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MEMO

TO: Communities of Faith
(Ministry Personnel, Official Board Chairs, Official Board Secretaries)

FROM: Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister

**RE: Regional Council Fall Meeting
Ministry Personnel and Lay Members to Registration**

DATE: June 17, 2020

Greetings on behalf of the Regional Council Executive!

We do hope that you and your Pastoral Charge are doing well in this most difficult time. My heart has been full as I hear stories of volunteers and community of faith staff (ministerial and lay) working hard to address the needs of the congregations. Stories of congregational members continuing their offering and in some cases giving more, and stories of anonymous donations all because people of faith know how important the church is to themselves and to the community. Well done good and faithful servants. When in crisis, we know how to pull together.

As we assess the planned Regional Meeting for September 25-27, we are aware that a gathering of more than 200 people is not feasible or safe at this time. We therefore have made the decision to change the Annual Meeting to a Zoom meeting for **September 26, 2020 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm**. Some of you will be aware of that format and for some it will be new. Not to worry if you are unfamiliar, we are here to help you. If you are not able to join by Zoom then you can join the meeting by phone.

Please note that all ministry personnel and lay members will have to register again for the meeting on September 26, 2020. The deadline for the **Registration is September 14, 2020**. Please fill out the registration form found on the website (<https://ucceast.ca/fundy-st-lawrence-dawning-waters-regional-council-14/fslw-annual-meeting-registration/>).

Elected Members Responsibilities:

It is very important to note that members of the region who are elected from their communities of faith are key leaders for our regions. You are the connection between the community of faith and the region. As elected members, you are one of our communications agents in the system. We rely on you to be the person who receives correspondence from the region and brings that to the governing body (board/council). We also rely on you to help your governing body to have copies of the policies and governance documents approved by the region. We also ask you to highlight the website and encourage members to sign up for the weekly news. We also ask that you make sure your governing body has a copy of the regional Executive minutes.

Members are asked to bring a report from the annual meeting to your communities of faith. You are an important part of the regional structure. Remember, this is not just about attending the Annual Regional Meeting, but about being a member of the region for the duration of your term. Your community of faith will determine the length of your term.

While not mandatory, we also ask members (lay and ministry personnel) to discern if you feel called to serve in the wider region by being part of one of the committees. This is our region and together we are called to fulfill its ministry.

Please note the formula for electing your members to the region is below.

The number of representatives depends on the size of the community of faith:

- a) one representative if the community of faith has 100 or fewer members;*
- b) two representatives if the community of faith has 101 to 200 members;*
- c) three representatives if the community of faith has 201 to 300 members; and*
- d) four representatives if the community of faith has more than 300 members.*

(Taken from Manual 2019 B.2, B.2.1.1, B.2.1.5, B.2.1.6)

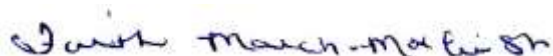
Ministry Personnel are members of the Regional Council.

It would be great if all communities of faith could have their membership elected. We need all communities of faith to fill in the on line form (<https://ucceast.ca/57662-2020-official-members-to-regional-council/>) which confirms your elected members of the region. This is a required form to confirm your elected members and their contact information. Representatives must be members of the community of faith.

In preparation for the annual meeting please refer to the posted material on the Regional website (<https://ucceast.ca/fundy-st-lawrence-dawning-waters-regional-council-14/annual-meeting-2020/>).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to be in contact.

Sincerely,



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