

Clusters and Networks in Living Skies Regional Council, 2021



Interested in starting a Network or Cluster? Confused? Have ideas to share? We want to hear from you! Contact Bev Diebert at the Regional Council office:

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What are Clusters and Networks? How do the people of the United Church in Saskatchewan get involved?

Clusters generally share the same geography- though in our Regional Council that area can cover a large territory. They often focus on ministry support, and can include ministry personnel only, lay people only, or be shared by both. Some Clusters focus on a particular concern shared by others in the same geographic area, such as worship, right relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, being LGBT Affirming, and more. **Networks** are more issue-focused, and may cover much wider geography. Many cross provincial or Regional boundaries.

The name isn't really important. It's the ministry and community we create that's most important.

The Regional Council has a budget you can access to support your work. Don't be shy- contact the office for more information. And please help us keep this list up to date!

So far, Living Skies Regional Council includes the following Clusters and Networks:

Chinook Ministry Support Cluster For more information on the geography and membership of this Cluster in SK's southwest corner, **contact** Carolyn Conarroe, cgc@sasktel.net

Chinook Worship Circle (Cluster) "Most pastoral charges in southwest Saskatchewan have been without ministers, especially full time ones, for some time. To help ensure that there are services each Sunday in churches that would like them, the vacant charges in the region developed a 'Worship Circle' a number of years ago, which rotates a number part-time ministers, lay ministers and LLWLs from across the southwest through the different charges. Twice a year, members of the Worship Circle get together to figure out a schedule for the next six months. Together there are 10 ministry personnel who rotate through six pastoral charges. This model has worked very well for our congregations, and has given us a chance to get to know people in other communities, spread over about a 300 km radius."

Contact: Elaine Little, elittle19@gmail.com or 306-678-4918

Korean Ministers' Network "We stand for the efforts for promoting intercultural ministry, affirming ministry, the Truth and Reconciliation process, and thriving congregation ministry. We hope that we will help each other not only for our ministry but also for our life-giving works, especially in SK." **Contact:** Rev. Hyun Heo, hheo4107@gmail.com

Former Twin Valleys ministry personnel gathering Ministry Personnel of the area formerly known as Twin Valleys Presbytery meet to worship, visit, and mostly check in with each other four times a year. **Contact:** Susan Reed, susanafitch@gmail.com

Reconciliation United (Saskatoon area) Saskatoon communities of faith are gathering every two months over soup to share their responses to the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. Support, accountability, and sharing are the focus of this community. **Contact:** Jordan Cantwell, jordan@stmartinsuc.com

Refugee Networking Is your community of faith sponsoring a person seeking refuge? Do you want to connect with others to learn more about sponsorship, advocacy, and more, or share both your question and wisdom with others? **Contact:** Jim Tenford, Living Skies Refugee Liaison, jimtenford@sasktel.net

Regina and Area Cluster "The Coordinating Committee of Regina and Area Cluster has been meeting since early January 2019. In that time we have started to develop a communication strategy. At this point we have set up a monthly [email newsletter](#) and a Facebook Group ([Regina & Area Cluster of the United Church of Canada](#)). Communities of faith, ministries, and others can connect and share their work and events on either or both of these platforms. We bring urban and rural communities of faith together for strategic conversation on future ministry and mission including education, community ministries, justice and right relations, mutual support and nurturance. We also look forward to connecting with other clusters!"

You can reach us at ReginaAreaCluster@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2205391406391275/>

Sign up for our newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/61751e94f32b/cluster>

United Church Rural Ministry Network www.UCRMN.ca or Catherine Christie, christiecatherine4@gmail.com

Saskatoon and Area Cluster This group is gathering at least twice a year to look at the future of Communities of faith in Saskatoon, and encouraging discernment, formal and informal resource sharing, and collaboration. **Contact:** Gary Storey, ggs188@mail.usask.ca

United Church Sask Camps Network This Network includes contacts at Camps Tapawingo, Christopher, Shagabec and Lumsden Beach (so far!! All camps welcome! **Contact:** info@lumsdenbeachcamp.com

Western Intercultural Ministries Network A five-Region network of people and communities in the United Church of Canada committed to a fully inclusive and intercultural church. Anyone of any identity is welcome! You can [sign up for occasional updates here](#). Click [here for more details](#) on the Network. **Living Skies representatives:** Mathias Ross, mmross@gmail.com, and Salesi Takau, st4ucc@gmail.com

Women of the United Church Network This longstanding network includes all women within the United Church in SK, however you define that belonging! Regular retreats are offered, and a monthly newsletter. This Network connects with the formal United Church Women (UCW) across Canada, but you don't need to be a UCW member to join in learning, worship, community, and fun. Website: <https://skconfwomenucc.wordpress.com/> **Contact:** Mary Mohn d.mohn@sasktel.net