

Pastoral Relations Ponderings – Volume 25

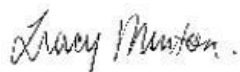
Greetings from the Pastoral Relations desk! I hope the wind and fire of Pentecost is blowing new energy for you and your community of faith. Check out the pastoral relations report in the Regional Gathering docket for information on the support committees and the PR commission. Three further highlights:

1. **Ministry and Personnel Committees** – This is a good opportunity to discuss with your ministry personnel their plans for vacation leave and to offer generosity so that they might have additional time for renewal and replenishment during this extra-ordinary year. Ministry personnel have transformed everything about their practice of ministry in the last 14 months, from pastoral care to providing worship to understanding COVID guidelines. As we all discern ways of recovering together, please ensure generous support for self-care and rest for your ministers. Contact Bev Diebert at 306-704-0181 for access to the pulpit supply list!
2. **Pastoral Charge Supervisors** – as we celebrate retirements and people trying new things, we are also experiencing a great gap in people who are willing to serve as pastoral charge supervisors in those contexts. If you want to know more about what that expectation of journeying with another community of faith might involve, [take a look at this policy](#) and then contact me.
3. **Self-care video series** – Diane Strickland, traumatologist and compassion fatigue specialist, has created a video series called **Self-Care: Reframing It for Reclaiming It, for people of faith who don't need another to-do list**. It will include six files—four session videos, a promo video to use for advertising the program, and a PDF Facilitator's Resource. For further information and pricing, please contact her at yourstoryissafehere@yahoo.com. **** if you participated in the ministry personnel Lenten retreat in March, you should have received an email from me on May 19 with further information – contact me if you did not receive that email.**

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) the Friday before the meeting. For the next meeting of the PRC, any paperwork needs to be received by **Friday, May 28** in order to be considered on June 3. This will be the last meeting before September.

As we prepare for our 3rd Regional Council Gathering, and our second time online, I hope you have some time to engage the work of the wider church. If you are interested in further participation on one of our committees, we would love to chat. In the meantime, hold one another close in a virtual way, in the hopes that our collective commitment to vaccination will lead to more moments of community.

Blessings and peace,



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