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## M E M O

**TO:** All Ministry Personnel and Lay Members of Regional Council 15

**FROM:** Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister

**RE:** Regional Council 15 Annual Meeting – Celebration of Ministry and Worship Service

**DATE:** May 20, 2021

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Dear Members of Regional Council 15,

As we prepare for the Annual Meeting May 28-29th, we thank you for all of your attention to the items that will come before us, and for taking part in the preparation webinars.

I realize, for our Region, it is again a difficult time with pandemic restrictions continuing into June. On that note, I write to inform you that the Celebration of Ministry Service has been cancelled for Sunday, May 30, 2021, at 2:00pm. The two students who were to be Ordained this year have chosen to wait until the spring of 2022 for their ordination. With the restrictions of travel, and for the safety of all involved, we have moved the installation of the new president to the Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, virtual meeting, as part of the closing of the meetings.

We are still looking for someone to be nominated as President Elect, and call upon everyone in the Region to consider this ministry to the region, or to nominate someone who you feel has the gifts and skills to lead us forward. Please pay attention to the spirit's nudging; I believe someone is being called to this position.

Good news and much thanks to the Regional Council 15 Faith Formation and Leadership Development Committee, who have provided our communities of faith and our ministers with a worship service to use for the Sunday of the regional meetings (May, 30, 2021) in keeping with the theme of the meeting. Please see their announcement below and the attached worship.

With appreciation,

*Faith*

Faith March-MacCuish  
For the Annual Meeting Planning Committee

## **Message from Regional Council 15 Faith Formation and Leadership Development Committee**

The theme of this year's annual meeting is "Beacons of Hope". This worship offering has been prepared to mirror what will be happening in worship at the Regional Meeting, so we can all truly feel that we are worshipping as one across the region on May 30.

There are two documents:

1. A PDF, containing an order of service and script for the entire service.
2. A PowerPoint presentation for use on Zoom or in a livestreamed service.

The service can be adapted to suit your local context. For instance, if you don't usually have a minute for mission or a conversation with children, these slides can be deleted from the PowerPoint, and the text skipped in the printed order. At the end of the PDF document you will find the Minute for Mission and Conversation with Children materials. There is also a reflection outline and questions for discussion in the 'sermon/reflection' time, found at the end of the document.

One further note about the PowerPoint: There is a covenant statement on slide 11 where you will need to insert the name of your Community of Faith. Please also insert your own *OneLicense* number on the following Hymn title slides: 5, 18, 23 and 34.

Finally, there are a series of lighthouse images from around Nova Scotia, and one from Bermuda, representing the *Beacons of Hope* we see every day in our local communities. These images are used with the permission of the Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society, or by a license granting permission to use the image purchased for this presentation.

Thank you for using this resource.

Every blessing as you prepare for worship on May 30.

Sincerely,

RC 15 Faith Formation and Regional Development Committee