

Division of Communities of Faith Support and Planning

The Mandate of this Division is to provide leadership and support to our local Communities of Faith. We do this through our teams who work with Communities of Faith through their Mission Articulation Plan (MAP) and exploration of Future Directions in Ministry. This is done through two teams! The Mission Consultation and Accountability Team and The Future Direction in Ministry Team.

The Mission Consultation and Accountability Team is to provide leadership and resources to Communities of Faith. This Team looks at the annual reports, the new self-assessment forms and the Mission Articulation Plan. One of the big pieces that this Team strives to do is to appoint a liaison to Communities of Faith for their MAP process. This Team makes sure that there is training that happens for our liaisons.

The Future Direction in Ministry Team is to provide oversight, leadership, and guidance for the boundaries within the Regional Council. This Team has been busy this past year working with Communities of Faith in clarifying, strategizing, and acting on their current and possible new visions of ministry of The United Church of Canada in their neighbourhood, community and social context. We now have some Communities of Faith who have entered into pilot projects to explore new ways of doing ministry.

We are pleased that this Team is working with areas for the long-term viability of ministry in this Region. The Future Direction Team has taken a look at what is happening in other Regions, other denominations and other parts of the world and has taken some time to think about the way we work together for the good of the church. It was in looking at the need and talking with other ministry personnel that the concept of Pastoral Units was imagined for our Region. At our Regional meeting you will hear much more about the Pastoral Unit.

I wish to express my appreciation and a very sincere thank you to all who are involved with our Division for their time and talents and the great work you are doing for the Regional Council. A sincere thank you to Rev. Heather for all her support and guidance and as well to all the staff at the Regional Council Office for their continued help and support.

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Chair

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