The United Church of Canada L'Eglise Unie du Canada Regional Council 15

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TO: Pastoral Charge Ministers, Board/Council Secretaries and Chairs

FROM: Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister

RE: Elected Members to Regional Council 15 2023

DATE: February 24, 2023

A Community of Faith is responsible for electing members to Regional Council. Members must already be a part of the membership of your Community of Faith and the number of elected members depends on the size of the Community of Faith. Please note the guidelines for appointing/electing members (*The Manual 2022, Section B.2.1.6*):

The community of faith is responsible for electing representatives of the community of faith to the regional council. Representatives must be members of the community of faith. The number of representatives depends on the size of the community of faith:

- a) one representative if the community of faith has 100 or fewer members;
- b) two representatives if the community of faith has 101 to 200 members;
- c) three representatives if the community of faith has 201 to 300 members; and
- d) four representatives if the community of faith has more than 300 members.

The number of elected members we have assigned for your Community of Faith is based on the resident members report on your 2021 statistics forms. The membership roll of Regional Council 15 depends on each Community of Faith's election.

We are currently in the process of collecting the names for your elected Regional Council members. As you begin to prepare for your Annual General Meetings for your Pastoral Charge and Communities of Faith and prayerfully consider who your elected members will be to the Regional Council, it is important to remember that the Region is made up of all of us, communities of faith, clergy, and laity. We are called to fulfill this ministry together. We ask that all Pastoral Charges send in the names of your elected members. We ask that all of our elected members register for the meeting even if you are unable to attend and indicate regrets. This will help us to

have a full list of members in our directory. Please forward the names of your elected members as soon as possible but no later than **April 1, 2023**.

Please note that if you have not sent the names of the elected members, they will <u>not</u> be able to register as a voting member for the annual Spring Regional Council meeting until we have received the completed form. Please note the following:

- Fill out the online form found at https://ucceast.ca/76813-rc15-elected-members-2
- Questions please email info4RC15@united-church.ca or call (800) 268-3781 ext. 2016
- This update will ensure that your members will receive information mailings, registration forms, and minutes.
- Include email addresses wherever possible as we make every effort to reduce the costs of postage and expenses related to large mailouts.
- Multi-point pastoral charges must keep in mind that should one point not be able to send a member, no other point may send an extra person to compensate. It must be the elected alternate from that congregation.

Thank you very much for your assistance.