

Nancy Fraser



Year Commissioned

Maritime Conference, 1965

Program of Formation

Live-in program at Covenant College (the United Church School that joined the Anglican Women's Training College to become the Centre for Christian Studies), 77 Charles St. in Toronto, 1963-65.

What called you to Diaconal Ministry?

CGIT camp and in particular Ruth Stewart, camp director for a number of years, who told us about her work at Brunswick St. Church in Halifax; participation in all the CE programs at Trinity United Church in New Glasgow, NS

Describe some of your experiences of ministry

- Teaming with an ordained man, responsible for educational programs as well as some pastoral visitation and relief preaching
- Community Development as a member of the Ecumenical Institute of Chicago (later known as the Institute of Cultural Affairs)
- Planned Giving (called Special Gifts at the time) in Toronto Conference with the Department of Stewardship Services, responsible for visitation with people considering a gift to the Church via their will, insurance or annuity as well as programming to encourage this kind of giving
- Intentional Interim Ministry in a congregation going through a difficult time following their minister's death, responsible (with the transition team) for dealing with the specific need(s) of the congregation as predetermined by the transition team as well as all those maintenance tasks of a minister
- United Supply Minister while a congregation was going through the search for their minister

How I explain Diaconal Ministry to others ...

It is the stream of ministry in the United Church of Canada which focuses on faith development/programming, pastoral care and outreach. People who enjoy working with groups of people create/facilitate life/spirit among groups of people and especially with a focus on justice.

What gives you the most satisfaction, reward, sense of fulfilment from the ministry you do?

I am recently retired and still making the adjustment. I still enjoy the opportunity to fill in for others by preaching from time to time, serve on the CCS Development Committee, sing with our Congregation's choir and am on our M & P committee, the Maritime Conference Interview Board and enjoy all of these as well as: drumming for our local dragon boat team, movies, travel and family events.