

## **303 REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION**

### **WHY REGIONS?**

Regions are the "centre link" of the administrative structure of Y'sdom. Regions are a vital part of modern Y'sdom. They were first created in 1931 by the adoption of a proposed reorganization called the "McCleery Plan." Richard H. McCleery, the chief architect of the plan later became the seventh International President.

Regions were created to help facilitate the administrative structure. Up to this time, the administrative functions of the movement were handled by some thirteen International Officers and Directors and some twenty District Governors.

The Regions, presided over by an elected Regional Director, were sub-divided into districts to be led by a District Governor. This move in fact subordinated the District Governor, but the system worked well, as evidenced by the fact that it is still in place today.

In modern Y'sdom, Regions can encompass countries (like South-east Asia and Central/South Europe). They can also be one country (like Australia and Japan). Regions can also be parts of a country (like USA, Canada, India, Korea).

If Y's Men are to strengthen our "World Mindedness", it is important that we insist that our clubs maintain a Regional Awareness. Being "Regional Minded" provides a club with many advantages such as:

- The ability to respond to local and regional humanitarian needs more effectively.
- A communication with distant clubs.
- Provide a social aspect for members.
- In some cases, Regionalism facilitates distance and language.
- It helps Y's Men to broaden their horizons.
- Prevents clubs from becoming "Ingrown".
- It nurtures Esprit De Corp in the movement.

It becomes very easy, and sometimes comfortable, to get all wrapped up in our own club activities and work within our own community. This is credible and needed, but we must try not to lose sight of the fact that Y's Men are part of an International community. This gives us a strength and an opportunity to serve. Being part of an International organization means contributing to all parts of the structure.

This is what makes Y'sdom strong and has helped it to survive and grow over the years.

## Charter Dates of Clubs In Maritimes Region

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CLUBS</u>	<u>CHARTER DATE</u>
Cape Breton /Newfoundland and Labrador	Sydney	Jan 10, 1923
	Riverview	Jan 10, 1959
	Glace Bay & Area	May 19, 2007
Northumberland	Charlottetown	Nov 25, 1925
	Summerside	Apr 10, 1937
	Amherst	Apr 25, 1962
	Pictou Co.	Mar 29, 1972
Saint John River Valley	Saint John	Jan 28, 1925
	Fredericton Capitals	Feb 24, 1937
	Woodstock	May 18, 1945
	Fredericton Epsilon	May 2, 1957
	Nashwaaksis	Mar 26, 1960
	Marysville	Mar 30, 1985