Hello from FSLDW President Elizabeth Nov 8, 2023

Recently I had the delight to sit on the altar steps of the Mt. Allison University chapel and chat with Rev. Ellie Hummel (she/her), Multi-faith Chaplain and Spiritual Care Coordinator, at Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB. Check out the <u>Region FB page</u> for photos.

An ordained United Church clergy person, Ellie came to NB after several years serving as chaplain in Concordia University, Quebec. As Ellie and her partner have settled into Maritime life, Ellie is happy to share that they recently installed solar panels and are excited to watch the first pictures of energy transformation.

Ellie's face shines as she talks about her passion for the ministry at Mt. Allison. The walls of the chapel reflect that same light with inter-faith symbols from around the world. Those of you with fond memories of studying at Mt A will be amazed at the transformation.

Ellie explained how "Whenever there is a crisis anywhere in the world, it becomes very personal right here on campus." Be it Sudan, the Philippines, Ukraine, Russia or Gaza and Israel, when violence erupts or tragedy strikes, hearts ache at Mt. Allison. On campus, the crisis is not some distant story, for indeed the sadness and fear draw close.

Ellie sits, listens and tries to hold a sacred and safe space for all. I am grateful for Ellie's campus ministry and all such ministries across the region.

She is also happy to share her coordinates should anyone wish to be in contact.

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Please hold this important ministry to the light.

In Peace, *Elizabeth* (she/her)

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