Hello from FSLDW President Elizabeth

What a beautiful time of year for a road trip across the Region, especially with travelling companions of Faith March-MacCuish at the wheel and Andrew Richardson as navigator.

On Thursday, Oct 19 we gathered with the Community of Faith of St. Andrew's United, New Richmond, QC, neighbours and Region representatives to celebrate the Admission of Rev. Cornelius Petrus Momberg into the United Church of Canada.

Promises were exchanged, prayers spoken and words of support and encouragement shared as we welcomed Pierre into the UCC from the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa.

And of course the day ended with a feast of plenty! Congratulations to Pierre and St. Andrews United.

On Sunday morning Oct 22, I had the delight to join worship at Wesley United, St. Andrew's NB as they celebrated their 1st Anniversary as an Affirming Ministry. Rainbows filled the sanctuary - literally and in song. Rev. Natasha Pearen and the beautifully decorated sanctuary offered a generous welcome. Vivian Myers-Jones offered a powerful reflection sharing her life journey as a trans person. Congratulations to Wesley United.

On Sunday afternoon Oct 22, I was on the road again. This time to celebrate the Covenanting Service of Rev. Nathan Wright, the Welsford Pastoral Charge (Wesley United, Brown's Flat, NB and Patterson United, Patterson, NB) and the UCC represented by the FSLDW Regional Council.

Rev. Kate Jones, pastoral relations liaison presided. Rev. Tori Mullin offered the reflection and as your President I presided over the Covenanting Action. Of course, more food was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to Rev. Nathan and the Welsford PC.

Across the region there is much to celebrate as together we dare to dream of possibilities for Church today and tomorrow. To see pictures, check out the <u>Region FB page</u>.

Please hold these ministries, our regional staff and all of us in prayer that we may be open to Spirit's leading.

In Peace,

Elizabeth

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