

Welcome Delegates to the Annual Gathering of Living Skies Regional Council!



Thank you for your willingness to be part of this particular ministry of the United Church of Canada in Saskatchewan. Your work as Regional Council delegate is more than being present at the annual meeting.

You are a member of the court of Living Skies Regional Council for the coming year and you will be a contact person for the work of the Regional Council within your pastoral charge, community of faith or other ministry.

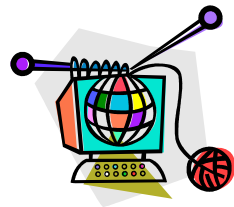


As such, you should be receiving the *Regional Rambler* on a bi-weekly basis and E-shares on an occasional basis. The *Rambler* keeps members of the Regional Council and others up to date with what is happening within the Region.

E-Shares keep each other aware of the celebrations and sorrows of the Region. The *Rambler* usually come out every other week on Wednesdays. *E-shares* responds to information in a timely manner.

Another method of getting information is from the Regional Council Office website (www.livingskiesrc.ca).

On the website, you will find: a calendar of the meeting dates and times; information about the structure of our Regional Council; newsletters, Ramblers/ E-Shares, Pastoral Ponderings, as well as forms, policies/ guidelines and news. Information about the Annual Meeting is also found here.



Be sure to visit the website often. Make it one of your favorites (Go to **favorites** on the tool bar, click on **add to favorites**, and follow the instructions).

As a Regional Council delegate, you are expected to report back to your local congregation on the actions and decisions of the annual meeting. **You may also be called upon by the Nominations Committee to serve in the Regional Council structure as there is need.**

The Regional Council Executive is the guiding body deciding on direction and policy between annual meetings. The ministry of the Regional Council is divided among **Commissions, Committees and Networks and Tasks.**

Commissions are groups which have the responsibility for decisions and the receiving and dispersal of forms.

Committees are groups that make recommendations to the Executive or the Full Regional Council.

Networks are groups which connect, educate and encourage action by individuals and local ministries.

Tasks are on-going responsibilities which will begin and end by decision of the Regional Council Executive. They are delegated to one or more people as needed or otherwise indicated to be a staff function.



Support for pastoral relationships and the Liaisons that work with individual communities of faith is the responsibility of the Pastoral Relations Commission.

Support for lay leadership, communities of faith, and ministry personnel is the responsibility of specific committees that report directly to the Regional Council Executive.

Preparation for ministry is administered by the Office of Vocation.

Cooperation with the communities of faith in buying, selling, leasing and renovating community of faith properties and distributing any proceeds fall under the responsibility of the Property Commission.

For more information, please email livingskies@united-church.ca or call 306-704-0181