

6th Bermuda-Nova Scotia Annual Meeting, May 10-12, 2024 Dalhousie Agricultural College (Dal AC), Truro, NS

“Rooted in Faith – Growing in Leadership”

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW!!!

REGIONAL COUNCIL MATERIALS: Please go to <https://ucceast.ca/regional-council-15/bns-annual-meeting-2024> to review all of the available materials, including the draft agenda (updates occur). The PDF file has been posted with all of the materials available in a single document (<https://ucceast.ca/84740-reports-to-bermuda-nova-scotia-regional-council>). Regional Council members may choose to print these materials or download them to electronic devices. One copy of the full workbook will be available on each table. It is expected that each Regional Council member **will have read** this material carefully before it comes on the floor of the annual meeting. **Do not rely on the University’s wi-fi to access electronic materials.** If, after reading the *Reports to Bermuda-Nova Scotia Regional Council* you are concerned that there is **something missing** from the agenda, please contact Jenn Whittemore immediately at jwhittemore@united-church.ca. This courtesy will assist the Annual Meeting Planning Committee in making appropriate adjustments to the agenda in advance of the meeting, rather than adjusting “on the fly.”

CAMPUS MAP: The Dal AC campus map can be found here <https://ucceast.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Dal-AC-Campus-Map.pdf>.

CHECK-IN & ACCOMMODATION: Check-in for meals/accommodations will take place at Fraser House (#26 on the University map) for the weekend. Check-in for the meeting will take place at Fraser House on Thursday, May 9, and at the Business Table Friday, May 10. Only those registered will have a name tag ready at the check-in.

Youth@Region – Check-in is located at Fraser House Thursday, May 9, 6pm to 8:30pm. If a youth is arriving outside of these hours please contact Catherine Stuart at cstuart@united-church.ca to make arrangements.

DAL AC PAYMENT: If when you registered with DAL AC for accommodations and/or meals you did not pay the full amount you can now pay the remaining balance by credit card here https://secure.touchnet.net/C22109_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=117&SINGLESTORE=true (you will need to provide the event reference number which is 41602). You can also pay when you check-in with the University at Fraser House front desk.

DIETARY REQUESTS: If you have made special dietary needs known on your Dal AC registration form, please speak directly to the University staff upon arrival in the dining hall. It could be that your particular meal is not out on display but is being held especially for you.

CHOIR: All are welcome to join the **Sunday Worship** Regional Council Choir to assist in leadership of hymns and service music. Those interested in joining the choir are invited to a rehearsal on Saturday at 12:30pm at Cumming Hall Theatre. Choir will also meet on Sunday morning at 9:15am in the Cumming Hall Theatre. Please bring your own copies of *More Voices* and *Voices United*.

DISPLAYS: Those who have filled out display requests have been notified. Displays will need to be set-up in the Riverview Room (beside the meeting space) before the start of the meeting Friday morning at 8:45am, and taken down Saturday afternoon by 2pm.

BOOK ROOM: Will be available during the weekend in the Riverview Room (beside the meeting space).

PARKING: Is available at the University as highlighted on the campus map.

AFFIRM CELEBRATION WORSHIP: Our Saturday morning worship we will be celebrating our Region becoming an Affirming Ministry within The United Church of Canada. We invite you to come to the service dressed in bright colours, as a celebration of the “rainbow” of humanity that we are always seeking to be in our life and work in this Region.

PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION: The President’s Reception will be held in the meeting room on Friday, May 10, from 9pm to 10pm, following business. We hope you will join us in celebrating our President, Shauna MacDonald.

KITCHEN PARTY: The Kitchen Party will be held in the meeting room on Saturday, May 11, from 8:30pm to 11pm, following business. Heather Manuel will be our MC for the evening as some of our Regional delegates share their talents.

REGRETS: If you cannot attend, please let us know (<https://ucceast.ca/82926-2024-regrets-form-bns-regional-council>) — your absence will be recorded and helps keep the Roll list accurate.

LEAVING EARLY: If you must leave the Regional meeting early, we ask that you fill out the “Permission to Leave Early” form available at the Business Table.

TRAVEL CLAIM: When making your travel claim, please provide receipts. This is a CRA requirement for the Region to be able to claim a tax refund. Please consider donating your claim back to the Regional Council. Your travel claim can be submitted to the Business Table during the meeting or mailed to the address on the form following the meeting. As a reminder, this is for travel expenses incurred travelling to and from the meeting (not your meals and accommodations during the meeting).

BRING: Travel cup (for water), receipts for expenses, sweater, walking shoes, rain gear, iPad/tablet/laptop, shampoo, soap, and a towel, blanket or pillow (the University will provide towels, bedding and pillows but if you like your own please feel free to bring them). If you prefer holding a book to sing or will be part of the choir *More Voices* and *Voices United*.

DON’T BRING: Scented products.

We look forward to greeting you and the large Regional Council family again on the 6th Annual Meeting. Matters important to the church, your faith and the well-being of people of our Region will be discussed and decisions made. Please prepare yourself to be open to God’s spirit as we seek to respond faithfully to the challenges and opportunities of this time.