Hello from FSLDW President Elizabeth

Tis the season of Anniversaries!

On Sunday May 5 I had the delight to join Mount Royal UC, Moncton, NB for their 65th Anniversary celebration of being church. With shepherds crook in hand, on your behalf, I offered words of congratulations and gratitude for ministry. And was honoured to share a reflection.

It was a Spirit filled occasion as Rev. Scott Stuart presided and shared a slide presentation of ministry moments. Music Director France Henriques and the choir led us in song. And with Rev. Catherine Stuart's prompting, we created an impromptu ukulele band! Great fun!

Mount Royal started out meeting in a mobile school unit before building the present building. One person in attendance on Sunday was also there 65 years ago!

Being a typical Maritime experience, when I shared my Island roots, the questions and stories began. Do you know 'so and so?' And as good luck would have it... of course I knew them.

While folks gathered at Mount Royal, a few kilometres northwest friends gathered at Gibson Memorial UC, Fredericton, NB to celebrate 150 years of ministry!

Not being able to attend in person, I sent a letter of congratulations on behalf of the Region. The weekly announcement to the Gibson congregation, describes a celebratory worship experience with guest singers, celebration choir and guest preacher Rev. Boyd Vincent former minister at Gibson.

All in all, "It was a great morning filled with joy, gratitude, reminiscing, and re-'uniting'!"

To see photos of both events check out the <u>Region Facebook page</u>.

Please hold Mount Royal, Gibson Memorial and all our Communities of Faith in prayer as we celebrate our roots and dare to dream where Spirit is leading us into the future.

In Peace,

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P.S. If you have not registered for the Annual meeting please do so ASAP. Looking forward to seeing you in Charlottetown where we will Dare to Dream.