

# 91<sup>st</sup> Maritime Conference Annual Meeting May 26-29, 2016

## “Gathering Strength, Scattering Light”

### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW!!!

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**CONFERENCE MATERIALS:** Please go to <http://marconf.ca/91st-annual-meeting-2016/> to review all of the available materials, including the draft agenda. Updates occur regularly. In the week before the meeting, a PDF file will be posted with all of the materials available in a single document. Conference members may choose to print these materials or download them to electronic devices. A limited number of hard copies of the full workbook will be available at the business table. It is expected that each Conference member **will have read** this material carefully before it comes on the floor of Conference. **Do not rely on the arena wireless to access electronic materials.** If, after reading the reports to Conference you are concerned that there is **something missing** from the Agenda, please contact the Executive Secretary immediately at [dhewitt@marconf.ca](mailto:dhewitt@marconf.ca) or 506-536-1334. This courtesy will assist the Annual Meeting Planning Committee in making appropriate adjustments to the Agenda in advance of the meeting, rather than adjusting “on the fly.”

**PROPOSALS:** The deadline for Proposals has already passed. If you have urgent need to submit a Proposal, please contact the Executive Secretary as soon as possible for assistance in communicating with the Proposals Unit and the agenda planning team.

**CHECK-IN & ACCOMMODATION:** Registration forms are available online at <http://marconf.ca/annual-meeting/delegate-visitor-registration/> or using forms provided by the Secretary of your Presbytery/Synod. Registration needs to be completed before checking-in at Conference. Please forward them to the appropriate places as noted on the forms. Only those registered will have a registration packet and name tag ready at the check-in.

**SPECIAL MENU:** If you have made special dietary needs known on your Mount Allison form, please speak directly to Mount Allison staff upon arrival in the dining hall. It could be that your particular meal is not out on display but is being held especially for you.

**CHOIR:** All are welcome to join the **Sunday Worship** Conference Choir to assist in leadership of hymns and service music. Those interested in joining the Maritime Conference choir will need to commit to three short rehearsals over the weekend (Friday and Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at MTA, Campbell residence lounge, and Saturday at 4:30 p.m. on the business stage, Civic Centre). It is recommended that choristers bring a black choir folder for rehearsals. Also bring your own copies of *More Voices* and *Voices United*.

**DISPLAYS:** Please contact the Conference Office if you would like to offer a display. The set-up time for displays at the Arena is Thursday, from 3:00 to 6:15 p.m.

**ARRIVAL:** Check-in will occur on the lower level of the Tantram Veterans Memorial Civic Centre, 182 Main Street, Sackville (also known as the Arena). If you are travelling with a young person attending:

**YOUTH FORUM** – Check-in is located at Harper residence in the quad by Campbell/Jennings **before** proceeding to the Arena on May 26, Thursday, starting at 1:00 p.m.

**INTERMEDIATES AT CONFERENCE** – Check-in is located at Bennet/Bigelow residences at the corner of Salem & York Streets **before** proceeding to the Arena on May 26, Thursday, starting at 2:00 p.m.

**ARRIVING BY VIA RAIL OR MARITIME BUS:** Please provide your anticipated arrival time to the Maritime Conference Office.

**BUS SERVICE:** New this year, Maritime Conference is trying to arrange bus service from PEI and Lower Sackville, NS IF there is enough interest the bus will proceed. The form (<http://marconf.ca/91st-annual-meeting-2016/2016-cam-bus-travel/>) **must be completed by May 2.** Those who filled out the form will be notified if the bus service will proceed.

**PARKING:** Is available at the Arena and in the designated Mount Allison parking lots.

**SHUTTLE BUS:** Will be available between the Arena and the Residences for those who have registered for it.

**NEW DELEGATES:** An orientation session will be held on Thursday at Mount Allison University in the Avard-Dixon building room G12 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Shuttle bus will leave the Arena at 2:45 p.m.

**NEW START TIME:** This year the Conference Annual Meeting will start at 6:15 p.m.

**PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION:** The President's Reception will held in the Arena on Thursday evening, May 28, following worship.

**OPEN SPACE:** On Friday and Saturday delegates and guests will take part in *Open Space Technology* – a way of engaging in conversations that matter. Open Space experiences work best when participants are passionate about a topic and willing to take responsibility for creating new things out of that passion. You can find out more about this process at <http://marconf.ca/91st-annual-meeting-2016/> under the “Open Space Technology” section. **Please note**, if you have a laptop computer and would be willing to take notes for the conversations that you take part in, please plan to bring it along. Coloured stickers placed in your nametag at registration will be needed during Open Space. Be sure to have them available.

**BOOK DISPLAY:** Will be available from U.C.R.D. in the upper Level at the Civic Centre.

**REGRETS:** If you cannot attend, please let us know—your absence will be recorded and helps keep the Conference Roll list accurate. If another person is attending in your place, please provide this material to them.

**LEAVING EARLY:** If you must leave Conference early, we ask that you secure the permission of Conference. A form will be available at the business desk.

**EXPENSE CLAIM:** When making your expense claim, please provide receipts. This is a CRA requirement for Conference to be able to claim a tax refund. Please consider donating your claim back to the Conference.

**BRING:** Mug, receipts for expenses, sweater, walking shoes, rain gear, iPad/tablet/laptop, tennis balls for chair legs and a towel or pillow (if you don't like MTA's towels and pillows). If you prefer holding a book to sing or will be part of the choir *More Voices* and *Voices United*.

**There will be no table groups or tables this year.** Please plan for your papers, water bottles, etc accordingly.

**DON'T BRING:** Scented products.

We look forward to greeting you and the large Conference family again on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May. Matters important to the church, your faith and the well-being of people of our region will be discussed and decisions made. Please prepare yourself to be open to God's spirit as we seek to respond faithfully to the challenges and opportunities of this time.

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