

Ashlyn, Clara-Jean, Nathan and Elizabeth ... Greetings from Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council! How exciting it is to be able to share, in some small way, your confirmation experience!

So, Rev Janice has asked me to share a bit about the Region and how it functions.

I became president by election. I was elected by the members of the region which is made up of paid accountable ministry personnel, retired and retained on roll ordained and commissioned ministers and elected representatives from each of the communities of faith who are part of the geographical region. Our region, Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters Region included the Gaspé area of Quebec and the provinces of New Brunswick and PEI. A lot of driving to visit with everyone! My election took place at the annual meeting of the Region in May of 2019 and I will pass on my duties to the President Elect at the annual meeting next May.

If the region is an orange, I really don't know which part the president is... maybe you can decide and let me know!

But like an orange, there are different sections that make up the whole. In our Region, we have 10 Committees.

- Nominations Committee
- Regional Council Planning Committee
- Property Committee
- Financial and Mission Services Committee
- Pastoral Relations
- Faith and Education Formation
- Tri-Regional Staff Support
- Justice, Mission and Outreach
- Archives
- Incorporated Ministries Committee

It is the committees that have responsibility for and oversight of the ministries of the region. This is the juicy part of the orange... although you may run into a seed or two!

Holding all the parts together is the membrane. I guess, for me, that is the staff who support the work of the region and, for us, our committees. They link all of the parts together and they form a hub that the committee's gather around. Some of the staff take care of our region only but some of them are shared with Region 15 and First Dawn Eastern Edge Region.

Then there is the skin of the orange. I think this is the Executive. The Executive is made up of representatives from each of the Committees and the President, Past President, President Elect, Secretary, Representative of the UCW, Corresponding Members who may be present and the Representative of General Council. The last two ... Corresponding members and the General Council Representative have the

right to speak but they do not vote and they do not count towards a quorum when the executive meets.

There is a lot of information about each committee and what they do but I'm sure Janice has lots for you to do today so here's the deal... if you want to know more, you can have a look at the Governance Manual. You will find it at ucceast.ca if you click on the logo for our region...

Blessings on your faith journey!

Rev. Audrey Lounder
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