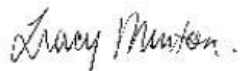


Pastoral Relations Ponderings – Volume 3

Greetings to you as the sun continues to work its magic melting the snow –spring is surely approaching! Here are a few updates from the Pastoral Relations desk to pass along:

1. **Sacraments Elders** – as in the past, it will be the practice of Living Skies Region to have licenses for sacraments elders be effective July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020 in order to easily track them. The form and process will be updated by the end of April. If your Community of Faith is blessed with the ministry of a Sacraments Elder, please contact me to get on the list for the new form.
2. **Pastoral Relations Expenses** – a reminder that any expenses (such as mileage) related to the work of pastoral relations are now the responsibility of the Community of Faith, including Pastoral Charge Supervisors and Regional Council Liaisons. The minimum rate is **\$0.25/km**.
3. **ChurchHub** – the functionality is not yet at a place where Communities of Faith can update their profiles. However, all ministry personnel should have received their invitation to update their profile. If you have not, please let me know.
4. **Boundaries training** – a session for ministry personnel, officers of the court, and Licensed Lay Worship Leaders will be offered this fall by Karen Medland, Office of Vocation minister. Responsibility for training other lay leaders (such as camp staff) lies with the Region – stay tuned for information regarding access to this training.
5. **Liaisons** – the good work of the former Presbytery representatives to Joint Needs Assessment and Joint Search Committees has been replaced with Regional Council Liaisons. If you are interested in this work, we would welcome your expression of interest, and would be happy to provide you with all of the background information you might need.
6. **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. 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) 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 29, 2019** in order to be considered on April 4. Sending warm blessings to you for the journey.



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