

INCORPORATED MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

The Incorporated Ministries Committee oversees the fifteen incorporated Ministries within our Region and has assigned a committee member as the primary contact to each one for the purpose of visitation and support. Members of the Committee are Jim Blanchard (Chair), Charlene Maguire MacKnight (Secretary), Faith March-MacCuish (Executive Minister) Bob Crowley, and Bob Budge. Regrettably Bob Budge had to resign part way through the year. I thank Bob for his contribution to the work of the Committee. Bob's resignation left the Committee with only three appointed members and this impacted on the total number of visitations we were able to conduct this year. This past year we have been in touch with one another through Zoom meetings and emails sharing reports of visits made and activities in the work of the various ministries.

We continue to work with the ministries on the updating of their By-laws to reflect the new United Church Structure and hope to see this work completed soon. The visitations that were made this year resulted in positive reports to the Committee about the work being undertaken and the administrative strength of the organizations visited.

Each Incorporated Ministry is required to submit their annual reports, audited or reviewed financial reports, proof of insurance and of CRA or Corporation filing and a list of their Board members to the Region annually. These are filed at the Regional Office once they are received and the staff maintain a record of the reporting by each Incorporated Ministry. We continue to be impressed with the dedication of those serving on the various Boards of Directors and with the caliber of the ministry being carried out by these organizations. Thank you to all involved.

The necessary administrative work was completed this year to establish Carleton Kirk Lodge as Legacy Ministry within The United Church. We have been in informal talks for the past two years with a representative of Mount Allison University to clarify the relationship between the University and The United Church, particularly with respect to the appointment of the two positions on the Board of Regents designated for The United Church. I am pleased to report that we have developed a formal proposal, with the assistance of staff at the General council Office, that we believe will resolve this matter and have recently delivered the proposal to our contact person at the University.

I express my personal thanks to all the members of this committee for their faithfulness to the work, especially to Bob Crowley who will have completed his second term at the rise of Council. His commitment and support has been greatly appreciated. It has been great working with you. Special thanks to the staff members who provide support to our work.

Respectfully submitted by
Jim Blanchard - Chair