

**FIRST DAWN EASTERN EDGE REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**45<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONER  
NOMINATION BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET**

**MINISTRY PERSONNEL**

**NAME OF NOMINEE:** Rev. Amanda Barnes

**ADDRESS:** Bonavista, NL

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** Bonavista Pastoral Charge

**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** She/Her

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

“As the United Church of Canada approaches it’s 100th Anniversary, I look forward with anticipation to where God is calling us. The past year as your President has ignited a spark within me to become more active and involved in the wider church. I know things are changing and change is not always bad, but it sometimes challenges us to look in new directions. In saying that, I also believe that God is ever before us.



My last exposure to General Council was Youth Forum in 1997. It was a beautiful balance of business, friendships, fun, and hard work. I reflect on those memories as I discern this role and believe it’s time for me to offer myself as a Commissioner for GC 45. Sometimes there seems to be a disconnect between the National Church and the local Congregations but I look forward to the possibility of being part of the deliberations and decisions of the Church.

I am excited about being bold and daring and hopeful. I am humbled that we say Yes to new partnerships and reconciliation and inclusion. I respect that we hold on to tradition but look forward with cautious hope. I value the diversity that we all bring to the table while celebrating the faithfulness of one another.

The theme for General Council is Visions and Dreams based on Acts 2 and I yearn with prayerful hope for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on this Church that we know and love.”

**MOVER/SECONDER:** Emma O’Rourke/Jocelyn Cook

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