

## Pastoral Relations Ponderings – Volume 23

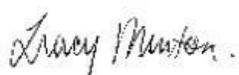
Greetings from the Pastoral Relations desk! I hope this finds you healthy and well, anticipating the celebration of new life that comes with Easter morning. Here are a few updates from the work of the PRC and the Committees; policy links are embedded accordingly:

1. **Voluntary Associate Minister (VAM)** – *the Manual* requires that all ministry personnel who are not in a call or appointment but wish to continue to perform the functions of ministry need to be in a formal association with a community of faith. If you are a retired minister in Living Skies, you will be contacted after Easter with further information on this [policy](#).
2. **Ministry and Personnel Committees** – the *Committee on Ministry Personnel Support* conducted a wellness survey of ministry personnel in the Regional Council. The significance of support from M&P Committees for the health and wellness of our ministry personnel is providing additional content for workshops coming in May – stay tuned for dates and agenda.
3. **Annual meetings/ reports** – To date, the *Committee on Community of Faith Support* has received and reviewed 50 annual reports (either the full or condensed version). This means that there are about 100 communities of faith who have yet to submit any documentation for review. Help us support you well in your local ministry through this means of accountability. Please see the [Rambler in December](#) for details on the revised expectations for reporting.
4. **Covenants** – To date, a total of 45 Covenants have been received and reviewed. This means that there are about 100 communities of faith who have yet to submit one! If you need further information or a sample, please let me know. It would be great if we could celebrate the remaining covenants at the Regional Council Gathering in June. Goals!
5. **Pulpit Supply list** – this is a list of Licensed Lay Worship Leaders and ministry personnel who are authorized to offer worship leadership in Living Skies Regional Council. Contact Bev Diebert for the password at 306-704-0181.

A reminder that the Pastoral Relations Commission generally meets on the first Thursday of each month; therefore, we require any paperwork to be submitted to Bev Diebert ([bdiebert@united-church.ca](mailto:bdiebert@united-church.ca)) the Friday before the meeting. For the next meeting of the PRC, any paperwork needs to be received by **Friday, March 26** in order to be considered on April 1.

This is the second Easter where the celebration of hope will look differently but no less authentic. My prayer for you is that glimpses of new life are revealed in amazing and unexpected ways, lifting your spirit and enhancing your faith as together we proclaim the miracle of the risen Christ.

Blessings and peace,



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