

INCORPORATED MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

The Incorporated Ministries Committee oversees the fifteen incorporated Ministries within our Region and has 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, and Bob Budge. This past year we have been in touch with one another through one in-person meeting, Zoom meetings and emails sharing reports of visits made and activities in the work of the various ministries.

We continue to work with the ministries on the updating of their By-laws to reflect the new United Church Structure and hope to see this work completed soon.

Again this year visits have been made to several of our Incorporated Ministries. Our visits have been encouraging and the various Boards are functioning well and taking their responsibilities seriously. Finding new members to serve on the boards and committees continues to be a challenge for some.

Each Incorporated Ministry is required to submit their 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.

Work has been carried out with the Carleton Kirk Lodge to assist it move from an Incorporated Ministry to a Legacy Ministry within The United Church. A recommendation on this move will be sent by the Committee to the Regional Council Executive in the near future. We are also in talks with a representative of Mount Allison University to clarify the relationship between the University and The United Church. The University has questioned for a number of years being designated as an Incorporated Ministry and our Committee has concerns over the manner in which representatives designated as representatives of The United Church are appointed to the Board of Regents. We hope to resolve this matter in the near future.

As I complete my first term as Chair and as a member of the Committee I want to express my personal thanks to all the members of this committee for their faithfulness to the work. It has been great working with you. Special thanks to the staff members who provide support to our work.

Respectfully submitted by
Jim Blanchard - Chair