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Invitation to the Fall Meeting of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council

Be Bold, Be Brave.

Fall Meeting:

Thursday, October 14th & Saturday, October 16

Session Dates and Times:

Thursday, October 14th Session, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Saturday, October 16th Session, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Celebration of Ministry:

Sunday, October 17th, 3:00 pm, St. Paul's UC, Paris

Preacher: Thérèse Samuel (Rev.) *she/her*

*Minister, Right Relations and Social Justice, Horseshoe Falls, Antler River Watershed, Western
Ontario Waterways Regional Councils*

The service will be recorded and posted to the HFRC Facebook page and website, for use by
communities of faith as a Sunday worship resource.

*** ALL EVENTS ARE ONLINE, ZOOM LINKS WILL BE SENT TO REGISTRANTS ***

Registration Closes: Sunday, October 10th at 6 pm

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Be Bold, Be Brave.

“What is the most important quality for a minister to have?”

“That’s easy,” said the candidate for ordination, “bravery.”

The chair of the interviewing committee was taken aback. “Bravery?” she asked. “Why is bravery important? What about faith? What about hope? What about love?”

“Well,” said the candidate, “I think faith is a kind of bravery. I think hope is a kind of courage. And, I think love – real love – requires an incredible amount of fortitude.

“I see,” said the chair of the interview committee icily.

There was an awkward pause. The candidate faltered, and then found the nerve to blurt out, “For example, it requires a lot of bravery for me to even be here.”

The committee chair was not convinced. “Perhaps,” she sniffed disdainfully, “but at your next interview you are going to have to come up with something better than bravery.”

Years later, I still remember that interview. Years later, I wonder if the candidate was correct. I wonder if we underestimate the importance of bravery in our church. Certainly over the past two years, the brave front that we have had to present to our family and friends in the face of uncertainty has required an incredible amount of courage.

It has been a while since Horseshoe Falls Regional Council has met. As your President, I look forward to the upcoming meeting of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council. We are going to boldly and bravely talk about the Christian virtue of fortitude and its place in the life of the church. Please join us the evening of October 14th, the morning of October 16th on Zoom, and Sunday 17 October at 3pm for a long-overdue celebration of new ministry for our sister-in-Christ Janice Pow.

Be Bold. Be Brave. Register!

~ Pastor Robert Lawson

President, Horseshoe Falls Regional Council

Acting Minister, Congregational Mission and Support

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end date of his contract, September 30th. It will still be some time before Lynne Allin is able to return to work. We are pleased that **Adrienne Robertson**, who has served as Chair of the Covenant Commission, is willing to step into this role serving half-time. We are grateful to the congregation of Bethel Stone United Church for authorizing this half-time leave from her pastoral duties to do this. Their support for the work of the regional council is deeply appreciated.

2021 Baillie Award Recipients

Congratulations to Thea Sheridan-Jones one of the recipients of the 2021 Baillie Award. Thea was a member of the Executive prior to her move to B.C. for post-secondary studies and was involved in many different aspects of the regional council's life. Congratulations Thea! Blessings at school! We miss you!

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Regional Council Representatives

Many thanks to the members of the regional council who are serving as members of the Executive and Commissions. The members of the Commissions and the Executive are elected in the spring meeting.

Thanks also to the many members of the regional council acting as Pastoral Charge Supervisors, Pastoral Relations Liaisons, United Fresh Start Facilitators, Licensed Lay Worship Leader Committee members, regional council United Church Women and members of networks supporting faith formation and justice work such as right relations networks and UNJPPI among others.

For regional council representatives who are not yet connected to the work of the regional council, please consider joining the resource pool for one of the Commissions. These are time-limited, specific task roles. Some of the assistance Commissions could use is outlined below:

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Supporting a Community of Faith with its Living Faith Story
Assisting a Community of Faith with property transactions
Accompanying and supporting Communities of Faith during amalgamations and disbanding

Human Resources Commission
Pastoral Relations Liaison (training required)
United Fresh Start Facilitators (training required)
Licensed Lay Worship Leader Committee

Mission and Discipleship Commission
Faith Formation networks and events
Justice networks and events
Right relations networks and events
Stewardship events

We are developing plans for the training and support of volunteers in these roles.

Thank you for considering how you might be involved.



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