Update from Your President

Greetings,

As autumn settles across our Region and we move deeper into another season of ministry, let us witness the many ways we are connected to one another through the life of the church.

During September I had the privilege of attending the PEI Cluster Group visit with our Moderator, Dr. Rev. Kimberley Heath. It was another reminder of the faithful ministry taking place within our communities of faith and the importance of gathering with one another.

I was also honoured to chair the Annual In-Person Executive Meeting and Learning Retreat in Sackville, New Brunswick. The time together provided opportunities for discussion, discernment, and relationship-building as we continue to serve the people of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region.

One of the joys of serving as your President continues to be the opportunity to "pop up" at events throughout the Region. Please check out our Regions Facebook page for those little “pop ups”.

In September I attended the Camp Abegweit Annual Fundraising Dinner. The dedication shown by those who support our camps and outdoor ministries continues to inspire me. I have to say I chose the most awesome table to sit at and was welcomed with open arms.

October also provided opportunities for meaningful connection. On October 18th, I was honoured to participate in the Covenanting Service of Corina Anderson, Candidate for Ordained Ministry, at Memorial United Church. It was a privilege to lead the covenanting portion of the service.

I want to take this opportunity to again thank our President-Elect, Kathy Bigsby, who accepted the invitation to attend "Bees for Peace" while I was leading the covenanting service. The event included the dedication of pollinator gardens and peace poles at four churches in the area: St. Paul’s UC, Trinity UC and Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Riverview, and Central UC in Moncton. What a wonderful example of collaboration and care for creation.

Later in the month, I made a visit to the bake sale at Gordon Memorial United Church in Alberton, PEI. I appreciated the warm welcome and the opportunity to connect with members of the community. Oh, and the yummy treats my family and I stocked up on.

As always, thank you for the many conversations and warm welcomes that are extended to me wherever I travel. More to come! Please continue to let me know about special events and celebrations in your communities of faith.

Blessings,

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