

# **Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council**

## **Mission and Priorities**

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Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region consults with, guides, and supports Communities of Faith and other ministries in building trusting, respectful, affirming relationships that embody the Creator's presence within the world in which we live.

### **Priorities**

#### **Three New Communities of Faith**

Through a working group of the Executive we work to:

- Define "new" Communities of Faith
- Have conversation and plant seeds for emerging expressions of church
- Research possible areas for emerging expressions: Newcomers, Geographic, Language specific, Virtual, Other expressions Queer Church, Ukulele, etc.
- Education around Radical Welcome
- Identify best practices for church planting
- Identify leadership needs and training
- Identify funding needs
- Act as a support to congregations that have a vision for a new expression of ministry

#### **Communicate/Invite/Renew**

Through a working Group of the Executive we work to:

- Enhance communication between local communities of faith and the FSLDW Region
- Provide orientation and training to elected and prospective Regional Council Members
- Encourage and foster the creation of regional cluster meetings to promote community and enhance cooperation and communication between geographically grouped communities of faith
- Keep a list of communication tools used in the region and enhance where needed
- Highlight the *Spark Newsletter* and share stories from Pastoral Charges
- Create a *who to call* reference sheet; welcome packages for those who are new to the region; create a short video about the regional resources; create a highlights page about the regional executive meetings for community of faith boards

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## **Support for Ministry Personnel**

Through the development of the Health, Joy and Excellence Institute we work to:

- Provide leaders and communities with opportunities for learning
- Provide environments of sharing to enhance skills, focus energies and celebrate ministry practices. Encourage local networks of clergy, clergy retreats etc.
- Value the work of teams that assist clergy in their pastoral charges (M&P Committees etc.)

## **Education:**

Through the Faith, Formation and Education Committee we work to:

- Provide workshops and in person/online educational opportunities
- Provide worship resources to congregations, including sermons for lay led services
- Create a list of material and resources available to congregations for their ministries