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MEMO

TO: Ministry Personnel and Lay Members
FROM: Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister
RE: Regional Council In-Person Annual Meeting
DATE: **March 24, 2026**

Greetings on behalf of the Regional Council Executive!

As we begin to turn our minds to the Regional annual meeting and all that we hope it will be, we are happy to announce that John Pentland, author of the book “Fishing Tips”, will be our theme presenter. We have set aside significant time for us to go deep, reconnect with our souls and the holy. We will also be spending time looking at the future of our church through the “Toward 2035” conversation and strategic plan, as well as exploring the Regional Council evaluation recommendations. As Michael Blair, our General Secretary, has said, this is a time for us the church to have a “reorientation of our imagination,”

A Song of Faith (2006) reminds us, when it speaks of the church:

*It requires the Spirit to reorient it,
helping it to live an emerging faith while honouring tradition,
Challenging it to live by grace rather than entitlement,
for we are called to be a blessing to the earth.*

“**Into The Deep**” is our theme for this year’s meeting. May this time together be a time of going deep into our faith, for our love of the church and a commitment to create a hopeful future.

The information shared below in this letter will help you with everything you need to be a participant, to be prepared and to be part of our in-person gathering.

The 2026 Regional Council in-person gathering will be held on May 29-31, 2026 at Acadia University, Wolfville, NS.

Webinar

In preparation for our in-person meeting, we ask all members to attend the information webinars that will provide time for listening, learning and discussing the matters before us. These webinars will help us have a more fulsome discussion about the items that will be coming to our annual



meeting. Please mark your calendar as we are hoping to have all members attend the webinar. A memo with the webinar links will be sent to all those who have registered on April 22 (and then as you register).

Webinar #1: Orientation, Proposals

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 7:00pm-9:00pm

Webinar #2: Division Reports, Audited Statements 2025 and Budget 2027

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7:00pm-9:00pm

Registration

Please note that all ministry personnel and elected lay members will have to register for the meeting. The **registration deadline is May 1, 2026**. Please fill out the [registration form](#) found on the annual meeting webpage.

Meals and Accommodations

Please read the [Welcome letter from Acadia University](#). In this letter you will find the meal and accommodations options, as well as the links for each. Please note you are required to register separately for meals and accommodations (they are two separate links).

Childcare

We are in the process of securing childcare for those children 11 and under during the business portions of the meeting (no childcare will be provided during meal times or Saturday evening Kitchen Party). If you require childcare please [complete the childcare request form](#) by **May 1, 2026** and we will be in touch.

Shuttle

There will be a shuttle available to transport people between locations at Acadia University. If you require the shuttle service please [complete the shuttle request form](#) by May 1, 2026. There will be a shuttle schedule posted on the annual meeting webpage by Monday, May 25.

Kitchen Party

Saturday evening will be a time for community connection and conversation while listening to background music. Beverages will be available for purchase at the party location (no outside beverages will be permitted).


Celebration of Ministries Service

The celebration of ministries service will be held at Acadia University's University Hall (#15 on the [campus map](#)) on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at 10am. This is a reminder to all members of Regional Council that the service is a continued part of our meeting and we encourage everyone to attend.

In preparation for the annual meeting please refer to the posted material on the [annual meeting webpage](#) on the Regional website.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to be in contact.

Sincerely,



Faith March-MacCuish
Executive Minister