



First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Weekly Announcements December 15, 2020

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[Making Hope Visible Podcast – Justice and Mission Network of the Atlantic Regions of the United Church of Canada](#)

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Weekly Prayer Rev. Lynda Goy-Flint, Norman's Cove Pastoral Charge

Mighty and Tender God, you who loved us into being,
we draw close to you, leaning into that love this day.

We are coming ever nearer the marking of that holy night when your love knew no bounds,
when you willingly placed limits on yourself, and came among us as a vulnerable, helpless babe.

We thank you for the gift of your grace and your presence.

What are we, mere mortals that you should think of us, and come to show us more about you and your desire for relationship?

Thank you for embracing us with your love.

And this day, we know this broken world is in desperate need of your healing and your love.

We pray for all for whom Christmas in general and this year in particular
is filled with pain, loss, loneliness, sadness.

We pray for all who suffer rejection, oppression, poverty, violence and conflict.

We pray for all who experience illness and disease, all who care for them and all who journey with them.
We pray for all who hunger and thirst.

We pray for all who are strangers in our midst, all who have so much less than they need, all who have so
much more than they need.

We pray for all who are in prison, all who are imprisoned by addiction, mental illness, society's judgment.

We pray that you will instill in us the love for others that will spur us to live out our faith in love for all
your creatures, all your creation.

We ask all this in the beautiful name of your child, our brother, Jesus. Amen.

Christmas Greetings – First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council

Rev. Peggy Johnson, President – First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council

[President's Message 2020](#)

Rev. Faith March MacCuish, Executive Minister – First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council

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Save the Date

Please save the date for a Tri-Regional Town Hall, to be held using zoom video conferencing:

Topic: Congregational Annual Meetings

Date: January 28, 2021 at 12:30pm (Atlantic)

Atlantic Regions Ministry & Personnel Committees – Managing Conflict

A webinar for lay members of M&P Committees

Saturday, February 20, 2021

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (AST), 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon (NST)

This webinar will be resourced by the three Regional Ministers of the Atlantic Regions, Kendall Harrison (Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region), David Hewitt (Region 15) and Heather Sandford (First Dawn Eastern Edge Region). Topics will include roles and responsibilities, stages of conflict, strategies for addressing conflict, resources and support.

An online registration form will be made available in early January. For more information, please contact Rev. Heather Sandford: hsandford@united-church.ca

Quiet Night of Reflection

A Quiet Night of Reflection: Join clergy from United Communities of Faith (St. John's & area) on Dec 21, 2020, at 7 PM for a virtual worship service. The service will be on the Gower Street United Church YouTube page. ([Gower Street United Church - YouTube](#))

Minutes for Mission

I am pleased to share with you the 2021 Minutes for Mission videos: [2021 Minutes for Mission Videos](#)

You can find the eight evergreen stories that are in the print booklet along with the "Minutes" that are produced on a more timely basis are on the website in the Mission & Service area: <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/get-involved/generosity-through-mission-and-service/stories-our-mission>

Milestones in Ministry Celebration

The slideshow from the **Milestones in Ministry Celebration** has been uploaded to the Regional Council website. You can view the slideshow here: <https://ucceast.ca/60735-milestones-in-ministry-celebration-slideshow/>

Stewardship Updates! God's Mission Our Gifts

Minutes for Mission has long been a key way of telling stories about the shared justice work of the United Church. And it's changing in 2021. For more information please visit:

<https://ucceast.ca/60705-stewardship-updates-december-2020/>

Stella's Circle Christmas Letter & Wish List

Stella's Circle are asking United Church groups and congregations in the Region to join them in ensuring that no one is left out at Christmas time. Please click here for more information:

<https://ucceast.ca/60575-stellas-circle-christmas-wish-list/>

Identity and Mission Team

As many of you are aware, the Church and Mission Unit of the General Council Office experienced staff reductions and restructuring. The work of three clusters (People in Partnership, Faith Formation and Mission, and Discipleship and Witness) were brought together to create the Identity and Mission team.

While much of the work and focus of the former clusters will remain with the new team, staff will shift from a program-based approach, to a network-based approach. Network Coordinators will have flexible deployments, which may mean that the individual connecting to a piece of work may shift from time to time so that the team can remain nimble to emerging issues and networks.

The broad areas of work that the team will support include:

- Communities of Advocacy, Justice, and Public Witness: connecting with people and networks of the United Church to engage in ministries of justice, transformation, public witness, and inclusion in both local and the Canadian context. **Lead staff: Lori Neale and Ren Ito.**
- Communities of Faith and Worship: supporting, encouraging, and learning from individuals and communities of faith as they seek to live as faithful disciples. **Lead staff: Alydia Smith and Amy Crawford**
- Communities of Intersectionality and Interculturalism: supporting, encouraging, and equipping faith communities and individuals to embrace the complexity and transformation found in intersectionality and interculturalism. **Lead Staff: Emo Yango and Ren Ito.**
- Communities of Leadership Development: supporting and encouraging lay leadership development for the flourishing of individuals and communities of faith. **Lead staff: Amy Crawford and Sarah Williams**
- Communities of Partnership and Pilgrimage: creating global, regional, and local experiential learning opportunities with emphasis building relationships with global partners and United Church networks, individuals, and communities of faith. **Lead Staff: Sarah Williams and Lori Neale.**

Program Support is provided by Sartu Mohammed.

As always, the team strives to collaborate, connect, convene, and curate resources to engage with others in critical work that lifts-up the unique identity of The United Church of Canada, and seeks glimpses of God's presence in our midst.

First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Vacancies

Carmantville Pastoral Charge is a lovely 3 point Pastoral Charge., this Community of Faith is looking for pulpit supply while they search for a new Minister. If you are travelling from afar, then you would be welcome to stay at their manse which is adequately furnished for that purpose. Your travel and visiting daily rate would be paid. For more information please contact the Pastoral Charge Supervisor Rev. Desmond Jagger-Parsons at desmondkeith@yahoo.ca

Intentional Interim Ministry Refresher Course 2021

The course is open only to Ministry Personnel who have previously completed Interim Ministry Training provided by either The United Church of Canada or the Interim Ministry Network (IMN). This program meets the requirements for updated education for designation and appointment as an Intentional Interim Minister. [Refresher Course](#)

First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Webpage Emergency Response Link

Stay updated with [Emergency Response Updates on COVID-19](#) on the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council webpage.