



## Canadian Shield Regional Council

### *Annual Self-Assessment Rationale*

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#### What is it?

Under the new structure of the United Church of Canada, communities of faith are required to complete an annual self-assessment each year for review by the regional council.

This process is set out in The Manual 2019 as follows:

##### G.1.2.2 Regular Self-Assessments

Congregations and other communities of faith are responsible for doing self-assessments of their ministry regularly. They must reflect on their understanding of their identity and their community context. They may consider:

- a) their accomplishments
- b) the present opportunities and challenges
- c) the resources required for meeting those opportunities and challenges.

They must file a report of the self-assessment with the regional council. The regional council participates as a partner in this review, offering resources and support from the wider church.

In the Canadian Shield Region, the self-assessment includes

1. Annual Report - as approved at the annual meeting
  - a. See the information provided for best practices in preparing your annual report found under Congregational Support Toolkits – to be developed
2. Community of Faith Profile - updated annually and approved by congregation
3. Living Faith Story - updated annually and approved by congregation
  - a. Resources and worksheets to be gathered
4. Self-Assessment Checklist
  - a. The checklist is a guide to help communities of faith learn about the requirements and best practices for their ministry. If the review identifies specific policies or practices that are not currently in place, these can be identified as goals to be accomplished. A plan to complete a number of these goals each year until the checklist is complete could be created by the governing body.
  - b. The governing body determines how this work will be done. For example specific parts of the checklist may be assigned to various committees, who will report back to the governing body.
  - c. Templates for policies and other resources are being developed
5. Additional information the Community of Faith may wish to add to describe your ministry more clearly:
  - a. Mission statement, Core Ministry Statement, Strategic Plans, Goals for 2021 - REQUIRED
  - b. What are you most proud of this past year? REQUIRED
  - c. Information about what is happening in Clusters and Networks you are connected to REQUIRED
  - d. Stewardship Projects REQUIRED
  - e. Work done in Anti-Racism, Indigenous Relationships, Sexual Orientation projects REQUIRED
  - f. What would you like to share about your Community of Faith with the Canadian Shield Region?
  - g. What do you need from the Canadian shield Region Support to Communities of Faith?

All items are to be sent for review by the Support to Communities of Faith Commission to the Minister for Congregational Support and Mission, Melody Duncanson-Hales ([mduncanson-hales@united-church.ca](mailto:mduncanson-hales@united-church.ca))