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TO: Board/Council Secretaries
COPY: Pastoral Charge Ministers (Memo ONLY via email)
FROM: Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister
RE: Elected Members to Regional Council 2019
DATE: March 4, 2019

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We are currently in the process of collecting the names for your elected Regional Council Members. As you begin to prepare for your Annual General Meetings for your Pastoral Charge and Communities of Faith, and prayerfully consider who your elected members will be to the Regional Council, I thought it would be good if I was able to give you the following definition for your deliberations and discernment.

Job Description for the Regional Council Members: *"Members of the Regional Council will represent their Community of Faith at the Regional meeting. The Regional Council member will provide key communication updates between the Regional Council and their Community of Faith throughout the year. Regional Council members should be people who are passionate about building relationships beyond their congregation. In addition, the Regional council member may consider serving within the Regional Council governance structure."*

- Please assist us by confirming and/or completing the online form (<https://marconf.ca/166124-official-members-to-regional-council/>) **as soon as possible** after your annual meeting.
- If you require a hardcopy of the form please email info4rc14@united-church.ca or info4rc15@united-church.ca.
- This update will ensure that your members will receive information mailings, registration forms, and minutes.
- Please include email addresses wherever possible, as we make every effort to reduce the costs of postage and expenses related to large mailouts.
- All annual meeting materials can be found at <https://marconf.ca/agm2019-regional-council-14-15-annual-meeting/>, please share this link.

Please note the guidelines for appointing/electing people to Region (*The Manual 2019, Section C1.2(a)*):

(a) [Lay members are] elected by communities of faith on the following basis:

*(i) **one** (1) representative from each community of faith with **100 or fewer** members;*

*(ii) **two** (2) representatives from each community of faith with **101 to 200** members;*

*(iii) **three** (3) representatives from each community of faith with **201 to 300** members;*

*(iv) **four** (4) representatives from each community of faith with **more than 300** resident members;*

The number of elected members assigned for your Pastoral Charge is based on the resident members reported on your 2017 statistics forms.

Multi-point Pastoral Charges must keep in mind that should one point on the Charge not be able to send a delegate, no other point may send an extra person to compensate, it must be the elected alternate from that congregation.

Thank you very much for your assistance.