President's Message
Happy Fall Everyone,

I am writing this from Charlottetown PEI on a beautiful fall day. I can not start this message anywhere but with heartfelt, deep gratitude to Rev. Jennifer Irving for stepping back into her Presidential shoes while I was recovering from an unexpected and lengthy illness this year. Also to the fantastic executive and Executive Minister, Mark Laird, for supporting the region, Jennifer, and myself through that time. I am so grateful to all of you who reached out to me or held me in prayer. Never has it been more clear to me than this past year that it truly "takes a village" and I adore ours.

Your WOW Executive continues to meet and work hard to meet the needs of our region. I have never attended more respectful, careful and care filled meetings. Your executive works to fund inventive projects, support congregations, and review policies so they they align with the mission and dreams of Western Ontario Waterways. This team and those who sit on the commissions they represent work very hard, taking careful consideration in all the decisions they make. They all make it easy to sit in the President's chair. I also want to thank Chris Grose for stepping into the role of President elect. I pray her experience as president will be just as life giving as mine has been when she steps into the role of president in the spring next year.

The theme for this meeting came out of a reading from Richard Rohr from his 2024 season of Radical Resilience. There is evidence of this idea of exceptional resilience all around us and there is more call theses days to celebrate those moments and focus on how we live into mirroring the life of Christ the best we can. As we continue to learn how to live together in community and breathe life into the understanding that "we are one" as we continue to embrace our diversity and celebrate God's presence as well as each others in our lives.

Blessings, Love, Light and Patience!

Rev. Rebekah Duncan