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**TO:** All Committees East & West District, Newfoundland & Labrador  
Conference

**FROM:** Rev. Faith March-MacCuish  
Executive Secretary  
Newfoundland & Labrador Conference  
(For The Conference Nominations Committee)

**Date:** May 7, 2018

**Re:** Celebrating, thanking & seeking volunteers

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Fun and exciting times are ahead as The United of Church of Canada moves from its traditional Four-Court Model to a new Three-Court Model. As of the close of the 2018 Newfoundland & Labrador Conference Spring Meeting in June the East and West Districts will be no longer and all work will be carried out by Conference until December 31, 2018. A lot of hard work and dedication was devoted to our East and West Districts and the traditional four court model, and the same dedication will be given to the new three court model when the time comes to implement such.

We want to honor the accomplishments of our past, and these have been made possible due largely to the unending and unselfish contributions that have been made by our clergy, staff and volunteers. The gifts of time, talents and skills that you have given so willingly over the years to the work of Newfoundland and Labrador Conference and its East and West Districts, is very much appreciated. It's the dedication of people like you that allows our church to move in a new direction of change. We know that this work sometimes has taken up much of your valuable personal time and that you have probably made personal sacrifices on behalf of your Church. We want you to know that your contribution to the work of the Church has not gone unnoticed, and we are very grateful for the service you have provided.

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*With joy in our hearts and a song on our lips we, the Newfoundland and Labrador Conference of The United Church of Canada, Believe that we are called by God to love and serve others. Through our various shared ministries in the name of Jesus Christ, we are called to uphold the gifts and skills in each other; to honour differences; to be accepting of change while honouring heritage and traditions; to seek justice and through all of this to know that we are not alone. Thanks be to God*

We are looking forward now to what opportunities there may be in working with our new church model and what the future may bring. We expect there will be opportunities – and some challenges along the way - but we know that “we are not alone” as we tread this new path. “God is with us.”

At the close of 2018 spring meeting, Newfoundland & Labrador Conference will begin a new governance structure. While the structure is different and the work has been streamlined as much as possible, we will still need clergy, staff and volunteers to assist with the ongoing work of our church. Therefore, we are hoping that you will agree to review the divisions and teams and prayerfully discern whether you might see a role in the new structure that tweaks your interest and matches with your skills, talents and gifts.

If you feel that you are interested in working with a particular division or team in a particular role, please complete the enclosed Expression of Interest form and return it as quickly as possible to the address noted on the form. Expressions of interest that are received will then be forwarded to the Nominations Committee for their consideration in the hope that we will be in a position to fill as many of these positions/roles as possible at the spring meeting.

Again, please know that your past and ongoing efforts on behalf of your Church are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,



Rev. Faith March MacCuish  
Executive Secretary

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