

Message from President Hugh Ellis – July 16, 2025

It has been six weeks since I was installed as President of the FSLDW Region. Where does the time go? I had made some wonderful plans to participate in various 100th Anniversary celebrations across our Region, to attend the National Celebration in St John's on June 8, and began preparing to attend GC 45 in Calgary in early August. I also hoped to be able to worship with many of you in your home churches on a Sunday morning as a "summer visitor".

Alas, none of these great plans came to be. As many of you already know I was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer shortly after our Celebration of Ministries and began chemotherapy shortly there after on June 24.

I was able to chair the June 17 Regional Council Executive Meeting and am grateful to all who have assisted me ---in fulfilling the duties of the office of President thus far. I am currently scheduled for 12 chemotherapy courses over the course of 24 weeks which will take me into the fall season.

I am both hopeful and optimistic that detection was early and therapy was instituted promptly. I want to thank those who have taken time to reach out with words of prayer, encouragement, good news stories and support.

I am reminded daily of the words of Proverbs 3: 5-6 " Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."

I hope each of you have a happy, restful and rejuvenating summer taking time to do something restorative for yourself that you may have been putting off for some time.

Blessings and peace,

Hugh