

President's Message, October 14, 2025

I trust that by this time everyone has had their fill of roast turkey and pumpkin pie.....or at least a sufficient taste to hold you over until Christmas. I notice from various announcements that many communities are holding various fundraising dinners and events prior to Advent. It is a busy time of year, and our church is no exception.

I have been on the road a bit over the past two weeks and have had the opportunity to worship on back-to-back Sundays with St. John's United in Moncton and Trinity United in Summerside. I find it both interesting and rewarding to be part of the various traditions and worship styles as I visit within the region. I just wish there were enough Sundays in a year to visit each Pastoral Charge during my term as President. I can attest to the fact that these two communities of faith are filled with spirit, vitality and individuals of steadfast faith who participate in an extensive list of community encouraging activities on a regular basis. I am sure that each of your own communities, in their unique way, similarly seek to serve the needs of the church and wider community in ways guided by the Holy Spirit. I thank you for the warm welcome extended to Randy and myself.

I am aware of at least four covenanting services which will be celebrated in the Region before Advent. You are encouraged to lend your support by attending these important covenants when one is being celebrated close to you. It is another way of connecting with our neighbouring pastoral charges, ministry personnel and new friends. Check your Weekly Announcements for details.

Your Regional Executive will be meeting face-to-face in Sackville on Oct 27 and 28 for our regular fall planning and business meeting. It will be a challenging and full agenda falling so closely on the heels of General Council 45 and as our awareness grows as to the magnitude of the changes affecting world geopolitics.

Despite the challenges and obstacles we may face on this journey togetherREMEMBER....

"Fear not, for I am with you;
Be not dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you,
Yes, I will help you,
I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

Blessings to all,

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