

## **Division of Communities of Faith Support and Planning**

The Mandate of this Division is to provide leadership to and coordinate the activities of the Missional Assessment Planning, Pastoral Consultation and Accountability, and Future Directions in Ministry Teams. The duties of the Division are to coordinate interactions among the teams of the Division, to provide utilization of the Missional Assessment Planning process and annual evaluations among Communities of Faith, to recruit and appoint designated volunteer teams and that are beyond the capacity of those teams.

The Missional Assessment Planning Team provides leadership and resources to Communities of Faith and designated volunteers within the bounds of Regional Council with respect to creating and maintaining the Missional Articulation Plan (MAP) for each Community of Faith. This team works very hard to read and assess your MAP once it is completed. This year we had one training session where we have trained new liaisons to help Communities of Faith with this work. Over the past year a number of Communities of Faith have completed their MAPs. There are many more Communities of Faith who need to begin their MAP. We are here to help you with that process. The MAP is a great way to help your Community of Faith name its areas of strength and to name goals that you will work on together. A special thank you to Rev. Grant Stuckless for leading this Team and now Rev. Grant moves on to be President of our Region. We wish him every good blessing.

The Pastoral Consultation and Accountability Team provides leadership and resources to Communities of Faith and designated volunteers within the bounds of Regional Council with respect to annual reports and conducting visits to Communities of Faith. This year the team has received many annual reports. They are busy reading them and assessing them. The team has given input to the task group working on the annual Community of Faith self-assessments which will help give this team a tool to look at the health and wellbeing of the pastoral charge.

The Future Directions in Ministry Team provides oversight, leadership and guidance for the boundaries and future planning for Communities of Faith within the Regional Council. To encourage Communities of Faith in clarifying, strategizing and acting on their current and possible new visions of ministry of The United Church of Canada in their neighbourhood, community and social context. To provide guidance and assist Communities of Faith when boundary changes are needed. To facilitate dialogue and analysis between/amongst Communities of Faith regarding closure, amalgamation and boundary charges. To offer analysis and feedback regarding possible options to Communities of Faith. This year the team has identified areas in our Regional Council where we might be able to try something new and will explore those areas in the coming months. As Chair Calvin Ginn has been asked to attend multi team meetings with Communities for Faith as we help to look at the future with them.

A sincere thank you to Rev. Heather Sandford for all her support and guidance and as well to all the staff at the Regional Council Office for their continued help and support during these pandemic times.

Bob Bennett  
Chair