

**FIRST DAWN EASTERN EDGE REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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

**MINISTRY PERSONNEL**

**NAME OF NOMINEE:** Rev. Deepak Nitesh Yohan

**ADDRESS:** Norman's Cove, NL

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** Norman's Cove Pastoral Charge

**PREFERRED PRONOUNS:** He/Him/His

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

"I am a new arrival in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador serving as a Minister in Norman's Cove Pastoral Charge. I've come to Canada after serving with two partner Churches of United Church of Canada in two different countries.

I look at the position of Commissioner as very important as it involves election of the future head of the Church, designing of policies and governance on different contemporary issues across the world.

I believe my past experience in field of sexual minority rights and mainstreaming, Indigenous rights (India, Asia Context), Dalit rights and designing different policies will bring a unique perspective on board. I have a strong convection to revitalize our efforts on how the United Church may address the current dilapidating situations of some congregations and how we can stop other congregations from reaching that state, and that I believe that this will be resolved when we all, together, work towards that including the decision-making body of the church. Serving on this vital position will also create an environment for me to understand the church, its polity and governance in better way. Hence, I am looking forward to serving in the position of a commissioner."

**MOVER/SECONDER:** Marilyn Rees/Lorraine Smith

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