



Friends,

I am writing to you in anticipation for this year's annual meeting, it's being held at the United Church in Meadowood, in Winnipeg **June 1-4, 2023**. Note that going forward in-person regional annual meetings will only happen triannually-so you won't want to miss this opportunity to gather with colleagues throughout the region. Our theme this year is "Through the Wilderness Together" our focus is on providing the resources, materials, and spiritual deepening we all need to serve the church in this challenging time. Moderator, the **Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne** will be in attendance, offering both a theme talk and preaching at our celebration of ministry service. We have both **workshops** and **networking time** built into the agenda to ensure this meeting will be of use to communities of faith. There is also a **remit** to vote on around Indigenous Church Sovereignty, education and discussion at this meeting, will enable regional representatives to present the remit well to Communities of Faith, that have to vote on the remit also by Spring 2024. This plus the return of the **retiree's banquet**, the beloved **challenges for M&S**, and **diverse worships** to start and end each day.

We understand that some are still uncomfortable being in crowds, so we're offering this meeting in a hybrid fashion. Those who are not planning on attending in person can attend through **Zoom for a registration fee of \$50**. As we continue our planning what we want most is to know if you're coming. So for those who **register in person before April 15th we're offering a discounted registration fee of \$150**, registrations received after this date will be charged \$175. All registrations need to be in by April 30th, after this date we won't be able to guarantee we can accommodate you. As a relative newbie, I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet many of you in person for the first time, the planning committee and I are so excited to host you.

Blessings,

Rev. Emma Seamone, chair annual meeting planning committee