



**FUNDY ST. LAWRENCE DAWNING WATERS  
REGIONAL COUNCIL (14)  
AND  
REGIONAL COUNCIL 15  
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
RE: LICENSE TO MARRY  
June 2019**

Marriage, while not a sacrament in The United Church of Canada, is a sacred moment in the life of a couple and of a faith community. Presiding at a wedding by ministry personnel is always a function of ministry and, therefore, always a part of the pastoral relationship and the covenant between the Pastoral Charge, the ministry personnel, and the Region. The Region holds, as part of its responsibility, oversight of Pastoral Charges and ministry function.

The Executive Minister of the Regions is the recognized religious authority by the Provinces. As such, once a completed temporary marriage application is received and verified as appropriate the Regional Council Office makes the formal request to the appropriate Provincial department under her direction.

A Letter of Good Standing is required. You can request this by contacting your region's Office of Vocation Minister. For the Atlantic Regions, contact [arichardson@united-church.ca](mailto:arichardson@united-church.ca).

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**REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY LICENSE TO MARRY  
WITHIN REGIONAL COUNCIL 14 AND 15**

**Section A:** To be completed by the officiating ministry personnel. Please forward this completed section plus the “permission” correspondence to the officiating ministry personnel’s Region of membership.

**Section B:** To be completed by the officiating ministry personnel’s Region of membership. Once signed by Region of membership, please forward application, including “permission” correspondence, to the Regional Council 14 and 15 Office (*address below*).

In the event the wedding ceremony is planned for a location other than the sanctuary of a church building, it remains the requirement of the officiating ministry personnel to consult with the resident ministry personnel, as well as receive permission from the Session or its equivalent, to officiate within the bounds of that pastoral charge, and to record the wedding in the Congregational Marriage Record Book. As a function of ministry, the officiating ministry personnel is acting on behalf of The United Church of Canada; therefore, should make every effort to ensure that the wedding is recorded appropriately.

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**A. To be completed by the officiating ministry personnel.**

For those requesting a temporary license to marry within Regional Council 14 or 15:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Status: (check one)      Ordained: Active       Retired       Retained   
                                    Diaconal: Active       Retired       Retained   
                                    Designated Lay Minister:   
                                    Student Supply:   
                                    Candidate Supply:   
                                    Intern Supply:

Pastoral Charge: \_\_\_\_\_ Regional Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Province within which the wedding is to be conducted: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of wedding: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of individuals being married: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of wedding: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregational Register where wedding is to be recorded: \_\_\_\_\_

The following correspondence must accompany this application.

1. Copy of correspondence to Session or its equivalent of local Pastoral Charge seeking permission
2. Copy of correspondence from Session or its equivalent of local Pastoral Charge granting permission
3. Verification of consultation with resident ministry personnel of local Pastoral Charge
4. A Letter of Good Standing is required. You can request this by contacting the Office of Vocation Minister (Atlantic), at [arichardson@united-church.ca](mailto:arichardson@united-church.ca).

**To be completed by officiating Ministry Personnel’s Region of membership or Denominational Office as appropriate and forwarded at least four weeks prior to the scheduled date of the wedding to: First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council, 320 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John’s, NL A1B 1T9, Tel 800-268-3781 ext. 6140, Fax 709-754-8336, [jtaylor@united-church.ca](mailto:jtaylor@united-church.ca).**

On behalf of the applicant, \_\_\_\_\_ Regional Council has reviewed the information in Section A and supports the application for a temporary licence to marry as requested and offers assurance that the clergy is in good standing.

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On behalf of Regional Council

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Date