

Hello from FSLDW President Elizabeth

On the road again...

On December 3rd I had the delight to visit Central United Church, New Bandon Pastoral Charge, Clifton, NB. Rev. Susan White and the choir led worship while I offered a reflection and gratitude, on your behalf, for this vibrant ministry in the Acadian Peninsula.

New Bandon is one of those successful amalgamation stories having amalgamated six congregations in 1976. Before worship, the place is alive with activity as choir members tune up before worship, disciples buzz about flipping switches, checking the sound system and screens, setting tables, while children bounce about and Rev. Susan's energy fills the space.

The day was not over. Mid-afternoon I was in the pew at First United Church, Bathurst, to join the 2023 Christmas Hymn Sing - a collaboration of the choirs of First United and Central United Churches. The event was coordinated by the very talented Martha Vickers who slid seamlessly between pulpit, piano and organ to direct a wonderful afternoon of Christmas music. Rev. Neal Palmer of First United and Rev. Sue White of Central United read scripture. And I, with my shepherd's crook (a symbol of the President office), said hello on your behalf.

After the concert David and I drove home to the Kingston Peninsula - referred to as the 'south' - with hearts filled with Christmas Spirit and gratitude for the many people from across the Region who serve God through this United Church of ours.

Thank you to Rev. Sue and Martha Vickers for the invitations to be among you on this special season. Thank you to all for the gracious hospitality... including a delicious feast after worship and treats for the road.

Pictures of both events can be found on the [Region Facebook page](#).

In Peace,

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