



## Lay Regional Council Representative

You have been called to the ministry of participating in the decision making-council in which your community of faith resides. As a representative elected by your community of faith to the Shining Waters Regional Council you have been given a responsibility to consider and discern decisions about ministry, mission and priorities for service and stewardship. As conciliar church, we believe that the Spirit of God moves and is discerned within the community of believers called, gathered and committed to offer leadership to the wider church. You share in the responsibility for undertaking the work with which the Regional Council has been charged and in building relationship through access to information between your local community of faith and the Shining Waters Regional Council.

### **What you bring to the Regional Council Table?**

You bring your experience of the life and ministry of your local community of faith. You are the grassroot person who can share about what life is like in the local congregation. You know the challenges and joys of being the church.

You bring your commitment to share in the witness and ministry of the United Church. By accepting the role of lay representative to the Regional Council you have taken on the mantle of representing the work of the denomination to your local community of faith.

### **What are your responsibilities to your local community of faith?**

Communication....

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And more communication!

You are the primary communication hub between the Regional Council and your community of faith.

1. Share emails you receive about the work of Regional Council widely in your congregation
2. Share written reports about Regional Council work with the governing body of your community of faith on a regular basis, even if you are not a members of the governing body
3. Write an annual report for the Annual Report of your community of faith
4. Help people in your community of faith know who they should talk to in the regional council about their questions/concerns/need for information.

### **Opportunities for Service within the Regional Council**

- Nominations for positions on Regional Council Executive, its commissions, and committees.
- Join a network or cluster that is engaged in something about which you are passionate.