

## DUCC REGIONAL REPORT 2009

### Montreal and Ottawa Region

Diaconal folks in this region do not have a recent history of getting together. Good intentions have been expressed about the future.

One diaconal minister is working in Quebec-Sherbrooke Presbytery and one in Montreal Presently; two are working in appointments in Seaway Valley presbytery; five are currently working in Ottawa Presbytery. Two students are being accompanied by E and S Committees - in Seaway Valley and Montreal Presbyteries.

Four persons are working as designated lay ministers (mostly former staff associates) in Ottawa presbytery.

Tracy Fairfield was commissioned to diaconal ministry and was settled in Saskatchewan. Caryn Douglas' departure as principal of the CCS provided an opportunity for some of us to gather in Ottawa in honouring Caryn. Dorothy Naylor was named a 2009 Companion of the Centre for Christian Studies.

Issues raised:

- When an advertised position looks clearly like a position for a diaconal minister (Education, Social Ministry or Pastoral Care), yet it is filled by an ordained minister.
- Situations when discernment committees do not include a person who is knowledgeable about diaconal ministry

Most diaconal ministers have current or recent involvement with Discernment Committees, E and S Committees, Conference Interview Board and Settlement Committee; one works with outreach and justice.

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