

FIRST DAWN EASTERN EDGE REGIONAL COUNCIL

**45TH GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER
NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET**

LAY MEMBER

NAME OF NOMINEE: Fred Douglas

ADDRESS: Burin Bay Arm, NL

COMMUNITY OF FAITH: Burin Epworth Pastoral Charge

PREFERRED PRONOUNS: He/Him

**DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A
GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER:**

“On a personal level I feel that serving as a General Council Commissioner will enable a further step in my journey of Faith through the interaction, debate and discussion through "the guidance of the Holy Spirit" as I further learn how to positively affect and implement the policies of the National Church in our Region and in our local pastoral Charges and Churches.



Meetings and conferences have been a large part of my career as an educator, a union leader and president and a life-long volunteer in community groups and for the last 16 years as a member and chairperson of Bethany United Church and the Burin Epworth Pastoral Charge. I was honoured and pleased to have been chairperson of the team which brought the governance of four churches under one pastoral charge and to have been chairperson of the Search Committee which proposed the hiring of Burin Epworth Charge's current minister; the Rev. Jason Boyd.

I have attended many meetings and conferences both locally, nationally and internationally and in many cases helped to organize and/or chair/conduct them. I understand clearly the importance of listening with an open mind rather than forming rebuttal points as another speaks. Listening and responding using our "Holy Manners" may often result in the consideration of a point of view not hitherto proposed. I strongly support the Church's policies especially regarding those addressing inclusion, affirmation and diversity. It is also, I believe, our responsibility to do our very best to see those policies implemented and followed within our Regions, Pastoral Charges and our Communities of faith.

I promise to the best of my ability to prepare and be fully informed about the business before General Council by participating in all background material provided through "watching , listening and reading". Thank you for your consideration to this nomination.”

MOVER/SECONDER: Carol Ann Lake/Elizabeth (Betty) Harding

DATE: May 27, 2024