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Dear Members and Communities of Faith in Region 14:

The Transition Commission has been working hard over these past six months, naming priorities to guide our work, writing job descriptions, selecting staff, writing governance handbooks, property policies, and nominations guidelines. Members of the Nomination committee will soon be reaching out to people to help with the work of the church in the new system. Please take the time to prayerfully consider where God is calling you to serve.

One of the joys of our work has been reaching out to you to help us choose a name. Thank you, to all who had submitted suggestions. Each suggestion was carefully considered and it was not an easy task.

We are happy to inform you that Region 14 has been named:

**"Fundy-St. Lawrence Dawning Waters".**

As we pondered a new name for our Region, we looked at the suggestions that had been submitted and also at the names chosen by some of the other Regions. We could see that there were at least two ways of approaching this task: describe the geographic location of the region, or choose a name that is more creative, poetic and imaginative.

As the Commission turned the question over and over, we chose to move away from binary thinking - either/or, and look at a more inclusive approach. (How very United Church!)

Eventually, we chose two of the suggested names and put them together: Fundy-St. Lawrence Dawning Waters.

Fundy-St. Lawrence allows everyone to locate us within the vast landscape of Canada. Dawning Waters comes from a translation of the Aboriginal word 'Wabanaki'; "People of the First Light" or "People of the Dawnland".

It acknowledges our presence on traditional lands and also evokes our love of God's Creation. Finally, we believe that 'Waters' speaks deeply to all of us who call ourselves Christians and who live on Canada's East Coast.

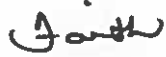
(Rose~Hannah for Region 14 Commission)

We also would like to announce that we have hired our last staff position which will be serving Regions 14 and 15. The position of Administrative Support/Office Manager Assistant has been filled and the new staff person is Tracey Rose. Tracey says that in the four years she has lived in

Maritimes the smell of the salt in the air, the lush greenness, the small town feel and the people have helped her settle into community and she is home.

Tracey comes with training in Conflict Resolution and Negotiation, Project Leadership and management, Special Events Management, and office Administration. Tracey will begin her position with Region 14 and 15 in January. Please join me in welcoming Tracey Rose to our team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Faith".

Faith March-MacCuish  
Incoming Executive Minister