

Hello friends,

Here we are already on the cusp of September! Technically, we are still in the summer season, and I fully intend to cling to every moment that I can! The foliage and leaves, and pumpkin spice, can wait a couple of weeks longer. I might even wear white after Labour Day in defiance of the fashion police!

As a Region, we owe a huge thank you to our GC 45 Commissioners who ventured west in early August despite the threat of travel disruptions and dealing with time zone adjustments. I followed as much of the proceedings via YouTube as my internal clock would allow me to. I did catch myself nodding off on one occasion. There were a few idle minutes for our commissioners!

For those of you who may be interested, important segments of the sessions are available for your viewing on the [UCC YouTube Channel](#).

I would bring your attention especially to the Apology to the 2S and LBGTQIA+ Communities on August 8, the Installation of the new Moderator, the Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath, and the daily summaries of actions and proceedings. It was a jam-packed week of worship, discussion, reflection, community, and planning. I was especially impressed by the theme speaker, the Rev. Karen Georgia A. Thompson, who is the General Minister, President, and Chief Executive Officer of the United Church of Christ in the United States. She spoke to our Dreams and Visions in addition to crucial issues of social justice and human rights as the world order realigns.

Regional Council Executive will meet on Sept 8 and 9 in Sackville for two days of planning, discussion, and business. As we enter into our next century, we do so in the certainty that God is always with us...all the time.

May the Spirit continue to guide and inspire us as we travel together as individuals, as a community, and as the disciples we aspire to be!

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all!

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