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TO: Pastoral Charge Ministers, Board/Council Secretaries and Chairs

FROM: Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister

RE: 2025 Elected Members to First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council

DATE: January 28, 2025

A Community of Faith is responsible for electing members to Regional Council. Members must already be a part of the membership of your Community of Faith and the number of elected members depends on the size of the Community of Faith *(The Manual 2025 Section B.2.1.6):*

a) one representative if the community of faith has 100 or fewer members;
b) two representatives if the community of faith has 101 to 200 members;
c) three representatives if the community of faith has 201 to 300 members; and
d) four representatives if the community of faith has more than 300 members

The number of elected members we have assigned for your Community of Faith is based on the resident members reported on your 2023 statistics. The membership roll of First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council depends on each Community of Faith's election.

We are currently in the process of collecting the names of your elected Regional Council members. As you begin to prepare for your Annual General Meetings for your Pastoral Charges and Communities of Faith, prayerfully consider who your elected members will be to the Regional Council. I thought it would be good if I was able to give you the following definition for your deliberations and discernment; please share this with the elected members.

Roles and Responsibilities for the Regional Council Members

Being a member of the Regional Council is an important ministry. It is a way for you to be a leader in living out your discipleship in the wider church. If you are considering being a member, here are some things to consider:

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- You will need to be committed to attending the Annual Meeting of the Region and other full meetings of the Regional Council, if required.
- You are a connection in the covenant between the Region and the Community of Faith, bringing the experience of each to the other. (Access to a computer and reliable internet is needed)
- You are one of our communications agents in the system. We rely on you to be the person who receives correspondence from the Region and brings that to your governing body (Board/Council).
- It is recommended that one of the elected members from your Community of Faith to the Region be a member of your governing body (Board/Council).
- Encourage your Communities of Faith to visit the Region's website, sign up for weekly announcements and be part of the Facebook page as a way to find resources and information.
- Provide a copy of the Regional Executive minutes to the Board or Council quarterly.
- Bring a report from the Annual Meeting to your Communities of Faith.
- We strongly recommend you consider serving on one of the Teams or Divisions of the Region and help members of your Communities of Faith discern where they might serve on the various Teams and Divisions of the Region and encourage them to get involved.
- Please note: You must be a full member of The United Church of Canada and of the Community of Faith from which you are elected; a Community of Faith within the Region.

The Region is made up of all of us; Communities of Faith, clergy and laity. We are called to fulfill this ministry together. You are an important part of the regional structure. Thank you for your ministry.

It is very important that you forward the names of your elected members as soon as possible but no later than **March 3, 2025.**

Please note that if you have not sent the names of the elected members, they will not be able to register for the Annual Spring Regional Council Meeting until we have received the completed form. **If you have the same members as last year, we still need you to:**

- Complete your form online at: Elected Members Form
- Or complete the enclosed form and email to info4rc16@united-church.ca
- Complete the form as soon as possible after your annual meeting;
- This update will ensure that your members will receive registration forms, Annual Meeting information and minutes.
- Include email addresses, wherever possible, as we make every effort to reduce the costs of postage and expenses related to large mail outs.
- Multi-point pastoral charges must keep in mind that should one congregation not be able to send a member, no other congregation may send an extra person to compensate. It must be the elected alternate from that congregation.

Thank you very much for your assistance.