

## **FAITH FORMATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Like many of the committees of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council, the Faith Formation and Education Committee has spent a couple of years trying to work out just what our functions are and how to accomplish them in this new structure. We had been further hampered by pandemic restrictions since most of what we see ourselves creating or sponsoring would be in-person events.

The business of the Committee that easily comes to us is requests for funds. We have been happy to provide help to Ukulele Church, Camp Stuff, LLWL training events, as well as individuals through Learning Grants.

But funding is not our only function. Our mandate includes discovering and creating programs and events to encourage faith formation and Christian education throughout our Region. We work closely with the Minister for Children, Youth, and Young Adults, Catherine Stewart, and she does an excellent job addressing the needs of those groups. That leaves the Committee to focus on Faith Formation and Education for adults, which is my particular passion and the reason that I joined this committee.

This Autumn's Executive Visioning Retreat introduced us to a function we had not anticipated. It has been repeatedly identified that there is a lack of understanding throughout the Region of our governance structure and how, or who, individuals and communities of faith contact with various questions and needs, be it a committee or a staff person. It seems that this is a matter of education and that word is right there in the name of the Faith Formation and Education Committee. So, we are working on presenting this information in various ways beginning with a workshop at the Annual Meeting at UPEI.

We will also be doing various presentations during the Annual Meeting to highlight some of the work we are doing around Spiritual Practices, hoping that they will be of comfort and inspiration to those in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Donnelly, Chair