

Hello from FSLDW President Elizabeth

This week I would like to introduce you to your Atlantic Candidacy Board (ACB) of which I am privileged to serve. As we serve Regions East, members come from across the Regions - Labrador, NFLD, NS, NB and PEI.

To see pictures of this eclectic wise group check out [FSLDW Facebook page](#).

Simply put, the Candidacy Board serves the church whenever someone says “I think/feel I want to become minister.”

The ACB does this work as a 'standing commission' appointed by the General Council Board of Vocation and with the guidance of Andrew Richardson, Vocation Minister (Atlantic). To learn more check out [this link](#).

Through reviewing written material submitted by the applicants, references, mentors, supervisors, theology school reports and interviews, the Candidacy Board assesses the promise, suitability and readiness of applicants and candidates for diaconal and ordained ministry; authorizes candidates as ready for candidate supply appointments and Supervised Ministry Education placements and/or appointments and determines readiness for accreditation for commissioning, ordination... and prior to 2024 recognition as designated lay ministers.

In living out these responsibilities I am grateful for the opportunity to meet amazing people who want to serve God through the United Church of Canada. In interviews we listen and learn as applicants share their hopes and dreams, their fears and questions... their willingness to offer this lives in service to the Holy. It is pure gift to sit in this circle of wisdom.

Occasionally the conversations are difficult. By far the majority are life giving. Always the conversations are a Holy blessing.

I have no idea what the church of the future will look like. That being said, whatever unfolds, wherever Wisdom leads, all will be well. It is good.

In Peace,

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