

Greetings Growth Seekers of UCC-East!

I am humbled to come alongside you as growth animator as we renew, create and invite. Thank you to everyone who has connected with me by email, phone, zoom, teams or in-person. I am privileged to be accompanying you in your life and work in the United Church of Canada, in your neighbourhoods, with community partners, ecumenical and multifaith connections. As bold disciples we are embracing explorations, experiments and pilots, encouraging culture shifts and new opportunities that may be single initiatives, a series, over short or extended periods of time. With humility and confidence in sharing faith, we are exploring collaborative opportunities and possibilities for expanding and transforming ways of working together to faithfully and prayerfully share God's love.

"We are striving to live into our Call, seeking to be a 'bold, connected, and evolving church' made up of thriving communities that invite neighbours into shared values and deep relationship." (General Secretary Michael Blair).

We strengthen invitation: through relationship building, intentional welcoming events, invitation planning, "bold belonging" flourishing follow-ups, neighbourhood profiles, workshops online, connecting with others to find or develop or adapt resources, discerning where we are at, visioning, dreaming, strategizing how to talk about our faith, exploring what events to start, stop or continue, Renewing Hope, always helping communities of faith explore ways to be more effective to welcome, attract, retain, transform, and send disciples into the world.

I connect with ministry personnel, lay persons, governing bodies, committees, teams, congregations, community partners, clusters, pastoral units, within regions, with the wider church, with the curious, the flourishing and the floundering, those eager to share ideas, celebrate ways they are thriving and those struggling and needing a listening ear.

We continue to discover "new things God is up to, as we dare to do things differently, one baby step at a time. I am here to support, resource and accompany communities of faith seeking to grow their ministries.

Let's connect or reconnect. Share your story. Together we continue to imagine and re-imagine our transforming, thriving future, rooted in faith, curious, generous, vital, humble, connecting with neighbours, to be deep, bold and daring!

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