

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

This year marks the conclusion of my time serving as Chair of the Nominations Committee. It has been meaningful work, and at times demanding work, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have served the region in this way. As I step back from this role, I do so with deep appreciation for those who have supported the committee's efforts and with confidence in those who will carry this ministry forward.

Throughout the past year, the Nominations Committee has continued its work of identifying and encouraging gifted disciples to serve within the various committees and ministries of the Bermuda–Nova Scotia Regional Council. The ongoing challenge remains the same: while our region is blessed with many capable and faithful people, it is increasingly difficult to find individuals able or willing to take on regional responsibilities. Even so, we remain committed to ensuring that our committees are supported by people who bring wisdom, dedication, and a heart for the mission we share.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to **Tony Orlando**, who has served alongside me with steadiness, humour, and unwavering support. For much of this year, we have functioned as a committee of two, and Tony's partnership has been invaluable. I am grateful for the ways he has shown up, followed through, and helped shoulder the work.

As both Tony and I step back from our roles, I am pleased to share that Rev. Donna Tourneur, Anne Cameron and Andriel Pitter who are discerning their involvement will be taking up the baton. Their willingness to serve is deeply appreciated, and I trust that their gifts, perspectives, and energy will strengthen the work of Nominations in the year ahead.

We continue to encourage communities of faith across the region to reflect on the gifts present within their congregations and to consider how those gifts might be offered in service to the wider church. As 1 Peter 4:10 reminds us, *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* The region depends on the generosity and discipleship of individuals who feel called to step into leadership, and every "yes" makes a difference.

With gratitude, we acknowledge all who currently serve on regional committees, as pastoral supervisors, liaisons, General Council commissioners, and representatives to ministry boards. Your dedication is essential to living out our shared mission:

Inspired by God, we are Christ's people in Bermuda and Nova Scotia—loving each other, following Jesus, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

As I conclude my term, I want to express my appreciation for the trust placed in me and for the colleagues who have supported this work. It has been a privilege to serve the region in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Angela MacLean
Chair, Nominations Committee (concluding term)