



My name is Reverend Elaine Beattie; I was born in a small town called Dumfries in Scotland. My younger years were spent in a very small village called Clarencefield, where my father was the “village bobby”. I attended Sunday school in the church of Scotland, just outside the village.

I remember one occasion while visiting my Great Aunts at Sunday school we learned about a missionary called Gladys Aylward and how she told stories about Jesus. Since then, I have wanted to tell stories about Jesus. My journey to this place of story teller has been an interesting one.

My journey has taken me to Glasgow where I became a Registered Nurse. It has also taken me through various Christian denominations as I sought to find my church home. I have also travelled across the ocean to live in Deux Montagnes, Quebec, just north of Montreal. It was here that I truly found my church home, the United Church of Canada.

In Christ Church United, my home church, I volunteered in various positions such as Secretary of the Official Board, Chair of the Official Board, Chair of Worship. I also helped with fundraising events such as suppers, UCW bazaars and selling toys at the Sunday school table.

When I began my studies towards ministry I was employed as church secretary both at Christ Church United Deux Montagnes and in Montreal West United Church.

During my studies, most weeks, I was busily employed doing “pulpit Supply” telling my stories. I spent six months as student supply at Kahnesatake United Church in Oka, Quebec. My eight months internship was in Gibson Memorial United Church in Fredericton, New Brunswick and my final year placement was at Cedar Park United Church, in the West Island of Montreal.

I studied at McGill University and the United theological College in Montreal, where I graduated with a Bachelor of Theology with distinction in 2005 and a Master of Divinity in 2007. In May 2007, I was Ordained to the ministry of Word Sacrament and Pastoral Care by the Montreal and Ottawa Conference and settled to my current pastoral charge in the Seaway Valley Presbytery.

I have taken my commitment to presbytery seriously and have served on the Pastoral Relations Committee which I currently chair, the Vision and Transformation Committee and have given assistance in transformative congregational work throughout the presbytery. I serve as a member of the Conference Sexual Abuse Committee.

It was a privilege to serve as a commissioner to the 40<sup>th</sup> General Council where I represented the Montreal and Ottawa Conference and the Seaway Valley Presbytery last year.

I am married to Harry Price and together we have a blended family of five grown children and three grandchildren. Our youngest son is currently attending Algonquin College in Ottawa.

Some of my hobbies include reading, gardening, knitting, snowshoeing and watching God's beautiful creation.

I hope this gives a little insight into the person that I am. I trust that we will be able to share our faith journeys together as we minister to one another in community with God.

Peace and Blessings,

*Elaine*