OPENING PROCEDURAL MOTION – Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters

1. That the Roll of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council be (Manual 2026 C1.1 and C.1.2):
   a) Members of the order of ministry within the bounds served by the regional council; and
   b) Other ministry personnel in a covenantal relationship with a community of faith within the bounds of the regional council; and
   c) The lay members who are members of the United Church who are not ministry personnel and who are elected by their Communities of Faith.
   d) Appointed members, lay members of the Regional Council Executive who have not been elected by their Community of Faith.

2. That the quorum be as indicated in Section C.4.3 of the Manual 2026;
   "The Regional Council may meet only if a minimum number of members is present… If there are 60 (sixty) or more members, at least 20 (twenty) members must be present; and that there must be at least one ministry personnel and one lay member who is not ministry personnel present. Corresponding members are not counted for this purpose."

3. That the bounds of the Regional Council meeting be the virtual meeting room, and the telephone connections to that meeting space, and Convocation Hall, Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB.

4. That representatives of General Council; representatives of United Church organizations; ministry students not serving a pastoral charge; the active and retired Lay Overseas Personnel; ecumenical guests and observers; the President of the Atlantic School of Theology (or their designate); the Incorporated Ministries representatives; Youth@Region; and any other registered visitors to the Regional Council meetings be Corresponding Members of this Council.

5. That the agenda, as printed and distributed, be adopted as the agenda for this meeting of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council, subject to such changes as may be adopted and such Orders of the Day as may be determined by the Council.

6. That the business table for the on-line meeting be Richard Bowley, Melanie Matheson and Jennifer Whittemore.

7. That the minute secretary for the Eighth (8^{th}) Annual Regional Council meeting be Jennifer Taylor.

8. This meeting will be recorded for the purpose of the Record of Proceedings. Once the Record of Proceedings has been produced, the recording will be destroyed.

9. That any elections held during this meeting be by majority ballot.

10. That the Proposals Team be Jack Spencer and Jim Blanchard.

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11. That the virtual Table Group Facilitators for this meeting of Regional Council be as selected by the table groups.

12. That the following shall be Tellers for this session of Regional Council: Melaney Matheson (Head Teller), Roland Easter and Sheila Gallant.

13. That the Chaplains/Pastoral Care providers be Blair Lewis and Wilson Gonese (June 5) and Wilson Gonese and Natasha Pearen (June 6).

14. That the Process Flow and Support for the on-line meeting be Jack Spencer.

15. The President will chair the meeting, making any rulings necessary. The Regional Council will work together using the Whole People's Covenant and Holy Manners as its guide. The President will apply the Manual 2026 Appendix: Procedures for Holding a Meeting and Decision-Making. *(Note 3.7 In any point not covered in The Manual, the parliamentary rules accepted in Canada (Bourinot's Rules) will be followed.)*

    Speakers will:
    - start by identifying themselves (name, Pastoral Charge or Community of Faith)
    - direct all discussion to the President
    - address the President only once about a motion; except the mover, who may speak both first and last
    - be allocated time as follows: The initial time allocated for the mover to address the motion be limited to three (3) minutes, and that all subsequent speakers be limited to two (2) minutes, including any reply by the mover of the motion
    - make every effort to have all discussion be clear and concise, and deal only with the motion