

District Clergy Care Coordinators Report

Atlantic Wesleyan District Conference

July 11, 2024

We have been honoured to come alongside many individuals and couples this past year to offer care through coaching or counselling. Whether it be online or in-person, individually or with a ministry couple coming for a day or multi-day experience, God has been present and bringing hope.

In this past year, a significant change occurred in the dissolution of Full Strength Network. Many District clergy were members and received support through this amazing ministry. We are waiting to see if a new or reorganized version of FSN may arise.

The District has a task team exploring the best ways to offer support and ongoing care for our pastoral leaders, marriages and families. We are excited to be a part of the team. A report is to be brought forward at the November DBA meeting.

What is available?

- The Atlantic District will provide for pastors (and immediate dependent family members) appointed to our local churches, up to three counselling/coaching sessions each, per year. These are confidential sessions invoiced to the District recorded in an anonymous way that names are not included.
- For Atlantic District pastors (and immediate dependent family members) serving in the state of Maine, the number of sessions increases to 5 each, per year, due to the reality of not being a part of the District Blue Cross plan.
- Additional counselling sessions are available through Blue Cross insurance as Jay is a Blue Cross provider. There is a small co-pay and yet it keeps the of “out of pocket” expense minimal.
- Sessions can be booked virtually, or in-person based on location, distance and schedules.
- A come-away experience is also available at Beulah Camp (based on scheduling) at Footloose Cottage with “person to person” or “couple with couple” sessions based on the need. Accommodations are covered. Primary cost would be travel to and from Beulah as well as your meals with at least one meal provided together with the Guptills.

Feel free to speak with us and share ideas of how the Atlantic District can offer care and support in the areas of coaching and counselling.

Respectfully submitted,

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