



SHINING WATERS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
The United Church of Canada

Encouraging and Connecting Communities of Faith

Dear Friends,

We say that we are followers of Jesus and his teachings, but so what? What difference does that make? What do we do as a result, that we might not otherwise have done? How do we live the love that Jesus wants us to be in the world? How do we translate our faith into action? This meeting of Shining Waters Regional Council will invite you to think about the answers to these questions for yourselves, and for your communities of faith. It will illustrate three areas in which Shining Waters is trying to put faith in action, and through discussion and interaction invite you to consider ways in which you can carry these actions into your own communities – intercultural diversity and equity, community ministry, and the environment.

The planning for this Regional Council meeting has recognized the heartfelt desire for connection and interaction, and has realized that members appreciate active engagement rather than passive listening. We have been intentional about building in multiple opportunities for small group discussion and interaction, about each of the theme areas, and also in unstructured time to allow groups and topics to emerge. Please take advantage of these opportunities, and let us know how satisfied you are with the experience.

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