



Greetings! I am Rev. Dr. Peter Bartlett and I am an Ordained Minister in the United Church of Canada. I am married to Maureen, who is a High School Vice-Principal in Kingston, Ontario.

I answered a call to ministry following a first career in the Canadian Armed Forces which began in 1977 when I joined the R NFLD R in St. John's, my hometown. I retired at the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel (PPCLI) in July 2001.

As an Infantry Officer in the Canadian Army, I served in many different capacities and in many different places throughout Canada and abroad. I am a graduate of the Royal Military College, the Canadian Army Staff College, and the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College. My final posting was as the Commanding Officer of the Canadian Parachute Centre in Trenton, Ontario.

I am also a graduate of Queen's University in Kingston (M.Div.), and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago (D.Min). I was ordained by the Bay of Quinte Conference, and I have served in ministry leadership capacities within Kingston/Four Winds, Belleville/Kente and Oshawa/Lakeridge Presbyteries, and in upper New York State.

I have been officially designated as an Interim Minister within the UCC and I am a member in good standing with the Interim Ministry Network (IMN). My call to Interim Ministry is clear and my skills are practiced and time-tested. I believe that my life-long discernment to ministry has enabled me to integrate my extensive leadership, education, training and experience in the military, with my profound sense of call to leadership in the changing Church.

My skills have proven very useful to congregations in transition, especially in those seeking a shared leadership approach. I competently invite imaginative, open-minded, and team based analytical processes that are designed to help congregations courageously develop and own their decisions for the future.

I really enjoy working with congregations who venture into transition with the courage to reconcile past differences, and to listen to the many exciting and diverse ways that the Spirit is moving them forward. Faith communities, like George Street United Church, that are steeped in rich history and accomplishments, will find the key to their futures by trusting in God and in one another.

Thank-you for inviting me here! I really looking forward to working with you, as we journey forth together, no doubt facing some challenges, but embracing promise too:

*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. (Isaiah 43:19)*

Blessings!

*Peter +*

## **Position Description**

### **Intentional Interim Minister**

### **George Street United Church**

### **Rev. Dr. Peter Bartlett**

Rev. Dr. Peter Bartlett (the incumbent) covenants with George Street United Church (GS), and East District of Newfoundland and Labrador Conference of the United Church of Canada (UCC), to a period of IIM for a period not less than two years.

In accordance with the UCC Manual, and established UCC policies for IIM, the incumbent works with the GS Transition Team (TT), who in turn, reports to the Council and Congregation.

The incumbent guides the TT through a structured process, which enables the congregation to make constructive decisions regarding the future of GS by:

- Encouraging a welcoming environment.
- Leading a process of healing and reconciliation.
- Establishing trusting relationships through transparency and open communication.
- Collaborating with the TT to establish realistic goals & timelines.
  - Ministering to the Word and Sacraments, and providing Pastoral Care appropriate to the broad needs of a Congregation who are discerning their future in the midst of transition and change.

**Intentional Interim Ministry (IIM)** is a time-limited ministry covenanted between qualified Intentional Interim Ministers and Congregations who seek renewal. IIM outcomes evolve from mutually agreed objectives and goals, and require congregations to re-affirm and/or modify their Visions and Missions, in order to discern God's Call into the future. During IIM, organizational structures and operating procedures are often modified, in order to more effectively support the congregation's re-affirmed/re-imagined Vision, Mission, and associated future objectives and goals.

**The Transition Team (TT)** is a group of people from the congregation and representatives from the District/Presbytery, who work with the Intentional Interim Minister to help guide the congregation through the period of IIM. TT specific responsibilities are to:

- Select the Interim Minister and prepare for his or her arrival.
- With the Interim Minister in place, review the current situation and develop specific objectives and goals.
- Work collaboratively with the Interim Minister and provide leadership.
- Monitor and evaluate activities that enable the congregation to work on the goals established.
- Liaise and collaborate with the Congregation's Governing Body and other groups as appropriate.
- Facilitate the evaluation of Interim Minister and the period of IIM, at its conclusion.

## ***OUTREACH AT GEORGE STREET UNITED CHURCH***

### **Our Beginnings**

The Soup Kitchen at George Street United Church was opened in the Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre with the support of Kathy LeGrow. Since its inception in January 2002, the Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Center has served in excess of 150,000 meals in its short fifteen-year history.

### **Our Future**

Thanks to the patronage of Elinor Gill Ratcliffe, Corporate sponsors, government program support and the generosity of our congregation, our Soup Kitchen expanded to include an Internet Access Centre based on the results from a survey of outreach center patrons. The outreach center continues to expand to meet the needs of residents of the greater St. John's area in particular residents of the downtown core. A senior's Inclusion Program was introduced in 2010 and a Winter Hot Breakfast Program was introduced in 2011.

### **Our Sponsors**

Elinor Gill Ratcliffe, Canship Ugland, Food Sharing Assoc., Capital Hyundai, City Honda, Altius Resources, Production Services Network, Manna Bakery, Delta Hotel, Stewart McKelvey-Lawyers, The United Way, Tim Horton's (Ropewalk Lane), Husky Energy, Nalcor Energy, CRA Social Club, Verafin, Ryan & Lesley Gates, Terra Nova Foods, Wood Gundy, Pratt Foundation, Mary Brown's (Avalon Mall), Bluedrop, Kiewit, Murry Premises Hotel, CNLOPB, Lionpacers Group of Rotary, CNR.

### **How You Can Help**

- Become a sponsor of the Outreach program
- Remember a loved one by giving a special gift to the outreach centre