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Region 15, United Church of Canada  
And  
The Association of United Church Clergy

Holding these things in common:

- That God calls into existence and empowers the church as an instrument of mission in the world, an instrument with many ways of being
- That the church calls forth, recognizes, trains, equips, and authorizes individuals to serve as ministers in the church and in communities of faith for the furthering of that mission
- That the well-being of church, clergy, and communities of faith are intertwined

AND

Recognizing that in the structures of the United Church of Canada, it is the Region that holds responsibility for the encouraging and furtherance of many factors that impact the well-being of communities of faith and clergy, particularly the Region is responsible to encourage and support ministry personnel towards health, joy and excellence in ministry practice. (Basis 6.3.9) The Region seeks to support and encourage Communities of Faith towards vitality, vibrancy and viability in mission and ministry.

AND

Recognizing that the Association of United Church Clergy has drawn together participation from three streams of ministry (ordained, diaconal, and Designated Lay; serving, candidate, and retired, including those retained during medical leave, on long-term disability, and restorative care) for mutual support and encouragement around the four pillars of Community, Advocacy, Renewal, and Education

AND

Recognizing that the common interests are best promoted through regular and open communication

THEREFORE

The Executive of Region 15 and the Board of the AUCC covenant to hold regular, face-to-face (in person or virtual) conversations **at least twice per year**; between Easter and the Annual Meeting and between Thanksgiving and the beginning of Advent

And

Such covenanted gatherings are intended to promote and strengthen regular and more informal communication at any time, initiated by either party, in regard to

- Issues, concerns, questions of mutual interest
- Information, plans, and initiatives that impact the other party
- Opportunities to share in work that addresses areas of mutual interest.