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TO: Communities of Faith of First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council
(Ministry Personnel, Elected Members, Official Board Chairs, Official Board Secretaries, Incorporated Ministries, Executive, Staff)

FROM: Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister

RE: **REGISTRATION-First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Annual Meeting**

DATE: March 30, 2026

Greetings from the Executive Minister, First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council.

The theme for the 2026 First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council 8th Annual Meeting is based on Luke 5:4-7: **"Put out into deep water and let down the nets for a catch"**. The meeting is being held virtually on **Wednesday, June 10, 2026 from 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm (NDT)**. The **Celebration of Ministries Service** will be held at 1:00 pm, Saturday, June 13, 2026 at St. James United Church, St. John's. The service will also be live streamed.

Registration:

Please note that all ministry personnel and elected lay members will have to register for the meeting. **The registration deadline is May 8, 2026.** Please complete the **registration form** found on the website: <https://ucceast.ca/95666-register-for-the-2026-annual-meeting-for-first-dawn-eastern-edge-regional-council>

Webinar:

In preparation for the Meeting, the Annual Meeting Planning Team is offering a webinar so that members are able to listen, learn and ask questions for clarification about the matters that will be before us at the meeting. It will help us have a productive meeting if as many people as possible take part in the webinar. Zoom link will be distributed to registered members of the Annual Meeting closer to the webinar date.

Webinar: Orientation, President-Elect Nominees, Proposals, Division Reports, 2025 Audited Statement and 2027 Budget

Date: Monday, May 25, 2026, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Milestones in Ministry:

As our meeting this year is streamlined to accomplish only what is necessary and as we are moving to every second year in-person meetings, we have made the decision that we will celebrate our Milestones in Ministry every second year at the in-person meeting with our traditional celebration with a banquet. Information will be sent to those having Milestones in 2026 and also to the governing body of the congregation in which you are a regular attendee.

Elected Members' Responsibilities:


Members of the Regional Council will represent their Community of Faith at the Annual Meeting. The Regional Council member will provide key communication updates between Regional Council and their Community of Faith. Please refer to the Elected Members' Responsibilities posted on the Annual Meeting page of the website: <https://ucceast.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Elected-Members-to-First-Dawn-Eastern-Edge-Regional-Council-2026-Memo.pdf>

Regrets:

If you are unable to attend the Regional Annual Meeting, we ask that you let us know by completing the Regrets form: <https://ucceast.ca/95647-2026-annual-meeting-regrets-form-first-dawn-eastern-edge-regional-council>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to be in contact. We can't wait to see you!

Sincerely,



Faith March-MacCuish
Executive Minister

Copy: Rev. Elsie Squires, President, First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council
Rev. Kathy Brett, Chair, Annual Meeting Planning Team