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Question: “What priorities would you name for your time as Moderator and how do you envision offering leadership in these areas?”

Statement About Priorities and Leadership

My priority as Moderator would be developing relationships, starting with those between the people of the regions and their members, as well as the ties between the regions. We have spent too much time inside our “silos.” We know the people in our presbyteries, and some of those in the Conference, but if asked about someone from a neighbouring Conference, the answer all too often is that I don’t know them. That needs to change! Our regions will need to work together as they share staff and possibly resources. And we need volunteers, experienced and enthusiastic, to help to make these new structures work. How do we find volunteers? Through relationships! People know people who are interested. As the Spirit moves in and around us, we find the people with the gifts that we need.

I think the Moderator has a role in trying to encourage these relationships to form. I see myself as a bit of a matchmaker. I hope to introduce people to each other, having learning, and social events to draw neighbours together. Some of that can be done over social media, and some in person. It is the intention to form relationships and to network with each other that is key. As Moderator, I would set that tone and encourage reaching beyond our human-made boundaries as God calls us to be the Body of Christ in the world.