

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET



NAME OF NOMINEE: Shauna MacDonald

FOR OFFICE OF: President

ADDRESS: Lake Echo, NS

PROFESSION:

Government of Nova Scotia-Tourism & Culture (1992 left due to disability); Conducted Services at various United Churches throughout NS (late '90's -).

EDUCATION:

Graduated St. Michael's High School, Glace Bay; 1st yr. BA @ UCCB; moved away for work. Professional Makeup Artist; I took time to raise my family; Atlantic School of Theology DTh.Min 1997-2000.

SERVICE IN THE CHURCH: LOCAL CHURCH(S):

40 years at my home church, St. James, Dartmouth NS. Probably easier to say I haven't been a member of the Committee of Stewards nor the Trustees. I taught Messengers and Beavers in the late '80s; Sunday School when I was a teenager, then again Co-Coordinator of Sunday School for several years in the late '90s. President of UCW at age 26. Member of Christian Education Committee until it was incorporated into Worship, when I became Chair, currently co-Chair; sang in Senior Choir; Chair-Ministry and Personnel; Elder for over half my life; Member of Official Board, Member of the Executive; Delegate to former Halifax Presbytery; Delegate to Region 15; Coordinated Church Photo Directory 3 times; Coordinator -Christmas Singles Baskets for those disadvantaged singles and couples within our community who don't qualify for Christmas hampers-last 25 years. The first Sunday in December has traditionally been White Gift Sunday where canned goods and money are donated to the Singles Baskets. Coordinator of Feeding Others of Dartmouth for 18 years, this FOOD program provides a meal the 3rd Tuesday of every month at Margaret's House, a downtown Dartmouth soup kitchen. Played in Chancel Belles Handbell Choir-ensemble ringing where a variety of ringing techniques are utilized that require considerable concentration and dexterity; currently play with the St. James Carillon Handbell Choir;

Participated in Stewardship functions such as: Lenten lunches, took turns preparing the meal before the Presbytery meeting and putting together a Worship Service after the meal when our church was host, tea & sales, lobster suppers, flea markets, toonies in film canisters, coffee fellowship after service at back of sanctuary and in the gymnasium - these are some of the highlights I've been blessed to be a part of for the last 40 years.

WIDER SERVICE IN THE CHURCH INCLUDING FORMER PRESBYTERIES, CONFERENCES AND GENERAL COUNCIL:

I've been a Delegate to the former Halifax Presbytery and now Region 15 for almost half my life. As Delegates, we are supposed to share with our congregation what information we gathered at each meeting. Hoping a seed may be planted, that would take root and grow, going forward. Currently Chair of Stewardship, Division of Services and Support, Region 15. I took on this position a short time before Covid 19 struck. Looking forward to getting out and meeting each and every Community of Faith in Nova Scotia and Bermuda (if permitted by NSHA and Region 15).

SPECIAL COMMUNITY SERVICES:

From its inception, I spent 16 years as the Secretary/Treasurer for Feeding Others of Dartmouth Society, Margaret's House, in downtown Dartmouth NS. My last 3 years with the F.O.O.D Society, I was Chair of Christmas Full of Caring - an annual dinner and auction held the first Sunday of December to raise funds to keep Margaret's House running; responsible for the menu, entertainment, silent and live auction and to bring information collected back to our monthly meeting for approval. I Coordinated outdoor festivities including food and entertainment for several thousand when I worked with Tourism & Culture.

OTHER INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL IS RELEVANT TO THE REGION:

Being a Minister's daughter, I have always loved meeting people and participating in all the activities each pastoral charge were engaged in but being the new person in a small community wasn't always easy. There were those few who always felt they had hired the Minister's family, so I learned very quickly to think first, speak second. A motto I always try to live by. I was always aware that everything I said and did could affect my fathers ministry. I've been blessed with my father being in active Ministry until he was 90 years of age, just 3 short years ago when he gave up being in the pulpit to look after my mother. Being a PK (preachers kid) has taught me patience, perseverance and determination. I always wanted those looking in the windows to know I wouldn't allow my personal thoughts to show and I would hold my head high, smiling, even if my insides were churning. My faith and love in the Lord is eternal; there is nothing that will ever shake it, oh I'm sure there will be tumultuous times when I will reach out to my church family for support and guidance but my faith will never waiver. I have loved the church all of my life. I have a firm foundation. Thank you all for listening to a now grown up PK who finally knows, it is okay to stand up for what you believe in, just do so in the most christian way possible. God's richest blessings and please stay safe!

MOVER / SECONDER: Rev. Fred Snyder / Margie MacIntyre

DATE: May 13, 2022