b> .....	<b>\$557.52</b>
* See "Bequest Fund Application" at the following link: <a href="https://ucceast.ca/57081-fundy-st-lawrence-dawning-waters-regional-council-bequest-funds-application/">https://ucceast.ca/57081-fundy-st-lawrence-dawning-waters-regional-council-bequest-funds-application/</a>	
<b>Mary MacRae-Belliveau</b> .....	<b>\$4,070.28</b>
<b>Amount available</b> .....	<b>\$6,709.85</b>
* See "Bequest Fund Application" at the following link: <a href="https://ucceast.ca/57081-fundy-st-lawrence-dawning-waters-regional-council-bequest-funds-application/">https://ucceast.ca/57081-fundy-st-lawrence-dawning-waters-regional-council-bequest-funds-application/</a>	

<b>Metzler Bequest (1902)</b> .....	<b>\$411.00</b>
<b>Amount expected to be available</b> .....	<b>\$198.46</b>
*For the cause of Christ	
*Unrestricted	
* See “Bequest Fund Application” at the following link: <a href="https://ucceast.ca/57081-fundy-st-lawrence-dawning-waters-regional-council-bequest-funds-application/">https://ucceast.ca/57081-fundy-st-lawrence-dawning-waters-regional-council-bequest-funds-application/</a>	
<b>Personnel Emergency Reserve</b> .....	<b>\$21,368.82</b>
* For Ministry Personnel who have emergency situations that are not covered by other funds.	
* Please contact the Regional Minister.	
<b>Agnes J. Ross Bequest (1973)</b> .....	<b>\$36,383.45</b>
<b>Amount expected to be available</b> .....	<b>\$10,611.65</b>
* New Brunswick only	
* For religious and educational purposes in the province of New Brunswick. Requisition should include a description of terms.	
* See “Bequest Fund Application” at the following link: <a href="https://ucceast.ca/57081-fundy-st-lawrence-dawning-waters-regional-council-bequest-funds-application/">https://ucceast.ca/57081-fundy-st-lawrence-dawning-waters-regional-council-bequest-funds-application/</a>	
<b>Wesley Memorial Fund (Aitken/Dickey)</b> .....	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>Available</b> .....	<b>\$430.15</b>
* See “Application for Vera Dickey Bursary Assistance & Rev. W.E. Aitken Memorial Fund” at the following link: <a href="https://ucceast.ca/57083-vera-dickey-bursary-assistance-rev-w-e-aitken-memorial-fund-2/">https://ucceast.ca/57083-vera-dickey-bursary-assistance-rev-w-e-aitken-memorial-fund-2/</a>	
<b>James Oscar Young (1967)</b> .....	<b>\$19,500.00</b>
<b>Amount expected to be available</b> .....	<b>\$5,750.57</b>
* Anywhere in the Region	
* For some purposes to be determined by the Region for its benefit.	
* Unrestricted	
* See “Bequest Fund Application” at the following link: <a href="https://ucceast.ca/57081-fundy-st-lawrence-dawning-waters-regional-council-bequest-funds-application/">https://ucceast.ca/57081-fundy-st-lawrence-dawning-waters-regional-council-bequest-funds-application/</a>	
<b>Camping Ministry</b> .....	<b>\$69,004.98</b>
* To continue support to camping ministries within the Regions.	
* Contact the Regional Office for more details.	
<b>Internship Sites</b> .....	<b>\$36,000.00</b>
* To support educational site ministries throughout the Region.	
* See “Funding for Ministry Learning Sites Application” at the following link: <a href="https://ucceast.ca/fundy-st-lawrence-dawning-waters-regional-council-14/learning-site-grant-application/">https://ucceast.ca/fundy-st-lawrence-dawning-waters-regional-council-14/learning-site-grant-application/</a>	

**Youth Opportunities.....\$31,532.50**

\* To foster spiritual growth and faith development by providing financial assistance to youth and young adults in the Region enable them to participate in expressions of Christian faith and gatherings of the wider church, primarily, but not limited to, participating in national and international events or ministries.

\* See “Youth Opportunities Fund” at the following link: <https://ucceast.ca/57086-youth-opportunities-fund-application/>

**INCORPORATED MINISTRIES COMMITTEE**

The Incorporated Ministries Committee has been given the mandate: *To provide oversight, leadership, and guidance to the Incorporated Ministries within the bounds of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council.* The full details of the Mandate are found in the Region’s Governance Manual.

There are fifteen incorporated Ministries within our Region and we have assigned a committee member as the primary contact to each one for the purpose of visitation and support. Members of the Committee are Jack Spencer (Chair), Charlene Maguire MacKnight (Secretary), Faith March-MacCuish (Executive Minister) Bob Crowley, Bob Budge and Bill Peters. This past year we have held 2 virtual meetings and also have been in touch with one another through many emails.

We have continued to work with the ministries on the updating of their By-laws to reflect the new United Church Structure. This is significant work in some cases where bylaws have not been updated for many years. Progress is being made we are happy to report that 9 of the 15 ministries have completed this work while most of the others are working on this task.

Visits have been carried out to several of our Boards although Covid restrictions on meetings have made this difficult. We are pleased to report that most Boards are functioning well although finding new members to serve on the boards and committees has been a challenge for some.

Incorporated Ministries are required to submit annual reports, audited or reviewed financial reports, proof of insurance and of CRA or Corporation filing and a list of their Board members to the Region annually. These are filed at the Regional Office once we have reviewed them. We continue to be impressed with the dedication of those serving on the various Boards of Directors and with the caliber of ministry being carried out by these ministries. Thank you to all involved.

I again want to express my personal thanks to all the members of this committee for their faithfulness to the work. Special thanks to our support staff person Tracey Rose who has worked long and hard to track reports as they have come in and to keep our records organized.

Respectfully submitted by  
Jack Spencer - Chair

**Incorporated Ministries Reporting**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Constitution/ Bylaws</b>	<b>GC Admin Approval</b>	<b>Liability Insurance</b>	<b>Directors Annual Report</b>	<b>Last Financial Report</b>	<b>Corporation Filing</b>	<b>Charitable Filing</b>	<b>Date of last visit</b>	<b>List of Directors</b>
NB	Abbey St. Andrew Inc.	Revised 2020	Nov 9/20	2020	2020	2018	2015	-	2020	2020
NB	Camp Ta-Wa-Si Inc.	Revised 2019	Oct 30/19	2021	2020	2020	-	2020	-	2021
NB	Camp Wegesegum	2001	-	2018	2020	2018	-	2018	2020	2020
NB	Carleton Kirk Complex	1992	-	2021	2020	2020	-	2020	-	2020
NB	Centenary-Queen Square Care Centres Inc.	1989	-	2019	2018	2018	-	2018	2020	2018
NB	Financial Services of the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada	1992	-	2021	2019	2020	2020	-	2020	2020
NB	Home Mission Council Saint John	Revised 2019	Oct 30/19	2021	2020	2020	2020	-	2020	2020
NB	Ken Val United Church Suites	Revised 2019	Oct 30/19	2021	2020	2019	2019	-	2020	2020
NB	Mount Allison University	1994	Oct 30/19	2017	2016	2020	-	-	-	2020
NB	Newport Village	Revised 2019	Oct 30/19	2021	2020	2020	2020	-	-	2020
NB	Ossekeag Place, Hampton	2011	-	2020	2019	2019	2018	-	16/11/ 2020	2021
NB	Prince Place (Miramichi) Inc.	approved March 30, 2021	-	2021	2020	2020	2021	-	2021	2020
NB	United Church Home For Senior Citizens – Drew	Revised 2018	18-12- 20	2021	2020	2020	2020	2020	-	2020
PE	Camp Abegweit Organization	Revised March 27, 2021	20-Apr- 21	2020	2020		-	2019	2020	2020
PE	Church Extension Board - PEI Presbytery	Revised 2019	Oct 30/19	2020	2020	2019	2016	-	13/05/ 2019	2020

**List of Incorporated Ministries Directory****Abbey St. Andrew Inc.**

Carl Trickey  
Katelin Dean  
Lynne Breen  
Wayne Harrison

May Matheson-Thomas  
Rose Gauvin  
Faith March-MacCuish - ex officio

**Camp Ta-Wa-Si Inc.**

Lynne Wells  
Charlotte Youland

Reg Deroche  
Carolyn Garland

Kourtney Logan  
Ruth Mitton  
Alice Dupuis

Sarah Rouse  
Stanley Dixon

### **Camp Wegesegum**

Chelsie Rae  
Matt Vandenborre  
Rev. Marilyn McCormick  
Stephanie Maxwell  
Rev. Gerald Burke  
Rev. Yvette Swan  
Heather Donnally

Lori Perley  
Kristina Bonnar  
Lauren Vandenborre  
Mark Smith  
Steve Rae  
Rev. Faith March-MacCuish ex officio

### **Carleton Kirk Complex**

Donald Scott  
Eileen Boyd  
Ian Wilson  
Nancy Hamilton  
Alyson Harrity  
Ricard Sabin

Paul Hooper  
Gail Rhyno  
Shirley Martin  
1 vacant seat  
  
George Burchill (non voting)

### **Centenary-Queen Square Care Centres Inc. (CRA website)**

Christopher L. Bourdreau  
Deborah Tremblay  
Amanda Van Malsen  
Cynthia Joudrey

Megan Baines  
Madeline Meadows  
Molly Marshall  
David M McCready

### **Financial Services of the Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada**

Paul Wood  
Rev. Heather Manuel  
Maxine Smith  
Terry Mathews  
David Morison  
Rev. Kevin Dingwell  
Richard Boulter  
Rev. Douglas Cosman

Jack Logan  
Alex MacClure  
Rev. David Maclean  
Rev. Kenley MacNeill  
Rev. Tom Woods  
Lloyd Penney  
Kimberley Douglass

### **Home Mission Council Saint John**

David Farnham  
Marilyn Campbell  
Joanne McLaughlin

Robert Lynch  
Lloyd Keirstead  
Tom Bayne

Linda Watson  
Bill Kearns  
Corinne Carpenter  
Richard Fullerton  
Ian Wilson  
Terre Hunter  
Lois McAleer

Robert Crowley  
Betteanne Chatterton  
John Maguire  
Margaret Cobham-Mollins  
Gregg Holder  
Shirley Adair

**Ken Val United Church Suites**

Mary Crowley  
Lisa Dunnet  
Yves Lapointe  
Rev. David Cleveland  
Hally Kimball  
Dirk Larooi  
Scott McKinnon

Walls, Alicia, DLM  
Harold McKinnon  
Debbie Ogden  
Raeburn, Cheryl  
Rev. John Fraser  
Trecartin, Sheree  
Whittaker, Bill  
MacCuish, Rev. Faith March - ex  
officio

**Mount Allison University**

Gita Anand  
Dr. Jean-Paul Boudreau  
Sarah Crawford  
George Cooper (Chair)  
Jane Craighead (Vice Chair)  
Mark Fraser  
Brent Hawkes  
Paul Henry  
Cheryl Hodder  
Vett Lloyd  
Lynn Loewen, Chancellor  
Brian MacLeod

Susan McIsaac  
Daniel Nowlan  
Jonathan Ferguson  
Jill Rafuse  
Doreen Richard  
Odette Snow  
K. Brent Spencer  
Phil Tibbo  
Brandon Blakney  
Andrew Wilson  
J. Peter Winters  
Lisa Yarmoshuk

**Newport Village**

Ian Stead  
Frances Meehan  
Jean Pond  
Sandra Winchester

Thomas Baduik  
William Vail  
Carolyn Vail  
Rev. Sally Budge

**Ossekeag Place, Hampton**

David Tweedie  
Blanche Jones

Barb Gates  
Todd Beach

Rev. Kelly Hudson-Lewis  
 Bill Wallace  
 Darrell Kilpatrick

Patti Hebb  
 Lloyd McKinley

**Prince Place (Miramichi) Inc.**

Delbert Matchett  
 Nancy Donald  
 Linda Treadwell  
 Earle Howe  
 Penne Buckley

Stan Knowles  
 Corey Shaddick  
 Gordon Russell  
 Grant Russell  
 Hal Raper (other officer of  
 Corporation)

**United Church Home For Senior Citizens (Drew Nursing Home)**

Faye Cameron  
 Frank Chisholm  
 Diane Fullerton  
 Allan Groundwater  
 Dominique Gordon-Phelan  
 Glenna Lightfoot

Michael Knox  
 Barb MacIntosh  
 Mona Meldrum  
 Ron Sutherland  
 Wayne Trail

**Camp Abegweit Organization**

Sharon Howatt  
 Pix Butt  
 Larry Hale  
 Linda Durdle  
 Jillan Avender  
 Gary Paynter  
 Ben Grady

Heather Walker  
 Blythe Martin  
 Elizabeth Wall  
 Jillian White  
 Catherine Dickson  
 Alex Corbett (non voting)  
 Wendy Wright (non voting)

**Church Extension Board - PEI Presbytery**

Barbara Prowse  
 Elaine Palmer Harding  
 Joan Linkletter

Ernie Stavert  
 Colin Younker  
 Gordon Vessey

**Incorporated Ministries Reports to the Region**

**Mount Allison University Board of Regents**

Major development of the last year has been Covid and its impact on the university. Significant impact on attendance by international students, however the enrollment numbers have remained very encouraging. And the fears that I mentioned in my last report have proven unfounded.

Compared to other similar universities, enrollment at Mount Allison University has remained very strong during Covid. While enrollment has been encouraging, the extra cost brought on by Covid means that the university has had to run a deficit which is very unusual for Mount Allison. The university has taken numerous steps to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff and has worked in close partnership with the town of Sackville. The university has gone through a process of re-examining its sexual violence prevention policies and procedures. I'm very proud of how the university has approached this with transparency and in a very comprehensive way. In the future, universities will look at Mount Allison as an example of how to handle this in a more beneficial way. Even during Covid, the university has introduced a variety of new programs which speaks to the vitality and relevance of the university. They have made some very exciting appointments to senior staff and are in the process of hiring a number of other senior level staff. The work of the Board of Regents has been impacted because we have not been able to travel to meet face-to-face but we've done our best with virtual meetings. I serve on the following Board subcommittees: Student Affairs, Academic Affairs and Audit. After many years of service, the university Chaplain, Rev. John Perkin, left to pursue pastoral opportunities in Ottawa and the university is undergoing a review of this position. In situations like this it is not uncommon for a review to happen before a position is filled. The faculty have been outstanding in adjusting to providing courses both in person and online, and the strength of the Mount Allison community has been really evident during Covid.

Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes, C.M.

### **JUSTICE, MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

This committee is made up of members from both the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council and Regional Council 15. We have a number of working groups and networks. These include the following: The Ecological Justice Working Group, the Racial Justice Network, the Just Peace in Palestine Working Group, the Refugees Working Group, and the Access to Justice Working Group.

#### Highlights of the Ecological Justice Working Group

- Hosted a Summer 2020 online book study on *Climate Church, Climate World*, by Jim Antal.
- Supports "Faithful Footprints", an energy-saving project housed in Nova Scotia with the Ecology Action Centre.
- Hosts "For the Love of Creation", faithful climate conversations for local churches.
- Opposes the development of Small Modular Nuclear Reactors.
- Organized a writing campaign stating that the federal government Ombudsperson for Mining Justice should have more investigative powers.
- Elisabeth Bechem is replacing Kathryn Anderson as co-chair of this working group. Emma Seamone is leaving the region, and will be moving to Carberry, Manitoba as a newly ordained minister.

#### Highlights of the Racial Justice Network

- Hosted a book study in July on *White Fragility*, by Robin DiAngelo.
- Advocated for Indigenous fishing rights.
- Asked each of the two regional councils to do work to become more aware of racial justice issues.

Highlights of the Just Peace in Palestine Working Group

- Called on the Government of Canada to establish a Special Envoy to promote, monitor and report on the human rights situation of Palestinian children living in the Palestinian Territory and Gaza. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Marc Garneau, responded, saying that Canada encourages Israel and the Palestinian Authority to fully respect international humanitarian and human rights law. There was concern from the working group that this statement does not relate in a direct way to the daily, extreme abuses of the Palestinian children's human rights.
- Continues to work on templates for a letter writing campaign.
- Offered the opportunity to tune in virtually to the Holy Saturday service in Palestine.

Justice, Mission & Outreach Committee

- Every Tuesday at 12 noon Atlantic, Palestinian Christians host a Zoom webinar focused on a different issue each week.

Highlights of the Refugees Working Group

- Two families were settled. There is a backlog of applications. More refugees are expected to come into the area in the months ahead.

The Access to Justice Working Group continues to work on issues affecting people who need access to a lawyer.

Submitted by  
Kent Gibbons, Chair

## **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Nominations Committee has met monthly throughout the year in order to maintain the Committees at full membership. It is a great testament to faithful servant leadership that close to 75 members have made the commitment to serve the Region on a committee. I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to each person.

I would also like to thank the members of the Nominations Committee for their dedication to the important task of calling out the many gifts in our Region and discerning a good match for the vacancies as they arise. There is an explicit intent to represent the diversity and geography of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region in each appointment.

Members of the Committee are: Pix Butt, Susan Estabrooks, Rose-Hannah Gaskin, Jane Johnson, Blair Lewis, Faith March-MacCuish, Wayne Trail, Ron Vincent.

Every member of the Nominations Committee is more than happy to discuss with you, at any time, ways and places in which you can serve this Region of our church.

We acknowledge and celebrate the strong work of God's Holy Spirit in all our work. Thanks be to God!

In Shared Ministry,  
Rose-Hannah Gaskin, Chairperson

## **Nominations List for Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters AGM 2021**

### **Annual Meeting Planning Committee (7)**

Vacant, Chair

Alicia Walls, Secretary

Kyle Grant

Andrea Rogers

Sheila Gallant, President

Audrey Lounder, Past-President

Vacant, President-Elect

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### **Affirm Committee (6)**

Elizabeth Stevenson, Chair (2022)

Jane Johnson (2023)

Tony Burnett (2022)

Pix Butt (2023)

Vacant

Vacant

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### **Archives & Records (7)**

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John Wilson, Secretary (2023)

Sharon Moyse (2022)

Rhianna Edwards (no term\*)

Timothy Howatt (2023)

Katherine Dewar (2024)

Vacant

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### **Faith and Education Formation (9)**

Cindy Ramsay, Chair (2023)

Michelle Armstrong, Secretary (2022)

Heather Donnelly (2023)

Alice Szemok (2022)

Alicia Walls (2023)

Neil Palmer (2023)

Dennis Livingstone (2024)

Vacant

Vacant

Chair/Designate of IAC and YF

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### **Financial and Mission Services (6)**

Nathan Wright, Chair (2023)

Bob Fisher, Secretary (2022)

Richard Boulter (2022)

David Allan (2023)

Kimberley Douglass (2024) 2<sup>nd</sup> term

Ron Naugler (2024)

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Bob Budge (2025, 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	realbazaar@gmail.com
Bill Peters (2024, 1 +1 year)	bpeters1150@gmail.com

**Mission, Justice and Outreach (7)**

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Jim Wicks, Secretary (2024) 2 <sup>nd</sup>	mjwicks@eastlink.ca
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Barbara Cairns (2024)	barbarajcairns@gmail.com

**Nominations Committee (8)**

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Vacant	

**Pastoral Relations (8)**

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Aaron Billard (2024)	sjucrev@gmail.com
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**PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

*“So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.” (Galatians 6:10)*

Your pastoral relations committee does indeed seek to work for the good of all faith communities and ministry personnel within the bounds of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters. The ministry in which we are engaged continues to be wide ranging, sometimes challenging, always necessary.

In order to seize the opportunity of gathering electronically we meet monthly, usually the second Tuesday, via ZOOM. We have gathered on several separate occasions to address what we see as more long-range matters. We have utilized email polls as outlined in The Manual in order to address emergent issues between meetings.

Much of the work of our committee is in partnership with a core of liaisons who are willing to be our boots on the ground within faith communities seeking assistance. Our deepest thanks to those folk. It is apparent that the efficacy of our work relies on those trained in the position of liaison to work with a faith community. One 2020 offering for training has been facilitated on Zoom and we anticipate another session in the fall. Please give prayerful consideration to taking the training.

The pandemic has created ongoing stress for leadership- both ministry personnel and lay. Additional time has been devoted to the support of ministry personnel who are finding the challenges of electronic pastoral care to be heavy.

**REVISION OF MANDATE:**

The committee reviewed and reworked its mandate. The new version will be posted on the website.

Part of the revision involves clarifying the role of pastoral relations in the request to sell or rent a manse. As the existence of a manse has an impact upon the pastoral relationship, the first step for a community of faith considering the sale or leasing of a manse is to speak with the pastoral relations committee. Ongoing conversation is taking place with the Property Committee around communications.

**CALLS/APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:**

At the time of writing the following numbers give a glimpse of ministry within the bounds of our region:

We now have 113 active Pastoral Charges  
56 charges are served by full time ministry  
62 charges are served by part time ministry  
59 ministry personnel have been called by charges  
33 are under appointment

Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters currently has 21 open part-time and full-time ministry positions.

These numbers raise concern around the need for communities of faith to be in conversation and discernment with their neighbours around reviewing ministry needs and considering some form of partnering.

**LISTING FOR PULPIT SUPPLY:**

A listing of those ministry personnel available for pulpit supply is now posted on the website.

**Licensed Lay Worship Leaders:**

The coordination of the LLWL participants is now under a sub-committee chaired by Brian DeLong. The committee meets with the full pastoral relations committee upon request and their recommendations are received by the PR Committee and shared with the Executive. An effort to review the possibility of partnering with the Tatamagouche Centre on a learning program is ongoing at the time of writing.

**FORWARD PLANNING:****UNITED FRESH START**

This program which was to be shared with Region 15 to develop and engage in United Fresh Start, a program designed to encourage an intentional approach to ministry within new covenantal relationships has been on hiatus during the pandemic.

**FAITH COMMUNITY SELF ASSESSMENT**

A self-assessment process which would address the direction in The Manual (Section G.1.2.2 Regular Self-Assessments) which requires faith communities to conduct and file a self- assessment

with the regional council. This first portion will address the fiduciary side of being a pastoral charge: are the policies and procedures of The United Church being followed. A test group of four faith communities have participated in the initial process. In the fall of 2021 a region wide invitation will be forwarded.

#### **HEALTH, JOY AND EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY:**

This statement appears in the mandate of the committee and in The Manual. We have joined with our colleagues in Regions 15 and 16 to offer a program in partnership with The Prayer Bench and Janice MacLean: The Soul of the Preacher. Our partnership has enabled an offer of 25% off the registration.

In addition, we have requested input from you regarding ideas as to how 'health, joy and excellence in ministry'. A broader request will be forwarded via email.

#### **PANDEMIC PLANNING:**

This has been an incredibly trying time. Faith communities and ministry personnel have been stretched to find ways to offer ministry in the midst of great uncertainty. The pressure of re-defining ministry has taken a heavy toll on leaders in faith communities, on financial realities, on the connectedness of the church.

#### **GRATITUDE:**

Our thanks to the members of the region who have supported us through this past year. Our thanks to those who have served as liaison under Covid restrictions. Our thanks to those faith communities who have been patient as the issues with Church Hub have been sorted through.

#### **REGIONAL COUNCIL MINISTER**

Our committee wishes to express our thanks to the Regional Council Minister, Kendall Harrison. The on-going ministry he provides has been made more difficult because of the restrictions and realities of the pandemic. As we have acknowledged so very often, Kendall's work is never dull! Our thanks for ministry shared.

I will be stepping down as chair at the rise of the annual meeting. Hugh Ellis (who stepped in as secretary near the end of 2020) will move into the chair. Let me express my thanks to the members of the committee: Aaron Billard, Kelly Burke, Hugh Ellis, Marion Green, Kate Jones, Heather MacDougall, Barbara Prowse. Through it all you have sought to *"...work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith."*

Blessings be,  
Catherine Gaw  
Chair

**Community of Faith Ministry List**

As of May 18, 2021

<b>Pastoral Charge</b>	<b>Ministry Personnel (Called)</b>
<b>PEI</b>	
Spring Park	Darin MacKinnon
West River	Barbara Cairns
Margate	Pix Butt
Central Queens	Greg Davies
Bedeque North	Christine Schulze
Bedeque	Call effective July1, 2021
Kensington	Robert McCarthy
Winsloe	J D Kennedy
O'Leary-West Cape	Bethe Benjamin Cameron
Park Royal	David Campbell
Montague	Bonnie Fraser
Mount Stewart- Morrell- St Peter's Bay	T. Kevin Dingwell
Bideford	Tara Ann Gourson
Vernon Bridge	Karen MacNeil
York-Covehead	David Atwood
Trinity Summerside	Rachel Campbell
<b>Moncton Area</b>	
Mountain View	Debra Baker
Mount Royal	Scott Stuart
Sackville	Lloyd Bruce
Rexton - McKee's Mills	Claudia Keller
Central	Jim MacDonald
St Paul's Riverview (2 MP)	Steve Berube; Andrew O'Neill
St John's	Aaron Billard
Visions	Shawn Redden
Bridgedale	Janice MacLean
Hillsborough	Peggy (Margaret) Reid
<b>Miramichi</b>	
Loggieville/Black River	David Allan
Dalhousie-New Mills	Kent Gibbons
Chatham	Charlene Maguire MacKnight
Red Bank	Geza Szemok

New Bandon	Susan White
Bathurst: First	Neal Palmer
Campbellton (Presb SM)	Glen Sampson (Presbyterian)
Newcastle	Alice Szemok
<b>Woolastook</b>	
Edmunston (Anglican SM)	Fran Bedell (Anglican)
Hartland-Jacksonville	Michael Goodfellow
Faith Memorial	Susan Eastabrooks
Canterbury - Richmond	Greg Williams
Prince William	Alice Finnamore
St Paul's Fredericton (2MP)	Michelle Armstrong
Forest Hill	Deborah Ambridge Fisher
Nashwaaksis	Nathan Wright
Nashwaak	Vacant
Doaktown-Boiestown	Brian Curtis
New Maryland	Kelly Burke
Oromocto	Lori Sheffield Bowles
Gagetown and Minto (Grand Lake)	Jane Johnson
Gibson Memorial	Vacant
Keswick Ridge	David Luker
Harvey Station	Christine Johnson
St James, Woodstock	Adekundle Benjamin Adeniyi
<b>St Croix and Saint John</b>	
St Paul's Sussex	Jennifer Brown
Hampton	Kelly Hudson Lewis
Quispamsis	Richard Bowley
Portland	Sally Budge
St Mark's	John Roy
Two Rivers	Kate Jones
Welsford	Susan Gamblin
Lorneville (Presb SM)	Erik Kraglund
Wesley-St James (St Andrew's)	Call effective July 1, 2021
Carleton-Kirk (Saint John)	Call effective Sept 1, 2021
<b>Pastoral Charge</b>	<b>Ministry Personnel (Appointment)</b>
South Shore	Beth Brehaut

Wellington	Ches Boutilier
Kings United	Catherine Ann Dickson (Student)
St David's Georgetown	Joy Noble
Alberton-Elmsdale	Bob Lockhart (new Call August 1, 2021)
Park Royal	Keith MacPherson
Trinity - Clifton	Arthur Davies
Memorial United	Debbie Aitken
Cavendish-Breadalbane	Wally Ellis (DLM)
Port Elgin- Baie Verte Tidnish Bridge	Carolyn Rushton
Bayfield-Little Shemogue	Catherine Smith (US)
Harrisville	Charlotte Youland
Petitcodiac-Salisbury	Stephen Brown (US)
Jolicure	Wayne Jarvis
Shediac	Sim Rushton (DLM)
Tabusintac	Jean Herman (US)
New Richmond - New Carlisle	Transition
Stanley and Kingsley-Birdton	Christopher Walker (Student)
Wilmot (2nd MP)	Peter Short
Wilmot (2nd MP)	Ellen Beairsto
St Andrew's Kirk	John Fraser
Harmony	Elizabeth Stevenson
Harmony	Ian Manson
Silver Falls	Audrey Lounder
Newton-Waterford	Christina Hague DLM
Millstream	Pam Reidpath
St David's Rothesay	Alicia Walls (Diaconal Student)
McAdam-Bocabec (and others)	Emma Seamone (SS)
Kirk-McColl (St Stephen)	Brett Anningson (US)
Blackville	Holly Hagerman
Pastoral Charges(Other)	
St Martin's	Suspended Search for Covid
Andrew Donald	CDM Relationship with Hampton
Church of St Andrew and St David	Supply
Centreville	Process of Amalgamation
Derby/Millerton	Disbanded
Sheffield	Supply
Chipman	Supply

Apohaqui-Norton-King's Kirk	Supply
Plaster Rock - Grand Falls	Supply
Andover-Kincardine	Supply
Restigouche	In Search
Marysville-Penniac	Reorganizing
Gaspé Cap-aux-Os	Supply
Lake View	
Lawrence Station	Supply
Upsalquitch	Supplied by Restigouche
Miscou	Occasional Services
Alma - Albert	

### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Members: Brett Anningson, Karen MacNeill, JD Kennedy, Jim Postlethwaite, Robert Christie, Scott Stuart, Delena Powell, Faith March-MacCuish, Mark Glass

Purpose: “The Property Committee is responsible for receiving, reviewing and deciding all property requests from communities of faith, and incorporated bodies of the United Church of Canada within its bounds and in consultation with the Executive Minister decides all property matters before it.”

Rev. Brett Anningson chaired the Committee during 2020. Brett stepped down as Chair in December but has remained on the Committee and was replaced by Mark Glass as Chair for 2021. Thank-you, Brett, for your contributions of the last year.

The Committee was very active in 2020 processing 30 requests for property approvals. In addition, the Committee has spent considerable time reviewing our processes and has made a number of recommendations to streamline our requirements for congregations in order to improve clarity and reduce the complexity of submissions.

Summary of activity- The Committee met 12 times and approved the following property activities:

Loans-7

Grants-4

Renovations-5

Church Sales-9 totaling \$696,800

Manse Sales-3 totaling \$445,000

Closure-1

Other-1

Monies raised by property sales are shared with the Pastoral Charge and a portion is redistributed throughout the region to support new ministry initiatives and archives.

Respectfully submitted,  
M.Glass, Chair (March 2021)

## ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Annual Meeting Planning Committee (AMPC) 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.”*

Sheila Gallant  
Acting Chair, AMPC  
Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council

## TRI-REGION STAFF SUPPORT COMMITTEE

It seems to that the last year and a half seems to have morphed into one big segment of time that straddles the end of 2019 to the present day. This accountability report is supposed to cover the calendar year 2020 but we realize now that in the Fall of 2020, when we were supposed to report on 2019 as that meeting was our postponed annual meeting, we included much of what had happened in 2020 as well. So, for those keen readers who might feel as if they have read some of this information before, you may very well have. The following is our report for the calendar year 2020.

We continue to live into our new reality as regions and the shared work we are about as the three Atlantic Canadian (and Bermuda) Regions of the United Church of Canada. The Tri-Region

Staffing Committee continues to work through understanding its role and especially feel the growing pains as we continue to try and determine what our role is and what the expectation is for the work we are called to do. There were four committee meetings held in 2020.

The Memorandum of Understanding signed by all three of our Regions was updated and approved by all three regions in the Winter of 2020. The Staff Committee will recommend updates and changes, as needed, to the Executive. The changes for 2020 were made to include the new staff person for Children, Youth and Young Adults and an update to the language for the cell phone use as a reimbursement of expenses for a percentage of the cost of cell phone up to \$65.00 per month, rather than cell phone allowance.

As stated in the Terms of Reference, this committee's responsibility is to:

- Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of this model, including how the cost-sharing arrangements are working and help to identify improvements in this arrangement from time to time
- Share experiences and insights about transitional work, including the possibility of any other shared projects.
- Provide support for all staff employed by the Regions and work with the Executive Minister in regards to working conditions and responsibilities.

Much of our time together as a committee has been spent in reviewing the Memorandum of Understanding and Terms of Reference and discerning our role. We struggle as a committee to clearly define our role. Some interpret it as being a resource, simply being a bridge between the staff and the regions as we interpret the system for staff and report back to the regions as to whether the staffing model we have is effective. Others of the committee see our Staff Committee role as more one of support to staff and even to advocate for them and in no way meant to act in a supervisory or bureaucratic role.

The direct supervision of staff is the responsibility of our Executive Minister, who herself is supervised by the UCC's General Secretary. We do act as a sounding board and place of consult for the Executive Minister as she keeps us apprised of her oversight of staff but staff issues remain the purview of the staff members' immediate supervisor. When we met with the staff, they helped us, as a committee, to see that they do not expect us to be a place of pastoral care for them but that our offering of support in a more general sense would be welcome. So, we have come to understand that our primary role is supporting the Executive Minister in her role.

We attempt to meet with all staff annually via technology. Just to be able to put a face and voice to a name and to be able to be present to one another helps us, as a committee, feel our way into what is expected of our role. Each staff person is given the opportunity to speak about their role as well as the benefits and challenges they have encountered as they live into their new roles in this new system. As we continue to find our way into this new system as church, not having committee positions fully filled with volunteers means an extra burden for staff and we ask all church people in our regions to prayerfully discern where they might offer their gifts in serving in roles that are not filled. The new technologies and work commitments also means that we try to be clear in offering support to our staff. Especially now through this time of pandemic where they were working from home for much of 2020 and then shifting back to in-office and facing especially

trying times as they figure out roles and responsibilities, we are thankful for the ministries all of the staff carry out for and with us. We also had one staff member in the Sackville office on maternity leave, which ended in June of 2020.

We were pleased to welcome Rev. Catherine Stuart to the Children, Youth and Young Adult Minister position, who began work mid-Winter 2020. As a result of her entering the hiring process, Rev. Scott Stuart, her husband, who represented Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters on this committee, stepped aside and we are pleased to welcome Rev. Debbie Aitken as his replacement on this committee. We also thank Rev. Paul Vardy for his time spent as one of the members from First Dawn Eastern Edge Region as we now welcome Mr. James Evans to membership from FDEE.

Instead of naming a permanent secretary for this committee, we decided amongst ourselves that the three members who are responsible for reporting back to their regions, and thereby sit on those executives, would rotate quarterly the responsibility of note-taking, producing minutes of our committee meetings and writing the Executive reports for each of the regions.

As we continue to live into our role on this committee, we consider the possibility of having committee members paired up with individual staff as a check-in and support. We sent cards of support to our staff in Spring 2020 in light of the difficulties of and new realities Covid-19 had placed on them, as well as the tragedies experienced in and by the people of Nova Scotia especially. A meaningful virtual Christmas celebration with staff was held in December, with thanks to Reverend Faith. Boxes were mailed or delivered to each staff person. A Zoom party was organized where games were played, snacks enjoyed and boxes opened. Gift certificates to local restaurants were included in the gift boxes.

We are so very blessed with all of the staff who serve us so faithfully in our three Atlantic Regions. Especially through this pandemic time, they have continued to do their work virtually and in very different and creative ways. The Zoom platform is being used, creatively, by staff to connect to people in the Regions, but in some pastoral relations work where it was deemed necessary, staff have met face-to-face, following all public health guidelines. We especially thank Catherine who has lived into her new role completely virtually and has managed to acquaint herself with those she serves and has been a great resource virtually. We ask that you hold them all in your prayers as they serve Christ's church in their roles and support them in whatever capacity you are able, including offering yourselves to serve on committees so that the workload is shared and our staff do not have to carry the function of our system on their own.

Faith also reported about her work as part of the leadership team of the national church. The new General Secretary Michael Blair has now introduced the opportunity for the Executive Ministers to meet one-on-one with him, as opposed to as a group, and this seems to be a positive change as unique concerns to the Regions she serves can then be discussed directly with him.

It was discussed how the pandemic and its various restrictions has been hard on many congregations. There is a sense of anxiety/angst amongst some clergy about entering the second year of not meeting in-person, and what this may potentially mean in terms of attendance when

congregations will once again be able to gather in person. Faith was applauded by committee members for her timely diligent support to the Regions on these matters.

The Tri-Regional Staff Support Committee annual budget is \$1,500 per year with that shared between the 3 regions at \$500 each.

We pray that God will continue to guide our work and help us to be of the best service we can possibly be.

Faithfully Submitted by the Tri-Region Staff Support Committee

Rev. Lesley Hamilton, Region 15 Reporting Member

Rev. Derek Ellsworth, Region 15

Rev. Paula Gale, First Dawn Eastern Edge Region Reporting Member

Mr. James Evans, First Dawn Eastern Edge Region

Ms Martha Vickers, Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Reporting Member

Rev. Debbie Aitken, Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters

Rev. Faith March-MacCuish, Tri-Region Executive Minister

### **OTHER REPORTS**

#### **Atlantic School of Theology**

As it did for every other organization under the sun, 2020-21 brought many challenges for Atlantic School of Theology. The shift to online-only learning in our summer, fall, and winter terms required us to stretch and grow our technological and pedagogical muscles. Our students also worked with great faith and diligence to adapt. It was especially difficult for those with pastoral charge and family responsibilities, or with healthy challenge. We're very proud of them and grateful for them. We all did our best to support one another and to keep in touch. Nothing about "ALL THIS" has been easy! Yet we persevere, in the hope that our attention to and cooperation with God's leading will help us to make good decisions and to continue to serve faithfully.



AST's total enrolment was down slightly, to about 180 students, but the total number of courses taken by those students was up. We decided to wind down our Diploma in Youth Ministry program due to a lack of demand, but we are about to launch our new Diploma in Missional Leadership. The first cohort of this part-time program will begin in June and travel together as learners for two years. Warm thanks to the General Council Office and the United Church Foundation for their support and partnership in this new initiative.

After 12 years of exemplary teaching, research, and leadership, Rev. Dr. Susan Willhauck has decided to retire at the end of June. We shall miss her very much! She has been a very inspiring and encouraging professor and colleague. In July, we will welcome Drs. Susan MacAlpine-Gillis,

Andrew O'Neill, and Evangeline Kozitza Dean into tenure-track faculty positions. We're excited about what each of them will bring (and continue to bring) to AST's mission of learning and faith.

With lockdowns and limited movement the norm in so many places, we offered several series of online Continuing Education programming, including "Field Notes" and "Decolonizing Theology." As the summer term approaches, we will once again have all our courses online. Several of them are available to lifelong learners, including "Transitional Ministry Skills," "Mysticism and Monasticism in Context," "Evangelism Rediscovered," "Dying, Death, and Bereavement," and more. We would be delighted to welcome you to these online programs in June and July of this year. Similarly, we invite you to discover our emerging Leadership Learning Initiative and its promising array of programming.

It is an honour to share the work of theological education with the many supervisors and lay support teams who work with our students across Canada and beyond. As one of the theological schools of The United Church of Canada, we remain committed to sharing in mission with all the congregations, regions, and the General Council. Thank you for your support and friendship.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Dr. Rob Fennell  
Academic Dean  
[www.astheology.ns.ca](http://www.astheology.ns.ca)

### **Atlantic School of Theology Senate**

Atlantic School of Theology is governed through a two-chamber system: a Board of Governors responsible for the overall life of the School, and a Senate responsible for internal discipline and the academic integrity of the School's programs.

The chief role of the Senate is the development and implementation of programs in theological education. These include programmes which prepare persons for entering the ordination stream, as well as other ministries in the church. In addition, programming is provided for those persons interested in expanding their awareness of theological disciplines for personal growth and development rather than for specific ministry.

The Senate also oversees continuing education options made available at or through the School. Senate membership is broadly representative. This consists of all full-time faculty members, one sessional faculty representative, two alumni representatives, one representative of each of the founding churches, three student representatives, the Library Director, the Academic Dean (Secretary of Senate), and the President (Chair of Senate).

~ All academic programs are currently fully online. The Library is open, and staff are working on campus or rotating between on-campus and remote work. As many theological schools have developed online programmes, the Director of the Summer Distance program continues to evaluate how AST can continue to remain at the front of the pack and maintain its leadership role in distance learning.

~ The Diploma in Youth Ministry program has been discontinued, but AST is looking into continuing education programs for which credit could be earned toward a non-accredited certificate in ministry with children, youth, and families.

~ A grant has been secured from the Association of Theological Schools, funded by the Lilly Endowment, to carry out strategic planning. Future phases of the grant program offer substantial funding for projects and collaborative initiatives focused on the sustainability of theological education.

~ Dr. David Csinos has been granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor.

~ Dr. Daniel Driver has been granted tenure and promoted to Full Professor.

~ Drs. Evangeline Kozitza-Dean, Susan MacAlpine-Gillis, and Andrew O'Neill will over the next months be taking up tenure-track faculty positions.

~Convocation will be an online event, and will feature a video production which has been prepared in advance and which will stream on May 8, 2021. I give thanks that, despite the ongoing pandemic, such threshold moments as graduation are continuing to be marked in new and creative ways!

Grace and peace,  
Rev. Dr. Kelly Burke

### **Centre for Christian Studies - 2020** **A Year of Imagining Everything Differently**

**Pandemic** - The pandemic (re)shaped everything in 2020...

#### **Spring - onset**

With the pandemic onset in Canada, within days we went from wondering whether our plans would be impacted to making the decision to move all circles and events online. Our staff began working from home as cities shut down. It was a time of enormous uncertainty. Students and staff plunged into online life. Our spring learning circles were creatively and quickly adapted for online gathering. Our Banquet and Annual Service of Celebration in person events were cancelled, and graduation instead marked with a Virtual Tea.

#### **Summer – space to breathe**

Online learning continued with the Relationship learning circle. Our Learning on Purpose circle was cancelled; and new students were invited to participate in a LOP-Lite orientation program. Woodsworth House re-opened to staff.

#### **Fall – second wave**

Staff continued to flex working from home or at the school. Our learning circles continued to be online, including: Integration Year, Ministry as Listening, Eco-Justice, Ministering by Word and Example. Some students proceeded with field placements, while others focused on external courses, which were widely available online.

**Progress** – Sometimes just pressing on felt like progress, but we did more...

#### **Education**

We continued to innovate online pedagogy. In April we held a series of pandemic responsive workshops on topics such as Online Annual Meetings and Trauma Informed Pastoral Care. We held 10 Learning Circles online, including three new one circles: Power and Privilege Circle, Eco-Theology Circle and Ministering by Word and Example Circle. We continued with free-of-charge public workshops with our CCS Fridays series, exploring topics including Queer Biblical



Interpretation, Apocalypticism and (the still popular) Online Annual Meetings. Members of our learning community presented and participated at conferences including the Christian Left Conference (Emmanuel College), Competency Based Theological Education Conference (Competency Based Education Network) and Liberating Our Bodies: Sexual Politics, Queer Resistance and Religious Alliance Today (Jakarta Theological Seminary).

### **Justice**

2020 started with Indigenous blockades of rail lines that brought an early silence Winnipeg from absent railcars. A deeper silence accompanied the first months of the pandemic, along with stark truths about who was vulnerable in our society. The silence was broken in the summer by Black Lives Matter protests raging against George Floyd's murder. CCS renews our affirmation that Black Lives Matter, our commitment to right relationship with Indigenous Peoples and stands against anti-Asian racism and violence.

### **Transformation**

In the midst of change, challenge and response, we learned more about the resilience of field based education – students have continued to learn with local committee and in local context, including field education. Our networks of connection were strong and flexible enough to hold us together through isolation. We found this to be true for our staff team as well – practices of connection with out-of-province staff proved invaluable when everyone was dispersed and isolated at home.

Our new social media partnership with Strategic Charm has refreshed our online presence, connecting us with old friends and reaching new folks.

One of our actions arising from our commitment to #BlackLivesMatter has been revising assigned reading lists with an anti-racist, decolonial lens. We are more stringently assessing the whiteness of our assigned authors, and making changes, circle by circle.

**Planning** - while trying to plan for the future in 2020 often felt like gazing into a foggy crystal ball, some things became crystal clear...

### **Recruitment**

Theological schools can no longer rely on a steady intake of students being identified and encouraged through denominational processes of call and discernment. We will be moving forward with hiring a part time Recruitment Coordinator in 2021 to connect with potential diploma, certificate and continuing education learners.

### **Sustainability**

A longterm future for the Centre must include financial sustainability. Denomination funding is decreasing. CCS donors remain committed to diaconal education, and blessed us with extraordinary generosity in 2020. Our investment in Development education resulted in large fundraising increases.

### **Partners**

We are blessed with collaborative, generative partners, including:

- Anglican and United Churches
- Diakonia of the United Church of Canada
- Anglican Deacons
- Diakonia of the Americas and Caribbean

Diaconal Mentors, Field Placements, Learning Facilitators, Local Committee members,  
Council and Committee volunteers  
St Andrew's College  
St Stephen's College  
Sandy Saulteaux Spiritual Centre  
Strategic Charm (social media managers)

**Our Year Book, Financial Statements and Annual Report may be found at:**

<http://ccsonline.ca/event/ccs-annual-general-meeting-2021/>



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Dear Friends,

I pray for God's blessings on your regional meeting and bring greetings from Emmanuel College. As the end of my term as Principal approaches, I write to share some exciting developments at the College.

**The COVID-19 pandemic has handed us the unexpected opportunity to dive head-first into online teaching and learning.** We are currently discerning a distance model for the Master of Divinity (MDiv) program, which may interest candidates in your region, for whom moving to Toronto would have been an obstacle. Students starting the program this fall can expect access to online courses, with opportunities for community and spiritual life both online and in person. Our John W. Billes Grant affords 100% tuition support for United Church of Canada members enrolled full-time in the MDiv and engaged with the candidacy pathway process. We also offer ample bursary support, which has been bolstered during the pandemic by Annual Fund gifts from generous alumni donors.

**Emmanuel College recruits and educates leaders to be attuned to the changing context and mission of the church in Canada.** We have broadened ways that courses, continuing education, and community life implement the calls to action delineated by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. With the appointment of Jonathan Hamilton-Diabo as Special Advisor on Indigenous Issues and teaching-stream Assistant Professor of Theology, the College now offers courses on Indigenous theological worldviews; Indigenous ways of relating to faith, church, and the community; and the legacy of residential schools. We have also increased the presence of Indigenous Elders in ceremonies and as guest lecturers. New Canadian faculty have joined us, with expertise in postcolonial and decolonial theories and practices. As a result, we have instituted an innovative curricular requirement in Coloniality and Power for all basic degree students. Our pluralistic context and our multireligious Master of Pastoral Studies program also enhance the MDiv. Students become more deeply rooted in their own religious and spiritual traditions as a

result of engaging one another across difference. Each of these distinctive emphases prepares our UCC candidates for contemporary ministries.

**Our continuing education partnerships with the United Church emphasize leadership in diverse settings.** We are currently co-sponsoring a multi-year Innovative Ministry project with the Toronto United Church Council. In early March, General Secretary Michael Blair delivered our Gandier Lecture, addressing the current reality of anti-black racism, the church's historic complicity with practices of exclusion, and the UCC's commitment to transformative discipleship as the beloved community. This summer, our Centre for Religion and Its Contexts will gather a preaching symposium, and we will also host the second annual Christian Left Conference with Trinity St. Paul's UCC, EDGE, and other sponsors. Please consider joining us at these events, online and free of charge. Future initiatives will integrate the training of candidates for ministry with workshop opportunities for ministers, including a series of workshops that draw on the College's strengths in mental health education.

**Our faculty contribute theologically to the United Church of Canada.** We are thinking through emergent theological issues that matter to congregations and their ministers. Recent publications include Pamela McCarroll's volume, *Christian Theology after Christendom: Engaging the Thought of Douglas John Hall*; and *Postcolonial Preaching: Creating a Ripple Effect* by Timothy Eaton Memorial Church Professor of Preaching, HyeRan Kim-Cragg. Our faculty and students continue to join your congregations as guest preachers via Zoom.

Looking back over my three years as Principal, I have been grateful to participate in each of these facets of our engagement with the United Church of Canada. I look forward to new ways of connecting after June 30, under the leadership of our soon-to-be-announced Interim Principal. On a personal note, I look forward to continuing my journey as a member of the Emmanuel College faculty and as a person in ministry in the Admission process with the UCC.

This concludes my report to you as Principal, but it is not "goodbye."

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michelle Voss Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Dr. Michelle Voss Roberts  
Principal and Professor of Theology

### **Office of Vocation**

As usual it has been another busy year as Office of Vocation Minister. I have the privilege of working with members of the Atlantic Candidacy Board who work diligently and faithfully to support applicants and candidates as they enter the Candidacy Pathway. The board continues to meet and conduct interviews on line using Zoom, which has proven to be a very useful tool. On average the board has done six interviews per month. Currently there are 30 candidates in the three Atlantic Regions (9 from FSLDW, 15 from region 15 and 6 from FDEE) There are 2 Diaconal candidates, 8 DLM candidates and 20 in the ordained stream. As well there are currently 5 applicants seeking suitability as candidates.

Recently the members of the board were saddened at the death of Rev. Yvette Swan, who provided gentle wisdom and leadership to our work. We are truly grateful for our ministry with us. We extend condolences to her family and congregations.

The members of the Atlantic Candidacy Board are:

Sally Shaw (Chair)

Brenda Andrews (Secretary)

Jane Johnson

Kevin Cox

Simbarashe Mazhara

Elizabeth Stevenson

Ettie Gordon-Murray

Sheila Gallant

Margaret Ann Plant

Annika Sangster

Adekunle Adeniyi

The other half of my work has been around supporting the accreditation of ministry personnel and supporting remedial processes. This includes writing numerous letters of good standing, assisting ministry personnel as they attempt to navigate their way around Church Hub, and ensuring that they have completed their mandatory training and completed their annual declaration as required by General Council. I also taught, along with my BC colleague Brenda Fawkes, an online version of Ministry of Supervision which attracted over 40 highly competent ministers from across the country who are interested in this important ministry. Since the last AGM I have supported two clergy as they made their way through the remedial process. I have had opportunity to talk to numerous clergy about the struggles and joys of living out their vocation in this pandemic year. I continue to be impressed by the leadership, ingenuity, creativity and faithfulness of our ministry personnel, who do ministry in the most difficult of times. We are well served in our regions.

It is my continued privilege to work as your Office of Vocation Minister, please be in touch if I can assist you in any way.

Andrew Richardson

### **Maritime United Church Women**

We have lived through a pandemic year, and it has affected everything that we do. Its impact has been felt in UCW circles as well.

Thank you to Ruth Kennedy who represented the Maritime UCW at both Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters (FSLDW) and Region 15 from the time of the new structure until Nov. 17, 2020 when she stepped down as president of Maritime UCW. Elaine Burrows became president, and Debbie Hawkins and Marilyn Bubar became Co-Vice Presidents. Elaine Burrows agreed to represent Maritime UCW at Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region, while Debbie Hawkins represents the UCW in Region 15.

The MUCW executive met on March 23, 2020 and November 17, 2020 and March 27, 2021 each time by Zoom. We have an executive of 10. Each of the 14 districts either has an executive or a representative who is supposed to be in contact with UCW units in her area. FSLDW has the following districts: Chignecto, Miramichi, Northwest NB, PEI, St. Croix, and Saint John. Region 15 has the following districts: Bermuda, Inverness-Guysborough, Halifax, Pictou, South Shore, Sydney, Truro, and Valley.

UCW groups in FSLDW gave \$49,517 to Mission and Service in 2019. Region 15 gave \$79,007 to Mission and Service in 2019. Nationally, UCW units gave \$1,020,034 to Mission and Service in 2019. The 2020 Mission and Service figures are not yet available.

The Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Water has 145 units with around 1352 members. Region 15 has 96 units and around 992 members. We are still waiting to hear from at least another 56 units that have not sent in their statistics nor paid their dues. Please see that this gets done. It is expected that dues will be paid. There is \$1.00 for National UCW, \$3.00 for the Maritime UCW, and the fee that is set by the local district. Each group needs money to function and to carry on its work. We also need contact information for each group. There were probably UCW groups who missed out on the first ever Maritime UCW Zoom call on April 19<sup>th</sup> because they have not submitted their contact information.

There was no Cookie Cottage at Berwick Camp for 2020, nor will there be one in 2021.

We are working on improving **communication** for members. The “Keeping in Touch” flyer which used to come out in the info packs to the congregations has been discontinued by the national church. A National UCW committee has taken on the task of producing the “Keeping in Touch” UCW leaflet. The first one came out in March 2021.

The “**MUCW Newsletter**” which has only been available by mail can still be purchased, but now has been put on the UCW page on the Regional website. It can be read there, or members can print off their own copy. It comes out three times a year.

To find the UCW page on the FSLDW and Region 15 web page, look under ministries. Click on it and you will find UCW at the bottom. Click on it. We are trying to keep this information up-to-date.

You will find 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary news, Maritime UCW newsletters, Keeping in Touch, UCW facebook page, Minutes, Handbooks and Study Guides, the October 2020 Tatamagouche

fundraising letter, and Women for Change- Zambia poster. Other items will be added as they come in.

The 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee for “**Continuing in Hope**” is planned for July 11-15 2022 in Sydney, Cape Breton. The committee has met numerous times by Zoom since we began planning this major event. Details about the event can be found on the FSLDW and region 15 website under ministries/UCW. Registration will go live the end of September 2021.

The **National UCW** meeting was held by Zoom this year. Four members (Elaine Burrows, Ruth Kennedy, Debbie Hawkins and Marilyn Bubar) attended the five day event from September 28 to October 2 from 2 p.m. AST till 4 p.m. AST. It was much more fun to travel to Toronto to the Queens of the Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga, ON and meet all the regional UCW presidents from across the country to share worship, meetings, meals, and social times. However, by Zoom we were able to cover the needed business.

For the first time a **Zoom call** was organized for the Maritime UCW members on **Monday morning April 19<sup>th</sup>**. Around 90 members and guests were present. Time was spent introducing members of the executive, and hearing how the fourteen districts across the two regions were doing during the pandemic. The national UCW president, Beulah Hayley, sent greetings, and the National UCW treasurer Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle co-hosted the event. Sharon Moyse led the group in worship.

**Margie MacIntyre** spoke to the group about ongoing projects at the **Tatamagouche Centre**, and how UCW donations are making a difference in their offering of hospitality to the groups who use their space. [www.tatacentre.ca](http://www.tatacentre.ca)

**The Rev. Janet Stobie**, the author of a number of books including “Dipping Your Toes” in planning Small Group Devotionals spoke to us about her ministry through her books. She is a writer, family counsellor, and an inspirational speaker who lives in Peterborough, Ontario, [www.janetstobie.com](http://www.janetstobie.com)

Our third guest was **The Rev. Dr. Japhet Ndhlovu**, Global Partnership Program coordinator, South East Asia/Southern Africa, Church in Partnership for the United Church of Canada. His presentation (power point) brought us a lot of useful information about the UCW's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary project “Women for Change – Zambia.” 1-800-268-3781, Ext. 4056

**Ruth Kennedy**, chair of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration to be held in Sydney, Cape Breton from July 11-15 2022 with the theme “Continuing in Hope” updated the group with a slide presentation. After a closing prayer, the discussion continued till 12:30 p.m.

We will be having another Zoom call for Maritime UCW members this fall, probably sometime in October, but the time will be organized differently. We may add chat rooms so UCW members and small groups can talk to each other.

Thank you to Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters and Region 15 for their financial support for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2022 by providing funding for the bookstore representative to come from NL, and to stay at a local hotel during the week long event.

Maritime UCW groups continue to be active in many different ways in spite of a world-wide pandemic.

Elaine Burrows

FSLDW UCW Representative

Debbie Hawkins Region 15 UCW representative

### **Jubilarians**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Anniv</b>
<b>2020</b>	
The Rev. Chesley A. Boutilier	50
The Rev. Gary F. Clark	50
The Rev. Leslie A. Jay	50
The Rev. Dr. Roland E. Vincent	50
The Rev. L. Garth Caseley	55
The Rev. Hugh C. MacLean	55
Carol Stevenson-Seller	55
The Rev. Ian K. MacDonald	60
The Rev. Donald S. MacDougall	60
<b>2021</b>	
The Rev. Robert (Bob) Lockhart	50
The Rev. Jack Spencer	50
The Rev. James G. Crooks	55
The Rev. R. John Foster	55
The Rev. David H. Hamilton	60
The Rev. Ian F. MacLean	60
The Rev. Dr. Douglas I. MacEachern	65

### **Retirees**

<b>2020</b>	
The Rev. Jane Doull	
The Rev. Betty-Jean Friedman	
The Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin	
<b>2021</b>	
Wallace (Wally) Ellis, DLM	
The Rev. James Postlethwaite	

## **MEMORIAL OBSERVANCES**

### **The Reverend Garth Caseley**

1941-2021

Died on April 21, 2021 at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital. He was born in 1941, son of Leaman and Fern Caseley of Kelvin Grove, PEI. He is survived by his spouse Lucille (Smith), son Lt. Col. Dale (Jen) Caseley (Ottawa) and daughter Heather (Bruce) Caseley (Brookfield, NS), three grandchildren, Jessica Caseley (Vancouver), Joshua Caseley (Ottawa), and Alex Termeer (Brookfield, NS). Garth has five siblings, Joan (Keith) Sudsbury, Roger (Elaine) Caseley, Rowan (Melissa) Caseley, Stuart (Patsy) Caseley, all of PEI, and Wendall (Lynn) Caseley (Halifax, NS). Garth was educated at Kelvin Grove School, Kensington High School, Prince of Wales College, Mount Allison University and Pine Hill Divinity Hall. He was ordained by The United Church of Canada, Maritime Conference in 1965. Throughout his career he served pastoral charges in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, retiring from Mount Royal United Church, Moncton, NB in 2001 when he and Lucille moved to Fredericton, NB. Following retirement he continued a volunteer ministry to churches and pastoral charges of several denominations and nonprofit charitable organizations and foundations, including designing and maintaining the Maritime Conference website for a number of years. Due to Covid restrictions a family celebration of Garth's life will be held in the future.

### **Mr. David Eagles**

1944-2020

David Eagles of Moncton passed away on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at The Moncton Hospital. He was the son of the Late Harry and Elaine (Anderson). He will be dearly missed by his loving wife Carol (Kaye); children Beth Eagles (Dwayne Engelmeyer) of Burns Lake, BC, Brian Eagles (Diane Wilson) of Enfield, NS and Brent Eagles (Michelle) of St. John's, NL; grandchildren : Kelly Eagles (Serge Corriveau), Emily Eagles and Jacob Eagles; great-grandchildren MacKenzie Eagles, Lisa Perry; step-grandchildren Jasmine and Madison; sisters Martha Steeves (Brian) of Riverview and Mary Allen (Larry) of Moncton; brothers Stephen (Gloria) of Bouctouche and Eldon "John" (Cynthia) of Fredericton. David spent several years working for the Canadian Employment and Immigration Centre in Moncton and Sackville, NB. After years of hard work and following his passion, he was officially recognized as a Designated Lay Minister with the United Church of Canada during a ceremony in Sackville, NB in the early 90's. He served many pastoral charges in NB and NS including: Lakeburn-Dorchester, River John-West Branch, Central United (Clifton) and Trinity United (Riverview). He was especially proud to serve Mountain View United Church in his later years with his good friend, Danny. David lived his life in service to others and was an active volunteer in many organizations throughout the years.

**The Reverend Jay Warren Ettinger**  
1960-2021

It is with great sadness that we share news of the passing of Reverend Jay Ettinger, age 60, of Valley, Nova Scotia on Saturday, February 27, 2021. Husband of Marty Clark-Ettinger, beloved son of Vivian and the late Claddie Ettinger, brother of Steve Ettinger, and uncle to nephews, Kendall and Heath. Jay is also survived by one aunt, three uncles and numerous cousins. Born in Montreal, Jay went on to live in the Yukon, Toronto, Los Angeles and finally settled in Nova Scotia. During his younger years, Jay was a multi-talented performer, acting in musical theatre and in movies. In Los Angeles he turned his hand to writing and directing. An accident in 1994 changed the trajectory of Jay's life and led, in the universe's mysterious way, to receiving a calling to ministry. But first, he faced a daunting challenge – getting his undergraduate and graduate degrees. Jay was gifted in many areas, but he excelled in academics, earning a Master of Arts from St. Mary's University AST and Master of Divinity from Queens University in Ontario. Being a minister was the job Jay was most proud of. He led charges in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and eventually became minister at Saint Andrew's United Church in Truro, Nova Scotia. Jay was a gifted clergyman who brought an infusion of music, joy and deep compassion to the members of his congregation. He will be sorely missed. The world is a sadder place without Jay in it. But heaven is rejoicing. A private funeral service was held at Colchester Community Funeral Home, Truro, NS, on March 7, 2021.

**The Reverend James Walter Forbes**  
1934-2021

It is with heavy hearts the family of Rev. James Walter Forbes, age 86, loving and devoted husband to Rev. Carolyn M. Palmer, announces his peaceful passing which occurred on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at the Saint John Regional Hospital. Born in New Glasgow, NS on September 7, 1934 he was the son of the late Samuel James and Christine Ellen (MacNaughton) Forbes. In addition to his loving wife of 32 years, Carolyn, he is survived by his son Doug Forbes (Janet); daughter Lorraine Forbes (Jon Abrahams); sister Isabel Fraser; grandchildren Ryan Forbes (Sarah), Kyle Forbes (Vanessa), Duncan Forbes and Alexander Abrahams; several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, Jim was pre-deceased by his brother-in-law John Fraser. Always with a sparkle in his eye he was constantly ready for a punny joke and made strong friendships wherever he went. Proud of his Scottish heritage, Jim was active in the St. Andrews Society. In his spare time, he enjoyed playing music with friends and past band members. Passionately researching family history, he also organized family reunions. After attending Mt. Allison University and Pine Hill Divinity Hall, he faithfully served many congregations throughout the Maritimes and Ontario over his long career. There will be no visitation or funeral service. Due to Covid restrictions, a celebration of life will be held at a later date in New Glasgow, NS.

**Mr. Frederick “Fred” Robert John Gamble**  
1941-2020

Frederick Robert John Gamble, age 79, gently passed away December 2, 2020. He will be deeply missed by his wife, Ruth (nee Wightman), his children Doug (Sherry), Sackville, NB, Kim (Bruce) Walker, Waasis, NB, grandchildren, Bradley, Katelyn, Alex (their mom Aimee), Tyler, Nick (Rebecca) great grandchildren, Isla, Aria; Sherry's family (our family) - Jelena, Amira, Alex, Lucas, Rowland; Fred's brother, Ron (Ruth), his nieces and nephew, Donna, Tara, Kevin, and their families; members of Ruth's family – Peter (Laura), Jane (Jack), David (Dale) and their families. Fred was employed by and dedicated to Campbell's Funeral Home for eight years, a family in itself. He was a team player when Ruth became a ministry personnel within the United Church of Canada; River Philip Pastoral Charge, Northumberland Pastoral Charge and Springhill Pastoral Charge. He was always into learning new moments in life – working with Gordon Purdy during blueberry season; Nine years being a part of the set-up, take-down for Maritime Conference Annual Meetings, Life Savers, Central Treasurer of NPC; years with LBJ Farm Equipment, Mount Allison University, and BP Oil, Ottawa. Moving to NS in 1978 he built his own greenhouse, a business he grew up with in Nepean, and then a few years with Michelin, Bridgewater. In his younger years, we enjoyed line dancing, lobster fishing, hunting, drag racing, scuba diving, helping out in the neighborhood of Amherst Head and Shinimicas with farm work. He was a gift at all trades, and enjoyed quiet times at the cottage. He will be greatly missed by his beloved fur friend, Pepper. Fred was predeceased by his parents, Lillian and Bert Gamble, Aunts and Uncles, Ursula (Earl), Ruby (Joe), and his grandmother, Bertha Mockett. As per his wishes, cremation has taken place. A time to celebrate and honour Fred's life was held on Sunday, December 6, 2020 at Campbell's Funeral Home. Fred will be laid to rest in the Fort Lawrence Cemetery.

**Ms. Pam Harrison**  
1944-2021

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our dear Mom and Nanny/Grammie Pam (Barkhouse) Harrison on January 7, 2021, after a very short illness. She was the daughter of the late Jim and Doris (Robson) Barkhouse. Fun loving sister to Myrna (Gordon) Matheson, Brookfield, NS, and Tyler (Michelle) Barkhouse, Fredericton, NB. Her greatest blessings were her 3 children; Dean (Lynn), Barronsfield, NS, Angie (Darrell), River Hebert, NS; Kent (Lynda), Amherst, NS; as well as her 6 grandchildren, Alex (Christina), Ben, Mitchell, Chloe, Madison, and Sam. She taught these children what a good time was all about. She was fortunate enough to see the magic in the eyes of each child as they experienced the magic of Disney, a highlight for us all. She was also so proud of her nieces and nephews, Pam (her namesake), Heath, Isaac, Seth and Madeline Claire, and great nieces Katya, Talia and Gertie. Mom graduated from River Hebert Rural School. Later in life she received diplomas from St. Mary's and the University of Cape Breton. Mom was a world traveler visiting 7 continents, 89 countries and was fortunate to see the 7 wonders of the world. Last year she visited her 100th Unesco World Heritage site, which was in Spain. In 2014 she fell in love with Portugal earning her the title “Portugal Pam”. How she looked forward to packing her lime green backpack and escaping the snow. She made so many dear friends there, and she was so sad to not be making plans to return due to Covid-19. She always told us she had never met a stranger. Mom received many distinguished awards through

her lifetime, such as the Paul Harris Fellowship Award-major donor, founding member of Paul Harris society district 7810, Rotary International Citation for Meritorious Service, Rotarian of the year 1028, and the Canada 125 Award. She was manager of the Amherst Centre Mall for 9 years, where she put her love of fundraising to good use. She was so proud of the Gift for Gloria Burke campaign as well as many other successful events. She went on to work for Cumberland Regional Development Authority; where her greatest accomplishment was the creation of the "I want to be a Millionaire" program, touching the lives of young entrepreneurs all over Cumberland. She retired from her position on the General Council of the United Church at the age of 70. Mom's two passions were Rotary International and her work with the United Church. Some of these projects were: End Polio Now Campaign, going as far as to lead a team to do Polio Vaccinations in India in 2005: The Bed net fundraiser, which raised enough money to protect 300 families: Shelter Box for hurricane victims in Haiti: Installed water filtration systems in the Dominic Republic for 3 consecutive years: Purple Pinky day at RHES to raise money to eradicate Polio. After retirement, she thought it would be fun to try her hand at doing a few marathons (walking not running, which she would only reveal if asked), she participated in the Bluenose as well as many other local marathons. Thanks for all the memories. There will be an evening of visitation and a funeral, as soon as some of the COVID-19 restrictions loosen. In lieu of flowers, in true Pammie style, she would like you to perform a random act of kindness, and a smile to remember all of her kindness.

**The Reverend Robert "Bob" Stansfield Latimer**  
1928-2021

Robert "Bob" Stansfield Latimer, age 92, of Truro passed away peacefully on January 16, 2021 of natural causes. Bob was predeceased by his mother, Anita; his father, H.H.; his wife, Sadie; and his brother, Hugh. Bob is survived by children, Rob (Sonya), Nancy (Mike), John (Vikki); brother, Dave (Elizabeth); sister, Karen; and grandchildren, Caitlin, Robert (Kat), Brendan (Sarah), Elizabeth (Matt), Mackenzie and Michael (Alyssa). In Bob's own words; "I can say, first and foremost, that all through my life God has blessed me with so many wonderful experiences and opportunities to serve the Christian Church and its people, as well as many unforgettable communities and organizations, from whom I learned invaluable life lessons. Bob was born in July 1928 to H.H. and Anita Latimer in Sydney. After graduating from New Glasgow High School in 1946, he went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts (1951) and a Bachelor of Education (1952) at Mount Allison University. It was during his final year at Mt A that he met his future wife, Sadie Charleen Latimer (Snow). After leaving Mt. A he earned a Master in Divinity (1954) at Pine Hill Divinity College. In 1955, Sadie and Bob married, going on to have three children, Robert V, Nancy and John. In Bob's own words; "I can say that God has blessed me with the most wonderful wife any man could ever have - my dearest Sadie, whom I love with all my heart. I can also say that I was very fortunate to have, supporting me over the years, my family - my parents and in-laws, my siblings and their families, and especially my children and grand-children, of whom Sadie and I are very proud." After graduation, he entered the United Church Ministry with his first assignment as minister of the River Denys-Orangedale Pastoral Charge in July 1954. Bob enjoyed postings of increasing responsibility within the United Church starting with Assistant Minister of Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, PEI in 1958, Christian Education Field Secretary for Maritime Conference in Sackville NB in 1962, and Principal of Atlantic Christian Training Center (ACTC), Tatamagouche, in 1967. In 1971 he left active ministry within the United Church to start the

Association for Human Relations Education (AHRE) and the National Training Institute (NTI) in Truro, providing adult leadership training and development programs. These enterprises were relocated to Fredericton, NB in 1975. In 1986 he started Latimer Consulting Systems in Fredericton, continuing his work in leadership training and which he operated until his retirement in 2000. Throughout his years in Truro and Fredericton, he continued to maintain his involvement with the United Church preaching at anniversary and other special services at churches throughout the Maritime Provinces, serving as Interim Minister at Nashwaaksis United Church, from 1983-1984 and again in 1988. He also held various roles within United Church Maritime Conference including President from 1995-1996. Bob was active in Boys Parliament, Scouts and various Christian youth camps during the 1950s and 1960s. Personal interests included: tree cultivation, genealogy, music including a lifelong love of Hollywood Musicals and singing in various Gilbert & Sullivan productions. Bob loved to research and write. His works included: two family histories, documenting family reunions, a volume of stories written for his children and grandchildren, several United Church congregational and community histories of Orangedale, Malagawatch, Marble Mtn, River Denys and Truro, a history of shipbuilding in Tatamagouche and other histories of Nova Scotian events and people, a book on his father, HH Latimer, a reflection on his own life and many other works. One of Bob's greatest passions was vacationing with wife, Sadie and children at their cottage in Kempt Head. Bob & Sadie attended at Kempt Head most years from 1955 to 2016. Bob and Sadie also enjoyed travel, taking extended camping trips with the family throughout Canada and the USA. Bob and Sadie visited Bermuda, Bahamas, Barbados and Greece. Bob also traveled through Europe with brother, Hugh and Ireland with son, Rob. Bob was grateful for the many travel opportunities he had during his life to explore parts of the world and its people. Bob believed the earth was a beautiful place and, despite the evil that challenges all people daily, he believed that God's handiwork, meaning and purpose for the world, would ultimately prevail. Bob was an active member of St Andrews UC church in Truro for the past 20 years. He was so grateful for the wonderful pastoral care that was provided to Sadie and himself over the past few years. Bob resided at Parklands Truro for the last several years. He truly appreciated the quality of care received by Sadie and himself. Bob's belief was that in the final analysis, it is not the great world events that fill the media daily, but the little everyday acts of kindness and love, one to another, that matter most, and that give life its real and ultimate meaning. A burial will be held at Drummond Memorial Church in Ross Ferry, NS when circumstances permit, cremation has taken place.

**The Reverend David Neil MacNaughton**  
-2020

Rev. David MacNaughton, Age 85 of Truro. It is with great sadness that the family of David MacNaughton announces his passing on October 31, 2020 in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre in Truro. David was born in Glace Bay, N.S., the son of Samuel and Annie Vokey. His mother died at childbirth and he was subsequently adopted by Alex and Dorothy MacNaughton. David leaves to mourn with beautiful memories his wife of 62 years, Nancy; children, Sandy (Terry Anne), Peter (Colleen), daughter-in-law, Willa; grandchildren, Joshua, Spencer, Myles, Noah, Hannah, Alexandra and Emily. David is also survived by the Vokey family: David (Johanne), Eleanor and Tom. He was predeceased by his son, Scott and siblings of the Vokey family. While in high school, David worked in the Co-operative store, Dosco payroll office and

the Sydney Steel Plant. He graduated from Morrison Glace Bay High School in 1953. In the fall of that year, he enrolled at Mount Allison University in Arts and Theology and met her the love of his life, Nancy Munro. He was an Officer Cadet in the U.N.T.D. (Navy) and served aboard HMCS Lauzon. His summer mission fields were in Neidpath and Rapid View in Saskatchewan and he opened a mission field in Marcil, Que. In 1958 he graduated from Pine Hill Divinity Hall in Halifax and was ordained by the United Church of Canada. He served pastorates in: Escuminac, Quebec; St. Andrew's United, Halifax; Central United, Lunenburg-First South; First United, Truro; Trinity-Clifton, Charlottetown, P.E.I. While in Truro, the Roman Catholic Immaculate Conception Church was destroyed by fire. David, with the support of the Clerk of Session, took it upon themselves to invite the Parish to worship in First United Church until their church was rebuilt. This was approved the next day by First United congregation. (David figured it was easier to get forgiveness than permission!). The two congregations worked side by side for over a year. He did post graduate studies at Pine Hill and Princeton University, and was a graduate of the Commercial Safety College in Masstown, N.S. as a bus driver. David served as a qualified supervisor to several theological students. David was actively involved in several church and community organizations. He was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow in the Rotary Club. He was chaplain of the Truro Volunteer Fire Brigade for 27 years, and the recipient of a 20-year medal for meritorious service by the Federal Government. David was the author of four books: *The Beatitudes and Their Significance for Today*, *Running Away Is Not the Answer*, *Coping with Life and, Homeward Bound*. David thoroughly enjoyed the time he spent with family and friends at the cottage at Spencer's Point, overlooking the beautiful Cobequid Bay. His hobbies were gardening, cycling, walking, coin and stamp collecting and reading. He always enjoyed watching a good western movie. He loved to be with family and friends, and summers at the cottage. He will always be remembered for his love of family and God. The family would like to extend their sincere thanks for their wonderful care to Dr. Robert Graham, Dr. Tanya Munroe, and the doctors and nurses of the ICU and palliative care at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre. A Webcast of the service took place on Wednesday, November 4th through the Colchester Community Funeral Home.

**The Reverend Kenley Murray MacNeill**  
1935-2020

Rev. Kenley M. MacNeill of Truro, passed away November 6, 2020 in Truro. He is predeceased by his wife, Dorothy (Bourne) MacNeill, and his parents, Nelson and Isabel (Murray) MacNeill. He is survived by his children, Kathy (Ron) Curtis, Karen MacNeill, Mae Douglas, Peter (Linda) MacNeill and John (Terri) MacNeill; grandchildren, Brian (Melissa) Curtis, Kerry (Michael) Cullihall, Anthony Douglas, Jenny (Zach) Monaghan, Danica MacNeill, Jasper MacNeill and Spencer MacNeill; great grandchildren, Keegan, Joshua, Ryland, Grace and Kate; his brothers, Ian and Eldon (Darlene), as well as nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Kenley had a life-long commitment to building and nurturing strong, vibrant community. He did this through his work with the United Church and throughout the twelve years that he worked outside the Church at all three levels of government. Kenley always sought to work cooperatively with others, and has been a mentor to many people, be they co-workers, parishioners, student ministers, or his own children. A celebration of Life took place at a later date.

**The Reverend Donald Malcolm MacPherson**  
1947-2021

Peacefully, at the Prince County Hospital Summerside on Tuesday April 27, 2021 of Rev. Donald Malcolm MacPherson of Summerside aged 73 years. Born in Chatham NB on May 20, 1947, son of the late Rev. Elwood and Alma (Graham) MacPherson. Husband of Mary E. (Baird) MacPherson. Father of Scott (Samantha) MacPherson, Jennifer (Eddie) MacPherson Juman and Michael (Ashley) MacPherson. Grandfather of Morgan, Nicole, Emily, Noah and William. Brother of Graham MacPherson (Darlene), Rev. Sandy (Heather) MacPherson and Heather-deceased (Harry Wilkes). Brother-in-law of David (Sue) Baird, Jim Baird and John (Janet) Curwin. Also survived by several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews who loved him very much. Don started his career as a teacher for the hearing impaired in Amherst NS, and went on to work for city business development in Fredericton and Moncton. After becoming ordained he served as the Minister for the Bedeque North Pastoral Charge and then Memorial United Church in Murray River. He was a past president of the PEI Presbytery and served as Chaplain to the RCMP. Don had become an active brother of King Edward Lodge # 16 A.F.& A.M. in Malpeque. He became an avid golfer in recent years. Don had an ability to make friends wherever he went and was loved by all who knew him. Resting at the Davison Funeral Home Kensington. Due to Covid 19 restrictions no public visitation will be held. A celebration of Don's life will be held at a later date. A private interment took place in the North Bedeque Cemetery.

**The Reverend Dr. Robert Harry Mills**  
1933-2020

The Rev. Dr. Robert Harry Mills, 87, of Halifax passed away on November 28, 2020 at home following a short illness. Born in Moncton, N.B., the son of Harry and Evelyn Perl (Cosman) Mills, he was a proud graduate of Moncton High School where he studied, sang, played in the band and won badminton tournaments. At Mount Allison University he attained a Bachelor of Arts while also pursuing any opportunity to sing - the Mount A Chorale, touring Male Quartet and the opera and operetta society. As with everything he did, Bob embraced his Mount A experience with his enthusiastic love of life, passion for music and interest in the people he encountered. While at Mount A he met, fell in love with, and married the coloratura soprano who captured his heart, Karen (Keirstead). He completed post-graduate studies at Pine Hill Divinity Hall and was ordained to the ministry of The United Church of Canada in 1956. Following ordination, he and Karen offered a team ministry, bringing their gifts of music, firm faith and pastoral concern wherever they went. He served pastoral charges in Port Mouton, Tatamagouche, Wolfville and Bridgewater in Nova Scotia before moving to St. John's, N.L., in 1975. He enjoyed seven happy and fulfilling years as Senior Minister at Wesley United and part-time radio host on Wesley's own VOWR. He returned to Nova Scotia in 1982, serving Fairview United in Halifax. Finally, he served as Executive Secretary of the Maritime Conference (1989-1995) and Interim General Secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches (1995-1997). In 2005 he was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Divinity for outstanding service, leadership and commitment to ecumenism by the Atlantic School of Theology. Karen's sudden death in a car accident in 1991 was the most crushing blow of his life, the memory of which never left him. However, he was amazed to find love again and he and Helga (Kutz) began their lives together in Waterloo, Ont., in 1995. Bob made his way back "home" to Nova Scotia in 1999 where he and Helga settled in to a happily busy and fulfilling

retirement in Halifax. They were passionate about all that they were involved in - church, music, theatre, a wonderful circle of friends, and family. More than almost anything Bob loved to sing and so he continued to find wonderful choral experiences well into his 80s. A year ago, Bob sadly found himself on his own again after Helga's death. As he did all his life, he drew on his enduring relationship with God and his love of family and interest in others as he walked the painful journey through grief and eventually found peace and contentment that allowed him to bask in and talk about happy memories of his long life whilst always expressing thankfulness for all that he had been given - family, music, enriching life experiences and "two wonderful wives". Bob is survived by daughters, Deborah (Jim) Ballinger and Katrina Pecknold; sons, Michael (Susan), Stephen (Susan) and David (Nancy), all living in Nova Scotia; step-daughter, Ingrid Harder, New Zealand; "adopted daughter", Betty (John) Theriau MacKay; grandchildren, Kate (Ryan), Kaitlynn (Lucas) and Robert; step grandchildren, Julie, James, and Rory; and several step great- grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Vera; and his brothers, Ron and Doug. Due to current pandemic restrictions, there will be a private family burial in Brookside Cemetery, Bridgewater. A memorial service will take place when it is possible for friends and family to properly honour and remember our dear father, grandfather, uncle, minister, and friend.

### **The Reverend Roger Kenneth Moore**

1944-2021

Rev. Roger Kenneth Moore, 76, Hilden, died peacefully on February 17, 2021 at home in his 76th year. Born in May of 1944, he was the only son of the late Charles and Lucilla (Gill) Moore of Trenton, NS, where he grew up feeling loved and thoroughly enjoying his childhood. Called to the Christian Ministry, Roger studied at Bethany Bible College in Sussex, NB then on to Nazarene University in Colorado Springs and lastly receiving his Master of Divinity Degree from the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax. He was ordained to the Ministry in 1969, pastored churches in Markdale and Cambridge, ON, Saint John, NB, Moser River, Bass River – Economy and Five Islands, Margaretsville and Springhill, St. Peter's, Port Hood and Inverness, Cape Breton. Roger was always interested in Biblical Scholarship. He served the United Church of Canada on Education and Student Committees and the Conference Interview Board for many years. He belonged to the Biblical Archaeology Society and the Society of Biblical Literature. Upon his retirement in 2010, he was appointed as Minister of Faith Formation for First United Church in Truro. In this position, he conducted a well-attended critical Bible Study Group as well as a film appreciation group for many years. Some folks in many communities will remember him best as a magician who loved to perform for children. Others will recall that he was a model maker who built beautiful dollhouses and model ships, some of which still are displayed in various museums in the Maritimes. Roger was predeceased by his wife, Moira Grace Kay in 2016. He is survived and will be missed by daughters, Tanya (Fran) and Elizabeth (Donnie) of Saint John, NB; grandchildren, Paul (Jamie), Kiersten (Nigel), Codie, Emma, Tiana, Steven, Tyler, Mya, Nicholas and Alexander and great grandchildren, Juliette, Violet, Samuel and Tyanna. In his senior years, he enjoyed a special relationship with his dear friend and travelling companion, Anne Brown. Roger followed the philosophy of John Wesley, "Do all the good you can, for as many people as you can, for as long as you can." Respecting his wishes, Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation. First United Church in Truro will acknowledge his Ministry during a regular worship service.

**The Reverend Dr. Yvette Swan**

1945-2021

A pastor, women's advocate and former United Bermuda Party Cabinet minister and senator has died at 75. Yvette Swan, who worked as an optometrist at the Bermuda Optical Company, was a champion for the disadvantaged, according to Cole Simons, the Leader of the Opposition. Mr Simons said he knew Dr Swan on a professional and personal level as "a woman of great passion and dedication, who served tirelessly at various levels of society". While her sons were her "pride and joy", Mr Simons said Dr Swan was a powerful voice for social justice, especially the empowerment and equity of women. "As a former UBP senator and Cabinet minister, she served the parish of Warwick with fervour and dedication, and as a professional optometrist, her patients were recipients of her professionalism and skill as well. "In her later years, she served her congregation at a spiritual level by, fulfilling her lifelong dream of becoming a pastor, after moving to Canada. A woman of her calibre and commitment will certainly be missed." Dr Swan was raised in Jamaica, where she attended boarding school. It was followed by Paddington Technical College and the University of Aston, in Britain. She moved to Bermuda after marrying Malcolm Swan in 1970. The couple had three sons: Malcolm Brian, Dane, and Dean. Dr Swan was a past president of the Business and Professional Women's Association, a lay preacher at Wesley Methodist Church and a teacher, singer and board member at the Bermuda School of Music. A longstanding campaigner for the UBP in Warwick West, Dr Swan was appointed to the Senate in 1993, and made Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs in 1995. Other responsibilities included serving as Minister for Women's Issues. Dr Swan addressed the United Nation Commission on the Status of Women, and campaigned for women's issues in countries around the world. She ran as MP for Warwick West in 1998, with the late Quinton Edness, a former UBP minister. The two lost to Ewart Brown and El James, of the Progressive Labour Party, in the PLP's landslide win of November 1998. Dr Swan made an unsuccessful bid in the 2003 General Election for the newly drawn district of Warwick North Central. She later became an ordained minister in the United Church of Canada.

**The Reverend Anthony "Tony" Ware**

1933-2021

Rev. Anthony Ware, B.Sc., B.D., cherished husband of the late Jackie Ware, passed away surrounded by the love of his children on January 15, 2021, after an illness fought with grace, faith, and a deep appreciation for life. Surviving are his sons Christopher (Andra), Alberta; Andrew (Ann), PEI; daughters Beverley (Darrell Kays), Halifax and Nicola, Charlottetown; a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Alice (the late Dr. John Ware), England; and brother-in-law Dr. Martyn Harris (Janet), England. He was predeceased by his parents, his devoted wife Jacqueline, son Timothy Martyn Ware (Kate), infant grandson David Andrew Miller, and brother Dr. John Ware. Dad was born in Hong Kong on November 14, 1933, where his father, Dr. Thomas Walter, was a medical doctor in government service and his mother, Muriel Irene (Fursdon) was a teacher. He and his older brother John went back to England with their mother for their safety, which is where they were brought up. Dad obtained his B.Sc. from the University of Bristol and became a Methodist Lay Preacher. He went on to study theology at the University of London where he obtained his B.D. In 1957 he and Jackie emigrated to Canada. Dad was ordained

by Maritime Conference of the United Church of Canada in 1958 and served a number of churches on Prince Edward Island. The family returned to England in 1961 where Dad served again in the Methodist Church, ministering first in the industrial north-east and then in the Channel Island of Jersey. From 1968 to 1975 he taught at a school in Devonshire, becoming Head of the Science Department. He re-entered The United Church of Canada in 1975 and served churches in P.E.I., Bermuda, Halifax, and Cape Breton. He served on numerous Presbytery Committees, as Chair of PEI and Halifax Presbyteries, as Commissioner to General Council and was Minister Emeritus at Spring Park in Charlottetown. Dad had a particular interest in faith development, lay ministry education, and the relationship between science and religion. He taught his children to be open-minded and to constantly question in the never-ending quest to seek understanding. We are forever grateful to him. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service celebrating Dad's wonderful life will be held at Spring Park United Church, 65 Kirkwood Drive, Charlottetown, at a date to be announced when COVID restrictions have eased.

## **PROPOSALS**

A “proposal” is a formal request for a council to take action. It is one way that a United Church member may raise an issue that is important to them and ask for the church to take action on it. The council that is being asked to take action is called the “council of action.”

- A formal request for specific action within the jurisdiction of the council to which it is directed. Ideally a proposal should be able to communicate an action (proposal) with explanation (background) on **no more than two pages**. A Proposal may be accompanied by a longer and more substantive report as required.
- If the council is the “council of Action”, it makes the decision on the proposal.
- Members and councils are responsible for completing the parts of the process assigned to them.
- In determining if something is the proper subject matter for a proposal to General Council, consider whether it pertains to the whole church, whether direction from the General Council is required, and whether it suggests a new policy or direction.
- The council making the decision must have the necessary information for a sound decision. In communicating from one council to another, it is important that the proposal gives an action and provides sufficient background to the emerging question, the consideration undertaken and the rationale for the proposed action.
- A well written proposal guides the decision makers through the process of discernment; from framing the question to a reasoned and wished for response.
- An individual or group who wants its proposal included in the business of the General Council needs to take it to their Session/Board/Council (of which they are member) or Region (if they are members of Regional Council). If the proposal is initiated at Session/Board/Council, that body will transmit it to the Region. Once the Region has received the proposal, or if the proposal is initiated at Regional Council, the Region will make a decision on the agreement and transition.
- The Region may decline to transmit it to General Council, or may transmit it with or without approval. Any council transmitting a proposal to the next council may include its own recommendations along with the Proposal.
- The proposal, in order to be voted on as an action, must be made into a motion. Once a motion is made, it is put to the court. The normal rules of debate and procedure then are applied.

### **Response by Council of Action**

The council of action is responsible for making a decision on the proposal. It has the following options:

- a) taking the action requested in the proposal;
- b) taking the action requested in the proposal with some changes;
- c) taking different action on the same subject matter as the proposal; d) referring the proposal;
- e) receiving the proposal but taking no further action; or
- f) taking some other action that the council of action decides is appropriate.

**See Manual 2021 (F.1 pg. 103-107)**

## **PROPOSAL TEMPLATE**

**[PROPOSAL NAME]**

**Origin: [Regional Council Name]**

**1. What is the issue?** (describe in broad terms)

We believe God/Jesus/Holy Spirit is calling us to:

- do something about...
- engage the topic of...
- respond to the challenge of...
- etc.

*Note: proposals for the General Council are for issues of denominational responsibility that go beyond the bounds of a Regional Council.*

**2. Why is this issue important?**

For example:

- What are the key underlying theological, ecclesiological, missional, or justice issues?
- What is the history/background of this issue?
- What are the principles informing this issue?
- What would be the implications of taking no action on this issue?

**3. How might the General Council respond to the issue?**

Name a possible response that the General Council might consider:

A. Study/Discussion of the issue

B. Action on the issue, which could include:

- General Council directing that a policy/strategy be developed based on specified principles and parameters
- General Council adopting a policy position/strategy
- General Council encouraging/suggesting action by congregations and other communities of faith on the issue

Note to 3.A: The General Council could be asked to have a conversation about a particular issue as an end in itself without making a policy decision or taking other action.

Note to 3.B: Suggestions for wording of a policy/strategy could be offered as possibilities for consideration in the decision-making process but not as expectations of a particular outcome.

**4. For the body transmitting this proposal to the General Council:**

Are there comments, affirmations, suggestions you would like to make with respect to this proposal? Is this proposal in response to a previous proposal, motion or action? If so, please name the previous action(s) and proposal number(s).

## Proposal 1

**Proposal Name:** Climate Crisis: A Call to the Faithful to Work Towards Climate Justice

**Origin:** Ecological Justice Working Group of Justice, Mission and Outreach Committee, Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region

**Issue:** We believe that we are called to work towards climate justice. God's great gift of Creation – the context in which all life seeks fulfillment - is in crisis. As people of faith we must respond now to work towards a sustainable future for all life on the planet.

*“The climate crisis, while overwhelmingly frightening, calls the church to its deepest vocation: incarnating the love that is God.” - Richard Rohr*

### Why is it important?

In the United Church of Canada we have listened to our global partners, attended UN Climate Conferences, heard the warnings of Indigenous peoples across these lands and around the world. We have witnessed the predictions of climate scientists come true sooner than expected, and we have been moved by the outcry from young people taking to the streets.

As cited in the first “[Sustainability Report](#)” (2019-2020) “climate and ecological degradation has a disproportionate impact on the vulnerable.”

The church has a mission and calling to respond.

As a denomination, we have committed to reducing carbon emissions in our buildings 80% by 2050 in line with the Paris climate targets. Resources, money, and time have been dedicated to this goal, including the Faithful Footprints program. We have begun to redirect investments from fossil fuels toward climate solutions. We are participating in ecumenical and interfaith advocacy and action. This is a start, but actions are needed at every level, and in every Community of Faith.

Addressing the present ecological crisis will require changing hearts as much as minds, developing caring relationships to one another and Creation, and building compelling visions for a future we want for coming generations. This is spiritual work. Communities of Faith and their leaders have important roles to play.

We recognize that we are facing an existential emergency. There is an urgent need to take wise action.

How should the Region respond?

**We propose that Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region call upon Communities of Faith to prioritize the urgent need to work towards climate justice in 2021-22 through prayer, liturgy, education and action.**

Responses may include:

- Regular preaching on seeking climate justice as a faith response
- Offering dialogues and studies, such as “Climate Change, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change.” Author Jim Antal, or “Faithful Climate Conversations” (from For the Love of Creation - fortheloveofcreation.ca)
- Reducing energy consumption in church buildings aiming to help contribute to reaching the UCC emissions reduction targets of 80% by 2050, with Faithful Footprints program as a resource. (faithfulfootprint.org)
- Forming a climate justice committee in their Community of Faith
- Acting ecumenically and with community-based organizations on climate justice-related advocacy
- Take part in community planning for responses to climate related emergencies

**And that Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region ask that Communities of Faith share responses with the Ecological Justice Working Group, so that stories and actions may be communicated at the next Annual Meeting in order to inspire and encourage others.**

## **Proposal 2**

**Proposal Name:** That Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters become an Affirming Ministry

**Origin:** FSLDW Affirm Ministry Committee

### **1. What is the issue?**

We believe the Region is called to continue the story of Jesus by embodying the Spirit of Christ’s presence in the world.

We believe we are called to continue that story by living into the Vision adopted at the 2020 FSLDW AGM that:

Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region embody an active and faithful reflection of Jesus’ ministry in the world; Affirming and respecting people of all sexual orientations, genders and gender identities in particular, different abilities, ethnicity, skin colour, culture, age, geographic location, economic circumstance and mental and physical health in all aspects of its life and work.

We believe that FSLDW is committed to enacting this vision for Affirming Ministries within the Region.

We believe we are called to respond to the challenge from Affirm United in becoming an Affirming Ministry in our new identity as Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters.

As an Affirming Ministry, and to continue the growth of Affirming ministries in the Region, the Affirm Ministry Committee Chair, (or representative) would be a member of the Regional Executive. It will be important to have that voice and listening ear at the Executive level.

## **2. Why is this issue important?**

### **Key underlying theological, ecclesiological, missional, or justice issues?**

In keeping with the Core Values, Mission and Vision Statements of the Region and recognizing the wide diversity of peoples within its bounds, FSLDW Region seeks to create a safe and welcoming space for all people.

### **History/background of this issue?**

Even though the former Maritime Conference was recognized as an Affirming Ministry, as a new Region FSLDW has different people involved offering different dynamics. Affirm United asked that FSLDW go through the education process to become Affirming in its new identity.

The 2020 FSLDW AGM made a commitment to engage an educational program to raise awareness of what it means to be Affirming and to receive a vote to become Affirming at the 2021 AGM.

### **Principles informing this issue?**

FSLDW understands Affirming to mean “gifts shared for the good of all, resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize... human dignity defended...” (A Song of Faith UCC) , as seen in the teachings and actions of Jesus of Nazareth. (a)

Therefore, FSLDW will celebrate the blessings of and support one another in the challenges of our diverse life experiences, including yet not limited to sexual orientation, gender or gender identity, life experience, different abilities, ethnicity, skin colour, generational culture, age, geographic location, economic circumstance, and other areas we have yet to discern. That said, we note that this work was born out of a particular concern for discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity within the church.

FSLDW will equally welcome all people of God and offer them the complete range of opportunities to fully be part of and participate in the life and work of the church, continually seeking to identify and dismantle barriers that hinder the participation and inclusion of marginalized groups and individuals. Listening actively and attentively, we will strive to be public, intentional, and explicit as we live into understanding one another, treating those with whom we disagree with love and respect.

(a) Some scripture references to “teachings”: Matthew 22:34-40; Mathew 25: 31-46, Luke 10: 25-37; Luke 15:11-32; Mark 5:21-23; Mark 10: 13-16; Luke 19: 1-10; John 4: 1-26.

### **Action Requested:**

**That Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region become an Affirming Ministry and a member of Affirm United for an annual membership fee.**

**CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT**  
**NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET**



**NAME OF NOMINEE:** Rev. James Kennedy

**FOR OFFICE OF:** President

**ADDRESS:** North Rustico, Prince Edward Island

**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** Him/He

**OTHER INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL IS RELEVANT TO THE REGION:**

I guess I will start off when I was 7. I will start here because this was when I first went to church. Before this time I didn't know anything about Jesus or God. I was never baptized. I didn't pray before going to bed at night. We didn't say grace at meal times. Christmas was all about gifts and Easter was all about chocolate. God and Jesus just weren't mentioned in my home, at least not in any way that got communicated to a 7 year old.

When I was 7 I remember phoning up a school chum and asking if he wanted to go play baseball. He said he couldn't because he was going to his cub scout meeting at St. Paul's United Church in Spryfield. I asked if I could come along. He said that I could. The leader of the Cub Scout pack also taught Sunday School and directed St. Paul's Boys choir. I enjoyed Cubs and kept coming back. Eventually the Cub leader asked me if I wanted to come to Sunday School, and so I did.

It was then the whole world seemed to open up for me. For a boy who was often lonely, felt unloved, and who had no structure, I entered a world where I heard that I was loved ... that God loved me and that I was never alone. I also learned about the prayer ... how I could come to God with all my problems, concerns, fears and that when I was alone that God was only a prayer away. For a guy who didn't have a father, I found out that I had a Father in Heaven and how much He loved me. The church was a very caring place and I got positive affirmation.

The Church introduced me to God and changed my life only for the better. As a layperson I did my very best to serve and support the local church. I sang in the choir, served as elder, trustee,

worship committee, etc. Since the church had done so much to transform my life I always wanted to contribute and support it for the next person in need.

I eventually became a United Church minister and have done my best to support the local church. I have been chair of Miramichi presbytery and have always served on a version of a Pastoral Care and Support/Oversight Committee. I considered this to be an honour and privilege to visit with Pastoral Charges and Communities of Faith throughout the Maritimes, hear their stories and triumphs and struggles, how they minister to God's people in their communities, and provide what support I could offer.

Jesus once said in a story, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' As such, my wife and I have fostered children 20 or more children over a span of 10 years ... one of whom we adopted. That is something that we thought we could do to help some of the most vulnerable members of our society. There are all kinds of reasons why children come into foster care and when they do, the foster families often have to deal with unique and significant challenges. As such, my wife and I were very active in the Foster Parents Association which sought provide care and support to foster parents. I also lobbied the provincial government on addressing issues in their current child protection legislation.

I have also served as Chaplain for Dominion Command of the Royal Canadian Legion for all of New Brunswick and am currently assisting in the formation of chaplaincy position for our local volunteer fire department.

**MOVER / SECONDER:** Sue LeMaistre / Roland Easter

**DATE:** May 20, 2021

## NOMINATIONS FOR GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONERS

### YOUNG ADULT NOMINEE

#### NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET

**NAME OF NOMINEE:** Ms. Victoria Murphy

**ADDRESS:** Summerside, PE

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** Breadalbane Trinity United

**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** She/Her



**DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER:**

I would love to take part as I'm very interested in Youth Ministry. I am currently in my first year of Child and Youth Care Worker at Holland College. I have taken part in the Global Conference in Ottawa and Rendezvous in Montreal before. This is my third year as Director at Camp Abegweit, here on the Island and I have an extensive background working with children...they are my PASSION! Some talents I could bring is my music... I love to sing. I can also play some guitar and ukulele.

**MOVER / SECONDER:** Pix Butt / Rose-Hannah Gaskin

**DATE:** June 3, 2021

#### NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET

**NAME OF NOMINEE:** Ms. Jenny Vessey

**ADDRESS:** York, PE

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** York United Church

**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** She/Her



**DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER:**

I am interested in being involved in the work of the United Church of Canada. I value this community of faith and look forward to serving.

**MOVER / SECONDER:** Pix Butt / David Attwood

**DATE:** May 21, 2021

**YOUNG ADULT NOMINEE - ALTERNATE**

**NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET**

**NAME OF NOMINEE:** Ms. Whitney Walls

**ADDRESS:** Quispamsis, NB

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** Saint David's United Church, Rothesay

**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** She/Her



**DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER:**

I have always been involved with my church and Maritime Conference Youth Forum, and would like my name to stand as an alternate.

**MOVER / SECONDER:** Rose-Hannah Gaskin / Audrey Lounder

**DATE:** May 28, 2021

**LAY NOMINEES**

**NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET**

**NAME OF NOMINEE:** Mr. Randy Breckenridge

**ADDRESS:** Bathurst, NB

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** Central United Church - Clifton NB

**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** He, Him, His



**DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER:**

Although I am not 'United' by birth, I have found my spiritual home within a small and unassuming community of faith because of the spirit of acceptance, inclusiveness and love that I found there. As I started on a new spiritual journey, the United Church has shown me that there is a place for everyone within our communities of faith. Identifying as a member of the LGBTQ2A+ community, I believe that the United church is making great strides in education and awareness for my community and other marginalized peoples which I believe in wholeheartedly. I count it a privilege to be a part of our progress and a Commissioner to the General Council and believe that as we work together, we can achieve great things with the guidance of the spirit.

**MOVER / SECONDER:** Rose-Hannah Gaskin / Hugh Ellis

**DATE:** May 28, 2021

**NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET****NAME OF NOMINEE:** Ms. Shirley Cleave**ADDRESS:** Fredericton, NB**COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** Wilmot United**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** She/Her**DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER:**

I believe strongly that the United Church has an important role to play in the lives of individuals and in our society at large. There is no doubt that the church of the future will be different due to many factors including COVID, demographic changes, and environmental crises. As we continue to live into our new organizational structure, many important decisions will be made that will determine the future of the United Church of Canada.

I have been very active at multiple levels of the United Church. In my home congregation, Wilmot United, I have served on most committees and many task groups, including our recent Visioning Project. I currently chair the Church Council and our Heritage Preservation Project. I have served as congregational representative to Presbytery/Region. I was involved in Maritime Conference for many years, chairing the Christian Life and Growth Committee and Staff Committee and serving on the Executive. I was on the General Council Executive from 2006 – 2015, as lay representative from the Maritime Conference, as Chair of the Governance and Agenda Committee and as chair of the business table for the 42nd General Council in Ottawa in 2015.

I am retired from the University of New Brunswick. As a faculty member in Kinesiology, my teaching and research were in areas such as leadership, volunteerism, recreation program development, management, and student development. I spent my last 10 years as the Associate Vice President Academic.

I am willing to bring my passion for the United Church and the skills and knowledge I have acquired through my church involvement and my professional life to the role of Commissioner.

**MOVER / SECONDER:** Craig Frame / Ellen Beirsto**DATE:** May 21, 2021

## NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET

**NAME OF NOMINEE:** Ms. Heather Donnelly

**ADDRESS:** Lake George, NB

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** Lake George, NB

**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** She/Her



**DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER:**

I did not grow up in the United Church of Canada. I chose the United Church of Canada. I found a home here for the type of tolerance and acceptance that I value.

I believe that the United Church can offer a home for so many hurting people, especially those who have been hurt by other denominations. I want to see her thrive and grow into that roll in society. I want to see the United Church achieve its goal of being a positive force for change in the world.

I am not unfamiliar with the work involved because I was a commissioner at GC42. Although I will miss the opportunities to meet new friends and having those wonderful live worship experiences with the meetings being on-line, I am willing to do the work again.

I would be excited to be part of helping the United Church of Canada settle into its revised structures as we find our way in new directions.

**MOVER / SECONDER:** Shirley Cleave / Christine Johnson

**DATE:** May 12, 2021

## NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET

**NAME OF NOMINEE:** Mr. Hugh Ellis

**ADDRESS:** Bathurst, NB

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** Central United, Clifton, NB

**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** He/Him/His



**DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER:**

I am interested in being a Commissioner to the 44<sup>th</sup> General Council because I care about the future of the United Church. I have never felt a greater need for the presence and values of our denomination in Canadian society and abroad. Covid and changes in our church governance together with rapid and vast societal change not only presents us with challenges, but great opportunity to witness to the love and peace of God in Canada and abroad. I want to listen, reflect, discern, plan and contribute to our path forward as together we find ways to share and respect

God's influence and will for our lives. I am the incoming Chair of FSLDW Pastoral Relations Committee and am also part of the LBGTQ2S+ community. I have a passion for the Health, Joy and Excellence of our ministry personnel and communities of faith and my personal mantra is that God is always creating.

**MOVER / SECONDER:** Heather MacDougall / Marion Green

**DATE:** May 11, 2021

### **NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET**

**NAME OF NOMINEE:** Ms. Carol Munro

**ADDRESS:** Moncton, NB

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** Saint James United Church, Petitcodiac, NB

**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** She/Her/Hers



**DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER:**  
I love my Church and my Church family. For a very long time I have been a part of the maintenance and evolvment of our Church. Holding various offices, I was an active member not only on the local level, but the Presbytery level as well. I would be proud to be part of the more complex community of General Council by becoming a Commissioner. With God being my helper, I feel I could provide the personal status required to serve as an integral member of the 44th General Council.

**MOVER / SECONDER:** Heather Keith / R Noreen Cooper

**DATE:** May 21, 2021

**LAY NOMINEES – ALTERNATES**

**NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET**

**NAME OF NOMINEE:** Ms. Sheila Gallant

**ADDRESS:** Grand Tracadie, PE

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** Stanhope United Church

**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** She/Her



**DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER:**

I have been a Commissioner before and learned so much about the United Church. With the people you meet, hearing their stories and experiences, widens your perspective on how the Church is perceived.

**MOVER / SECONDER:** Audrey Louder / Melaney Matheson

**DATE:** May 26, 2021

**NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET**

**NAME OF NOMINEE:** Ms. Heather Keith

**ADDRESS:** Petitcodiac, NB

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** Saint James United Church

**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** She/Her



**DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER:**

I have been an active member of Saint James since i was 12. That is over fifty years of hard work, if you are an involved member then church is hard work , for myself it is necessary and rewarding work.... I value the UCC mission, its rich history, its progressive leadership. I am concerned about it's current decline in members in small community churches. i look forward to learning and promoting new ways for our communities of faith to push forward in Christ in this fast paced, often times unjust world. My background experience is in design and contract management, finding ways to repurpose "closed " church buildings also interests me.

**MOVER / SECONDER:** Carol Munro / Noreen Cooper

**DATE:** May 28, 2021

## NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET

**NAME OF NOMINEE:** Ms. Elizabeth Morrison

**ADDRESS:** Ludlow, NB

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** Boiestown United Church

**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** She/Her



**DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER:**  
If feel the representation asked for by the region is not only the duty of Church members who are able to serve, but an opportunity as well.

**MOVER / SECONDER:** Jane Johnson / Rose-Hannah Gaskin

**DATE:** May 26, 2021

## MINISTRY PERSONNEL NOMINEES

## NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET

**NAME OF NOMINEE:** Rev. David Allan

**ADDRESS:** Miramichi, NB

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** Loggieville - Black River  
(Knox, Carmel, St. Stephen's & Myers UCs)

**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** He/His/Him



**DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER:**  
After a career in accounting and administration I graduated from Emmanuel College in 2016, and having spent most of my life in Toronto, asked to be sent to a small town or rural setting for my internship and a different experience of church and culture. I was blessed to be sent to Loggieville - Black River, a 4 point charge in the Miramichi, and happily accepted a call there in 2018 upon ordination. As a layperson I served on many congregational committees such as M&P, oversaw a special pastoral ministry with an influx of African refugees in our congregation, and helped lead my congregation to becoming an Affirming ministry. I have served as a Presbytery representative and attended GC 43 in Oshawa as an observer. Currently I am a liaison having helped the Blackville charge in their search process and serve on the Financial & Mission Services committee. My interests include Celtic spirituality, mystics, ecumenical and inter-faith engagement and theological inquiry. I participated in the Parliament of the World's Religions in 2018 in Toronto and have just recently been nominated to the Board of the Atlantic Seminar in Theological Education. I am a creative person and write prayers, liturgies and even sermons and the occasional

hymn with a poetic sensibility. So that is what I would bring to this role. I would also hope to continue to build relationships with my Maritime colleagues and across the church, both clergy and laity, and gain and share wisdom in the essential work of visioning that my congregations and the church at large need to undertake in a time of significant change.

**MOVER / SECONDER:** Charlene Maguire MacKnight / Blair Lewis

**DATE:** May 13, 2021

### **NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET**

**NAME OF NOMINEE:** Rev. Bethe Benjamin Cameron

**ADDRESS:** O'Leary, PEI

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** O'Leary West Cape Pastoral Charge

**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** She/Her



**DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER:**  
I served as a commissioner for the 43<sup>rd</sup> General council. I learned so much and felt my gifts were helpful in carrying out that role. It is a balance of critical thinking, listening to the spirit and being open minded to new ideas and ways at looking and new and old situations. I feel my spiritual guide experience, trauma informed training and background in financial management al helped me be a competent and informed commissioner. As well having been on the council, there many projects underway I would appreciate continuing to see how they unfold. I have taken time as I did the last time to discern if this is something I am being called to offer myself for again. I believe I am being called to offer again.

**MOVER / SECONDER:** Heather MacDougall / Robert Lockhart

**DATE:** May 6, 2021

**NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET**

**NAME OF NOMINEE:** Rev. Barbara Cairns

**ADDRESS:** Stratford, PE

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** West River United Church

**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** She/Her



**DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER:**  
To serve in a capacity that helps meet the needs of the wider church. I bring an open heart and curiosity to the conversation. A love of nurturing creative expressions of faith formation and social justice.

**MOVER / SECONDER:** Larry Hale / Tara Ann Gourson

**DATE:** May 5, 2021

**NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET**

**NAME OF NOMINEE:** Rev. Audrey Louder

**ADDRESS:** Rothesay, NB

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** FSLDW Regional Council

**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** She/Her



**DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER:**  
My interest in serving as a General Council Commissioner seems to be a natural follow through from my time as president of the Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Water Region. It is an opportunity to represent our Communities of Faith with the wider church; to share our unique culture and perspective.

**MOVER / SECONDER:** Ron Vincent / Rose-Hannah Gaskin

**DATE:** May 21, 2021

## **NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET**

**NAME OF NOMINEE:** Rev. Jack Spencer

**ADDRESS:** Kensington, PEI

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** Kensington, PEI

**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** He/Him



**DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER:**

I have attended General Council in the past but not since 2003. I continue to be involved in the work of the wider church in several ways within the Region and believe I have experience to bring to this meeting of the Council. Now retired I continue to be involved as a member of my local congregation in its committee. Having served on several General Council committees I am familiar its life and work.

**MOVER / SECONDER:** Robert McCarthy / Heather MacDougall

**DATE:** May 13, 2021

## **MINISTRY PERSONNEL NOMINEES – ALTERNATES**

## **NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET**

**NAME OF NOMINEE:** Rev. Alice Finnamore

**ADDRESS:** Scotch Settlement, York Co

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** Prince William Pastoral Charge

**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** She/Her



**DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER:**

I am willing to be an alternate.

**MOVER / SECONDER:** Susan Estabrooks / Shirley Cleave

**DATE:** May 26, 2021

## NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET

**NAME OF NOMINEE:** Ms. Rose-Hannah Gaskin

**ADDRESS:** Fredericton, NB

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** Wilmot United Church

**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** She/Her

**DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER:**

I have served in the role of commissioner before and appreciate the connection with the work of the wider Church. Going forward into a time of yet further change I want to be a part of the re-shaping. This change is vital for our future and I find this prospect exciting.

I am now retired and have years of experience I offer to the Church. The gifts I bring are my ongoing connection to and passion for the United Church of Canada.

**MOVER / SECONDER:** Jane Johnson / Shirley Cleave

**DATE:** May 29, 2021



## NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET

**NAME OF NOMINEE:** Ms. Alicia Walls

**ADDRESS:** Quispamsis, NB

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** Rothesay Pastoral Charge/Saint David's United

**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** She/Her

**DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER:**

I am a Candidate for ordered ministry in the Diaconal program at CCS in Winnipeg. I am passionate about the work of our church. I served as a commissioner in 2015 and found the experience to be a wonderful educational opportunity to learn more about the work of our church. I have worked in Youth Ministry for 12 years and have directed programs for Youth Forum. I serve on the Faith Education and Formation Committee and also chair of the Worship team for AMPC.

**MOVER / SECONDER:** Audrey Lounder / Melaney Matheson

**DATE:** May 25, 2021



**“Pieced Together in God’s Love”**

**Draft Agenda**

**Annual Meeting of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council  
The United Church of Canada**

**Via Video Conference  
June 4, 5 & 14, 2021**

**Friday, June 4, 6:00pm-9:00pm**

- 5:30 Arrival to Zoom
- 6:00 Call to Order
  - Acknowledgement of Place
  - Welcome
  - Constitution of the Regional Council
- 6:15 Opening Worship
  - Service of Remembrance
- 6:55 Equity Support Team
- 7:00 Procedural Motions
  - Consent Motions
- 7:05 Check-In (using Break-Out Rooms)
- 7:15 Introduction of Candidates and New Minister
- 7:25 Break
- 7:30 Introduction of General Council Representative, Sarah Charters,  
Interim Executive Minister, Philanthropy / President UCC Foundation
  - Moderator’s Remarks, Rt. Rev. Richard Bott (pre-recorded)
  - General Secretary’s Remarks, Rev. Michael Blair (pre-recorded)
- 7:40 Ecumenical Guest Messages
- 7:50 Equity Support Team
- 7:55 Celebrating Milestones
  - Welcome and Best Wishes
- 9:00 Closing Prayer

**Saturday, June 5, 10:00am-12:00pm**

- 9:30 Arrival to Zoom
- 9:50 Equity Support Team
- 10:00 Opening Worship
- 10:15 Executive Minister’s Remarks
  - President’s Remarks
- 10:30 Finance Motions
  - 2022 Budget
  - 2020 Audited Statements
- 10:50 Proposals
- 11:10 Break

- 11:15 Mission & Service and Called To Be the Church the Journey
- 11:25 Affirming Ministry
- 11:35 Nominations
  - Election of President-Elect
  - Election of Commissioners
- 12:00 Grace
- Lunch Break

**Saturday, June 5, 1:00pm-4:00pm**

- 12:45 Arrival to Zoom
- 1:00 Welcome Back
- 1:10 Theme Presentation
- 1:45 Ecological Justice Working Group - Climate Crisis and Communities of Faith
- 2:00 Ukulele Church
- 2:20 Break
- 2:30 Sing 2025
- 2:45 Archives /Artefacts
- 3:00 Election of Commissioners Results
- 3:05 Equity Support Team
- 3:15 Courtesies
- Closing Motions
- Installation of President
- Closing Worship
- 4:00 Adjournment

**Monday, June 14, 2:00pm**

- 2:00 Celebration of Ministry