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TO: Ministry Personnel and Lay Members
FROM: Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister
RE: Regional Council Annual Meeting Registration
DATE: **March 18, 2024**

Greetings on behalf of the Regional Council Executive!

Leadership is a concept we often resist. It seems immodest, even self-aggrandizing, to think of ourselves as leaders. But if it is true that we are part of a community, then leadership is everyone's vocation, and it can be an evasion to insist that it is not. When we live in the close-knit ecosystem called community, everyone follows and everyone leads. Parker J. Palmer

It is a gift to have this wonderful faith community of Bermuda Nova Scotia Regional Council to live out our discipleship as followers and leaders together. Thank you for all you do both large and small for our collective ministries. “Rooted in Faith – Growing in Leadership” is our theme for this year’s meeting. Leadership is one of the three pillars of our strategic plan (Discipleship, Leadership and Mission), last year we focused on Discipleship and this year our focus will be on leadership.

As Regional Council Members, we have answered the important call to leadership, a leadership rooted in our faith and rooted in this United Church of Ours. Thank you for answering that call. In preparation for our time together please see the information below. This will help you with everything you need to participate in the meeting and to be a vital part of our community.

Blessings to you all and see you in May.

“Rooted in Faith – Growing in Leadership” is the theme for the 2024 Regional Council in-person meeting being held on May 10-12, 2024 at Dalhousie Agricultural College (Dal AC), Truro, NS.

Webinars

In the past few years we have taken the time to attend webinars for listening, learning and discussion, this year will be no different. The webinars are considered part of the preparation for our time together. As our meetings are a little shorter in duration, the webinars will help us have a more fulsome discussion about the items that will be coming to our annual meeting. Please mark your calendars as we are hoping to have all members attend the webinars. A memo with the webinar links will be sent to all those who have registered on April 15 (and then as you register).

Webinar #1: Orientation, Proposals and Commissioners

Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 7:00pm-8:30pm

Webinar #2: Division Reports, Budget 2025 and 2023 Audited Statement

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 7:00pm-8:30pm

Registration

Please note that all ministry personnel and lay members will have to register for the meeting. The **registration deadline is April 19, 2024**. Please fill out the Annual Meeting registration form found on the website (<https://ucceast.ca/regional-council-15/2024-bermuda-nova-scotia-regional-council-meeting-registration-copy>).

If you require meals and/or accommodations they can be booked directly through the following ways:

1) **Dalhousie Agricultural College (Dal AC)**

Welcome letter: <https://ucceast.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/BNS-2024-Annual-Meeting-Dalhousie-Unviersity-Truro-Welcome-Letter.pdf>.

Registration link: <https://stay.dal.ca/BNS24.bnb>

Deadline to book meals and/or accommodations with Dal AC is April 19, 2024. If you need to cancel your meals/accommodations you will need to do so by contacting stayintruro@dal.ca no later than May 3 for a full refund.

2) **Hampton Inn & Suites**

35 Legends Ave., Millbrook, NS B6L 1W3, 902-843-4343

\$139/night, includes breakfast

Click on the below link to make your reservation:

<https://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/nova-scotia/hampton-inn-and-suites-by-hilton-truro-XLZTRHX/index.html>

Under “Special Rates” type in code “FSL”. Rooms will be held at this rate until April 19. To avoid a cancellation fee, you must cancel directly with the hotel 72 hours prior to your check in date.

3) **Best Western Truro – Glengarry**

150 Will St., Truro, NS B2N 4Z6, 902-893-4311

\$145/night, includes breakfast

Click on the below link to make your reservation:

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.65003.html?groupId=H78WK0Q5

The above link is to book for three nights. If you would like to book for two nights you will need to contact the hotel directly to book using “United Church of Canada” block of rooms. Rooms will be held at this rate until April 19. To avoid a cancellation fee, you must cancel directly with the hotel 48 hours prior to your check in date.

If for any reason you are unable to attend the meeting after booking your accommodations, please ensure to contact your accommodations location by their specified deadline to cancel.

Kitchen Party

Did you read “Kitchen Party” on the agenda? Yes, you did! Saturday evening will be a time to spend time together. Beverages will be available for purchase at the party location (no outside beverages will be permitted). We are hoping that we will have lots of people willing to share their talents (music, story, poetry) for us to enjoy! Make sure to let us know if you would like to share your talent when you register.

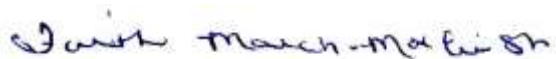
Celebration of Ministries Service

The celebration of ministries service will be held on campus in Cumming Hall (#21 on the Dal AC map <https://ucceast.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Dal-AC-Campus-Map.pdf>) at 10am on Sunday, May 12, 2024. This is a reminder to all members of Regional Council that the service is a continued part of our meeting and we encourage everyone to attend.

In preparation for the annual meeting please refer to the posted material on the Regional website (<https://ucceast.ca/regional-council-15/bns-annual-meeting-2024>).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to be in contact.

Sincerely,



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Executive Minister