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## Invitation to the Fall Meeting of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council

## "Resurrection not Resuscitation"

## Friday, November 12 - Saturday, November 13

Dear Friends,

We are at a new place in the life of the church. That probably could be said any year in history. We keep evolving as the church, we are a resurrection people, we believe in new life, not the same life continued.

Join us online as we meet as Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council to celebrate the new life we have found in our congregations, to lament the ways, people and buildings have been lost to us, and to explore where the spirit is leading us now.

We ask that as you get ready to participate in these meetings that you find a symbol of new life or sustaining life for you. It can have been from the pandemic or just in general, there will be time on Friday evening in small groups to share your symbol with others.

We also ask that for Saturday morning you come prepared to offer the treaty that encompasses your location into our land acknowledgment. If you are unsure a good place to start is <u>www.native-land.ca</u>

Thank you for your early registration and participation in the life and work of WOWRC.

Mark

President Mark Laird

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**REGISTER NOW** 

All events are online, Zoom links will be sent to all registrants. Registration closes Sunday, November 6th at 6:00 pm.

## **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:

Covenant Commission Pastoral Charge Supervisors 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 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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