

## Pastoral Relations Ponderings – Volume 2

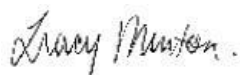
Greetings from the cold and snow of winter. As the light begins to stay with us longer, the promise of spring is ever so slowly emerging!

The Pastoral Relations Commission met last week and wanted to update you on a few items in the works:

1. **Continuing Education Fund** – some of you will remember that we have a fund set aside to provide assistance to lay people and ministry personnel who wish to attend events to support their learning and growth. This is continuing in the new structure, with the slight modification that while approval is possible prior to the event, reimbursement will not occur until after actual receipts are received. The form will be available on the Region 4 website shortly. There are four deadlines for application – March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 30.
2. **Pastoral Relations Expenses** – any expenses (such as mileage) related to the work of pastoral relations in the Region are now the responsibility of the Community of Faith. This would include the work of Pastoral Charge Supervisors and Regional Council Liaisons.
3. **Paperwork** – any forms or communication to the Pastoral Relations Commission should be sent to Bev Diebert at the Regional Office electronically or by mail:  
Region 4 Office  
60A Athabasca St. E.  
Moose Jaw, SK S6H 0L2
4. **Annual Reports** – as was the case in the former Presbytery system, please send a copy of your Annual Report to me for your Community of Faith file. You can send it electronically or by mail:  
c/o St. Andrew's College  
1121 College Drive  
Saskatoon, SK S7N 0W3

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are interested in a volunteer opportunity as a Regional Council Liaison, we would be happy to provide you with all of the background information to support your work. A reminder that we meet on the first Thursday of each month, and that in order for this to happen efficiently, we require any paperwork to be submitted to Bev Diebert ([bdiebert@united-church.ca](mailto:bdiebert@united-church.ca)) the Friday before the meeting. This would include appointment forms, requests for liaisons, ministry profiles to be approved, etc. Therefore, for the next meeting of the PRC, any paperwork needs to be received by **March 1, 2019** in order to be considered on March 7.

Sending warm blessings to you for the journey.



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