

The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne



The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne is the 44th Moderator of The United Church of Canada (UCC). She is the elected national spiritual leader and public representative of the United Church until the 45th General Council (2025).

As Moderator, Carmen chairs the governance bodies of the UCC, including its General Council, General Council Executive and Sub-Executive Committees. Through Spring 2023, she also sits on the board of the Vancouver Foundation – Canada’s largest community foundation. She has previously held a number of important governance roles, including The Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre, the national Indigenous Candidacy Board for the United Church of Canada, the Pension Board of the UCC, Executive of the UCC’s General Council, as United Church representative to the Executive and Central Committees of the World Council of Churches, and the Theology, Inter-church, Interfaith Committee of the UCC.

Prior to serving the national church, Moderator Carmen was the compassionate, thoughtful, and creative Executive Director of First United Church Community Ministry Society in Vancouver; she is on a three-year leave of absence while she serves the national church. Moderator Carmen joined First United in February 2017 and led an organizational turnaround resulting in increased stability and capacity. She has also facilitated the design and permitting process for an 11-storey redevelopment of our main site at 320 E. Hastings St – construction began in July 2022. Although away on leave, she continues to pay close attention to the successful completion of the construction and capital campaign related to this redevelopment.

The Moderator is known as a leader who takes on large projects and extend herself in many directions, largely (although not always) pulling it off while maintaining academic interests, church ministry, indigenous way of being, parenting and partnering. She holds a PhD from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA and is a member of the Heiltsuk First Nation. She is passionate about creating a life with great stories and amazing adventures with her family.

Rev. E.V. Faith March-MacCuish, B.A., M.Div.



The Rev. Faith March-MacCuish was appointed to the position of Executive Minister of the three eastern regions of The United Church of Canada on January 1, 2019. These regions are: Regional Council 15 (Bermuda and Nova Scotia), Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council (Gaspé region of Quebec, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island) and First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council (Newfoundland and Labrador).

With a Bachelor of Arts from Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador and a Masters of Divinity from Emmanuel College, Rev. Faith March-MacCuish has been an ordained minister in The United Church of Canada for thirty-four years. Faith served for fifteen years within Pastoral Charge ministry prior to beginning work with the (then) Newfoundland and Labrador Conference as Conference Personnel Minister, and Executive Secretary. Faith has served as Executive Minister for the past 5 years.

Rev. Faith has served at all levels of the The United Church of Canada, including General Council Executive. She has continued her education in the areas of change management, conflict management, supervision, and human resources. She has certainly felt fulfilled and blessed by her work in this United Church of ours.

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