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Dear Members of the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council,

In November 2020, I sent a letter to Mr. Andrew Parsons' office, as Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology, asking if churches could be included in the Small Business Assistance Program (SBAP). I noted that a response was needed in a timely manner as we were working with a tight timeline (December 15, 2020). We did not hear from his office in time for that deadline, and unfortunately, we have still not received a reply. However, I have heard from one of our Pastoral Charges that they took the chance and made an application, and they indeed qualified. Therefore, I take this as our test case and encourage our Pastoral Charges to apply for this assistance (see application). Please follow the link below for information and the application.

PLEASE NOTE: Application Deadline for the Small Business Assistance Program is March 11, 2021 for eligible applicants requiring support that have not yet availed of the program.

## **Small Business Assistance Program (SBAP)**

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/iet/small-business-assistance-program/>

Sincerely,

*Faith*

Rev. Faith March-MacCuish  
Executive Minister