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Name	Lennox Scarlett
Home Community of Faith	Oakland Scotland Community Church
You are	Ministry Personnel
Name of position(s) of interest	Human Resources Commission
What draws you to this/these position(s)?	There is a clear desire to see other people grow and develop and become the best they are intended to be. The HR Commission provides me with that opportunity to be a conduit through which communities of and individuals are empowered.
What is your experience/involvement in the United Church to date?	I've only been with the United Church of Canada for 2 1/2 years, but over these years I have been part of team that brought amalgamation process to completion with the Oakland Scotland Community Church. Additionally, I have worked with our Cluster.
What skills and gifts would you bring to this/these positions?	Listening and Discerning have informed my decision making over the years. This has helped with being a team player and a resource. The HR Commission would bring together individuals to share ideas on what advancing ministry within contexts.
What assistance would you find helpful to fulfil these roles?	I don't profess to know all that there is to know about the United Church and polity, however, structure, detail and individuals with similar objective to empower others would make the role that much more enriching.
What perspective do you bring to this/these role(s) that might be missed if you were not there?	I've worked with intercultural groups and other divers settings. An appreciation of background and other persons skill set could easily be missed. Sometimes in the business of getting things done, some variables are overlooked.

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Name	Barbara Duffin
Home Community of Faith	Maple Grove United Church
You are	Other: Member of council
Name of position(s) of interest	Human Resources Commission
What draws you to this/these position(s)?	I have been a HR Consultant for more than 25 years and also, during the summer act as a lay preacher in my church
What is your experience/involvement in the United Church to date?	Chair of M & P Chair and member of Worship and Music Confirmation leader Volunteer Coordinator Member of Council
What skills and gifts would you bring to this/these positions?	Very strong HR skills Excellent project management skills Very strong presentation and writing skills
What assistance would you find helpful to fulfil these roles?	Unsure of need
What perspective do you bring to this/these role(s) that might be missed if you were not there?	Unsure at this time due as this is my first expression of interest in this role

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Name	WENDY LOWDEN
Home Community of Faith	Delhi United Church/Lynnville United Church
You are	Ministry Personnel (OM, DM, DLM)
Name of position(s) of interest	Executive
What draws you to this/these position(s)?	I am past President of First Dawn Eastern Edge Region and moved back to Ontario in Sept. 2020. I gave myself a year to settle in and am now missing working on the Executive very much. I was also a member of the Transition Committee.
What is your experience/involvement in the United Church to date?	Grew up in the UC. Took positions on the Board and Sunday school and ran Youth Groups for years. Have been in ministry for 12 years. During five years in NL I was on the Board Transition Committee and served as President during transition year.
What skills and gifts would you bring to this/these positions?	I have a deep rooted love for the UC. I have been proud that we have been willing to change. I have always felt called to sit on committees and contribute where I can. I believe I contribute with new ideas and seeing them through.
What assistance would you find helpful to fulfil these roles?	Being new to Horseshoe Falls Region, I would need to more fully understand the workings and work of this new Region I find myself in.
What perspective do you bring to this/these role(s) that might be missed if you were not there?	I am bringing the perspective of a DLM, along with the experience of working through our Transition in another Province would mean some new ideas to give and receive. I bring with me a conviction that our Denomination will offer much to the future.

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Name	Judith Gilliland
Home Community of Faith	Smithville UC
You are	Ministry Personnel (OM, DM, DLM)
Name of position(s) of interest	Executive
What draws you to this/these position(s)?	passion for & commitment to the future of our UCC my experience and skills complement the roles of these positions
What is your experience/involvement in the United Church to date?	various ministry contexts rural Conference Congregational Futures Development Minister Intentional Interim Minister leadership in Conf & Presbyteries Executive - BC Conference MP&E Committee - National Business committees GC AGMs
What skills and gifts would you bring to this/these positions?	interpersonal skills groups individual Spirit-lead leadership & decision making proven communication oral/written organization & administration variety contexts integrity commitment passion flexibility innovative creative

spirit led decision making

What assistance would you find helpful to fulfil these roles?

clear guidelines

training in new policies/procedures

networking with others engaged in similar roles

What perspective do you bring to this/these role(s) that might be missed if you were not there?

a perspective shaped by a diversity of experience - rural, suburban, urban & another denomination-UCAustralia

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Name	Alison Miculan
Home Community of Faith	Copetown United Church
You are	Ministry Personnel (OM, DM, DLM)
Name of position(s) of interest	Covenant Commission
What draws you to this/these position(s)?	I have a strong interest in church growth and development. My grad research project and article in Broadview(June) were on growing congregations. I am passionate about congregational health and wellbeing.
What is your experience/involvement in the United Church to date?	My father was a minister of the UCCan so I have attended the UCCan since 1967 and been a member since 1972. I have been a Congregational Designated Minister for 3 years and a Student supply and intern for 5 yrs.
What skills and gifts would you bring to this/these positions?	I have strong skills in critical thinking so am able to analyze situations quickly and accurately. I also have a high level of enthusiasm and creativity for solving problems.
What assistance would you find helpful to fulfil these roles?	Honesty and transparency in all situations.
What perspective do you bring to this/these role(s) that might be missed if you were not there?	I believe I can find creative solutions to complex problems in a unique way.

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Name	Amadeus Pyralis
Home Community of Faith	Faith Centennial United Church
You are	Ministry Personnel (OM, DM, DLM)
Name of position(s) of interest	Covenant Commission
What draws you to this/these position(s)?	A desire to help the wider church complete its work and its mandate, living into God's call for the church.
What is your experience/involvement in the United Church to date?	I have served on various CoF councils including Sessions, Boards, and regularly attended Presbytery and Conference, serving on some groups therein.
What skills and gifts would you bring to this/these positions?	Having served on various councils and groups, I have walked churches through restructuring governance, I have dealt with churches in amalgamation and low numbers, as well as identifying gifts within the CoF for use within the church
What assistance would you find helpful to fulfil these roles?	The Manual, but also honesty goes a long way to effective communication within a group.
What perspective do you bring to this/these role(s) that might be missed if you were not there?	The voice of the youth, of the currently missed generation, and how that blends with ministry and perception.

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Name	Steven Lowden
Home Community of Faith	Delhi United Church
You are	Lay Representative
The date you were elected by your Community of Faith	March 9, 2020
Name of position(s) of interest	Covenant Commission
What draws you to this/these position(s)?	A desire to use my experience and skills to help Horseshoe Falls Regional Council continue its transition into the United Church's new model of operation.
What is your experience/involvement in the United Church to date?	Hamilton Conference Lay Representative to General Council Executive 2012-2014 United Church and United Church Foundation Audit Committees - current First Dawn Eastern Edge Region Transition Commission 2019 Other local roles prior to 2012
What skills and gifts would you bring to this/these positions?	Financial skills as a Chartered Professional Accountant. Willingness to listen and ask good questions. Lessons learned as part of the Newfoundland and Labrador Conference Elimination of Districts Task Group.
What assistance would you find helpful to fulfil these roles?	Having returned to Ontario relatively recently, a good orientation to the way this Regional Council is trying to do things.
What perspective do you bring to this/these role(s) that might be missed if you were not there?	I bring the perspective of a lifelong member of the United Church who has lived in 3 provinces and has been a member of or associated with more than 20 United Church communities of faith over my lifetime.

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Name	Robert Lawson
Home Community of Faith	Fonthill United Church
You are	Ministry Personnel (OM, DM, DLM)
Would you like to stand as a nominee for President-Elect, Horseshoe Falls Regional Council?	Yes
Name of position(s) of interest	President-Elect
What draws you to this/these position(s)?	I joined the transition commission because new things intrigue me. I wished to witness and be a part of a new creation. As President I hope to lift up the new, building on the best of our former governance model - its many committed volunteers.
What is your experience/involvement in the United Church to date?	I am an ordained minister currently working in Fonthill. In Erie Presbytery I helped plan monthly worship and sat on the Human Resources Committee. Then I served on the Transition Commission and for the past year have been on the Regional Executive.
What skills and gifts would you bring to this/these positions?	I genuinely like people. I am gentle and curious about others, but not afraid to lean into conflict. I see conflict as an opportunity to deepen relationships. I work hard. I think hard. I am creative. I am hospitable and welcoming, easy to approach.
What assistance would you find helpful to fulfil these roles?	If elected President Elect, I would love it if all the members of the region were to suspend their disbelief and leap into the unknown. Participation makes governance structures work. It makes the holy spirit sing. I need your help, ideas and faith.
What perspective do you bring to this/these role(s) that might be missed if you were not there?	Governing bodies sometimes become detached from the people they serve. Sometimes leaders decide to pursue an agenda which is not aligned with its grassroots. Church leadership only occurs when the people in the pews are put first. I will do this.