

FAITH FORMATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Faith Formation and Education Committee had challenges meeting regularly through the latter half 2025 due to the deaths of close family members among the leadership. However, regular events continued to take place.

Camp Stuff, an annual training event we share with BNS, was hosted by Camp Wegesegum. This was exciting because that camp has been reluctant to participate in Camp Stuff in the past. I believe this event has encouraged a closer relationship with this camp we share with the Atlantic Baptists, and a better understanding of United Church Camping Standards.

We were happy to have a presence at the Joint Gathering with Bermuda-Nova Scotia Region in Sackville at the end of May. Folks really enjoyed the Getting to Know You Bingo activity. This committee was also responsible for the colouring supplies provided on the tables. They were put to use.

Camping seasons were successful for all three camps in the Region. Despite challenges with fire bans, Camp Abegweit, Camp Wegesegum and Camp Ta-Wa-Si were able to finish their seasons with good registration numbers and talented staff and boards.

General Council Youth Forum happened in Calgary (August 7-11), with 4 youth and young adults under the age of 30 attending from our region.

The Licensed Lay Worship Leaders (LLWL) Annual Gathering took place at the Tatamagouche Centre November 6-8 with the Rev. Mary Taylor and Kyle Grant as instructors. Feedback was very positive and the event will happen again this year at the Office in Sackville, October 22-24. This is another activity with shared with Bermuda-Nova Scotia.

This committee has some workshop-type materials prepared to help demonstrate use of the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional website, which also helps with understanding the Region's organization, committees, and staff. We are hoping to be invited to present these materials at cluster meetings, so keep us in mind.

Respectfully submitted,
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