



Docket for the 2nd Gathering
of the Living Skies Regional Council
ZOOM
October 28 and November 4, 2020

Living Skies Regional Council
2nd Annual Meeting October 28, 2020
Agenda

Time	Item
6:30PM	Open Zoom
7:00PM	Opening, Introductions and Orientation
7:15PM	Opening Worship
7:40PM	Proposal: Conversion Therapy
7:50PM	Discussion on the proposal
8:05PM	Proposal: reduced regional assessment 2021
8:20PM	Discussion, questions for clarification
8:35PM	Break/ movement
8:40PM	Remit 1
8:50PM	Discussion
9:00PM	Closing prayer

Living Skies Regional Council
2nd Annual Meeting November 4, 2020
Agenda

6:30PM	Open Zoom
7:00PM	Formal opening
7:15PM	Reports
7:35PM	Remit 1 / Voting
7:45PM	Final questions Voting - Proposal on Conversion Therapy
7:55PM	Final questions Voting – Proposal on Regional Assessment
8:15PM	Closing worship and Communion (<i>Please bring your elements</i>)
9:15PMish	Adjournment

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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REPORT OF THE CONVENOR OF THE REGIONAL GATHERING

When I accepted the nudge to seek the position of Convenor of the Regional Gathering for Living Skies Regional Council (Thank you, Barb MacNaughton!), in Swift Current in 2019, my primary concern was about my ability to chair the 2020 Annual Meeting in Humboldt. Over the past ten years I have been involved enough with the inner workings of Annual Meetings to know that these meetings require certain skills. And, I was mindful of the recent Presidents of Saskatchewan Conference whose steps I would be following – people who served with integrity and grace and joy. Was it possible for me to continue the legacy?

Well, the coronavirus and COVID-19 made my concern a moot point – we weren't able to hold an in-person Regional Gathering, so there would be no chair to fill (at least in the former, familiar way). The result of this is that my attention shifted to other aspects of the role.

Although it wasn't clear to me at the time of my nomination, one aspect of the role of Convenor of the Regional Gathering is to act as an ambassador for the United Church in our Region. In the first few months of this term the tasks of this were expressed with a request to recognize a long-term music ministry, an invitation to attend the installation of the 23 Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, and an invitation to attend the opening of the Saskatchewan Legislature. Thankfully, the recognition of Hart Godden was an easy task (Interesting Fact: Moderator Richard Bott and I used the same Psalm in our letters to Hart, without organizing it! (Psalm 95:1-2)). I am extremely grateful that Rev. Tricia Gerhard (Chairperson of the Living Skies Executive) stepped in to represent me/us at the installation of the Lieutenant Governor. Unfortunately, neither of us were able to attend the opening of the Legislature.

As the fall of 2019 unfolded, Tricia and I talked about the value of working together, though the fundamental expectations of our roles were different. We talked about the importance of knowing what each other was doing in our work for the Region, and how “being on the same page” as much as we were able, would hopefully provide a sense of unity within Living Skies. The result of this cooperative relationship was a huge relief to me as we collaborated on letters to our siblings in Nova Scotia (Region 15) in the wake of the shooting deaths in April, and responded to the Saskatoon churches (United, Anglican and Unitarian) and St. Andrew's College in the wake of hate graffiti in May, and offered pastoral guidance to the people and churches throughout Living Skies, in response to the closure of church sanctuaries and the huge changes brought on by COVID-19.

I have appreciated the opportunities that have allowed Tricia and I to work together. I am especially grateful for her leadership of the Executive and want to acknowledge the tremendous amount of extra work that she has done, on our behalf, because of the current pandemic. I also appreciate that I have been invited to attend Executive meetings as a corresponding member, and I want to thank all those who volunteer their time to serve us in that capacity.

As I write this report, I have been home a couple days following the Celebration of Ministry Tour that began in Tisdale, went through Grenfell and concluded in Regina (September 25-27). This event would have (under “normal” circumstances) taken place as one service, in one place, with upwards of 300 people in attendance. Again, the coronavirus forced improvisation upon us, and the result was this past weekend's epic tour. It was amazing!

It was wonderful to celebrate new ministries in our United Church of Canada, in the National Indigenous Council and in our Living Skies Regional Council. I believe that our church is so much richer for the commitment and faith of Rev. Hoeun Lee and Rev. Hyun Heo who were admitted from the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea, and Rev. Deb Anderson-Pratt and Rev. Bruce Kakakaway, who were newly ordained, following their studies and training at the Sandy Sauleaux Centre.

The Celebration of Ministry Tour also reminded me of how hard the staff of Living Skies work, and how committed they are to the health and success of the church in our Region. It was a privilege to make the tour with Shannon McCarthy (Executive Minister) and Tracy Murton (Pastoral Relations Minister), because they were so generous with their care, guidance, wisdom and joy. Experiencing this reminds me of all the other emails, ZOOM conversations and connections I have shared with the other Living Skies staff (Bev Diebert, Heather Dootoff, Julie Graham, Madeleine McLuhan-Myers, Jamie McKay, Karen Medland, Kent Mohn, Charlene Burns, and Jane Harding). Friends, we are exceptionally blessed!

When I accepted the nudge to seek the position of Convenor of the Regional Gathering for Living Skies Regional Council, the term was for one year – until the rise of the next Regional Gathering. Again, the coronavirus has changed that, and my term has been extended, indefinitely. As a result, I expect to be with you all, virtually, on October 28 and November 4, as we address the emergent business of the Region electronically. Between now and then, and beyond, it is hard to say what other things I will be called to do on your behalf, but know that I will, to the best of my ability, and God willing, do them with integrity, grace and joy, as I have learned from my predecessors.

Blessings,
Rob Reed, Diaconal Minister.

**People with whom we are Celebrating
at the 2020 Annual Event of Regional Gathering**

<u>ORDINANDS</u>	<u>ADMITTANDS</u>
Deb Anderson-Pratt Bruce Kakakaway	Hyun Heo Hoeun Lee

Those Celebrating Anniversaries

<p><u>65 YEARS</u> Arthur Cross</p> <p><u>60 YEARS</u> Walter Farquharson David Petrie</p> <p><u>55 YEARS</u> Alexander Taylor</p> <p><u>50 YEARS</u> Chuck Alton</p>	<p><u>40 YEARS</u> Grace Armstrong Nancy Olson</p> <p><u>35 YEARS</u> Sandra Beardsall Carolyn Conarroe Janet Coffey-Olson Faye Ford Earl Grigg Janae Brownley Ronald McConnell Ivan Wilson</p>	<p><u>30 YEARS</u> Jack (John) Bylsma Carolyn Woodall Daryl Woods</p> <p><u>25 YEARS</u> Joan Brown Christa Eidsness Sharon Ferguson-Hood Eileen Fogarty Brian Mee Don Retzlaff Celia Ricker Heather Wyatt</p>
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Those Retiring

Catherine Coates Wendy Gibson Elizabeth Goodson Darilyn Grigg	Marg Janick-Grayston Donna Rumpel Salesi Takau Ursula Wiig
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Those for whom we mourn:

Ray Griffin Irene Gibson Marguerite Dougherty Elaine La Marche William "Bill" Gilmer Larry Edwards Bob Armstrong	Ron Sutton Dale Wiggins Brian Ast Sharon Jeeves Dorothy Morrow Jennifer Sigurdson	Alice McFarlane John Yeo Mildred Morrison Roger Argue Roselis Ward James Ingham William "Bill" Adamson
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**CONVENOR OF THE REGIONAL GATHERING
ROB REED, DIACONAL MINISTER**

I live in Carnduff, Saskatchewan, with my spouse, Susan, who ministers there, with the people of St. Andrew's United Church. I have two grown children who live in Camrose, Alberta, which is my hometown. Besides the church, my passions include music, reading and writing, gardening, and walking.

I returned to the church as an adult, with a young family. Early in that return, I was enchanted by the music of handbells and a sermon that seemed to speak directly to my life (I can't remember if it was Luke 15:11-32, or not). My involvement in my home congregation and Coronation Presbytery was fast and frenetic: I joined choirs, served on committees, led Youth Groups, and chaired the local church Board.

When significant changes occurred in my professional and personal life, my relationship with the church also changed. Feeling a call to ministry, I became a Staff Associate with Sherwood Park United Church. During this five-year appointment, I began discernment, which led me to the Centre for Christian Studies. I was commissioned to diaconal ministry in 2010, through Alberta and Northwest Conference. As part of that process, I was transferred to Saskatchewan Conference, and settled to the Gainsborough-Carievale Pastoral Charge, where I had served as a student, since 2007, and continue to serve, today.

Serving the church in Saskatchewan has included active involvement in the ministry of Twin Valleys Presbytery, serving as Presbytery chairperson and Administration, Finance and Property chairperson. At the Conference level I served as co-convenor of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, was part of the Music Team (twice), and parliamentarian (twice). More recently, I have worked with Pastoral Charges who are in times of significant transition.

On the national level, I served on the Planning Team for the Designated Lay Ministry Program, from 2011 to 2017, first at Calling Lakes Centre and later at St. Andrew's College.

Two of the most impactful experiences of my faith journey have been my participation on a Christian Peacemaker Teams delegation to Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (2008), and my pilgrimage with Susan, of El Camino de Santiago de Compostela (The Way of St. James) (2014).

My call to serve as Convenor of the Regional Gathering of Living Skies Regional Council was as much a surprise to me as it might have been to you! Still, I am ever-grateful for all the opportunities I have received, to learn and serve within our United Church of Canada.

**CHAIR OF LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL
TRICIA GERHARD**

Tricia is in ministry with the people of Sunset United Church in Regina. A Vancouverite by birth but a Prairie girl by choice, Tricia has been in Saskatchewan for 16 years working in various pastoral charges both rural and urban. She has had various roles in the Region (Conference) and Presbytery (when it existed), but the role of Chair of Executive has been the most challenging and intriguing so far. She is married to David, and mother to Sophia and Jacob. When there are moments of free time in life, Tricia enjoys reading, crafting, and baking.

**LETTER FROM RICHARD BOTT, MODERATOR
AND NORA SANDERS, GENERAL SECRETARY
ON BEHALF OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE**

Dear Regional Council Friends;

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..... (Hebrews 10:24-25)

We hear this passage this year, in these times of pandemic isolation, differently than ever before. These days we are not tempted to neglect meeting together, but are *yearning* for the “normal” world when it is safe for all of us to meet together, to worship together, and to serve together once again. And yet we hear these words today with a new understanding of what it means to gather together, with a new understanding of the possibility of experiencing genuine community as we gather and worship through electronic means rather than sitting side by side in our pews.

We are writing to you in the middle of the summer, thinking ahead to your plans to gather for regional council meetings this fall. The usual spring meetings were put off this year with the expectation of meeting in person in the fall, but as the summer progresses, it seems increasingly clear that fall gatherings may be held virtually after all.

Your leadership in these unusual times is so important, and we are grateful to serve God alongside you in the United Church of Canada.

COVID-19

Sometimes in the past few months, it has felt almost impossible to think of anything except the pandemic and how it is affecting all of our lives and the life of our church! This has been a year of unexpectedly rapid and massive change. If you had told any of us as 2020 dawned that in less than three months all the churches would be closed, all the schools would be closed, all the restaurants would be closed, all but “essential” businesses would be closed, vacation trips would all be cancelled, and we would be expected to stay home and not visit with friends or family, we simply would not have believed you. Even in the early part of the year, when these things became realities in China, we felt compassion for the people there, but still could not imagine that we would ever be affected in a similar way.

This is something that none of us have ever experienced before, and it is not something we ever expected to experience. Anxiety and grief are natural and real, but we have also felt deeply inspired by the creativity, innovation and adaptability that our ministers and members have demonstrated. Online worship is vibrant and meaningful, and serving not only our members but also numbers of people who had not been attending church, but have somehow found their way in through our virtual doorways. Bible studies, youth groups, baking nights, book clubs, board meetings, refugee support committees, the National Indigenous Elders Council, and so many more groups and events are all happening through the use of electronic tools. Although clusters and networks were slow to get off the ground after the reorganization of the Church structures, now there are regular ZOOM gatherings of ministry and lay leaders in regional groups, where real conversations take place as they support one another through the changes of these times. The Moderator and General Secretary have both appreciated opportunities to be part of these regional gatherings, perhaps connecting in this way with more of you than it would have been possible to meet in person during the same time period.

The General Council Office closed on March 16, initially for “two weeks” but as of the time of writing it has not reopened. We are beginning to bring some staff back into the office this fall, but, especially with our open space layout and close proximity of neighbouring workspaces, it will be some considerable time before all staff are back. Planning for staff to return to the

office will take into account the ability of job functions to be performed from outside the office, the health and family situations of staff members. Those working in the office will find that it feels different in many respects with the appearance of masks, lack of access to the common lunch area, limited use of meeting formats, and so on. Fortunately, we have seen staff rise to the occasion and find creative ways of doing their jobs and connecting with the wider church from their own homes. As with other churches and organizations, this experience has given us the opportunity to examine travel practices and question the “necessity” of some of our former ways, and to consider the possibility of some staff doing all or some of their work from locations outside of the office on a continuing basis.

No doubt you are also looking for the learnings from this time, the things that you have found possible and that you do not want to lose in “returning to normal”. We do not know yet what the “new normal” will look like, but it seems most likely that it will be different from what we understood as normal in the past. As we explore these unfamiliar paths, we give thanks that we are doing it together as a church, and with the comfort of God’s ever loving presence.

Budget cuts

When so many things “shut down” in mid March because of the pandemic, we were less than two weeks away from the spring meeting of the General Council Executive. This was to have been an in person gathering with a focus on identifying strategic priorities to offer to the church for discussion leading into the 44th General Council. There was one significant piece of business of the agenda, the approval of budget principles to guide the 2021 budget of the General Council Office. Given the circumstances in which this meeting was held (electronically), with so many immediate practical concerns in people’s minds, the “big picture strategic” work was deferred, and the focus shifted to the budget decisions that were needed. Although it would have been nice to avoid the difficult budget decisions too, this was not possible with church revenues are going down, as the size of our membership and number of congregations goes down. This has been a reality for some years and is accelerating. If anything was changed by the pandemic, it is the likelihood that even more serious reductions will be needed as a result of the economic fallout that accompanies the pandemic shutdown.

The budget principles that the General Council Executive approved on March 28 require the 2021 budget to be about \$4 million smaller than this year’s budget. These reductions will be roughly divided between grants and staff. Grant recipients have already been notified of the reduced grant levels that will apply in 2021, and this includes reductions in the Mission and Service allocations to Regional Councils. Staff reductions were made this spring and summer, so that severance costs could be borne within this fiscal year.

Anti-Racism

The issues raised by racialized and Indigenous participants at the unplanned, passionate, and painful discussion that ended the General Council 43 meeting in Oshawa, and the ongoing presence of systemic racism within our church, have been a major concern and area of work for this Executive of the General Council.

Early on in its tenure, the GCE set up an Anti-Racism Working Group, and they have been working hard to lift up issues of racial injustice, and to seek practical measures that will make a difference. Their [report](#) to the General Council Executive in March of 2020 lifts up the work done and the directions identified for further work.

The White Privilege Working Group has gone through some transitions in membership this year, and the willingness of Shannon McCarthy (Regional Council Executive Minister for the Prairie to Pine, Living Skies, and Northern Spirit regional councils) to take on the role of chair provides an important basis for partnership in this work between the General Council and Regional Councils. These two Working Groups, along with the Reference Group for Indigenous Peoples and the Reference Group for Racialized Peoples, and the staff that

support them, will be meeting in September to discuss coordination and clarification of the work and to develop an outline for the United Church's Anti-Racism Strategy. We will be in conversation with Regional Councils as the anti-racism strategy is being developed.

Meanwhile, with advice from racialized staff, and oversight from both Working Groups, revisions have been made to the General Council Harassment policy to clarify its application to racial harassment, and the process that are available to activate it. The revised policy is slated for approval by the sub-executive this summer and will be in place by the time you meet this fall. Information and training will be available to help everyone become familiar with the scope and requirements of the revised policy.

We have been working closely with Anglicans and Lutherans, and with others from the Canadian Council of Churches, to express our shared commitment to the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent, with links to statements in [March](#), [June](#) and [July](#). In June, the General Council Executive released a statement expressing clearly its conviction that [Black Lives Matter](#) to the United Church. The Moderator has also written to the Prime Minister to express strong support for the national recognition of August 1 as [Emancipation Day](#), to mark the abolition of slavery in Canada. If you want a practical step that you can take, we encourage you to write your own letter to the Prime Minister on this topic. Feel free to use the Moderator's letter as a model.

GC43 Commissioners will know that when the General Council was recalled in June to consider whether the next General Council meeting should be delayed, a [proposal](#) outlining a number of steps to combat racism was received. Although this proposal was received too close to the time of the meeting to allow for adequate discussion and preparation by commissioners, its principles received clear support and it was referred to the General Council Executive for further work with the expectation that there will be a report back to the next electronic recall of GC43 on October 24.

Those present in Oshawa, and those following closely the business of the General Council there heard clearly the importance of acknowledging and addressing racism. Even still, one challenge is that many United Church people assume that OTHER people are racists, and that racism is an individual and overt act as opposed to a system. We have denounced racism as a church. But some among us—particularly those of us who are White—may not really understand that although we oppose racism, we are part of racist systems and institutions, whether we realize it or not. The sad murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis has generated wider discussion and a deeper recognition of the systemic racism that is part the world in which we live. Many in the church have been educating themselves about White privilege, deepening their commitment to anti-racism work, affirming that Black Lives Matter, and following through with tangible actions that support our words. Too often, people believe that racism is a particular issue in the United States, or a problem outside the United Church. But racism actually relates to each of us, and is present in our own church. The good news is that understanding the reality of racism provides the basis for doing something about it, for speaking up when we hear inappropriate conversations, for sharing resources that have helped our own learning, and for pushing for social, institutional, and political changes that will bring about true respect, safety, and equality of opportunity for all.

We are in the process of recruiting an Anti-Racism and Equity Officer who will serve in the General Council Office and report directly to the General Secretary. This person will ensure that the various pieces of related work are coordinated, that information about the work is shared, and that learning opportunities are widely available.

Anti-racism work needs the leadership of the General Council Office, but also needs the commitment of United Church people in every Regional Council, and in local communities of

faith. If you are doing work in this area, or have suggestions for us, we would be grateful to hear from you.

National Indigenous Council

The National Indigenous Council is now a year into its new structure. Through the first ten months of the life of this new body, they were ably supported by Cheryl Jourdain, former Speaker of the All Native Circle Conference, who had agreed to provide interim leadership through a transitional period. As of July 1, Murray Pruden has been serving as the Executive Minister for Indigenous Ministries and Justice. The General Council Executive looks forward to working closely with the National Indigenous Council to advance the commitments made when the 43rd General Council accepted the Calls to the Church from the Caretakers of the Indigenous Circle.

United Property Resource Corporation

The establishment of the United Property Resource Corporation (UPRC) was approved by the General Council Executive in April of 2019 and got started in the months that followed. It is continuing to scale up quickly to achieve its mandate of becoming a trusted real estate advisor and support to faith communities by leading real estate initiatives on their behalf.

UPRC will work to ensure projects are commercially viable and support the mission of the community of faith and the United Church of Canada. This includes the development of safe, stable, and affordable housing for all Canadians while maximizing the social impact to achieve the highest possible economic, environmental and social benefits. UPRC has formally executed the agreement with Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation (CMHC) and is continuing to advance UCC real initiatives working alongside local faith communities.

The UPRC board is chaired by Don Hunter, who previously served on the General Council Executive as chair of the Permanent Committee on Finance. The first two staff of the corporation are Kris Tavella, who formerly did related work as part of EDGE, and the Chief Executive Officer Tim Blair, who began this spring in the midst of the COVID shutdown. Tim brings 20 years of real estate investment banking and private equity experience, and a strong commitment to the social values of the United Church, to the work.

This corporation has been created as a resource to the church, and either Tim or Kris are happy to hear from congregations and regional councils who have questions about property issues. You can expect to hear more announcements about the United Property Resource Group this fall. (tblair@united-church.ca or Ktavella@united-church.ca)

Recruitment of new General Secretary

At last October's recall meeting of the 43rd General Council, the General Secretary shared the news of her wish to retire in the fall of 2020. A Search Committee was appointed (chaired by the Moderator) and, after a bit of delay because of COVID-19 distractions, they concluded interviews in August, and came to a strong consensus in their recommendation, which was approved by the General Council Executive on August 27.

[Michael Blair](#) will begin his term as General Secretary of the General Council on November 1. Many of you will already know him..... and we are excited about the excellent experience and faithful vision that he will bring to this new role. Nora Sanders will continue to serve until the end of October.

GC 44 Delayed until 2022

At a special electronic meeting held on June 20, 2020, Commissioners of the 43rd General Council made this decision to delay the 44th General Council from 2021 to 2022. Given the uncertainty caused by the Global pandemic, this decision was made having in mind the health

and well being of all participants, including Commissioners, global partners, staff, and guests.

The revised dates for GC44 have been set for July 22–26, 2022. These dates were selected based on the original 2021 dates, availability of the venues, and the UCW 60th Anniversary celebration which is scheduled to be held in Sydney Nova Scotia, July 11 – 15, 2022.

Deadlines for GC44 are June 14, 2021 for electing Commissioners and October 29, 2021 for submitting proposals.

Richard Bott, Moderator
Nora Sanders, General Secretary
On behalf of the General Council Executive

A WHOLE PEOPLE'S COVENANT

Each of us comes as a pilgrim to this gathering of siblings in Christ. Each of us comes with our own cultural values, assumptions, and world views. Each one of us, and the cultures we represent, are God's living letters of faith, hope, love, and beauty. Therefore, we embrace the following Christian virtues that honour God and promote right relationship between us as we gather together and learn from one another:

We promise to relate to one another with

- respect;
- humility;
- patience;
- open-mindedness;
- courage; and
- the spirit of grace and forgiveness we have received in Christ Jesus.

We acknowledge the land that we stand upon by

- remembering that Indigenous peoples have walked these paths;
- understanding that we are one part of God's creation; and
- honouring future generations by preserving this land as they find their own paths.

In our Christian love for one another we will

- invite the Spirit into both our worship and business;
- attend to others with our whole selves: our physical senses, intuition, imagination, and intellect;
- speak for ourselves in the spirit of truth and gentleness, avoiding unhelpful generalizations and racial stereotypes;
- not interrupt when others are speaking;
- be mindful of language that is not inclusive;
- affirm the deep wisdom of silence and pause, as necessary, to ponder what others have said;
- seek to understand rather than win arguments and assume best intentions;
- hold our beliefs and opinions lightly; and
- hold one another in prayer.

HOLY MANNERS

The Very Reverend Marion Parry introduced Holy Manners as a resource for the 38th General Council 2003. Holy Manners has been used as resource for the conduct of meetings by subsequent General Councils and their executives. It has been adapted here for use as a resource by all councils and church bodies.

We will

- keep God at the centre of everything we do;
- each speak for ourselves;
- speak for a purpose;
- separate people from problems;
- allow for full and equitable participation;
- attend to others carefully without interruption;
- welcome the conflict of ideas;
- take a future orientation;
- demonstrate appreciation;
- honour the decisions of the body;
- commit to holding one another to account when we do not keep our holy manners;
- keep the discussion at the table;
- be mindful of our body language;
- check in about good use of time;
- allow the quiet people to speak, with an invitation to speak; and
- sincerely say what we really feel.

MEETING PROCEDURES

*(Numbering in this section is from the 2019 Manual Appendix pg. 188-191
and only includes sections relevant to this meeting)*

3.1 The Chair

The chair keeps a meeting of the council on track and may make rulings on procedure and the conduct of the meeting.

All members must be able to participate fully and comfortably.

Every voting member makes decisions on the basis of their own understanding of scripture and of the ethos of the United Church, in the light of Christian experience, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit at work in the meeting of the council.

Any member of the council may bring to the attention of the chair any concerns about how a motion is being dealt with.

When an agenda has been adopted that specifies the time for particular items, such time shall be strictly adhered to, unless the council decides otherwise by a 2/3 majority of those voting.

The chair does not participate in the discussion or vote except in the case of a tie. If the chair wants to express an opinion, then they move aside from the role and ask another member to chair until the matter is disposed of.

3.2 How to Conduct a Meeting

3.2.1 Process

A council may set its own process for conducting business. If the council has not set its own process, it follows the parliamentary rules accepted in Canada (Bourinot's Rules).

3.2.2 Motions

A council may only pass motions for which it has the authority and which do not contradict the decision of a higher council.

A motion contradicting a motion already passed at the same meeting is out of order, unless it is a motion to reconsider.

3.2.3 Challenging Rulings

A voting member may challenge a ruling of the chair at the time the ruling is made. The chair restates the ruling and may give reasons. The secretary then calls the vote without any discussion on whether the chair's ruling is sustained.

3.3 How to Amend a Motion

When a motion has been made and is open for discussion, any motion to amend must be dealt with before dealing with the original motion.

When all motions to amend have been dealt with, the council may deal with the final form of the original motion.

Any voting member, except the mover and seconder of the original motion, may make a motion to amend the original motion.

A motion to amend fails if there is no seconder.

A motion to amend may not change the intention of the original motion.

A separate vote must be taken for each motion to amend.

3.5 Motions That Interrupt the Meeting

At any time during a meeting, any voting member may make a motion to

- a) close discussion without a vote on the motion;
- b) fix the time to adjourn;
- c) adjourn;
- d) take an immediate vote (2/3 vote required);
- e) limit or extend limits of discussion (2/3 vote required);
- f) postpone discussion and decision on the motion to a definite time;
- g) refer the motion to another body or commission;
- h) amend/change the motion; or
- i) postpone discussion and decision on the motion indefinitely (without a specified time).

An original motion may be interrupted by any of the above motions.

While these motions are being dealt with, they may only be interrupted by a motion above it in the list.

3.6 How to Reconsider a Motion

A motion to reconsider a motion already passed may be made if no motion is under consideration. A motion to reconsider has the same priority as the motion to be reconsidered.

Only a voting member who voted "yes" for the original motion may move the motion to reconsider. This motion must be seconded by a voting member.

A motion to reconsider in an ongoing meeting must be approved by 2/3 of the voting members present.

The revised motion may be reconsidered if a motion is changed on reconsideration and passed. A motion on which action has been taken may not be reconsidered.

3.7 Additional Procedures

In any point not covered in The Manual, the parliamentary rules accepted in Canada (Bourinot's Rules) will be followed.

OTHER:

Divide a Motion (seriatim) This is a request to vote on a motion in parts rather than in total. A seconder is required. If two persons ask, the chairperson must grant the request.

Point of Information Any person can go to a microphone, interrupt debate and ask for information. For example, "What page is this on?" or "Who is speaking?".

Point of Order Any person can interrupt to challenge or question procedures. For example, "We didn't vote", or "President, we are debating this motion to table and we shouldn't be."

Point of Privilege Any person can interrupt debate to raise point of privilege. For example, "Our table group doesn't have copies of this motion" or "Could you please repeat the motion, I didn't hear it."

BASIC RULES for DEBATE on PROPOSALS

1. Prior to the Regional Council Meeting, proposals are received for information and consultation by the Regional Council Meeting Planning Committee. The Committee may make editorial suggestions to the proposing body to promote accurate understanding of the proposal by the people at the Regional Council Meeting. The Committee will communicate these suggestions to the proposing body and the proposing body may, or may not, take the suggestions.

Proposals that are received and edited prior to the docket deadline will be included in the Record of Proceedings. Proposals that have not been received and edited prior to the docket deadline will be provided in written form at the Regional Council Meeting.

The proposals will be available in a variety of ways: typed hard copy, via screen sharing, and read aloud at the time of decision-making.

Due to limitations of electronic online meetings any proposals received during the meeting or prior to the listening session one week prior to the meeting will be automatically referred to the Regional Council Executive.

2. All proposals will be presented in the following manner:
 - i. The Convenor will indicate which proposal is being dealt with.
 - ii. A representative from the proposing body will be given 3 minutes to present the 'issue' described in the proposal and their proposed action to address the issue (Listening).
 - iii. Questions for clarification only may be asked at this time.
 - iv. All proposals will be 'Listened to' before discussion happens.
 - v. If technology allows group discussion time will be given (Discussion).
 - vi. After Discussion, written responses will be submitted and received up until the Monday immediately prior to the constituted meeting of the Regional Council and a motion will be brought forth in the decision making time based on the feedback and according to the following:

If the Regional Council is the Council of action, it makes a decision on the proposal.

If the General Council is the court of action:

- a. The Regional Council decides if it agrees with the proposal.
- b. *If it agrees*, it passes the proposal to the General Council.
- c. *If it does not agree*, it decides whether or not to pass the proposal on to the General Council.
- d. The Regional Council may include its own recommendations when passing the proposal on to the General Council.

If the Regional Council does not agree with a proposal, it normally passes it on to General Council only if there is a compelling reason. (2019 Manual, section F.1.3.1 (Regional Council a-d), p.102)

ANNUAL MEETING OF LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL ENABLING MOTIONS

1. **Roll of Regional Council:** that the Roll of the Regional Council for the purposes of the 2nd Annual Regional Council meeting be:
 - i. the members of the Order of Ministry within the bounds served by the regional council; and
 - ii. Other ministry personnel in a covenantal relationship with a community of faith within the bounds of the regional council
 - iii. lay members of the regional council are members of the United Church who are not ministry personnel and who are elected by communities of faith. (Manual 2019, C.1.1 & C.1.2)
 - iv. members-at-large, lay members within the Regional Council who have been appointed members as necessary for the work of the Regional Council by the Regional Council Executive and who have not been elected by their community of faith.
2. **Corresponding Members:** that all invited guests, registered visitors, and staff be corresponding members of this regional council meeting, with voice but not vote.
3. **The Bounds of the Council:** that the Bounds of the Regional Council meeting be the virtual meeting room and the telephone connections to that meeting space.
4. **Minimum Number of Members at Meetings:** that the regional council may meet only if a minimum number of members is present. If there are 60 or more members, at least 20 members must be present; and there must be at least one ministry personnel and one lay member who is not ministry personnel present. Corresponding members are not counted for this purpose. (Manual 2019; C.4.3)
5. **Limits to Debate:** that without the permission of the Council, no member shall speak more than once on any proposal or amendment; and that speeches be limited to two minutes per person on each proposal, except at the discretion of the President.
6. **Agenda Committee:** that the Agenda Committee for this Regional Council meeting be the members of the Regional Council Meeting Planning Committee, plus one person designated as Parliamentarian.
7. **Rules of Debate and Order:** that the rules of debate and order for Parliamentary debate be those spelled out in Appendix of The Manual 2019 (pages 187-191); and that any point not covered in such Appendix, the parliamentary rules accepted in Canada (Bourinot) shall be followed.
8. **Unfinished Business:** that unfinished business be referred to the Living Skies Regional Council Executive.
9. **Minutes:** that the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Living Skies Regional Council be approved as distributed.
10. **Celebration of Ministry:** That Living Skies Regional Council, having received confirmation of the readiness of the following candidates and admissionands from the Office of Vocation and confirmed through the Living Skies Pastoral Relations Commission that a covenantal relationship is in place with a community of faith or offer of employment to a paid accountable/recognized ministry, held Celebration of Ministries services on September 25th in Tisdale, SK to admit Hoeun Lee, September 26th in Grenfell, SK to admit Hyun Heo, and September 27th in Regina, SK to ordain Deb Anderson-Pratt and Bruce Kakakaway (The Manual H.4.8).
11. **Reports:** that the verbal and written reports be accepted as presented.

MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE – 2019 - 2020

Chairperson	Tricia Gerhard	Treasurer	Donna Brown
Member	Ron Brandow	Member	Tim Ellis
Member	Cam Fraser	Member	Linda Gunningham
Member	Brian Maitland	Member	Yujene Oh
Member	Dave Whalley		
Convenor of the Regional Gathering	Rob Reed		
Executive Minister	Shannon McCarthy	Program Assistant	Jamie Mckay

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE REPORT

It has been a year since we gathered for our inaugural Living Skies Regional Council Gathering in Swift Current, and what a year it has been. Your Regional Council Executive has been working hard on your behalf, and it has been my privilege to be in team with these fine folks as Executive Chair. I have to admit, that when I volunteered to take on this position last year, I might have done it with a different vision of what chairing executive would look like. After all, my experience of Executive had been exclusively under the old structure. I do not regret taking on the task (most the time), and part of the reason for that is the amazing team that makes up the Executive and the Regional Council staff.

Before I launch into a litany of the things that we have done as an Executive, I want to offer some gratitudes first. First, it goes without saying (except here I am saying it) that the leadership of our Regional Council staff and Executive Minister has been exceptional. Shannon, Jamie, Tracy, Julie, Bev, Kent, and Heather have carried their workloads with grace, wisdom, humour, and compassion. Their gifts and skills offered to the Region have helped not only the Executive, but Communities of Faith, Clusters, Networks and Community Ministries (RAPM, ICM, chaplains, prison ministry camps etc.) make sound, faithful decisions and they have pushed, when appropriate, for thinking outside the box. Thank you. We are fully aware that this past year has not been easy for any of you, so we are deeply grateful for all that you do.

This was the first year where the role of President was split into two positions: Convenor of the Annual Meeting and Executive Chair. Rob Reed was acclaimed into the Convenor role last year, and I am exceedingly thankful for that. In the past year, Rob has been the voice of support and vision for the Executive and the Region. He has spoken and written words of support, care, and guidance for the Region in the wake of structure change, cancelled events, shooting violence, and pandemic restrictions. There is deep gratitude for his calm, pastoral, and witty presence – even though he does play the banjo.

The Executive – this fine team of eight dedicated folk agreed to be part of this leadership team and I am hoping that they haven't regretted it too much. We are a diverse group of people who are dedicated to the life and work of this Region and to the Church as a whole. This is witnessed by their willingness to meet monthly, take on extra tasks, and to deal with decisions in a timely and faithful way. Brian, Cameron, Dave, Donna, Linda, Ron, Tim and Yujene have worked together with integrity, grace and a huge amount of patience. As chair, I am deeply thankful for each of them.

The Region – in the midst of the structural change and the ultimate settling into this new way of being, the roles for members of the Region has shifted and changed. Some of you saw the end of roles you have held for years, others saw the things you were passionate about put on

the back burner. But in the midst of all the change and shift, you have stepped up and into new opportunities. So much of the work that happens in the Region requires the volunteer time of both lay folk and clergy – there were new committees to set up, existing committees that now needed to find new ways of functioning... the opportunities have been numerous. Without these committees, clusters, task groups and networks, the work of the Region would not happen. Thank you. Thank you for sharing your time, and your skills. And if you aren't involved at the moment, and would like to be... well, I am sure there's a position out there just for you. Please be in contact with our Nominations Committee – they'd love to hear from you!

So, now you might just be wondering what the Executive has done this year. As you can imagine, there was lots to do, some of it fun and some of it heart-wrenching. There have been moments when we felt like we were simply spinning our wheels, rubber stamping decisions, and doing our best to keep the lights on in the Region. Other times we were paving the way for new ways to be church, dreaming about the future of our Region, and thinking about the vision and mission of Living Skies. Here are a few things that the Executive has done in the last year:

- Supporting the work of our Regional Staff
- Making decisions regarding policies and structure format
- Creating efficient methods of communication
- Establishing and distributing bridging grants for Regional Ministries (Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry, Inner City Ministry, Camps, the North and South Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincies etc)
- Budget and finance administration
- Support for Regional Gathering Planning Committee
- Assessment follow up
- Renewing the contracts for Kent Mohn, Youth and Young Adult staff person
- Renewing and sharing the contract for Julie Graham, 1/3 shared position
- Conversation and decision making around issues in pastoral relations, funding requests, support of Indigenous Church, establishing task groups to work on Assessment usage, vision and mission of Region, working on process for establishing the mission and vision of Living Skies Regional Council, establishing supports for ministries and camps around funding and fundraising.
- Seeking ways to share ministry across the three regions (Northern Spirit, Living Skies, and Prairie to Pine) in terms of staff and programming.

One of the hardest decisions that we deal with surrounds funding. As it is well known, the grants that we receive from the National Church fund our Regional Council Staff (1/3 of Julie's contract, and 100% of Tracy, Heather, Kent, and Bev). This money also funds our clusters and networks, grants for Ministries and Camps, and shared costs such as rent, equipment and supplies, among other things. In our first year as a Regional Council we ran into the challenge that the amount of money we had available for the grants requested by the Ministries (such as RAPM, ICM, prison ministry, chaplaincies and camps) could not cover the entire amounts requested. Without Presbytery, some of the ministries that received funds from Presbytery alone now had to apply to the Region. This meant that the amount of money that we had left for grants had to be spread farther. This is much the same this year as well. The Grants Committee has been responsible for the incredibly hard job of distributing the grant monies. The reality is that the grant requests were not given in full. Many of the ministries received significantly less than what they needed.

At the 2019 Regional Gathering, it was decided by the court that there would be a bridging fund of \$100,000 put in place to help our ministries fill in the funding gaps for 2019, and that there would be a Regional Assessment collected from the Communities of Faith that would be

used to help these ministries in 2020 and 2021. The bridging money was distributed as equitably as possible and now, a task group is working through how the Regional Assessment can be best used to support our Ministries and Camps. We are very aware that this Regional Assessment addition has been a challenge for some of our Communities of Faith to meet, and we appreciate the feedback and concerns you have voiced over the last few months. Finding more money in already tight budgets isn't easy and we were hoping to have further conversation about the assessment at the 2020 Regional Gathering. With the cancelation of this event due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are looking into other ways to engage in conversation regarding the Assessments.

It's been a full year in the new Governance Structure, and while there are still some bumps and curvy roads on this journey, I believe that we are doing the very best we can be. Not everyone will be happy with the decisions made but that is the reality of working as a community. What is important is that as a Region we work toward creating a church that reflects our common vision of what church in Living Skies looks and acts like. Most of all, like most communities and life in Saskatchewan, the church here is resilient. This next year we will work together on identifying and fleshing out our Vision and Mission as a Regional Council, as well as making decisions around how to be church in this time and place. We've faced challenges this last year, culminating in the Coronavirus Pandemic that has changed the way we do church, and despite these challenges, the church still remains an ambassador of God's presence in the world.

People of Living Skies Regional Council, you are the hands and feet of the Holy in this place. As we step into the next year of our life together, may we do so with confidence, faith, grace and love, so much love. Blessings to each of you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tricia Gerhard,
Chair, Living Skies Regional Council Executive.

EXECUTIVE MINISTER REPORT

Well this has been an interesting year in the lives of our Regional Council! This was our first full year in operation with the structures that we created through the transition, and just when we thought things were running smoothly and we were getting in a groove...COVID 19 happened. So here we are in the fall of 2020 having online meetings that were originally supposed to happen in May and June, and life has changed dramatically in the last 6 months.

I was blessed to be able to take a Sabbatical in December, January and February to read, study and get in some needed Sabbath. That seems like a very long time ago now! I do want to thank all the staff who covered for me, especially the three Pastoral Relations Ministers: Judy Hare, Tracy Murton, and Earl Reaburn. They took on the difficult job of doing their own work as well as taking on some of mine and I truly appreciate it.

The Regional Council Executive has continued the work of establishing procedures and connections for the Regional Council, trying to vision and set the goals for the ongoing work of the Regional Council. They have tried to do this while also learning what it means to be intercultural and make decisions in a new way. We are also committed to working with all the councils of our denomination to work towards becoming an Anti-racist church. Thank you to the Executive for their commitment and faithfulness!

Much of the work of the Regional Council is still about establishing relationships with Communities of Faith, Incorporated Ministries, Camps as well as trying to enable the formation of clusters and networks. There are many demands for time, attention and financial assistance and unfortunately your Executive has had to make hard decisions about where to allocate staff time, financial resources and people resources. We are also committed to working with all the councils of our church to work towards becoming an Anti-racist church.

The transition from Conferences and Presbyteries to Regional Councils is still new, luckily one of the blessings of that transition is that we were in a better position when we were forced to work from home due to COVID 19, because all the staff are now using the same laptops and software programs we were able to adjust quickly. During this time I think our staff did an amazing job maintaining connection, providing support, calmly offering as much information as possible and thanks to our new websites we were able to communicate quickly! Special thanks to everyone who got the websites up and running just in time, especially Jamie McKay, Julie Graham, Cherry Abad, Bev Diebert, and Kathy Jackson. It was also a benefit that many of our committees and commissions were already familiar with Zoom and we were able to make decisions quickly to support Ministry Personnel and Communities of Faith in this difficult time.

I am always amazed at the ability of our church to come together during difficult times, I am confident that regardless of the challenges that the year ahead will bring the people of our Regional Council will meet them head on with prayerfulness, determination and faithfulness.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon McCarthy,
Executive Minister
Northern Spirit, Living Skies, and Prairie to Pine Regional Councils.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**Regional Council Planning Committee:**

Convenor	Barb MacNaughton
Member	Darrell Reine
Member	Hoeun Lee
Member	Bonnie Morton
Local Arrangements	Allison Sarauer
Local Arrangements	Carol Oleksyn
Convenor of the Regional Gathering	Rob Reed
Staff - Admin	Bev Diebert

Property Commission

Convenor	Annette Taylor
Member	Bev Kostichuk
Member	Jim MacNaughton
Member	Jim Pulfer
Member	George Thurlow
Member	Daryl Woods
Staff – Executive Minister	Shannon McCarthy

Nominations Committee

Co-Convenor	Carolyn Conarroe
Co-Convenor	Susan Reed
Member	Beth Baerwald
Member	Jeannette Warriar
Member	Gary Johnson
Member	Yvonne Terry

Grants Committee

Convenor	Leslee Whalley
Member	Cindy Goodman
Member	Herb Conrad
Member	Barry Balls
Staff - Minister: Justice / Communication	Julie Graham
Staff – Financial Administrator	Heather Dootoff

Pastoral Relations Commission

Member	Jen Dresser
Member	Marvin Mackie
Member	Donna Rumpel
Member	Miles Russell
Member	Janelle Shaw
Pastoral Relations Minister	Tracy Murton
Administrative Staff	Bev Diebert

Committee on Community of Faith Support

Member	Sheila Deforest
Member	Hyun Heo
Member	Bill Pollock
Member	Deborah Smith
Staff – Pastoral Relations Minister	Tracy Murton

Committee on Lay Leadership Support

Member	Faye Ford
Member	Andrew Hecker
Member	Sheila Ivanochko
Member	Patti Sawchuk
Staff – Pastoral Relations Minister	Tracy Murton

Committee on Ministry Personnel Support

Member	Koshy David
Member	Rick McCorrister
Member	Michele Rowe
Staff – Pastoral Relations Minister	Tracy Murton

REGIONAL COUNCIL GATHERING PLANNING COMMITTEE

On March 25, 2020, the Regional Gathering Planning Committee, in consultation with the Living Skies Executive and staff, decided to cancel the 2020 Regional Gathering that was scheduled to be held in Humboldt, Saskatchewan, May 21 through 24. At the time, there were many uncertainties and unknowns related to COVID-19, and it was determined that canceling the Regional Gathering was the most responsible decision. In hindsight, it is clear that there was no other reasonable decision to be made.

Cancellation of the Regional Gathering meant that much of the work of the Planning Team and the Local Arrangements Committee would go unrecognized and uncompleted. I want to thank everyone who generously contributed time, energy and spirit to the planning process for this event. My sense is that you were all enthusiastic about your work toward this Regional Gathering, and I am sorry that you were not able to see it through to its completion.

For the sake of interest, I want to share that the theme that was in the works for Humboldt was "Right Where We're Supposed to Be." The scriptural foundation for this theme is from Luke 17:20-21. The Theme Presenter was going to be Rev. Cameron Trimble who is the CEO of Convergence (formerly Centre for Progressive Renewal), and the author of *Piloting Church*. The logo for this gathering is found here:



As for the future, the intention is that the Regional Gathering will return, at a time when the coronavirus pandemic has passed and it is clearly safe enough to gather in large groups.

Respectfully Submitted:
Rob Reed, Diaconal Minister,
Convenor of the Regional Gathering.

PROPERTY COMMISSION

Background

The purpose of the Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission is to make decisions related to property matters on behalf of regional council. The commission makes these decisions within the scope of regional responsibilities as set out in C.2.6 of The Manual and property policies adopted by the regional council. The commission also make recommendations to the regional council (or its executive) for new regional policies related to property matters. In addition, in September 2019, the regional council executive gave the property commission the authority to approve the disbanding of congregations.

This report includes the work of the property commission from its commencement in February 2019 to April 2020. During that time the commission has met via video conferencing thirteen times and twice in person (at the inaugural regional gathering in Swift Current on May 30, 2019 and again in Saskatoon September 3-4, 2019). There were also several working sessions to do initial planning for the commission and to review the property handbook.

Initially the property commission was comprised of three members from the Living Skies Regional Council Transition Commission (Bev Kostichuk, Dave Whalley, Annette Taylor) and Shannon McCarthy our Executive Minister. As of June 2, 2019 the members of the property commission were: Annette Taylor (chair), Bev Kostichuk, Daryl Woods, George Thurlow, Jim MacNaughton, Jim Pulfer, and Shannon McCarthy (staff). In October, 2019 the committee regretfully accepted the resignation of Jim Pulfer.

Property Handbook and Policies

Our work began with updating the *Handbook on Church Property Matters* so that it would reflect the new regional council structure. This task was completed in March, 2019 and the revised document was approved by the Living Skies Transition Commission on April 4, 2019. Further work on this handbook is currently underway and a new version should be available in May, 2020.

The commission also created a *Property Policies and Processes* document that includes policies for the distribution of assets from the sale of property. The initial document was approved by the transition commission on April 18, 2019. Several updates to this document have been approved by the regional council executive over the past five months and a revised version is now available on the regional council website.

Communities of Faith – Property/Disbanding Decisions

The property commission is keeping a working list of communities of faith that are considering property transactions (sale, purchase, rental, etc) and/or are requesting to be disbanded. As of the end of April, 2020 the commission is in communication with twenty-two congregations. Ten of those congregations have already received approval to list or tender their properties. At least twelve congregations are in the process of disbanding.

Since the beginning of 2019 the property commission has approved the sale of the following thirteen congregational properties:

Approved Sales - transfer not complete:

- Foam Lake/Leslie Manse - March 27, 2020
- Kelfield United Church - November 15, 2019
- Mortlach United Church - January 10, 2020

Sales Complete - date sale approved / date transfer completed:

- Climax Manse - May 31, 2019 / August 2019
- Coronach Manse - October 8, 2019 / January 9, 2020
- Delisle/Vanscoy Manse- March 13, 2020 / April 2, 2020
- Fillmore United Church & Manse – February 14, 2020 / March 17, 2020
- Loverna- Grace United Church – June 21, 2019 / November 2019
- Mossbank United Church – September 4, 2019 / February 21, 2020
- Rouleau United Church - February 14, 2020 / March 30, 2020
- Saskatoon – St. Thomas Wesley United Church – June 21, 2019 / July 2019
- Tugaske Manse – October 8, 2019 / October 28, 2019
- Val Marie United Church – October 24, 2019 / February 25, 2020

Since the beginning of 2019, the following congregations have officially disbanded:

- Asquith United Church (approved by regional council executive)
- Loverna United Church - December 13, 2019

Cemeteries & Abandoned Properties.

The property commission is developing a list of United Church cemeteries in the regional council that no longer have congregations associated with them. Many of these properties

were identified by Bill Doyle, the previous Executive Secretary of Saskatchewan Conference, and commission members are now working to determine their status (e.g. is anyone caring for them and is an RM, town or village willing to assume responsibility). Letters are being sent to the appropriate rural municipalities requesting their assistance.

The commission is also working on a list of other abandoned properties in the regional council. In the past, some congregations disbanded without selling their property and therefore United Church buildings and land now sit abandoned on rural roads or in hamlets or villages. After review of the files received from Bill Doyle the commission has determined that the following abandoned properties need to be reviewed:

- 75 United Church properties, 32 of these are cemeteries
- 5 Congregationalist titles representing 3 or 4 properties
- 11 Methodist titles representing 9 properties
- Over 80 Presbyterian titles representing over 35 properties (exact number still to be determined)
- 23 United Church properties with mineral rights.
- Unknown number of properties listed only in name of trustees of the United, Methodist, Congregationalist and Presbyterian churches (these cannot be found with an ISC search).

So far the property commission has managed to sell one of these properties, an empty lot in Mullingar. The sale was approved on November 15, 2019 and the transfer occurred February 24, 2020;

Conclusion

On behalf of the members of the property commission I want to acknowledge what a privilege it is to work with communities of faith during these difficult times of transition and closure. I also want to recognize the large workload that this small group of people has undertaken. A huge thank you to all the members of the property commission for your dedication and compassion as you work to support congregations through a process that is often emotionally, mentally and even physically challenging.

Respectfully Submitted by
Annette Taylor
Chair, Living Skies Property Commission

GRANTS COMMITTEE

The Living Skies Regional Grants Committee members were approved at the Annual Meeting, May 30-June 1, 2019 in Swift Current. The members are Leslee Whalley, Chair, Barry Balls, Herb Conrad, Cindy Goodman. Julie Graham and Heather Dootoff are staff support.

Prior to the creation of the current committee, the Mission and Support Grants for 2019 were allocated by a task group of the Regional Council Executive.

The first task for the Grants Committee was to meet and set the framework for our responsibilities. The committee met by Zoom on October 3, 2019. We spent some time getting to know each other and also discussed the many issues and questions we had regarding the role of the Grants committee in the Living Skies Region.

Our most pressing item was the distribution of the \$100,000.00 made available by the Regional Council to help mitigate the shortage of funds available for Mission Support Grants for 2019. After discussing the applications, we decided we needed to have more information from the

applicants. They were divided up among the committee members and contacted directly with questions we needed to assist us in making our decisions. The results were to be discussed at a face to face meeting set for Oct. 29 and 30, 2019 in Regina. After much discussion the \$100,000.00 was allocated. Letters and cheques were sent out with the information that this money was only a one time “bridging” for 2019.

Our other task at the meeting was to allocate the \$125,000.00 Mission and Service Grants for 2020. Requests were received for \$328,182.00 which left a huge difference between the requests and the money available. Applications were looked at and prayerfully discussed. This chart shows the amounts of each allocation.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>2019 Mission Support Grant Allocations</u>		<u>2020 Mission Support Grant Allocations</u>
	<u>Amount given</u>	<u>2019 Bridge</u>	<u>2020 Grant given</u>
Lumsden Beach	0	8,100	7,000
Tapawingo	0	2,600	2,000
Wellman Lake	0	1,000	
Christopher	0	4,600	
South Sk Hospital	14,650	13,000	15,000
North Sk Hospital	11,500	25,000	25,000
RAPM	30,650	22,500	30,000
ICM	36,150	15,000	20,000
LaRonge	24,532	0	12,000
U of Sk	8,400	3,500	9,000
Micah Mission	4,500	3,000	2,500
Parkland Rest. Justice	4,500	500	2,500
Prairie Ctr.	0	1,200	0
Total	\$134,882	\$100,000	\$125,000

At the Annual Meeting a motion was passed to assess Communities of Faith 20% of their denominational assessment for 2020 and 2021. The Grants Committee was given the task to explore ways to help applicants increase their ability to find other sources of income. Mission supported ministries, although centred in specific locations across Saskatchewan, provide services for many people all over the province. They previously had received support from Presbyteries and Saskatchewan Conference and are finding it difficult to fund their ministries, as are many Communities of Faith.

A task group from the Executive was struck, consisting of Tim Ellis, Brian Maitland, Leslee Whalley, and support staff Julie Graham and Heather Dootoff to formulate ways in which the assessment could assist applicants. The group met by Zoom, March 5, 2020 and discussed what the assessment should be used for, how best to allocate it and the process to allocate it. The one guiding factor was that it was not to be allocated just for general operating funds. The committee realized we needed information on just what these ministries needed to secure more funding and remain viable. Julie Graham was tasked with developing a survey to send out to the ministries to obtain information. The survey was sent out in late March but because of the pandemic, responses were understandably slow to come in and not all of the ministries replied. The task group has met 3 times to discuss how to proceed with the assessment money and are in the process of finalizing a method to allocate the additional assessments.

Because of the restructuring, a new web site had to be developed. Another task group from the executive, made up of Julie Graham, Heather Dootoff, and Leslee Whalley were tasked with developing information on funding available, particularly the funds that were given over to the Region from Presbyteries to go on a Funding webpage. This group has met several times by Zoom. That page is still a work in progress. An application form needs to be developed and the Grants Committee is working on it.

Covid 19 has definitely slowed down the work of our committee and increased the work of the Executive and Communities of Faith. The Grants Committee is working on the 2021 Mission Grant Applications and continues to work on the Additional Assessment Allocations and the funding page of the website. The charts below show the monies allocated since the last annual meeting.

Please contact me and I will try to answer any questions or concerns.

Submitted by,
Leslee Whalley
ldwhalley@sasktel.net

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

The Pastoral Relations Commission meets monthly from September to June by teleconference or, more recently Zoom, as well as through email between regular meetings. Together we address the work of pastoral relations throughout the Regional Council. This includes reviewing and approving Community of Faith profiles, calls and appointments of ministry personnel, candidates and pastoral charge supervisors, as well as appointing and supporting the work of the Regional Council Liaisons who accompany Communities of Faith during transitions of pastoral relationships and facilitate conversations around pastoral needs.

There is never a shortage of items on our agenda and we give grateful thanks for Bev Diebert and Tracy Murton who keep us all on track. Their wisdom, organization, and sense of humour has been amazing since “day one”. Thank you, Tracy and Bev for all you do and for being the great human beings that you are!

We also give thanks for our Chair, Marvin Mackie. When we first started our work together, we had a rotating Chair as we sorted out exactly how our Commission would look and be structured. Eventually Marvin graciously agreed to be our permanent Chair and we are grateful for his leadership.

The Pastoral Relations Commission meets on the first Thursday of the month and we appreciate the efforts of Communities of Faith and ministry personnel to submit any material needing consideration by our deadline of the Friday before the meeting. If you have any questions or would like more information about the Pastoral Relations Commission, please contact any member or check the Regional Council website at <https://livingskiesrc.ca/ministry-leadership/pastoral-relations-commission/>.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janelle Shaw

Pastoral Relations Staff Report 2020

According to the online Oxford Dictionary, the word “unprecedented” is defined as something “that has never happened, been done or been known before”. Many memes, articles, and blog posts have been written about the last 6 months from this vantage point, but the piece of this definition that resonates with me is that this time has “never been known before”. Just before the world went into lockdown in March, we were busily preparing for spring workshops, the regional council gathering, and a celebration of ministry service in the way that we had always known these things to happen. As collectively we put plans into place to re-imagine everything we have known as communities of faith and the structures of the church, volunteers and staff from around Living Skies Regional Council faithfully and patiently began to support one another in ways that we have not known before. We have always been dispersed so committee and staff meetings by Zoom were not new, but we began to add in other means of connecting, all culminating in a new way of being church together. As we lost the joy found in gathering in person, we gained the ability to connect over screens with integrity, faithfulness and purpose.

The work of the Pastoral Relations Commission has been reported by Janelle Shaw above. This group of people have faithfully and diligently met monthly (sometimes more than that) to review and support the work of Pastoral Relations in Living Skies. We are most fortunate to have their wisdom and expertise shepherding ministry profiles, calls/appointments, and so much more on our behalf.

Committee on Community of Faith Support

This Committee has carefully and thoroughly reviewed the 100 annual reports and 20 covenants that have been submitted by Communities of Faith over the last year. When the COVID-19 restrictions on gathering for worship in person came into effect, many communities had not yet completed their annual meetings, and therefore had not approved the reports on their work over the year. A checklist was developed to assist in this work to ensure that all components of an annual report are included which will be expanded to include guidelines for the preparation of annual reports in 2021. Two online workshops were offered in February to assist in the development of the covenants that were attended by folks around the Regional Council. Background material was made available, as well as sample covenants from communities of faith of varying sizes. This Committee is looking forward to celebrating the covenants that have been received at the Regional Council gathering as an acknowledgement of the new relationship with the structures of the church. The next project to be considered is the development of the self-assessment tools for Living Faith stories, as required by The Manual.

Committee on Lay Leadership Support

The work of this Committee has evolved in a couple of ways over the last year. In terms of Sacraments Elders, the Committee interviewed 3 people to receive a licence for the first time, and renewed the licences for 21 more individuals. These lay leaders are becoming more valuable as more communities of faith find themselves without called or appointed ministry personnel. We are grateful for these folks offering their time and service in this way. In terms of Licensed Lay Worship Leaders (LLWLs), another group of dedicated leaders, the Committee spent time establishing a manageable protocol for renewals. Two individuals were interviewed at the Regional Council gathering in Swift Current, 16 were interviewed last fall, and 5 were interviewed this spring – 23 renewals in total. There were also 7 individuals who were interviewed last fall and granted a licence for the first time. Over the next 12 months, it is hoped that the remaining 21 current LLWLs will be interviewed for renewal; there are also people who are currently completing the online training that will be included in the next sessions of interviews. The Committee is grateful for the assistance of the many volunteers from the Regional Council who participated in these interviews over the past year – Judy Beck,

Thom Carnahan, Jen Dresser, Walter Farquharson, Jennifer Janzen-Ball, Sheila Lavender, Shelly Manley-Tannis, Nancy McCrea, Deborah Smith, Jim Tenford, Linda Tomlinson-Seebach, Brian Walton, Gayle Wensley, and Darren Wooff. The other initiative this Committee undertook over the last year was to offer training opportunities for LLWLs – more information regarding this occurs in the report on the Regional Council Tour below. This spring, two opportunities for gathering online were also offered – the first a worship service, and the second an opportunity for feedback on the current training opportunities (both prior to licensing and after). Out of these experiences, a number of proposals have emerged for the support and care of LLWLs which will be the focus for this Committee this fall, including an online retreat to replace the previously scheduled in-person retreat in Saskatoon. The Committee is also reviewing a general Sacraments policy for the Regional Council that will be used for all people requiring licences.

Committee on Ministry Personnel Support

The work of this Committee has also evolved over the last year, especially in response to COVID-19. A significant piece of work since the Regional Council gathering involved the development and approval of the Voluntary Associate Ministry policy for retired ministers. The intent of the policy is to support the requirement in The Manual that retirees wishing to offer any of the functions of ministry have a formal and active association with a community of faith. For a wide variety of reasons related to timing, implementation of this policy has been suspended until further notice. A second focus was the discernment regarding what support might be helpful for ministry personnel, both active and retired. A retreat was proposed for January 2020 but was ultimately cancelled due to lack of registration. The Committee proposed to the Regional Council Executive the financial support of retired ministry personnel for attending the Regional Council Gathering. While this proposal received support, the gathering was also ultimately cancelled due to COVID-19. Finally, the Committee developed a network of Volunteer Chaplains who contacted each of the individuals in active ministry to offer support during the pandemic. Much gratitude goes to Cathy Coates, Joan Rennie-Laing, Deborah Smith, Jackie Van't Voort, and Heather Wyatt for volunteering their time to contact folks on 3 separate occasions to express care and concern. This fall, the Committee will focus on ways to offer similar care and concern to retired ministry personnel in the Regional Council, as well as respond to the needs expressed by active ministry personnel to support health, joy and excellence in the practice of ministry.

Regional Council Tour

At the Regional Council Gathering in Swift Current, the Committee on Ministry Personnel Support heard a request for opportunities to connect with colleagues for learning and support. Concurrently, the Committee on Lay Leadership Support recognized that although the process for the assessment of Licensed Lay Worship Leaders differed across the former presbyteries, it often included a day of learning and connection. In addition, the challenge of creating time and space for clusters and networks to discern their context and purpose became apparent. Therefore, as part of the responsibility for health, joy and excellence in the practice of ministry and with the support of these two committees, the program staff team developed a series of gatherings in different locations across the Regional Council in an attempt to meet those needs. Each event was supported financially by the Regional Council budget (travel and refreshments) and offered worship (led by Kent Mohn and Lindsay Mohn), and self-led opportunities for spiritual practices and sharing circles for ministry personnel and Licensed Lay Worship Leaders. Workshops included a Faith Formation sharing circle (led by Kent Mohn and Lindsay Mohn), Ministry and Personnel Committee 101 (led by Tracy Murton), Music with limited resources (led by Lindsay Mohn), and Technology in Worship (led by Kent Mohn). Moose Jaw and Saskatoon included a Cluster and Communications conversation (led by Julie Graham). Originally, a workshop on Writing the Community of Faith Covenant was planned but the interest for this was low and it was therefore cancelled in all locations. Finally, volunteers from both the Committee on Lay Leadership Support and others from the Regional

Council participated in interviews for Licensed Lay Worship Leaders (both those being licensed for the first time and those whose licenses needed to be renewed) at each event. Feedback overall was positive – people expressed appreciation for the opportunity to gather with one another for learning and worship, and to connect informally over a meal. Deep appreciation and gratitude to the three communities of faith (Minto in Moose Jaw, St. Martin's in Saskatoon, and Westview in Yorkton) for the use of their space and the warm welcome received by the volunteers and staff in each location. It is hoped that further events will be possible once gatherings are deemed to be safe – tentative next locations are Prince Albert and Weyburn.

Final words

At the beginning of the lockdown in March, I worried about how we might collectively remain the church, active in the world and faithful in our practice, each from our own homes. As is clear from the list of things we have accomplished in the last year, some of it from lockdown, the Spirit continues to move in mysterious ways throughout my life and work. I have thoroughly enjoyed and been deeply moved by the weekly online gatherings of ministry personnel and am in awe of the care and compassion with which they approach their ministry and their colleagues. I have honed my stand-up comedy skills in hosting online gatherings for Community of Faith leaders and have witnessed with greater clarity the depth and breadth of faith-filled and competent people across the Regional Council who worry about the sustainability of their local congregation, both large and small, rural and urban. The resilience and adaptability of the volunteers in each of these Committees reported on is inspiring and fills my work with joy and gratitude knowing the host of saints are active in the world. I truly believe I work on the best staff team, individuals who support and care for one another in spite of distance, the strength of which lockdown simply highlighted (think staff socially-distanced picnics in the park). I am especially grateful for Bev Diebert, who tolerates my last-minute whims, turning my wonderings into clear and helpful documents or strategies, and patiently supporting the ministry of administration. It is a privilege to be invited into the ministry and work of many in our Regional Council and I pray that the Spirit will continue to move in mysterious ways to bring hope and justice-filled action into our lives in ways that may not have been known before. To quote Richard Wagamese, "What's needed are eyes that focus with the soul. What's needed are spirits open to everything. What's needed are the belief that wonder is the glue of the universe and the desire to seek more of it. Be filled with wonder."¹

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Murton, Pastoral Relations Minister

YAYAC: YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

Well...it was kind of a challenging year for region-wide youth & young adult events.

The social reality of pandemic life meant the cancellation or at least postponement of a number of pretty cool, pretty big projects. These included the Team Mexico group, the Youth Ministry Summit & Leadership Weekend, Youth @ Regional Council, and many Outdoor Ministry programs at UCC camps.

But, let's not get too bogged down with the disappointing stuff! Apparently, the catch phrase that we're all supposed to use is "pivot", and Living Skies Region can celebrate inspirational youth ministry pivoting in many other ways in 2020:

¹ Wagamese, Richard; *Embers: One Ojibway's Meditations*, 2016, Douglas & McIntyre, p. 105.

1. **Local congregational youth groups** continued to meet by Zoom & physically-distanced activities.
2. An amazing **Confirmation Weekend for Youth** was hosted at St. Andrew's College in March. A very special note of appreciation goes to the diverse ministry leadership team and young adult volunteers.
3. Some **United Church Camps** were able to offer Day Camp Programs and/or online community throughout the summer months. Specifically, Lumsden Beach Camp coordinated a full summer of day camp programs including a week for teen Leaders in Training, Camp Shagabec created daily video activities, and Camp Tapawingo maintained an intentional social media network with past staff & campers.
4. **Rendez-Vous Reimagined 2020** went fully online in August for youth, young adults, and their leaders across the national United Church of Canada. The 4-day event included a variety of worship, theme speakers, home group communities, and workshops.
5. The selection process for youth delegates to **Youth Forum at GC44** (July 2022) has been extended to the spring of 2021. Application & Selection criteria will be posted as soon as it becomes available.

Looking ahead, the plan is to keep pivoting creatively and enthusiastically. In-person region-wide gatherings are on hold for the fall, so the emphasis is on on-line programs, leadership development, and resource-sharing in support of local leaders and ministries. There's a lot of great ministry with, for and by young people happening and developing around the region, and the goal is to make sure everybody knows about it!

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please contact Kent at livingskiesyaya@united-church.ca or 306-221-5529.

Respectfully submitted,
Kent Mohn
Youth and Young Adult Minister

OFFICE OF VOCATION MINISTER

Greetings in the name of Living God who by the Spirit moves and works amongst us, and who gave us the life of Jesus to teach us what it meant to be people of faith.

I cannot believe that it is over a year since we last gathered together. In the time since then I have been busy working with your candidacy board to support inquirers and candidates. They had a couple of in person meetings where they interviewed several inquirers and candidates. Since the pandemic they have been meeting, like so many of you, online which has added an interesting aspect to the interview process.

There has been an increase in the number of inquirers in the system and many of them have successfully become candidates. We have at present 36 inquirers and candidates in the three regions that the candidacy board are responsible for. If you are personally interested in paid accountable ministry in the United Church of Canada please email me for further information.

Although Church Hub continues to challenge many of us, especially anyone like me who uses

a mac, I appreciate the willingness to engage in our new processes. The level of reporting for annual declaration continues to increase as we become more familiar with the new process. We are still waiting on all the mandatory training being moved from paper file to your profiles, but if you have any concerns about it please email me.

I continue to support mandatory training by being one of the online instructors for the boundaries training. These workshops continue to help us all be aware of the complexities of our world. The refresher on social media is very relevant at this time.

Finally, as the Office of Vocation Minister for your region if there is anything I can do to support your work please let me know.

Yours in Christ

The Rev Dr. Karen Medland

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NETWORKS AND TASK GROUPS

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Member	Margaret McCallum
Member	Karen Mitchell
Member	Vicki Nelson
Member	Kevin Sprong

Chinook Worship Circle (Cluster)

Contact: Elaine Little

Korean Ministers Cluster

Contact: Rev. Hyun Heo

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WESTERN INTERCULTURAL NETWORK

The Western Intercultural Ministry Network includes the people of, and leadership from, Pacific Mountain, Northern Spirit, Chinook Winds, Living Skies, and Prairie to Pine Regional Councils.

The Interim Executive:

At the Annual General Meeting of the **Intercultural Ministry Network** (Northern Spirit Regional Council and Chinook Winds Regional Council) held on October 16, 2019 at Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton, the then executive decided to expand our network to include all of the Western region under an assumed name "**Western Intercultural Ministry Network**" with the following members as its Interim Executive: **Kay Quon** – Elder (Edmonton), **Katheryn Yamashita** (Lethbridge), **Julie Graham** (staff support), **Pamela Won** – Secretary, (Calgary) **Kwang Beom Cho** – Vice-chair (Winnipeg), **Alwin Maben** – Chair (Coronation)

At that time we did not have anybody from the **Pacific Mountain region** at the AGM to be coopted into the Interim Executive. However, with help from the Regional Councils and with a little persuasion, we were able to have **Deborah Richards** representing **Pacific Mountain Region** and **Kurt Katzmar** representing **Edmonton Intercultural Ministry Network** and later **Dambar Khadka** join us as Interim Executive members. We are grateful to all our interim Executive members for their wisdom, enthusiasm and input with regard to the functioning of our committee

Policies and Procedures (Terms of Reference):

As an Interim Executive we started working on preparing **Policies and Procedures (Terms of Reference)** with Dr. Kathy Yamashita on the chair. We thank Kathy for drafting the terms of Reference and the committee accepted the same with some corrections which was later shared with all the five Regional Councils for their information (following).

Committee Meetings:

Our first Interim Executive Committee meeting over Zoom was on **November 5, 2019**. In order to keep the momentum going after the success of our Continuing Education and Learning Day event - "**Continuing the Awkward Conversation to become and Intercultural and Sustainable Church**" (Oct.16-18, 2019) with **Rev. Dr. Eric H.F. Law** and **Rev. Dr. Andrew Sung Park** at Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton and a "**Korean Ministers/Lay Leaders Gathering 2019**" on Oct.18-19 at Edmonton Korean Church with Rev. Dr. Andrew Sung Park, we began planning to host the **Education and Learning day event for 2020**. Initially, we planned to host it September 22-25, 2020 at FCJ Centre, Calgary with the Theme: "**New Wine**" – **Creating Missional, Sustainable and Intercultural Ministries in the United Church.**" While **Rev. Dr. Eric Law** was returning as one of the Main Speakers we were also hoping to have the support from or collaboration with **The First Nations** and "**Being Good Relations**" Network. After preparing a budget for this event, we also sought financial support from all concerned regional councils who were gracious enough to accept our proposal and the budget. So far the committee has met seven times over Zoom. We are especially grateful to Dr. Kathy Yamashita for taking the minutes and sharing it as Pamela Won was not able to participate in most of our meetings.

Continuing Education and Learning Day event 2020:

With COVID-19 coming in the way, we had to change our plans with regard to hosting the Education Event. While we retained the Theme: "**New Wine**" – **Creating Missional, Sustainable and Intercultural Ministries in the United Church.**" with **Rev. Dr. Eric Law** as returning Main Speaker, we also contacted few Indigenous leaders to be the Second speaker. We are happy that **Rev. Tony Snow** accepted our invitation and will be the other Speaker at

this event. In consultation with the speakers, our committee decided to host this year's Education Event online on three separate Fridays with a particular theme which is as follows:

September 25: Missional Ministries

October 2: Sustainable Ministries

October 9: Intercultural Ministries

There will be presentations, dialogue between Tony and Eric, small group conversations, Q and A, and a break in each session. At the end of each day, participants will be given "homework" contextual to their ministry, and tools to engage people in their ministry. They will bring their experience and reflection back to the following session. Each day will include an optional afternoon or evening informal conversation circle to close the day; these will be based regionally, linguistically, and more. While the cost is free, registration is required. For full information please go to: <http://bit.ly/2CqFRjt> . We look forward to many participating and benefitting from this event.

With the change in plans the budget too was revised and we are grateful to **Northern Spirit** and **Chinook Winds Regional Councils** for approving our budget and also for extending Staff support to our ministry. We are particularly grateful to **Julie Graham** for the tremendous staff support she is extending to us.

Zoom Chai/Coffee Conversation:

A special feature has been the two **Zoom Chai/Coffee Sessions** we had this year. The first one on **February 4, 2020** was mainly for those who attended the last education event. This session was chaired by Dr. Kathy Yamashita and was quite well attended with lots of suggestions and concerns shared with regard to intercultural ministry. The second session was on **June 23, 2020** where the focus was on Racism within the United Church. This too was well attended and was planned and Moderated by Deborah Richards and Julie Graham to whom we are very much grateful. Another session is planned for **November 17, 2020 at 12.30 PM (MST)**. All are welcome to participate.

Support to DUIM:

"Deepening Understanding of Intercultural Ministry" offered by the Canadian Council of Churches from time to time has not been held Alberta so far. There was a request to host the same in Alberta with the help of Edmonton Intercultural Ministry Network. Rev. Jonathan Schmidt - Associate Secretary: Intercultural Leadership; Justice and Peace, had an exploratory meeting with Rev. Kurt Katzmar and other members of the Edmonton Intercultural Ministry Network on February 5, 2020 at Sherwood Park United Church. Unfortunately not much progress has been made due to COVID-19.

Annual General Meeting:

The Annual General Meeting this year will be on **November 24, 2020 at 12.30 PM (MST)**. We hope that interested folks from all regions will participate in this and that we will be able to form a New Executive to continue the work of Intercultural Ministry within our region with new vision and enthusiasm.

Once again we express our sincere gratitude to all the Regional Councils in the Western Region, particularly, **Northern Spirit** and **Chinook Winds Regional Councils** for all the support and encouragement we have received and look forward to continued support and guidance in the important ministry for the Glory of God and for the good of all God's children.

Alwin Maben
Interim Executive Chair

**The Western Intercultural Ministry Network
The United Church of Canada
(December 9, 2019, DRAFT)**

Mission Statement

In 2012 the General Council of the United Church of Canada declared that it would become an Intercultural church. By this we understand that we are affirming the very beginning of our faith which was born in a time which was richly coloured by people from many different countries and traditions and faiths. When we affirm and welcome a variety of traditions and faith expressions, our understanding of God and of each other is deepened.

1. To this end, in 2019 the Western Intercultural Ministry Network was born from the ashes of the Alberta and Northwest Conference and Edmonton Presbytery Intercultural committees. Our mission is to extend the vision of intercultural ministry to the five Western regions of The United Church of Canada.
2. We will endeavour to work closely with General Council in their Intercultural Ministry support for the whole of The United Church of Canada. At the same time, we hope to bring together those who are doing intercultural ministry work in their regions.
3. We hope to educate the mainstream United churches about the issues experienced by people who are marginalized because of race, sexual identity, disability and poverty. We will work toward holding an annual educational event featuring speakers who can teach us about becoming an Intercultural church.
4. We hope to build a relationship with indigenous peoples in order to learn about their histories, traditions and spiritualities.
5. We hope to continue support for ministry personnel who have come to Canada to work in the United Church and must navigate its culture and policies as they seek to become fully accepted in The United Church of Canada. We intend to petition the Office of Vocation and federal and provincial governmental agencies to improve their policies to fully support immigrant ministers in The United Church of Canada.
6. This mission statement is a work in progress and will need to be reviewed and approved at each general meeting.

Terms of Reference

Mandate

- To nurture and support the ministries of Ethnic Congregations, Migrant Congregations, and those of visible Minority Clergy and Laity in mainstream Congregations of The United Church of Canada's five western Regions: Living Skies, Prairie to Pine, Northern Spirit, Chinook Winds and Pacific Mountain.
- To enable these ministries to participate fully in the life of The United Church of Canada.
- To empower the constituents of the Intercultural Ministry Committee to participate in the General Council Mandate, "Towards becoming an Intercultural Church."
- To advocate for persons navigating the immigration process and provide supports to enable integration into life in Canada.

Membership

- Chairperson, Secretary and either past chair or chair elect to act as Co-Chairperson

- At least one member from each of the member Regions and one member from each of the ethnic, affirming and migrant ministries. Intercultural ministry working groups within our five Regions will be welcome to appoint a member.
- The recruitment of network members will take into account the diversity of peoples in the United Church.
- There will be an attempt to rotate the leadership amongst the diversity of the groups represented in our network on a three yearly basis.
- Elders may be named in recognition of wise and faithful contribution from a longstanding former committee member. The Elder will have full corresponding privileges.

Accountability

- The Ethnic congregation representatives shall report about their church matters and will support and respond to the goals set by the Network.
- The Network will maintain a connection with General Council and the Regional executives of The United Church of Canada.

Meetings

- A General meeting and Educational event will be held once a year, lasting 2-3 days.
- Other meetings may be held electronically as called by the Chairperson or two members of the Network with at least two weeks notice.

Financial Support

- We will petition each Region to assist their representatives with travel expenses.
- We will request funding from each Region to support the cost of the Annual General meeting and Educational event.

Review

- These terms of reference shall be reviewed and accepted annually at a general meeting.

THE WOMEN OF THE UNITED CHURCH NETWORK

We hosted a Women's Retreat for ALL women of the United Church at Camp Tapawingo on Candle Lake on June 21 - 23, 2019. Theme this year was "Spirit, Open My Heart". Former moderator Right Rev. Jordan Cantwell was our theme speaker on Saturday afternoon and prepared a special Communion Worship Service for us to use at all of our communion services. Friday began with a potluck supper and silent auction (with all proceeds to Camp Tapawingo). Activities included walking the labyrinth, canoeing, kayaking, line dancing, swimming, beach and outdoor walks, board games, crafts, gentle yoga. There was evening vespers at Vesper Hill on Friday and morning worship and vespers indoors on Saturday. Skits and singing were incorporated into evening events. On Sunday Susan Dokken, LLWL led the special worship service which included communion written by Jordan Cantwell and led by Rev. Nancy Steinbachs.

On August 23 – 25, 2019 we hosted a Women's Retreat at Wellman Lake United Church Camp on Regatta Bay in Duck Mountain Provincial Park. Again the theme was "Spirit, Open My Heart". Camp began on Friday with a potluck supper and a silent auction (with proceeds to go to the cost of renting the facility). Canoeing, walking, board games, crafts including hardanger and planting coleus were included in the activities. Both Susan Dokken and Chantal Ntibategera, LLWL prepared evening vespers and morning worship on Saturday and the special worship service that included communion led by Rev. Jenny Sprong on Saturday before supper. We were able to have an outdoor campfire on Saturday with stories and

singing. On Sunday worship was held indoors because of the weather. We had women from Saskatchewan and Manitoba in attendance.

We took part in Camp Christopher Women's Camp on Sept. 6 – 8, 2019. This is an ecumenical camp and is held at Camp Christopher on Christopher Lake (a joint Presbyterian-United camp). This year the camp was planned by Presbyterian Women in Saskatoon. Guest speaker was Dr. Vivian Walker who spoke about hospice programs and the lack of Doctors specializing in hospice care. She was pleased to announce the building of a special hospice care home in Saskatoon. There was kayaking, Bible study, indoor board games, a craft and Saturday was skit and entertainment night. Proceeds from the Sunday Worship service went to Dr. Walker's hospice home project.

Dawn Weber and Mary Mohn represented Saskatchewan United Church of Canada Women at the annual National UCW meeting in Mississauga, Ontario on September 23 – 27. The 60th Anniversary of UCW will take place at Membertou Conference Centre in Sydney, Nova Scotia in 2022.

On Saturday, 5 October 2019, Saskatchewan United Church of Canada Women hosted a one-day Women's Event at First United in Swift Current. We opened with the acknowledgment that our meeting was being held on the traditional lands of the Cree, Ojibwe, Sauteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota known as Treaty 4 Territory Lands and, also, the homeland of the Metis Nation.

Our secretary, Barb Bradley, was nominated at this meeting.

The day began with a meeting and report from the annual meeting of the National United Church Women. The new Saskatchewan UCC Women's executive for the year 2020 was elected and installed. They are as follows: Susan Dokken and Chantal Ntibategera, Co-Chairs; Dawn Weber, 1st Vice-Chair; Barbara Byers Bradley, 2nd Vice-Chair; Wilma Will, Treasurer. We held a special worship service including a memorial for UCW members who passed away in 2019. Rev. Catherine Christie led communion. In the afternoon Rev. Catherine Christie was our guest speaker. She gave an educational and motivational talk on "Where We Have Been and Where We Are Now". Then led table discussions on where the new structure might lead us. The Swift Current UCW served a delicious lunch and coffee break refreshments.

The executive has already met on Nov. 2 to plan the Women's Gathering for next April 24, 25, and 26 at Calvary United Church in Prince Albert. ALL women are invited!

While the Saskatchewan United Church of Canada Women maintains a close affiliation with national UCW it is also encompassing many non-UCW groups and individuals. It will continue to provide and distribute regular newsletters mostly through e-mail, but also by mail if requested. The newsletter is posted on the Regional Council website under Women's Network as well. Susan has set up a Facebook Page. We use the Regional Rambler to advertise upcoming events.

The above is from the 2019 Annual Report written by co-chairs Mary Mohn and Susan Dokken.

Since the Annual meeting, Barb Bradley has decided to remain as secretary for the Saskatchewan United Church of Canada Women. Right now we are looking for a 1st and 2nd Vice Chairs.

We keep the women in the Living Skies Regional Council updated through the monthly newsletter written by Mary Mohn (thank-you, Mary) and the Regional Rambler.

2020 Events

Women's Gathering – 24 to 26 April 2020 in Prince Albert (cancelled due to government restrictions COVID-19)

Women's Retreat – Camp Tapawingo – 24 to 26 July 2020 (cancelled due to government restrictions on COVID -19)

Women's Camp – Camp Christopher – 11 to 13 September 2020.

2021 Events

Annual Meeting – April 2021

Camp Tapawingo – TBA

Camp Christopher – 10 to 12 September 2021

Submitted by

Dawn Weber

REGIONAL MINISTER: JUSTICE AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Our collective refrain for 2020: things didn't go as planned. Beginning January 1 I started full time work with Living Skies, Northern Spirit, and Prairie to Pine Regional Councils. It didn't go quite as I thought it would. And the communications half of the job has also taken priority over the "justice" part of the job, at least for a good part of 2020. So please consider this half a 2020 report, and half a dream of what 2021 might be.

In all of my work I'm getting to know the wide range of people, communities of faith, ideas, dreams, and needs that are central to this staff position. I have relied heavily on the relationships I'm privileged to be part of in Living Skies and the former SK Conference and appreciate those connections and supports very much.

I try to divide my time equally between Northern Spirit, Prairie to Pine, and Living Skies, with time set aside for tri-Region program initiatives, and for staff and national commitments. Unfortunately, this means that each Region gets the equivalent of only about one dedicated day per week, but I hope to learn how to best maximize this time.

In mid January 2020 I started my work with the three Regional Councils and joined a three-Region team of staff, led by Jamie Mckay, that focused on creating and posting the wide range of essential content to the three new Regional Council websites. The team included Bev Diebert, Kent Mohn, Kathy Jackson, and Cherry Abad, and help and support from all of the other staff. This took a lot of our collective time and energy through mid-March.

Five days after the sites successfully went live, the COVID shut down had begun. The next three months were focused on updates and tools for keeping the three Regions up to date, supported, and safe. As delegates know, all travel was cancelled, so getting to know the Region and its people moved online. This has had some positive impacts, including many more people become more comfortable with online communications. But it has also shown serious inequities in internet and computer equipment access. Some people have asked how the Regional Council might help address this- a fair question that will become more urgent the longer COVID shapes our public ministry.

Even before COVID, much of my work was online, via the website, social media, and Zoom or United in Learning. Unfortunately, our spring sub-Regional day long retreats and workshops were cancelled, as was our Affirming retreat.

However, by May and June, a number of long-delayed program pieces were back on track, including:

- * an action in support of COVID funding supports and permanent increases to social assistance, created with and on behalf of Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry
- * an informal multi-Region intercultural “chai and coffee” focused on racism and Black Lives Matter;
- * and an online learning and conversation workshop on non-binary gender language and its positive impact, offered to help people in the three Regions engage with Remit 1 and wider understanding of gender diversity.

Each of these supported some key wider priorities, such as Affirming work, right relations and Indigenous justice, and Intercultural ministry. Here are a few program priorities:

Connecting communications with **Nominations work**: I've begun talking with Nominations/Nominating committees in all three Regional Councils and hope to facilitate them sharing ideas and best practices. All are struggling with the loss of presbytery, and wondering how we use communication tools to find new channels for contacts, outreach, and invitation.

Grants committee: The committee, like many others, is adapting its wide range of work to the new structure, while also working with the Regional Assessment. Updating the website to reflect the grants available was a 2020 priority.

Affirming work will include making contact with all Affirming ministries and ministries in the Affirming process, as well as working alongside the Affirming task group when it begins. Our planned Affirming retreat in Humboldt was of course cancelled, and I'd like to offer some fall connecting calls with Affirming, in-process and Affirming-curious ministries.

For **Intercultural ministry and engagement**: The Western Intercultural Ministries Network has moved its Calgary event for the West online and opened it to the entire church. Learning how to do this work online across five Regional Councils is now more important than ever, and this Network is offering leadership in innovative ways in difficult circumstances within the new structure. How we practice intercultural ministry on the ground has always been a challenge, and Black Lives Matter and Indigenous Lives Matter are a call to make this “how” an imminent and permanent commitment. Living Skies has a strong history in this work, and while it is not currently represented on the interim Executive, such presence would be welcome, and so would

Finally, getting to know **Clusters** and supporting them, especially those that carry forward work such as right relations, Affirming and more, will be a priority through 2021.

I look forward to being in continued community with the people and ministries of Living Skies. Losing some of my previous hours has been difficult, but I think there are ways we can come together across Regional Councils to support our diverse calls and ministry. Please don't ever hesitate to be in touch: jgraham@united-church.ca and 306-244-2157.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Graham

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Dear friends of the Living Skies Regional Council,

I am sorry that we will be unable to gather in community this year. I pray you and yours are well during these strange days. As well, please know that the college is here to offer you support and care, whether in your communities of faith, vocationally and in other ways that might be helpful during these times of isolation and concern.

I am writing to you today as we begin to enter that pause between harvest and the fallow-time. As I sit here, with the cursor waiting, the word paradox keeps repeating itself in my musings. If ever that tension, when two things exist in tension, was most apparent it is indeed in the place in the midst of harvest's abundance and deep winter's prairie slumber. This might even be a reflection of our journey as an Easter people.

For four months, up until summer's arrival, the community of staff, faculty and most tenants worked remotely. During our time away from the college's hallways and staircases, its proud stone and blessed sanctuary, the world has changed. It has changed for all of us. It seems to me that this Gospel thing, this Good News to which we are committed, speaks with a clarity to a hurting world that I do not recall in my lifetime.

We have all been touched by the pandemic. Whether that is life disrupted, illness experienced, and, in too many cases, suffering and death, we are all affected, and the world is moving on. From leadership that advocates for basic universal income to those who would sow fear and distrust, the full range of that which we are capable is on full display.

In these strange days, the college continues its work. In its unfolding mission, to prepare people for leadership through the lens of justice, I would like to highlight two places in which I have seen hope that demonstrates most clearly the ongoing relevance of this unfolding experiment called St. Andrew's College.

When the pandemic arrived, as each day seemed to bring further confusion, data overload, and questions of how to ensure all might be safe, the staff and faculty continued to respond in such a manner that illustrates the nimbleness of the college. As the pandemic arrived and the subsequent closure of the college and University of Saskatchewan occurred, the faculty were able to be up in running remotely in less than two days. Though not easy, the commitment to ensuring that learning continued was only balanced by the staff's care of our tenants and residents.

With over 60% of our residents hailing from far away, the staff have challenged me and held us all appropriately accountable to ensuring that the college roles as a *home away from home* was not only maintained, but improved. From maintaining a cleaning regiment that ensures a safe environment, to working with the university, it has been clear that St. Andrew's is a community that takes all of its relationships – tenants, faculty, residents, students and staff – as the embodiment of a body in which we are all connected.

The second highlight is connected with our denominational pastoral and liturgical response to the reality that our worshipping communities have been shuttered and quickly reopened. In such places as my Facebook feed, twitter page and on Instagram, the college's students and alum have responded in vibrant ways that within a few short weeks connects faith communities beyond traditional boundaries and offers pastoral care through such tools that range from the phone to instant and direct messaging. This emboldened ministry, literally being born in the midst of a pandemic, has many lessons for the college.

Let me just highlight one of those teachings in the short time we have left in this year's conversation. As students and alum begin to engage in the relational medium of the digital, the college has some thinking to do. We will need to begin to take seriously how we bring the best of our leadership training in the brick and mortar of life into this new space. How we offer pastoral care, nurture theological reflection and critical thinking in these new places of ministry will require careful consideration. Where do learnings and assignments, practice and ministry meet in place like Instagram and TikTok? What does it mean to bring the Good News into these places that connect with worship, which may no longer be bound to just Sundays at 10:00 and where pews are replaced with YouTube chat boxes?

These are the very challenges in which this institution called St. Andrew's has been engaged since 1912. The world has changed, and it will again. With your ongoing trust and support, friends, I am indeed hopeful that the places where death and resurrection always meet, whether in the digital or in-person, St. Andrew's will continue to prepare people for Christian leadership who help the lost find safety, the hurting healing and the mourning solace.

In Christ,
Dea. Dr. Richard Manley-Tannis
Principal

Designated Lay Ministers Program

The DLM program continues to be a popular choice for folks wishing to follow a call to serve this United Church. Current students come from Atlantic Canada, Ontario, and Saskatchewan. Fourteen students are enrolled in this three-year, in-service program, four of whom graduate in May. Since beginning this position in January 2020, I have had inquiries from six potential students from British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, and Nova Scotia.

I looked forward to welcoming everyone to the March learning circle, "The Learning Community," to talk about learning styles, the theology of Christian education, and leadership strategies in diverse communities and to learn how to facilitate effective bible studies, small group workshops, and educational events for all ages. Our start date of March 16, however, was pre-empted by restrictions owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fortunately, everyone was able to cancel airline tickets and accommodations. Instead we will meet remotely May 12-28 through a combination of live-streamed events, timed to accommodate three time zones, and flexible on-line activities enabling students to engage when their schedules permit. Professors Sandra Beardsall, Christine Mitchell, and Becca Whitla, all of St. Andrew's College, will also contribute their expertise.

Since mid-March, the program team and I have been meeting weekly with the students, who are also in ministry in communities of faith, to share ideas and resources as they develop ways of offering worship and pastoral care remotely. Although the pandemic has interrupted our plans, the time has enabled me to get to know the students and vice versa. I have learned that this is a passionate, resilient, and creative group who love to share the Word and care deeply for the people in their communities.

The October learning circle, “Organizing Community,” will run October 19-29 and focuses on such topics as church governance and polity, administration, and evangelism. Over the coming months, I will be planning this learning experience for both in-person and on-line delivery, as COVID-19 restrictions may still be in place in the fall.

A program of the national church, the DLM program is primarily funded through your Mission and Service Fund givings. This funding contributes to program expenses, salaries, honoraria for qualified resource people to teach portions of learning circles, and twice-yearly meetings of the DLM Program Team. In addition, the national church contributes a travel bursary fund and a general bursary fund for DLM students. These are vital contributions, as many students are in half-time ministry and few bursaries are available for DLM students.

I am deeply grateful to my predecessor Jennifer Janzen-Ball, the volunteer program team, and teaching fellows, past and present, who enrich the students’ experience with their expertise and counsel. The national volunteer DLM Program Team currently comprises Marc Grenon and Mary-Jo Tracy; Kathryn McIntosh and Linda Stumpf have retired from their roles. We meet twice a year to plan for learning circles, admit students, and implement policies. Program Team members volunteer about 950 hours per year, a significant commitment that makes this program possible. In addition, faculty from St. Andrew’s College offer learning modules and experts from around the church, both lay people and ministry personnel, deliver timely and innovative workshops. Jennifer’s dedication to this teaching ministry has been integral to its health. DLM students and staff join together to wish her much joy in her new role with General Council.

Respectfully submitted,
(The Rev. Dr.) Kathleen James-Cavan,
DLM Program Director

CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES



**126 Years of
Educating Students
for Ministry**

Hold fast to what is good, love one another with mutual affection (Romans 12:9-10)

Paul’s words to the community in Rome speak boldly to our 2019-2020 school year at the Centre for Christian Studies. We adopted a new strategic plan; holding fast to our mission of educating for diaconal ministry, with an expansive vision of *diakonia* for everyone –diaconal education needs to be broadly accessible: not only people in formation to become diaconal ministers, but also to lay folks and working clergy for continuing education and spiritual development.

Last fall our learning circles gathered in Winnipeg for the fall Integrating Year circle (our graduating class), and for themes centred on Spiritual Practices and Storytelling. Our online learning circle focused on Power and Privilege started in January, and then as the pandemic hit in North America, we realized that the rest of the spring learning circles would need to be online as well. Our learning community, staff and students together, showed immense adaptability shifting to an online format for the spring learning circle intensives.

Through networks like online clergy gatherings, we started to hear the pressing pastoral needs emerging during the pandemic, and in April offered a series of workshops including Zoom Tips, Crisis Pastoral Care, Pastoral Care Uses of the Spiral and Trauma Informed Pastoral Care. Each workshop gathered 75 – 100 participants, a testament to the importance of adaptive approaches to pastoral care education, grounded in up to date practice, theory and theology.

Unable to hold our annual banquet, we made a donation towards feeding our local Winnipeg community through 1 Just City, and held an online tea party instead – celebrating with over 70 guests! We commend the 2020 graduating class of Diaconal Ministries Diploma: Christina Crawford, Joe Kadi, Lorrie Lowes, Barb McGill, Kim McNaughton and Karen Orlandi. We also celebrated Alison Brooks-Stark's completion of a certificate in Spiritual Care and Anne Manikel who is the 2020 Companion of the Centre.

With restrictions continuing on travel and gatherings, we cancelled our summer Learning on Purpose course, instead offering a shorter orientation in late August to new students. Our fall circles, Integrating Year, Ministry as Listening and Eco-Justice, will be again gathering online; and we are grateful for the generosity of donors, who supported our innovation into online learning before pandemic times. We are offering the Word and Example learning circle online this fall; which focusing on Anglican Deacon formation. We are finding that online learning widens accessibility to learning circles, especially for folks who are interested in taking a week-long circle as a stand alone continuing education opportunity.

God continues to call us all to diaconal ministry – whether we are laity or clergy, ordained or diaconal. Our baptism into the body of Christ requires that we care for one another, deepening our faith, responding pastorally to the needs around us and seeking justice. We are grateful for all of you who join us in the ministry of diaconal education: through participation in field placements, as learning facilitators and mentors, through donations and by serving on our council and committees. We are grateful for each discerning conversation that includes the question “Have you considered the possibility that you are being called to diaconal ministry?”

We continue to hold fast to what is good, grateful for the mutual affection found in community, encouraged by generations before us and sustained in our mission of educating leaders for justice, compassion and transformation.

Michelle Owens
Principal

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Greetings to you all from the Twilight Zone of the Covid-19 worldwide pandemic reality! Now that I have your attention, Aniin Boozhoo from the territory of the Stone Fort Treaty (Treaty Number One) here along the Brokenhead River, Beausejour, MB. What a different world we are living in than the one in 2019. We have adjusted our way of working together and educating students and have moved online to Zoom like so much of the world. We have been forced to shut down our retreat operations during the best year for this business in our history here. This pandemic has brought out the best in creativity and put a huge financial challenge before us too. Our Indigenous ancestors have survived devastating pandemics in the past and we at Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre will too!

When Manitoba shut down in the middle of March, we realized we took the right approach when earlier we cancelled our Learning Circles the last week of March and first week of April. This also meant we had to cancel the graduation ceremony for our five graduates: Murray Pruden from Smoky Lake, AB; John Snow Jr. from Morley, AB; Elenor Thompson from Oxford House, MB; Bruce Kakakaway from White Bear, SK; and Sam Ross from Cross Lake, MB. We were set to recognize Honored Elders Mary Courtenay (former Keeper of the Learning Circle) and Jacob Keno from Garden Hill, MB. We plan to celebrate in 2021 Creator willing!

We have transitioned our face-to-face learning circles to online Zoom sessions and continue our Indigenous ministry training program. We never considered this type of education because of the proven success of our thirty-six years of Learning Circle experience. Other schools already had experience and platforms to deliver their education this way but we at SSSC had to create ours out of whole cloth. We did it and learned along the way as our ancestors did. In order to do our connecting and educating work through Zoom we did an upgrade to our internet capability by installing a 70-foot signal tower and all the ethernet and Wi-Fi equipment necessary.

Since Wi-Fi access in many of our First Nation and Northern student communities is limited we are making arrangements for the continuation of their training by correspondence. We are assessing student technology needs and will be upgrading their equipment as well.

We hoped to have an outdoor event that brought Indigenous and Settler folk together on the land but just for two days instead of a whole week but we cancelled at the last minute due to the latest spike of infections in Manitoba. We put all our remote learning lessons together and in just a couple of days put together a free one day Zoom Mamawe Ota Askihk event and our participants were very happy how it went. We've learned a few things!

In response to our 2019 Program Review we hired Diane Meredith as Second Keeper of the Learning Circle who began her work with us May 1, 2020. She worked from her home in Toronto, ON and was finally able to move to Manitoba August 12th. After quarantining for fourteen days she has been able to work out of her office here at the Centre. Due to the Restart Manitoba guidelines we have reconfigured our current office allocations and reassigned our library and common rooms in our lodges as offices and installed internet and phone services there.

All these changes have cost us dearly and we are so thankful for the prayers and ongoing support of Living Skies Region and the whole United Church of Canada. We are at the leading edge of change in the Indigenous church and are excited about what the future holds as we move forward. I know you share our optimism because you show that with your prayers and finances sent our way. We know our success is yours as well and continually pray for your flourishing!

Sincerely,

Adrian Jacobs, Keeper of the Learning Circle

For:

Susie McPherson Derendy, Keeper of the Learning Circle

Diane Meredith, Second Keeper of the Learning Circle

ATLANTIC SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Greetings from Atlantic School of Theology!

Academic year 2019-20 has been a year unlike any other. Atlantic School of Theology posted a banner enrollment, with 183 students. This is our highest enrollment in many, many years. And of course we finished the year with a pandemic, scrambling to shift all courses to the online environment, and ensuring that those who have worked so hard to graduate would be able to receive their degrees and diplomas, even without an in-person Convocation. With considerable faith, resourcefulness, and inspiration, our students, staff, and faculty rallied. It has been stressful, but we have done it together. We are so grateful to our church partners – you! – for your faithful support.



We have students from every Canadian province and a few in the USA as well. Our expanding Summer Distance MDiv program allows students to “earn while they learn,” serving in a local church part-time and studying part-time over five years. Interest in the Master of Arts (Theology and Religious Studies) program is growing, especially among ministers who already have the MDiv degree.

In the past year, our Continuing Education offerings have also expanded, including on-campus and online offerings. An innovative Preaching Masterclass, workshops on Eldercare and Parish Nursing, an online program on Feminist Spirituality, an on-campus program on Indigenous Spirituality, and a drumming and song circle were among the many opportunities for lifelong learning for lay and clergy folks. Several of our for-credit graduate courses are also open to Continuing Education participants.

As the academic year draws to a close, we are saying a fond and grateful farewell to Dr. Joan Campbell, CSM, who has taught at AST since 2005. We will miss her dedication, scholarship, good humour, and excellent teaching. Sister Joan is returning to PEI to live.

Looking ahead, our popular Summer term will be fully online in 2020, and planning is underway for the fall. AST will face a significant shortfall in revenues (due to the closure of our residence for at least one term, among other financial pressures), but we will weather the storm.

AST exists to serve our churches and our society. Please let us know how we can serve you. Inquiries about programs of study and about Pine Hill Divinity Hall’s generous financial support for students are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Dr. Rob Fennell
Academic Dean

EMMANUEL COLLEGE

Pandemic Response

The Emmanuel College community has been responsive and resilient as Victoria University in the University of Toronto responds to public health concerns. With a few exceptions in the



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OF VICTORIA UNIVERSITY IN
THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

winter term, Emmanuel College courses are online this year. Internal and external events on Victoria University's campus are on hold, at least until December. Other events—such as the Christian Left Conference this summer—have shifted to online formats. Faculty have transitioned from emergency remote delivery to online pedagogies with the guidance of our new Instructional Design professor, Dr. Matthew Dougherty. The content of our courses has adapted as well, with Dr. Pamela McCarroll's new online "Pandemic Spiritual Care" summer course for students needing a curricular substitute for canceled CPE units. The Emmanuel College Library began offering curbside pickup service on September 14. Spiritual care practices, including Wednesday Chapel, are offered Monday through Thursday. Our new Spiritual and Community Life Program Manager, Dr. Sam Cavanagh, can help members of the wider community to connect. We hope you will join us!

Full Tuition Grants

The John W. Billes Grant provides 100% tuition support to all full-time domestic students registered in the Master of Divinity (MDiv) program and who are in The United Church of Canada Candidacy Pathway. The application deadline is April 30, 2021. For more information, contact Andrew Aitchison (andrew.aitchison@utoronto.ca).

Annual Fund Priority

This year's Annual Fund donations will be allocated toward emergency support for students facing financial hardship due to the pandemic. International students have been particularly vulnerable. We appreciate your generosity and support.

ATS Reaccreditation

Emmanuel College is preparing to submit our self-study report for reaccreditation by the Association of Theological Schools by the end of this academic year. Under the steady leadership of Dr. Nevin Reda, we are on pace to have draft completed by the end of 2020 so that we can receive feedback from a variety of constituencies. The self-study site visit is scheduled to take place September 27-30, 2021.

EC Connects

Over the summer, we launched a new digital platform, EC Connects. Alumni and other community members receive it via e-mail around the 21st of each month. EC Connects contains stories from "within the walls" of the College, from "outside the walls," thought pieces, opportunities to connect for events and continuing education, and the like. For our stories from "outside the walls," we are currently featuring one of the 2020 alumni service award winners each month. If you have a story idea for EC Connects, please share your idea with Shawn Kazubowski-Houston.

Centre for Religion and Its Contexts

Friends of the College are welcome to propose and co-sponsor lectures, workshops, speakers, or continuing education through the Centre for Religion and Its Contexts. Contact Shawn Kazubowski-Houston for an application (shawn.houston@utoronto.ca). Stay tuned in EC Connects for this year's programming, and if you haven't followed us yet on social media, please do:

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Blessings in Christ,
 Rev. Dr. Michelle Voss Roberts
 Principal and Professor of Theology

EMMANUEL COLLEGE

Emmanuel College's Online Education Response to COVID-19

The health and safety of our students, faculty, librarians and staff are our top priority. We are making pedagogical and technological innovations to ensure that all course activity and interaction in the fall 2020 semester, and winter 2021 term, will be online. Many courses are available to auditors for registration. See our course schedule for details and more information about our response to COVID-19. <https://emmanuel.utoronto.ca/current-students/course-and-registration-information/>



The College has hired an expert in Instructional Design and is in the process of long-term planning for flexible online and hybrid programs.

Email emmanuel.admissions@utoronto.ca for more information!

Submitted by
Andrew Aitchison
Admissions Counsellor & Recruitment Coordinator

STEWARDSHIP AND GIFT OFFICER REPORT

Jane Harding
Stewardship and Gift Officer for the Northern Spirt,
Living Skies and Prairie to Pine Regions
Philanthropy Unit, General Council Office



Generosity is a practical expression of love. Gary Inrig.



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- Northern Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy
- Southern Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy

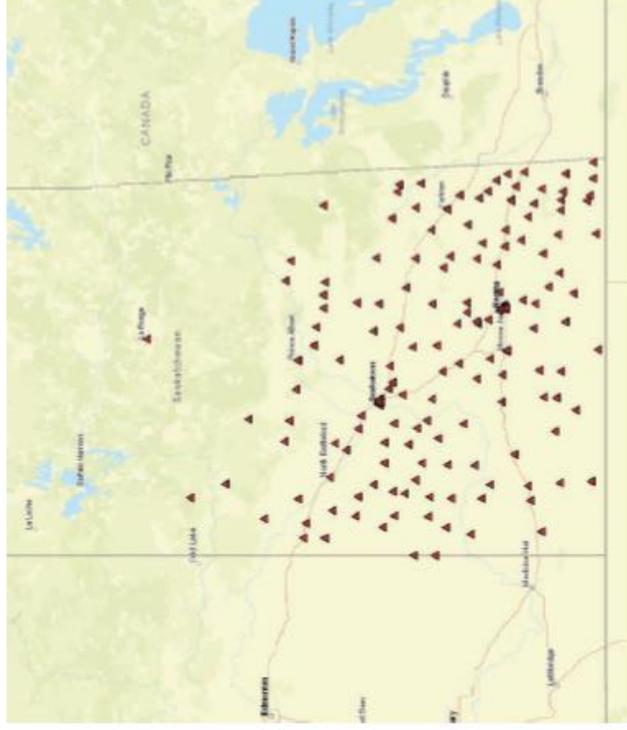
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- Camp Tapawingo
- Lumsden Beach Camp



We believe God is calling Living Skies Regional Council, as a court of The United Church of Canada:

- to nurture, support, and oversee Christ's ministry within the life and work of pastoral charges and presbyteries;
- to be a spirit-filled people of God who seek to journey in Christ's way;
- to acknowledge our differences as well as that which we hold in common;
- to love and serve others;
- to seek justice and peace in relationship with all humanity and the earth;





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Liaison:	Jim Tenford (OM)
Liaison:	VACANT

Affirming Process Task Group

Member:	Cindy Bourgeois (OM)
Member:	VACANT

*Note: The Convenor of the Regional Gathering is intended to be one year term. Because of the need to cancel the face-to-face Regional Gathering planned for 2020, Rob is now into his second year of serving in this position.

2020 REMIT AND PROPOSALS

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| 1) Banning Conversion Therapy in Saskatchewan | Grosvenor Park United Church
Saskatoon |
| 2) Remit 1 – Amendment to the Basis of Union | General Council |
| 3) Removing or reducing the 20% extra regional assessment for 2021. | Living Skies Regional Council
Executive |

PROPOSAL NO. 1

Title: BANNING CONVERSION THERAPY IN SASKATCHEWAN

Originating Body: Grosvenor Park United Church, Saskatoon

1. What is the issue?

- We believe in a God of unconditional love, Jesus who is love incarnate, who seeks to uplift those who are on the margins of society, and the Spirit who calls us to seek justice and reduce harm for those who are diverse with respect to gender, gender expression and sexual orientation.
- Conversion therapy gives a message that those who are not cisgender and/or heteronormative need to be “fixed”. Therapies which promote such erroneous ideas do not work, and increase the likelihood both of depression and suicidal ideation and attempts.
- Grosvenor Park United Church seeks to ban conversion therapy in the city of Saskatoon and in our Province, Saskatchewan.

2. Why is this important?

- This is a crucial issue given the high rates of suicide and depression amongst those in the two spirit, LGBTQQIA+1 communities. This rate doubles when families try to convince their loved ones to be cisgender and/or heteronormative. This rate triples when the loved one has both family pressure, and Conversion therapy including pressure from a religious community (priest/pastor etc).

3. How might Living Skies Regional Council respond to this issue?

- The Living Skies Regional Council was mandated in 2019 to begin the process of becoming an Affirming Region. The principles have to do with the nature of humanity, and sending a clear signal that the United Church of Canada in Living Skies Regional council does not endorse any kind of “so called” therapies to change one’s gender expression, gender identity and/or sexual orientation. God loves us all. We are called to reach out with this message.

We ask the Living Skies Regional Council to also agree to submit a formal request to our provincial governments to ban conversion therapies within Saskatchewan.

We ask that individual communities of faith 1) are encouraged to understand why conversion therapies are so detrimental to the health and well-being of so many of 1 Lesbian, gay, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual our young folks; and 2) encouraged to write to the Province of Saskatchewan stating opposition to conversion therapies.

We ask that Living Skies Regional council encourage all Affirming and 2SGBTQIA+ supportive communities of faith to investigate local bylaws related to conversion therapy, and to become aware of the forms conversion therapy may take in their own communities.

Although we know that the federal government intends to take action regarding conversion therapies, it is crucial for the church as a national body to speak out publically, intentionally, and explicitly as an accepting spiritual body for our two spirit and LGBTQQIA+ members and friends, so that they feel heard, accepted and understood in the name of Jesus.

¹ Lesbian, gay, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual

PROPOSAL NO. 2**Title: REMIT 1 – AMENDMENT TO THE BASIS OF UNION**

Originating Body: General Council

**Remit 1: Background and resources for delegates
2020 Regional Gatherings/ Regional Council annual meetings
(Prairie to Pine, Northern Spirit, and Living Skies)**

Remit 1 proposes a simple but very important change to the language describing who is eligible to be a minister. Here are some short resources to help voting delegates understand how the Remit works; what the proposed change is; why it makes a difference; and further resources.

This is a Category 1 Remit, and so requires a vote by the regional councils (communities of faith do not vote on this remit.) If approved by a two-thirds majority of regional councils, the Executive of the General Council may declare that the remit has passed and, if so, the policy change will automatically come into effect as of March 1, 2021. [Background from General Council 43.](#)

Current wording: “The Order of Ministry shall be open to both men and women.

The Question:

Does the Regional Council agree that:

- (a) the Order of Ministry be open to persons of all gender identities; and
- (b) the Basis of Union be amended to reflect this change as follows:

10.0 The Order of Ministry shall be open to persons of all gender identities.

Background

Briefly, the proposed wording change reflects the reality that there are more than two genders (male and female, or “men and women”, as the current wording in the Manual says).

Gender is a human idea, a social and cultural construct. Gender is not based in biology, and that can be particularly true for intersex, non-binary, trans, agender, and genderqueer people.

The “gender binary” is also a social and cultural idea. While dominant Canadian cultures teaches that there are only two genders (male and female), diverse lived experiences show that this is not true. In fact, even biological sex itself not a binary, as the lives and experiences of intersex people show.

Diverse cultures and traditions, and the Bible itself, tell us that an exclusive gender binary does not reflect all cultures and experiences. For example, some rabbinical authorities have identified up to [six genders in Jewish scripture](#). Other Biblical scholars are challenging overly simplistic interpretations of “eunuch”, and exploring this ancient identity’s nuances.

Today, some First Nations and Inuit nations are reclaiming their traditional and historical understandings of gender, in which a binary did not exist, or did not exist in the way dominant Canadian society now understands it. The English term “Two Spirit” is one reflection of diverse and powerful Indigenous understandings of gender.

Language can be a powerful force for inclusion or exclusion. At one time, women were barred from ministry. The language governing eligibility for ministry changed once women were permitted to exercise their ministry. But the wording reflects a gender binary that does not include a range of gender identities and expressions. Today, the proposed language at the heart of Remit 1 is intended to be a further move towards inclusion. It aims to recognize that an assumption of only two genders excludes the many people who are, or could be, ministers who serve the whole church with their spiritual gifts and their call.

Resources to help with understanding gender identity

Videos

Micah, a non-binary youth, talks with CBC about their identity and experiences:

<https://youtu.be/d37gxmX8hCk> (Running time: 1:45)

The Indigenous Doctor Helping Trans Youth: <https://youtu.be/4Hj-a5AE-VM> (12:13)

What Does Two Spirit Mean? <https://youtu.be/A4IBibGzUnE>

Print resources

[Celebrating Gender Diversity: A Toolkit on Gender Identity & Trans Experience](#): (2019) This free toolkit is useful for all aspects of your ministry, not just this vote. It contains resources to help your community to deepen your understanding of gender identity, create welcoming and affirming communities, and integrate trans and non-binary people's gifts and capacities for ministry into the life of the church. Includes sections on faith, intersections, guides (e.g. de-gendering washrooms), workshops, handouts, terms and definitions, recommended resources, and much more.

[Gender Sexuality, and Orientation](#): a variety of United Church resources on gender, gender identity, sexuality, and sexual orientation. Downloads include:

- [Facts About Pronouns](#)
- Understanding all these words: [A glossary of key gender and sexuality terms](#)
- [A Timeline of Gender and Transgender Justice in the UCC](#)
- [A Timeline of LGBTQIA+ and Two-Spirit Justice in the UCC](#)
- [Transgender Justice Recommended Resources](#)

United Church webinars:

- [Celebrating Gender Diversity: Five Stories](#) (2015) Stories from five United Church trans people of faith. This webinar will help you learn more about the lived experience of trans and genderqueer people in the United Church of Canada.
- [A Trans Christian Faith Perspective](#): (March 2020) Five trans and non-binary people share a little of their personal stories, and how their Christian faith has made a difference along the way. Includes [The Difference between Sex and Gender](#), a 4-minute video on common terms and definitions.
- [Becoming a Trans Ally / Accomplice](#): (2020) Learn what it means to stand in solidarity with trans and non-binary people, to speak-out consistently, address systemic transphobia, and actively participate in witnessing to and advocating with trans and non-binary people for their rights and human dignity.

PROPOSAL NO 3

Title: **Removing or reducing the 20% extra regional assessment for 2021.**

Originating Body: **Living Skies Regional Council Executive**

1. What is the issue?

In 2019 the Living Skies Regional Council held its inaugural Regional Council meeting in Swift Current. During that meeting conversation focused on the ongoing financial support of the Regional Council's twelve [Community Ministries](#)* which had been receiving Mission Support Grants from the national church, and additional support from presbyteries and SK Conference. Decreasing Mission Support Grants and the financial and relational impact of the end of presbyteries raised concerns in the council about the longer term viability and sustainability of these ministries.

After much discussion it was decided that a 20% regional assessment **in addition to** the regular assessment would be collected in 2020 and 2021 only, with the funds dedicated to supporting community ministries. Please see this October 2019 [letter to all communities of faith](#) for details. The anticipated revenue for 2020 is \$110,000. Later discussion in the Executive and its Regional Assessment Task Group clarified that the goal of the assessment funds was to support strategies towards new or existing work that supports long term sustainability, and is not intended to go towards regular operating budgets of these ministries.

2. Why this issue is important:

Over the last year the Executive has received several letters from Communities of Faith indicating that the additional regional assessment was creating financial strain and that governing bodies were having to decide whether or not they were able to pay the Regional Assessment. Concerns were also raised around how the additional assessment was going to be used within the Region. These concerns were present even before the COVID pandemic created great financial strain for many Communities of Faith.

At the same time, the Regional Council is aware of the importance of each of these ministries to our life and ministry. Their ministry ensures a United Church presence, commitment, and witness in parts of the wider community where we might not otherwise have a presence. The impact of long-term declines in Mission Support Grants via Mission and Service givings, the loss of funding and (perhaps more importantly) relationships through presbyteries, and changes in social contexts in Saskatchewan, all add to the pressure facing community ministries. In both 2019 and 2020, the Executive took funds from its operating budget or funds from former presbyteries or Conference to make up the reduction in Mission Support Grants. However, this will not be a permanent option.

3. How the Regional Council might respond to this issue:

Hearing these concerns, and recognizing that the current global pandemic is causing unforeseen financial strain within communities of faith, the Living Skies Regional Council Executive makes the following proposals:

- To respond to community of faith needs in this time of crisis by removing or reducing the special 2021 regional assessment of 20%;
- The Regional Council will continue to support the Regional Council Community Ministries by using the 20% assessment funds collected in 2020 to help them find ways to be financially sustainable and vision new ways of carrying out their ministry. We acknowledge and affirm the importance of these ministries, and continue to seek ways to ensure their support.
- To respond to mission-supported ministries' needs by:

- Again inviting them to name their needs, this time through at least one online consultation and in ongoing conversations with groups of ministries;
- by continuing to promote their ministry, resources, action requests, and needs through Regional Council communication channels as requested.
- by assessing with them which needs are financial and which are related to other concerns, such as finding new volunteers, improving communications, building new relationships, adapting to changing contexts in Saskatchewan, etc;
- by connecting them to long-term sustainability resources in the EDGE Network and elsewhere, using the proceeds of the 2020 20% regional assessment to cover related costs.

Proposal:

That Living Skies Regional Council (LSRC) reduce the special regional assessment for 2021 to 0% and that instead, funding that is available from the 2020 assessment be directed to assisting community ministries within the regional council to explore and develop diverse ways of becoming more financially sustainable.

That LSRC encourage communities of faith to support at least one community ministry.

That the Executive and the Regional Assessment Task Group set up at least one meeting with the mission-grant supported ministries, and at least one meeting between them and the EDGE Network.

***Community Ministries:**

Northern Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy
South Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy
Ecumenical Chaplaincy at the University of Saskatchewan
Integrated Community Ministries (ICM), Saskatoon
Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry
Micah Mission
Parkland Restorative Justice
Camp Christopher (Christopher Lake)
Camp Shagabec (Cypress Hills Inter-Provincial Park)
Camp Tapawingo (Candle Lake)
Camp Woodboia (Wood Mountain Regional Park)
Lumsden Beach Camp (Last Mountain Lake)

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

ORDINAND



I am a 60 year old Cree/Saulteaux woman from the George Gordon First Nation. I am the 6th youngest of 14 children. My parent are Roland (Porky) Pratt and Mary Pratt neé Anderson.

I grew up with both Traditional and Christian teaching; the Traditional teachings were taught very subtly by my Great Grandmother MaryJane Anderson. She had to teach them in this way otherwise she risked imprisonment. They were so subtle I never realized I had them in me until 1986 when the Grandfather

teachings were introduced in a upgrading course I took- I knew them all as they were presented. The Christian teachings were thrust upon me at a very young age by various religious groups.(6).

It took me many, many years to trust in any religious organizations, and also to listen, know and understand God's calling of me.

I first trained at Dr. Jessie Saulteaux Resource Centre in 1988-1989 but quit because I felt unworthy to be a minister. I still took part in All Native Circle Conference throughout the following years until it closed down. I again felt God's strong call for me to serve so I went back to Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre in January 2013 and graduated the program in April 2017.

I've faced and overcome many obstacles with God holding my hand and guiding me to this point. I believe with my whole being I am where he wants me.

ORDINAND

BRUCE NEAL KAKAKAWAY



I'm from White Bear First Nation in Southeast Saskatchewan, born in a small town hospital called Arcola. I was raised and grew up on the First Nation. I was mostly raised and cared for by my maternal grandmother and grandfather. My grandmother taught me my language and some of the ground skills that I know (Traditional things). My maternal grandmother is Saulteaux; she taught me some Saulteaux, but she also taught me mostly Cree. My grandmother was the first person to take me to a church on our First Nation, United Church. I heard the first hymn in my life called 'Jesus loves me'.

I really loved the Sunday School that was there at the time. I also did learn some traditional teachings from

my grandfather and other family members. If it wasn't for my grandmother taking me to church on that one Sunday when I was 8 years old, I don't believe I would be a minister today. Then again?

I graduated off my First Nation as we had no school here at the time; by this time my grandmother and grandfather were already gone from my life. I still miss my grandmother and grandfather, but it is mostly my grandmother that I miss most of all.

I have 6 daughters and many, many extended family members. My mother is still in my life, but my father passed on before I became a teenager.

I have just recently graduated from Sandy Saulteaux Spiritual Center. I am very proud that I finally completed the training. It took me a long time to get where I am, a lot of heartaches and tears, but also a lot of hard fought accomplishments.

I was placed as a student minister at File Hills, and I have met good people there. They have taught me a lot and some of them will be present at my ordination. I am currently waiting for my full-time position in Hazelton, B.C. to start in November or December of this year. I am very thankful for The United Church of Canada for accepting me as an ordained minister.

I am the only one in my family history to be an ordained minister, now that I think of it... I believe this is what my grandmother hoped for!

ADMITTAND

HYUN HEO

I was born in Wonju and raised in Seoul, South Korea. Since I was kid, I always dreamed to be a minister to serve God and others. I have earned a Bachelor of Theology (BTh) in 2005 and a Master of Divinity (MDiv) in 2007 from Hanshin University and College in South Korea and served as an associate minister at An-min church which is one of Min-Jung church that have been working for the people who have been politically oppressed, economically exploited, socially marginalized, culturally despised, and religiously condemned. After I got ordained in the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea in 2009, I served at Hyo-dong Church in Seoul, South Korea and Hamburg Korean Church in Germany as a youth and young adult minister in Korean-German community. I came to Canada in 2013. Since fall 2017, I am walking on my faithful journey with Kipling and Grenfell Pastoral Charge (Since Jan. 2020).



I am convinced that the ministry of The United Church of Canada will be a great opportunity in finding answers to my question about the future of the church. I would like to say that the greatest expectation of ministry in Canada is the possibility of unity in diversity and that everyone's thoughts and confessions cannot be contained all on one page. One page of the book is gathered to complete the one book. Each page has its own story. In other words, while respecting each one's life no matter their backgrounds, identities, and beliefs.

In an age of challenging, I believe that we still may celebrate the gifts that have received from God and we can share our beautiful stories and live together in dreams of the hope of God's kin-dom (Familia-Dei) in diversity and radical loving actions.

ADMITTAND

HOEUN LEE



It is a great honour to be admitted to The Order of Ministry of The United Church of Canada. I was ordained in Presbyterian Church of Korea in October 2012, and my intercultural journey of ministry came along with the community of St. Andrew's College (Saskatoon) and The Coteau Hills Pastoral Charge (Birsay and Lucky Lake) since the summer of 2017. My ministry at St. Paul's United Church in Tisdale started in July 2020. My wife Yoonjoo and I are fully enjoying living in this beautiful land of living skies with our child Jaye.

As a Ph. D. candidate in Theology of Culture at Yonsei University Graduate School (Seoul, South Korea), I am broadly interested in cultural phenomena such as new communication tools, its relationship with "BTS (a Korean Boy Band) and their global fandom ARMY," and their theological implications. My approach is very much relying on the perspective of Minjung theology and postcolonial theology. Recently, I have built a YouTube channel Second Wind Archive (<https://www.youtube.com/c/secondwindarchive>) where I would like to witness works of the wind of the Spirit in peoples' lives and stories. With an aspiration for innovation in these strange times and for the full participation of all generations in worship, I have been providing online worship services. I hope my gifts and skills that I have cultivated in my theological education and that came from my diverse ministerial experiences across Korea and Canada serve the congregation with the best. Peace and grace be with you all.

RETIREES' BIOGRAPHIES

CATHERINE COATES

The United Church is in my blood. I remember washing dishes at a UCW tea when I was 8—my Mom needed help and there I was! Thus began a journey that has included volunteer work, paid staff person, and ordained ministry. As a child and teen, church camping gave me space to explore my faith and Camp Grafton on Shuswap Lake became a second home. I continued to be involved in church camping and for many years was on the board of George Pringle Memorial Camp at Shawnigan Lake, BC.



I loved my volunteer work with the church but there was this growing sense of something more. My dear friend and mentor Bari Castle listened to my ramblings until she finally told me to get cracking and do something instead of wondering. A few years later I was at St. Andrew's College, having moved my 3 teenagers, a dog, and cat to Saskatoon.

While a student at St A's I was hired to be a Spiritual Care associate at St Paul's Hospital, the first Protestant woman. Part of the job was assisting at daily Mass—a great learning.

Following an internship at Grosvenor Park in Saskatoon, and completing seminary, I was settled in Quill Lake then a 3-point pastoral charge. I am so grateful for the people of that Charge who walked with me as I continued to learn how to minister. I accepted a Call to McKillop in Lethbridge as part of a staff team before finding my way back to hospital chaplaincy in Saskatoon. It's funny how we end up where we started.

So many people have been part of my ministry journey. My parents, congregation members, the children at McKillop, team mate Terry Shillington, and becoming a grandma have been part of shaping how I express my ministry. But who has taught me the most about a God of life, living, love, and hope are the patients and their families in the ICU, on Oncology, in Peds, Palliative Care, and waiting to access medical assistance in dying. I have been so honoured to be the UCC hospital chaplain these last 10 years. I've laughed and cried, officiated at weddings around a hospital bed, baptized little ones whose first few breaths were their last, heard 'confessions', listened to life stories, and sat quietly holding the hand of someone dying. It has been a sacred journey.

Retirement into a COVID world changed my immediate plans however I am hoping to see grandkids (and their parents) sometime in the future when travel is safe again. I volunteer with READ Saskatoon, do a bit of pulpit supply, and love to read, walk, and cycle.

WENDY GIBSON

I am a born and true Saskatchewan girl, raised in the United Church with summer students and local women doing Sunday School throughout the winter. As a teen and young adult, I attended an evangelical church but after a time realized that my theology was much more open and inclusive and I returned to the United Church.

I married and as I was raising a young family, I served in the local church in Riverhurst, Sask. as Sunday School teacher and superintendent, held various positions on both the local and pastoral charge boards and was a delegate to presbytery for a number of years.

I began helping out with local services and was encouraged to take the Lay Preacher's course at Calling Lakes in the mid-90s after which I did pulpit supply in a number of pastoral charges in south central Saskatchewan for about 10 years. Eventually I felt called to full-time ministry and, after discernment, enrolled in the Lay Pastoral Ministry program attending sessions in 2005-7. This was a time of wonderful fellowship and intense learning and I am thankful to Jo-Anne Knobbe and the members of the Lay Supervision Team who walked with me on the journey. I was recognized as a DLM at the Regional Gathering of Saskatchewan Conference in Swift Current in June 2008.

I was appointed to the Mossbank Pastoral Charge and began serving with the people there in February 2005 and continued there until December 2019 when the difficult decision was made to close the church. It has been a privilege and pleasure to be a part of their fellowship to walk with them through joys and sorrows for just short of 15 years. Over the years I have been involved in presbytery as part of MP&E, Division of Mission and most recently was minute secretary in Chinook Presbytery. I also have attended Saskatchewan Conference Annual meetings many times over the years, even before going into ministry. Over the past 15 years I have also been a member of the South Saskatchewan Committee, a member of the CIES team of conference and sat on Search and JNAC committees.

Currently I am without appointment and prior to Covid-19 was doing some pulpit supply and looking forward to a possible part-time appointment.

My husband, David, and I are the proud parents of 3 grown daughters and we have purchased the former manse in Mossbank where David continues to work and where we intend to retire.

B. ELIZABETH GOODSON

I completed my MSC and B.Ed at the University of Western Ontario and taught science for several years before being hired as a staff associate at Blenheim (ON) United Church and Sprucedale-Providence (Chatham, ON) Pastoral Charge, both in the former London Conference. I eventually entered the discernment process and felt called to enter the LPMiT stream. In 2000 I was hired by the Kipling-Windthorst Pastoral Charge in the former Saskatchewan Conference and moved to Kipling with my two children Ashe and Blake. I was recognized in 2004. In 2005 I married my current husband, Mike Williams. During the years I served in Kipling-Windthorst I trained to become a spiritual director with Prairie Jubilee. In 2008 Mike and I moved to south-west Manitoba to serve in team ministry in the Prairie Points

Pastoral Charge. In 2012 we returned to Saskatchewan to be closer to Ashe and Blake. I had been hired by the Stoughton Pastoral Charge and have been there ever since.

My years at Stoughton have been marked by several high points in our family: my daughter's wedding, the births of three children to she and her partner Chris (Hayden, Maddison and Gabriella), and my sons marriage this past year to Melissa.

Over the years I had the opportunity to take theology courses offered online and by distance education through Queen's, UWO, St Andrew's and University of Winnipeg and attended many wonderful educational events at five Oaks (ON), PCTC (SK) and Knox Metropolitan Church in Victoria, BC. The ability to continually pursue educational possibilities has kept me feeling alive, challenged and vibrant.

The United Church has been my home from infancy and I look forward to continuing to serve as a retired person.

DARILYN GRIGG



Darilyn Grigg graduated for the Western Field Base, St. Stephen's, University of Edmonton. Before that she worked as a staff associate. She served in Saskatchewan and Ontario. Sadly, she became ill and finished her paid accountable minister on Long term Disability. She had three children and two Grandchildren.

MARG JANICK-GRAYSTON



I consider myself fortunate to have been raised by a loving family on a farm in Roland, Manitoba, where I discovered a connection with nature, was taught a solid work ethic, and the importance of faith.

After graduating from high school, I studied Recreational Therapy at Mount Royal College in Calgary. That led me to opportunities to work holistically with people in Rehab Centers, Mental Health Facilities, Long Term Care Homes, Developmental Classrooms, and Group Homes. It was during this time that I witnessed people's amazing human resilience, deep yearning to belong, and the importance of truly listening to people's stories in life with compassion and empathy. The people I encountered during that time became my greatest teachers in life, and inspired me to explore ways to begin to accompany people spiritually. To learn more about the nature of spiritual accompaniment, I took a 2 year pastoral care program at PCT, followed by the LLWL program, and then the BTH program at St. Andrew's College.

I was so very fortunate to be settled in the Canora- Invermay Pastoral Charge, which later became the Canora-Norquay-Pelly Pastoral Charge. After 7 years, I requested a shift in pastoral relations to work as Program Director at Calling Lakes Centre. I am deeply grateful for all the experiences, and learning that took place there, and still, like many, grieve the loss of that amazing centre. After its closure, I began a donation based service to offer spiritual mentoring, small group spiritual retreats, energy work, facilitation in expressive arts therapy programs, and continued leadership in the LLWL program. Little did I know that the Canora

Pastoral Charge would become vacant again during that time and I would end up serving there in a 1/2 time position for another 5 years before retirement. That brought me full circle and it was like coming home to people I had fallen in love with when I was settled there years ago.

I consider my 21 years in Recreational Therapy, 22 years in leadership in the church, and 6 years offering Free Flow Wellness Services to all be forms of ministry that I was spiritually guided towards. I am forever grateful to my life partner, and our children for their flexibility, support, teachings and love, as well as my extended family, friends, parishioners, and many people I have crossed paths with along the way that shaped and formed me into the person I am today. My heart is filled with deep gratitude.

DONNA RUMPEL



I was born in a nursing home in Strasbourg, Saskatchewan in 1946 and attended the Bulyea, United Church with my parents where I was baptized and confirmed into its' membership in 1962. My husband and I were married in 1966 and raised our 4 children in Earl Grey, SK.

Once my children were out of school, I ventured into employment in the corporate world where for 18 years I worked in administration and financial departments, customer service and developed quality control programs.

Meanwhile I was privileged to serve The United Church of Canada on many committees and executives within the Earl Grey congregation (as well as being their organist); Wascana (formerly Regina) Presbytery, Saskatchewan Conference and General Council Executive.

My call to ministry began very innocently when the minister's laryngitis prevented her from speaking and I offered to read her sermon. I often said the 'pulpit bug' bit me that day and I felt the pull & push of God's call begin. I completed the LLWL program and served the area in that capacity for 8 years. Not being able to provide pastoral care to those I saw hurting within the pews led me into discernment. God's call led me full circle back to the Strasbourg community where I was born. When I stepped into that pulpit to provide pulpit supply, there was a complete feeling of "this is where I need you to be".

So with that I give my humble thanks to the Strasbourg community of faith for the opportunity to serve them for 10 years as they put their faith in me and supported me as I completed the education program and then served them as a Designated Lay Minister. This church gave me the flexibility to practise everything I was learning, including many different types of worship services and different ways to celebrate communion together. This charge was always very generous financially and put their trust in me to regulate the half-time position and allowed me to take extra time off when necessary. My utmost appreciation to the M&P committee, the worship committee and the Pastoral Care Team who worked tirelessly to keep me within 20 hrs/week.

I will continue to be as active within the church as my health allows. I currently serve on group researching Rural Ministry surrounding the city of Regina; and on the Pastoral Relations Commission in the Living Skies Region

SALESI TAKAU



Friends, here is part of my story. I was born and raised in an oceanic culture in the Island-Kingdom of Tonga in the mid-South Pacific region. Tonga is the only Polynesian monarchy still existing, and Methodist is the National Church. My father was a faithful and eloquent middle-of-the-road-theology Methodist minister. Amazingly, he did not want any of his children to be a minister. All he asked of his children was: to get a good education, be a good citizen of the world, and give as much as we can to church's mission and to those who haven't much. After his retirement, I shared with him my dream to train for ministry. At the end of our conversation, he said, "Son, if you have a dream of becoming a minister, go and pursue it as your call, but not because you're the son of a minister. I know in my heart that you can be a minister, but I want you to consider that your stuttering disability would be a challenge. And I believe that a positive person like yourself should know that serving in the ministry is literally no different from any secular career where you hope for the best and prepare for the worst". His response did make sense, because I have a stuttering problem, but the content of our conversation formed the foundation and propelled my deep desire for discernment in ministry.

After receiving my NZCC and ACA in Commerce and Taxation, I had the opportunity to serve as Tax Auditor for 17 years in New Zealand and 4 years in Tonga - at the Inland Revenue Department. In 1986, my desire for discernment re-emerged. So, I decided to explore the merits of Christian ministry in the Methodist Church of New Zealand. In 1988, the Students and Training for Ministry Task Committee gave me a green light to study part-time in: Pastoral ministry in Pluralistic Context at Trinity-Theological College (NZ). In 1991, the same Task Committee recommended me to be ordained into the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. After my ordination, I served as half-time stipend and a half-time self-supporting minister in "Anti-Poverty" ministry of Wesley-Broadway Methodist Parish's Social & Welfare Service in Palmerston North city. The reason why I chose anti-poverty ministry was because serving people on any individual basis was more suited to my stuttering disability. However, as time went by, I determined not to let my stuttering define who I am. I have learned how to deliver a good speech with help of speech therapists. It was hard work and a worthwhile self-improvement. Although, I have improved my speech skill significantly over the years, I still have a bit of an issue with being blunt here and there. All is well!

In early May 1998, I came to visit a brother and his family in Vancouver. On the last Sunday of May, I attended the worship service at Wilson Height United Church led by Dr. David Lockhead from Vancouver School of Theology. In his sermon, he talked about his vision of introducing a theology of computers in ministry for the digital generation. Dr. Lockhead's visionary sermon inspired me to explore advanced studies in theology and ministry at the Vancouver School Of Theology (VST). In July 1998, I was accepted by VST's Admission Board into the one-year Gateway Diploma in Christian Ministry. In May 1999, I completed this course, going on to graduate with an MTS (with thesis in Christianity and Ecology). From September 2002 to 2006, I pursued a Doctor of Ministry degree, but completed only 80% of the program because of some health and financial issues. In 2003, I was accepted to serve as ordained supply minister and in 2005, I was officially admitted as an Ordained Minister into The United Church of Canada and in 2006 I attained my MDIV. After nearly three decades of study and serving in ministry, I have learned that "being in ministry with all people of God is truly a never ending act of love and commitments for the goodness of all God's Creations".

With gratitude for these opportunities, I have been blessed, enriched, empowered and enlighten by my ministry and theological studies in VST and UCC's pastoral ministry and trainings. During the course of my ministry, I have been involved in planning and organizing

the First - Inter-cultural Conference (General Council). I have served as Chair of Foothills Presbytery (AB), Oversight Convener of Chinook Presbytery (SK) and in other capacities. I am currently a volunteer in the Regional Pastoral Relations Council. In addition, I am also blessed for being the first Polynesian-Tongan - minister, to ever have served in The United Church of Canada. Looking back to eighteen years ago, I joined the UCC's ministry with a humorous smile, love, excitement, doubt, and wonder. Today, I see how people have given me joyful laughter, kindness, compassion, competence, hope and trust. This beloved Church of ours will never cease but it will progressively change.

On behalf of my family: Amelia (spouse), Stella (daughter), Joshua (son-in-law) and grandchildren: Iona, James, Axel, Salesi (Jnr) Ora Parsons - thank you to the UCC and the Communities of Faith that we have served. In return, they truly blessed us with their love, care, wisdom, guidance, coaching, and enabled us to find our place in Canada's cultural society. These Communities of Faith included: First United – Vancouver Downtown Eastside (Field Placement Practice Site) Roblin-Tummel (MB), Swan River (MB), Acme-Beiseker (AB), Abbey-Lancer- Portreeve (SK), Leader-Scepter (SK) (in shared ministry agreement with). Finally, I must admit, that I have had experienced wilderness struggles in my journey; but I have never allowed the worst days encountered to be my last. I always hold on and rest my faith in God's grace and seek God's reign of wholeness. And I listen to Holy Spirit's wisdom and choose to believe in God's incarnation and embodiment in Christ.

Shalom! Aroha-Nui! ' Mahalo! 'Ofa Atu!

URSULA WIIG



It seems a little strange to be writing a “retiree biography” when I’m still in ministry!

Except for 3 years after I left home, the church has always been a big part of my life. A PK, preacher’s kid, I was born in England and brought up on the “mission field” in Northern Rhodesia/Zambia. I met my future life partner, a Canadian, when we were volunteers at a Christian Conference Centre in Israel, and came to Canada as a young bride in January 1973. Paid accountable ministry is my 3rd career, after teaching and being a home-maker, pastor’s wife, and mother to 4 children. A turning point in my life came when I returned to academic studies in my 40s. These studies led to crisis of faith and I was seriously tempted to leave the church. Fortunately a colleague of my husband’s recommended St Andrew’s College as a place where I could freely explore my spiritual questions. So it was during my MTS program at St Andrew’s that I gradually began to find my voice and my Christian faith was reconstructed.

In 2000 I was privileged to be hired as a lay person to be the half-time Ecumenical Chaplain at the University of SK. It was a wonderful opportunity which built on my ecumenical and inter-faith experience, though the Chaplaincy’s anomalous relationship with its 3 sponsoring denominations had its challenges. But I really enjoyed the creative freedom to work outside the box with students, staff and faculty: to accompany students as they navigated this transitional stage of their lives, to nurture their spiritual yearnings, and provide opportunities to explore social issues and learn about other faith traditions.

After 11 years as chaplain I knew it was time to move on to a new chapter of my life and a very different type of ministry. I felt called to congregational rural ministry. So, after completing a

M.Div and being ordained in 2014 at the age of 67 (it's never to late!), I was called to half-time ministry in Loreburn-Hawarden Pastoral Charge. The community welcomed me into their lives and graciously nurtured me in pastoral ministry. For 7¼ years (including an internship), together we shared the joys and sorrows of rural ministry in the 21st Century. I "officially" retired on August 31, 2019, and enjoyed 5 months of retirement until a half-time appointment at Davidson United Church beckoned.

In semi-retirement I feel very blessed to be able to continue to be challenged to grow in faith and serve in a rapidly changing environment. I am grateful to those who have encouraged and supported me along the way, especially my family and friends, mentors and others who supported me in my ministry along the way. Thank you.

IN MEMORIAM

RAY WILLIAM GEORGE GRIFFIN

May 29, 1937 – June 3, 2019



The family regrets to announce that Ray William George Griffin, after 82 years of living an exceptional life, passed away on June 3, 2019 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

He was a much-loved son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather. He was a beloved teacher, a wonderful friend, a passionate champion for justice and will be deeply missed by so many.

Ray was born May 29, 1937 to parents Donald Charles Griffin and Laura Mabel Griffin (nee Brown) in Alameda, Saskatchewan. As well as sharing the spotlight with his older sister, Barbara Ruth (Barb), his peaceful existence was rudely interrupted by the births of siblings Donald Grant (Grant), Murray Douglas (Murray), Laura Jean (Jean), and Graeme Edwin (Graeme).

As a student preacher, serving in Rosthern Saskatchewan, Ray met Eleanor Janet Giesbrecht (Janet), and on September 3, 1960 the two were married in Rosthern, Saskatchewan.

They lived in Saskatoon where Janet worked as a nurse and Ray worked for Remington in typewriter sales. In 1961 their son, Douglas Bruce Griffin was born in Saskatoon. Shortly after Doug's birth they relocated to Prince Albert, where Ray lived for the remainder of his life.

Not content with just Doug, once they arrived in Prince Albert they tried again, which resulted in the birth of daughter Janet Sharlene Griffin (Sharlene) in 1964.

Ray was a very hard worker, holding down a full-time job in Prince Albert while driving into Saskatoon weekly to complete his degree in Education. He also worked part time with the Canadian Forces reserves.

He loved canoeing the lakes and rivers of Northern Saskatchewan – just ask any of the men and women who accompanied him on these legendary (and occasionally harrowing) adventures if you would like to hear stories. He spent many years involved with 20th Golden Hawks Cubs, Scouts and Venturers as Scoutmaster. He was incredibly generous with his time and energy, involved with countless causes including helping start and manage homeless shelters, helping those fleeing persecution to find a home in Prince Albert, and was always ready to lend a hand to those in need. He was a life-long and active member of Calvary United Church.

Ray was predeceased by his mother Laura Mabel (nee Brown) Griffin (1910–1986), his brother Murray Douglas Griffin (1943–2002) and his father Donald Charles Griffin (1909–2005).

Ray leaves to mourn and will be very much missed by his wife Janet Griffin, his daughter Sharlene (Don) Driedger and his son Doug (Jorge Rosas-Gracida) Griffin. He was the proud grandfather of two grandchildren Tracey and Erika. Ray is survived by his sister Barb (Lorne) Koroluk, his brother Grant (Carol) Griffin, his sister Jean (Jerry) Charbonneau and his brother Graeme (Donna) Griffin.

ELAINE LA MARCHE**October 2, 1923 – June 26, 2019**

Age 95, of Elrose SK, Elaine died unexpectedly on June 26, 2019, in Saskatoon, SK. She was born on October 2, 1923, to Lee and Lillias Bird near Wilcox, SK. Shortly after Elaine's arrival the family moved to a farm in the Carruthers, SK district. Elaine attended Normal School in Saskatoon and went on to teach school in several rural Saskatchewan locations. She married Ed La Marche on September 29, 1947 and they had three children, Muriel, Lucille, and Phyllis.

She had an avid interest in learning and felt a day was not complete without learning something new. Until her eyesight got too weak, she always had several different handcrafts on the go from embroidery to crocheting. She was very active in The United Church of Canada at local, presbytery and provincial levels for many years. She was a life member of the WMS and a charter member of the UCW. She contributed greatly to the History Book "Celebrating 55 Years

of UCW in Saskatchewan". She was active in the Legion Auxiliary as long as it existed at the local branch.

Elaine is survived by her daughter, Phyllis Robinson, grandchildren Ed La Marche, Sarah Latondress, Russel Gustafson, Shelley Gustafson, great-grandchildren, sisters-in-law Hazel Sanders and Ann (Bill) Zaporozen, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Elaine was predeceased by her husband, Ed La Marche, her two oldest daughters, Muriel Gustafson and Lucille Clark and her brother, Keith Bird.

MARGUERITE ALICE DOUGHERTY**April 9, 1935 – July 25, 2019**

Marguerite Alice Dougherty, aged 84 years of Moose Jaw, SK and formerly of the Rowletta and Mortlach districts, passed away peacefully at Providence Place on Thursday, July 25th, 2019. Marguerite was born April 9th, 1935 to Lilly and Philip Gerris. Marguerite married the love of her life, Gordon, on August 7th, 1953. Family was very important to Marguerite and she loved their farm life, travelling, and her church choirs. She was a member of Moose Jaw Presbytery. Marguerite enjoyed curling and was a fiery curling competitor. Mom was an avid sports cheerleader for her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Marguerite and Gordon were very active in their beloved communities of Rowletta and Mortlach, and they spent many happy years in California and Arizona meeting and entertaining new and old friends.

Marguerite was predeceased by her husband, Gordon and daughter, Judy, and is lovingly survived by her son, Michael (Nancy) Dougherty; grandsons, Nolan and Riley (Ashley); great-grandchildren: Logan, Emma and Reid Dougherty; Judy's family: son-in-law, Doug Sullivan, grandson, Kurtis Dunlop, and great-grandson, Xander Dunlop; son, Gary (Brenda) Dougherty; granddaughter, Regan (Matthew) Bell; great-grandsons, Joel and Caleb Bell;

grandson, Jared (Nicole); great-grandchildren, Evelyn and Arthur Dougherty; daughter, Marilyn (Kevin) Pavier; granddaughter, Amanda (Colby) Munshaw; great-grandchildren: Ross, Chloe and Emerick Munshaw; grandson, Desmond (Kaylee); great-grandsons, Beckett and Rowan Pavier; sister, Jean (Don) Hoeft.

IRENE GIBSON

August 2, 1919



We are sad to announce the passing of Mom, Irene, at the age of 94 on August 2, 2019 at the Ross Payant Nursing Home, Assiniboia. Predeceased by brother, Kenneth Campbell in 1933, mother, Julia Campbell in 1959, father, Gordon Campbell in 1977, husband, James "Jim" Gibson on May 13, 2009, and brother Leo Campbell in 2018, Irene is survived by son, Ken (Janet) Gibson, granddaughter, Candice (Bob) Christie and great grandchildren Chanelle (Devon) and Ethan Christie, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Irene was a member of Moose Jaw Presbytery.

LAWRENCE MANLEY JOHN EDWARDS

November 12, 1934 – August 17, 2019

LAWRENCE MANLEY JOHN EDWARDS, born November 12, 1934, died peacefully on Saturday, August 17, 2019 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Wynne was at his side, just as she had been since they first met almost 64 years earlier at Queen's University in Kingston, when she was 17. Theirs was a glorious affair.

Larry was born in Calgary, Alberta to Manley, a District Court Judge, and Miriam (Oatey), a librarian. His birth was followed by Kathleen (Bud Phillips) and Douglas (deceased). Larry was a student, a pianist, a singer, an athlete - a provincial record holder in track and a member of the Queen's Golden Gaels football team. Recruited, as so many westerners were, by Padre Laverty to attend Queen's, it was there, in his final year of a B.A., that Larry was introduced by his good friend Terry Whyte, to Terry's sister Wynne, a freshman. They were married two years later, on December 21, 1957 (the longest night of the year, as Larry would often say with a twinkle) in Wynne's family home in Peterborough, Ontario. It was a decision made on the spur of the moment, as most all of Larry's were. Larry was then in flight-school with the Royal Canadian Air Force, where Wynne joined him 5 months later, after finishing her degree. Having earned his "wings" as a bomber pilot, Larry returned to his true calling, which was "service" of a different sort. In the fall of 1960, Larry and Wynne returned to Queen's with their one-year old son Mark. Thus began Larry's second great love affair, with Christian theology and his ministry within the United Church of Canada.

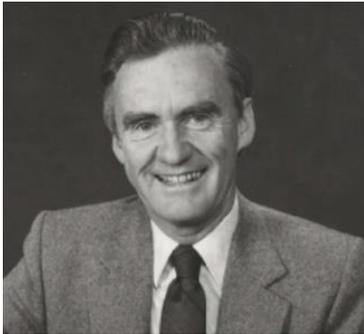
From Kingston, Larry and family, which now included son Paul, went from a summer charge in Elginburg, Ontario to congregations in Big Valley and Pincher Creek, Alberta, West Vancouver, BC, Swift Current, Saskatchewan (where third son Dan was born), a sabbatical in Scotland, then Winnipeg, Manitoba, and, finally, Regina, Saskatchewan - in his own words, "a prairie preacher". And a preacher he was - of the barnstorming tradition, leavened with a passion for the literature of theology. In that long journey, Larry celebrated thousands of services of worship, joining couples in marriage, honouring lives lived, and welcoming children

into the world and young adults into the church. In every single one of those sacraments, he thrilled to the deep mystery of God and the human experience. Larry was passionate. His voice boomed, his gowned arms pierced space, he paced and prowled his stage, unconstrained by the pulpit. He was stormy - thunder and lightning and the calm that follows - he was challenging, he was gentle, he was loving, he was ever hopeful. He taught, he led, he embraced, he celebrated. Few who met Larry would ever forget. As Wynne said of him the day after he died: "He was always outrageous".

Larry is survived by his wife Wynne (Whyte), his sons Mark (Elizabeth Goldsmith), Paul (Anne MacKay) and Dan (Danielle Bremaud), his sister Kathleen (Bud Phillips), eight grandchildren (Lauren, Maddie, Libby, Beth, Evan, Wynn, Adam and Vincent) and two great-grandchildren (Theo and Cameron).

WILLIAM "BILL" GILMER

November 18, 1923 – September 16, 2019



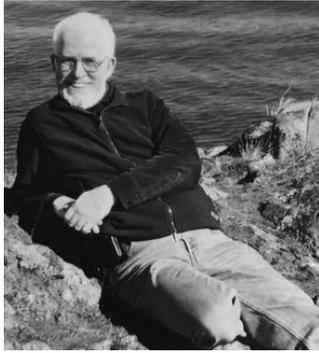
Rev. William (Bill) Ernest Gilmer, 95, of Saskatoon, SK, passed away peacefully on September 16, 2019 in Saskatoon, SK. Bill was born on November 18, 1923 in Woodrow SK. He left the farm to attend the University of Saskatchewan and Oberlin College, obtaining degrees in Agriculture and Divinity. In 1948 he married his sweetheart Dorothy Clarke. Over the next 71 years they lived in Ceylon, Oberlin (Ohio), Wilkie, Assiniboia, Melfort, Swift Current, Thode and Saskatoon. Bill was ordained in The United Church of Canada in 1951, and served until 1995, meeting a significant percentage of the population of

Saskatchewan. Steeped in the social gospel, Bill combined a gentle pastoral presence with a passion for social justice. Bill told a great joke and was known for his laugh. He had a love of gardening, sailing, euchre and the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Bill was predeceased by parents John and Lily, sisters Verna, Margaret and Dorothy and grandson Peter Poorman. Left to cherish Bill's memory are his loving wife Dorothy, children Susan (Dave), Jack (Julie) and Peter (Pearl), grandchildren Sarah (Trevor), Alice (Andrew), Louise (Jim), Anna, and great-grandchildren Ellis, Malcom and Torin.

ROBERT 'BOB' ARMSTRONG

April 14, 1943 – October 4, 2019



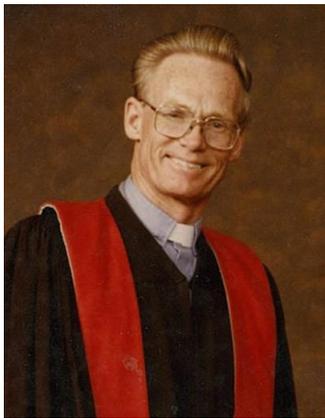
Gratitude and grief are woven together as we share the news of Bob's death on October 4, 2019. We are so thankful for the ways he shared life's journey with us but we grieve the loss of his love and light in our lives.

Bob was born on April 14, 1943 in Hamilton, ON and moved to Vancouver to attend UBC. His life's work as a Certified Professional Accountant led him to Lethbridge, Yorkton and Regina, followed by retirement in Southey.

Bob was predeceased by his parents Lillian Norman and Wm. Armstrong, and his step-daughter Ashley Kyle-Tyndale. Cherishing his memory are his wife Danna; daughter Meredith (Dave) Courneyea; son Colin Armstrong (Ralph De Mario); step-son Alan Kyle; step-son-in-law Daymion (Nicole) Tyndale; his two precious granddaughters, Rebecca Courneyea and Madison Tyndale; his sister Ruth Brandon and her children; sister-in-law Kari (Carl) Wlock; nieces Rhonda Wlock and Karla Wlock (Blaine); and nephew Dan (Jill) Wlock and family.

RONALD HARVEY SUTTON

December 9, 2019



Reverend Ronald Harvey Sutton passed away Monday, December 9, 2019 with his family by his side and Psalm 23 guiding his way to Heaven. Ron suffered from Alzheimer's in his last years and was well cared for and loved by at the Regina Lutheran Home. He was predeceased by his sister Shirley, son Keith, father Lorne, and mother Hilda.

Ron served as a Minister in The United Church of Canada for forty one years, as a Chaplin in the Canadian Armed Forces for nine years and later the Royal Canadian Legion. He was a life member of the Masons and a proud member of the Shriners, active in the United Church Summer Camps, Saskatchewan Roughrider Pep Band and the Sons of Scotland.

Ron's memory will forever be cherished by his loving family wife Mary; siblings Stella, Vivian (Gordon), Victor and Doreen, sons Ivan, Dave (Lori), Paul (Donna), Doug; daughters Cathy, Joy, Colleen, Leah (Jason); 14 grandchildren; and 20 great grandchildren.

COLIN 'DALE' WIGGINS

December 20, 2019

Colin 'Dale' Wiggins passed away on December 20, 2019 at the age of 83. Dale was predeceased by his parents Charles and Lois Wiggins; brother Keith Wiggins and daughter-in-law Deborah Wiggins. He leaves to mourn his wife of 61 years Sheanid Wiggins; sons Warren (Vernna), Kevin (Jill), Jody, and Todd; grandchildren Randi (Adam)

Maurer, Charli (Justin) Churko, Nathan (Jessica Fisher) Wiggins, and Alyssa (Brandon Smith) Wiggins; great-grandchildren Lane, Dalis and Payton Maurer, Elise and Rhett Churko and Grayson Smith; sister Darlene (Paul) Wicklund, sister-in-law Marlene (Randy) Hall, brother-in-law Darwin (Carol) Pringle, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Dale served The United Church of Canada in many roles within Saskatchewan Conference. He was President of Conference, Saskatchewan Conference Lay Representative to General Council Executive, Vice-Convenor and Convenor of the Division of Finance and Administration, the Convenor of the (Conference) Rural Life Committee, Treasurer of Twin Valleys Presbytery, and Pastoral Relations roles for both Conference and Presbytery.

BRIAN AST

February 25, 2020



A remarkable man is gone, dying unexpectedly on February 25, 2020. Brian loved deeply, knew joy and grief, was courageous, curious and wise. A deeply spiritual person, he lived his faith every day, seeing the good in everyone. He was committed to a life of service with a genuine interest in people and helping those in need. Brian followed the adage, “be certain that you do not die without doing something wonderful for humanity.” Brian and Lou’s home was warm and inviting, full of laughter, good food and spirited conversation. With his generosity, honesty and humour, he was able to make people feel comfortable in any situation.

Brian loved nature and the Saskatchewan landscape, taking comfort in the prairie sky, and playfully traveling the back roads from the Big Muddy to the Churchill River. He loved folk and roots music, camping, canoeing, hiking, craft beer, books, friends, and his church and community. He was especially proud of and devoted to his grandchildren.

Born in 1951, Brian grew up in Fillmore, Saskatchewan, living and working in Regina, Toronto, Coronach and Saskatoon. His work was as diverse as his friendships, from surveyor, to locomotive engineer, to assistant power plant operator. Mid-career, he answered God’s call, and after 10 years of part-time school and full-time work, he earned a Masters of Divinity from St. Andrew’s College. Retired from his United Church ministry, having served in Stoughton, Delisle/Vanscoy and at St. Thomas Wesley in Saskatoon, he was an “irreverent reverend” with a twinkle in his eye, but little patience for pretention or hypocrisy. His was an honest, frank and fiery voice for compassion, social justice, and helping to make life better for all people.

Brian leaves his wife and beloved partner of 46 years Mary Lou, his treasured children Heather Carruthers (Nathan), Joel Liast (Melanie), Keith Ast (Jillian), and his adored grandchildren Anna and Niall Carruthers and Alora Liast. He will be dearly missed by sisters and brothers Dianne Mondry, Rick Ast (Gillian McCreary), Donna Kuntz (Robert), Judy Worden (Terry Malloy), Skip Watson, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He was predeceased by his parents and sister-in-law Connie Watson.

SHARON MARGARET JEEVES

September 10, 1951 - March 1, 2020



Sadly, the family of Sharon Margaret Jeeves of Wolseley announces her death on March 1, 2020 at Broadview Palliative Care Centre after a brave fight with multiple cancers.

She is remembered lovingly by her husband, Jim; their son Kevin and his wife Natasha; sisters Jean Mortin of Saskatoon and Linda Ferguson of Plymouth, Minnesota; mothers-in-law Ruth Jeeves of Grenfell and Jean Ward of Hudson Bay; aunt Peg Mortin of Regina; sisters-in-law Isabel Mortin Flemons of Calgary, Shelly Ward of Preeceville and Vicki (Leonard) Piwtorak and Thelma (Barry) Onyskiw of Hudson Bay; and by numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Helen and Ernie Mortin, brother David, father-in-law Ron Jeeves and brothers-in-law Ed Jeeves and Jim Ward.

Sharon was born on September 10, 1951 and grew up in Dilke and Bethune, a sociable child who loved to brush her father's curly hair and enjoyed visiting the farm of Aunt Peg and Uncle Jack Mortin. Music was vital to her; almost from babyhood, she sang: on her father's knee, in school concerts, in United Church choirs in Dilke and Bethune, with the Hetherington Singers, and at folk singing venues in Regina. After high school in Lumsden, she studied at Reliance Business College in Regina and worked at Credit Union Centre and several restaurants there. She met Jim when her car needed mechanical help, and they were married on October 6, 1979. They worked in Regina until Jim's parents retired in 1989 and they took over the family farm near Wolseley. There they raised their son Kevin.

Sharon found work in Wolseley that she loved: first, in a day care centre she started and ran for a year and a half, and then as librarian for 21 years of the local branch of Southeast Regional Library. With a lifelong love of reading behind her, she welcomed children to the library, knew the kinds of books each reader wanted, and introduced classes, authors, a summer reading program and opportunities such as star-gazing and a teddy bear tea. She was also closely involved with Wolseley United Church, singing in the choir for several years and serving on the church board even longer, and together with Jim was active in the Wolseley branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

She had retired from the library just months before she was diagnosed with rapidly-spreading cancer. She entered Broadview Union Hospital Palliative Care Centre on January 30, and her family is grateful to the staff who helped her through many difficult times.

DOROTHY MYRTLE MORROW

October 27, 1927 - March 18, 2020

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Dorothy Myrtle Morrow on March 18, 2020 at 92 years of age. Dorothy was born October 27, 1927 to Archie and Violet McDonald at their home farm in the Silver Stream District, SK. She and her two older brothers, Elton and John, were raised during the depression.



Dorothy went to Ditton Park School for grades 1-10 travelling by bicycle, riding or driving a horse. She completed grades 11 and 12 at the Tisdale High School. Dorothy was the first child in her district to attend university, graduating from the College of Pharmacy, University of Saskatchewan in 1950. She always felt fortunate that her parents were able to afford to send her to university and encouraged her in her career. Her apprenticeship was done at drug stores in Tisdale and Melfort. In 1969, Dorothy returned to her pharmacy career working at Nipawin Pharmacy, Nipawin Union Hospital, Davis Rexall Drugs and Harpers Pharmacy, retiring in 1996. She thoroughly enjoyed her career as a pharmacist. Through it, she met a host of people in the Nipawin District who she always love to stop and visit with. She was always keen to encourage youth, particularly young women, to pursue more education and she volunteered to improve the school system where she could.

Dorothy married Allen Morrow in 1950. They were blessed with five children. She was always the happiest when her family was together and the larger her family became the brighter her eyes shone. In 1966 the family moved to a farm by the "Old Nipawin Bridge" where many good memories were made by family and countless friends. The family's dogs, cats and horses, particularly the Appaloosa's, gave her much joy. After Al's death in 1969, Dorothy chose to remain on the farm providing for her children with strength, courage, wisdom and an unending love. In the fall of 2007, Dorothy moved into a condo in Nipawin. She missed seeing the deer in the yard (though they ate from the fruit trees in her orchard), the abundance of wild flowers, hearing the wind in the trees and the peace of living in the country. While living at the condo her health care increasingly required assistance from Nipawin Home Care. She enjoyed the friendships she made with the Home Care workers who provided care and brightened her days with their conversation. March 2019 Dorothy moved to Smeaton Care Home residing there until she went into the Nipawin Hospital late January 2020.

In 1970, Dorothy renewed a friendship with Bob Johnston from Tisdale. They put on countless miles travelling between Nipawin and Tisdale to visit on another for the next 32 years. They shared in the joys of grand parenting providing wisdom, laughs and memoires galore.

The Nipawin United Church was a huge part of Dorothy's life. She served in a wide variety of roles including representing the church regionally and provincially. Her faith in God was deep, showing in her concern for people throughout the world and giving her comfort during challenging times. She served on the Nipawin Credit Union Board of Directors and the Nipawin School Division Board. Those whom she worked with appreciated her patience and understanding, her frank and open concern for children, her good common sense and her forth right approach to problems. As her health failed and she became more confined, she missed trips to the grocery store and post office where she had always enjoyed visiting with a wide range of folks. She had an innate ability to show people she cared as they told her about themselves, their friends, family and career or discussed local and worldly issues.

Dorothy was predeceased by her husband Al in 1969, her daughter Janice in 1976, her parents, brothers, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

She leaves to live on for her, her children Archie Morrow (Bev), Sandra Pratt (John Wach), Lyle Morrow (Teresa) and Connie Morrow; many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; son-in-law Bob Herman; Bob Johnston's sister Donnie Ross and many nieces and nephews.

JENNIFER HOPE SIGURDSON

December 17, 1975 – April 8, 2020



SIGURDSON, Jennifer Hope, Age 44 passed away on April 8, 2020 in Regina, Saskatchewan. Jennifer was born December 17, 1975, Regina, Saskatchewan to her loving parents Janet Sigurdson (Garry) and Alvin Musqua (Freda). She is survived by her beautiful daughter Brooklyn Waddington, her Grandparent Inez Deiter, her special Aunt & Uncle Rita Grace and Delmer Quewezance, her special friend David Malone, her siblings Walter Deiter (Jessica), Roberta Onway (Bright), Melvin Musqua, Alvin Musqua Jr (Jarrin), Garrison Sigurdson (Samantha), Darren Musqua (Jaylene), Dustin Musqua, Gavin Sigurdson, Samantha Musqua (Luke), Amber Musqua (Rob), her special Sister &

Brother Freddie Morris and Gordie Procyk. Jennifer has many Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews and Friends that she loved very much.

Jennifer is a Mother, Daughter, Aunt, Niece, Cousin and a Friend of many who had the privilege to meet her. She took pride in being a Mother, she always ensured her daughter was taken care of, her daughter was her pride and joy. When she walked in the room her laughter and beautiful smile lit up the room. Jennifer was hard working, she was always determined to learn, and she loved helping people. Jennifer loved travelling, loved animals, fishing, going to concerts, and spending time with family and friends. Jennifer had a passion for her cars, she loved Mustangs. Jennifer is loved very much and will be missed by everyone who knew her.

ALICE RUTH MCFARLANE

December 18, 1935 - April 18, 2020



Alice Ruth McFarlane, of Moosomin, beloved wife of the late John McFarlane, loving mother of Holly, Bruce and Steven and much loved grandma and great grandma, passed away at the Southeast Integrated Care Centre, Long Term Care, Moosomin on Saturday, April 18th, 2020 at the age of 84 years.

Alice Ruth (Morton) McFarlane was born in North Chili, New York to Nelson and Helen Morton. She lived a full life reaching out for newer, richer, deeper, life-changing experiences. Her life was rich with personal growth, always pushing her boundaries mentally, spirituality, and intellectually for the betterment of herself, her family and the world. Alice and her life partner William "John" McFarlane, (1934 to 2009) traveled across Canada raising their family, living, working and providing service to dozens of communities.

Much of Alice's life focused on her family, her daughter Holly (Layne), and her sons Bruce (Susan) and Steve (predeceased by Marlene), her ten grand children; Leon (Brianne), Joy (Sean), Darcy (Sonia), Kent (Roslyn), Robert, Hanah (Evan), Naomi (Alex), Connor, Gabriel, and Doran (Brae) and five great grand children; Riley, Tabatha, Bella, Hunter and Quinn.

She also leaves behind three siblings; Ray Morton, (Rosemary), Mary Lou Bates, Fred Morton (Virginia) and her sister-in-law Betty Peterson. She was predeceased by her brother Al

Morton. She will also be remembered by John's brother and sisters; Malcolm McFarlane (Valda), Donna Kvash (Victor), Joan Shykula (Steve), Willa Zufelt (Dick), Ellen Walsh (Gary), Sharon Smith (Bill).

Alice and John devoted their lives to providing service to isolated northern communities. From Pikangikum to South Indian Lake to Rainy River/Stratton and all the other communities that John was the minister for, Alice was his partner making coffee for church and cakes for weddings, teaching Sunday school and singing classes, helping with church functions, and playing music. Where ever they moved to, her life was filled with gardening, cooking, reading, singing and traveling. One of their last work projects was with the All Native Circle Conference and Dr. Jessie Saulteaux Resource Centre. Alice's contribution was acknowledged at an honorary elder ceremony at the Dr. Jessie Centre. After retiring to Killarney they moved to Moosomin to be close to family.

Alice still had dozens of ongoing projects that indicate how full her life was. She was making plans to visit her eastern family this summer, was in the process of building photo albums of her children's lives, busy visiting residents at the long term care centre and many other passions that filled her always busy life. She demonstrated her love with food and shared that food generously with family and friends. She was very devoted to remembering birthdays and she will be missed again by all of us especially on our next birthday when that card from Mom, Sister, Aunt, Grandma, and GG doesn't arrive.

JOHN YEO

August 14, 1949 – April 18, 2020



It is with heavy hearts the family of John Yeo of Whitewood, Saskatchewan announces his passing on Saturday, April 18, 2020, after a battle with kidney disease. A celebration of John's life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Canada or the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Saskatchewan.

MILDRED ANNE MORRISON

1933 – 2020



It is with sadness that the family announce the death of Mildred Morrison occurred with family by her side on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at her residence in McClure Place in Saskatoon. Following a family time of remembrance and visitation cremation will take place. Planning is underway for a Memorial Service to be held at McClure United Church with interment following in the family plot at Woodlawn Cemetery. Once the date has been established it will be published along **with a full obituary. In lieu** of flowers, for those so wishing memorial donation may be made to McClure Place Foundation (1825 McKercher Dr. Saskatoon, SK S7H 5N5), the Canadian Cancer Society, or a charity of choice. Condolences may be left for the family at www.saskatoonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Saskatoon Funeral Home 306-244-5577.

REV. ROSELIS (ROSE) ELISABETH WARD**January 22, 1930 – April 25, 2020 (age 90)**

Rose was born January 22, 1930 in Herne, Westphalia, Germany. Her father Max Wachholz, was a police officer. Her mother Auguste (nee Fuchs) was a registered nurse. By 1938 Rose's dad had become a Germany Army officer, as a series of rapid moves across Germany followed. Dad was almost always away on duty. After 1943, air raids became a continual reality. At mid-year 1943, the family was bombed out. Eventually Rose and her mom sought shelter with her mom's widowed mother in Halle Germany, a city which was occupied by the Russian Army soon after WWII ended in May 1945. The Russian occupation was brutal. Rose's little family stood at the brink of starvation. When both her mom and grandmother died, Rose managed alone to escape to West Germany. She arrived at a refugee Centre in Stuttgart, where social service agencies placed her as a live-in 'nanny' in a large, loving Christian family in nearby Schorndorf. Her employer had, before the Nazi era (1933-1945) worked as a Christian educator. Rose was determined to follow in her footsteps. Rose attended a Lutheran normal school (teacher's college), then served ten years as a parish assistant in Stuttgart. In 1965, Rose sought and won a World Council of Churches scholarship to study theology in North America. She was sent to Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania. There a year later she met a younger ministry student, George Ward. After their marriage and graduation together, they immigrated to Ontario, where George served two congregations and Rose occasionally supplied a German-speaking congregation in nearby Hamilton. After further study at McMaster University, George joined the Canadian Armed Forces Chaplain Service. Over the next 13 years of military postings it took the whole family through most provinces. George left the army in 1987, the family moved through four more prairie communities, including eight years service in Unity (1987-1995). Rose (ordained by the United Church of Canada in May 1987), served alongside George in this area's sprawling Unity - Meridian Pastoral Charge. Rose was always a more interesting preacher than I, George admits! Rose followed George through three more pastoral charges from 1995-2009, Rose filled in for up to a year in vacant pulpits, in areas George was servicing. Finally the two returned to Unity at the urging of son Chris and daughter-in-law Tammy. In January 2016, her health failing, Rose moved to Unity Long Term Care. She died there in her sleep early Saturday, April 25, 2020.

Rose was predeceased by her parents in Germany, Max and Auguste Wachholz, unofficial foster parents, Kurt and Lore Volz of Stuttgart, son Richard (Ricky) who died in Calgary in 2002. Left to mourn her is her husband George of Unity, son Chris Ward (Tammy) of Unity and her grandchildren Andrew Ward (Saskatoon), Eva Ward (Edmonton) and Thomas Ward (Windsor, Ontario); also her "foster siblings" in Germany Peter Volz, Ursula Frank, Dorothy Seitz and Hans-Martin Volz.

ROGER ARGUE**March 3, 1937 – April 28, 2020**

It is with sadness the family of Roger Earl Argue report his passing on April 28, 2020. Roger is survived by his wife of 59 years Carolyn (Powell), his daughter Dr. Connie Argue and son Earl Argue, his grandson Andrew Argue and granddaughter Nicole (Tristan) Schmegelsky and great-grandson Grayson Schmegelsky. Roger was predeceased by his parents Earl and Madelyn and his sister Wanda (Chuck) Magrath, as well as brothers-in-law Leigh Powell, Lyle Powell, Don Powell and Gordon Litzenberger and nephew Kent Barber. He leaves to treasure

his memory his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Gloria Powell, Janice and Gerald Barber, Myrna Litzenberger, Mavis and Stuart Baines, Sandra Powell, and Vivian and Michael Stacey. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Roger attended school in Wilcox and Rouleau. He entered the Canadian Navy and proudly served his country during the Cold War. After leaving the Navy he returned to Rouleau to farm with his father. He and his family farmed for 30 years. He retired to Good Spirit Acres in 2002. Roger was an avid curler and the family were proud of his many accomplishments. In his retirement Roger turned his attention to golf. He achieved both an eight-ender in curling and a hole-in-one playing golf.

Roger will be missed by his family and friends.

JAMES FREDERIC (ERIC) INGHAM

February 26, 1943 – June 19, 2020



The family is saddened to announce Eric's passing at Parkside Extendicare on Friday, June 19, 2020 at the age of 77 years. We feel reassured that now he is free from his ailments and bondage to his wheelchair. Eric was predeceased by his parents Jason and Francis Ingham; brother Don Ingham and father-in-law William Stenko. Eric is survived by his loving wife of 40 years Dianna; children Julia Ingham (Curtis Petersen) and Douglas Ingham; cherished grandchildren Lucas, Maya and Lindsay; as well as his sister Joan Henry (Walter) and his mother-in-law Irene Stenko. Eric was born on February 26, 1943 in Montreal, Quebec, where he lived his early years. The family moved to Toronto in 1954. He achieved three University Degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Theology and Bachelor of Education. He moved to Saskatchewan in the early 1970s, where he worked as a United Church Minister in Carrot River and later at Wascana United in Regina. After receiving his education degree, he began teaching in Regina Public Schools as a French Itinerant. He retired from teaching in 2002. During his teaching career, Eric began acting in The Trial of Louis Riel and Regina Little Theatre productions. His daughter and granddaughters share his love of music, arts, and drama. Eric loved all sports. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing it. He watched and followed many sports, especially Rider games. Many times, his son and grandson would review the games and players. He was well read and knowledgeable in many different subjects. Trivial Pursuit was one of the family games often played. He was always the first one chosen for a team. Chess was another of his favorite games. He was very proud that his son and grandson enjoyed the same interest, challenging him every weekend. Eric was very supportive of his family, cared very much for them and wanted to help them out. He appreciated all their visit, phone calls and treats left for him. Everyone remembers how hospitable he was. He loved having company and would always offer them a drink. He had a very vibrant personality, with a bold, enlightening voice. He liked to have a good time! On April 17, 2008, Eric suffered a major cardiac event that would change his life forever. As his health declined, he kept himself busy with watching TV, reading, solving Sudoku and listening to his favorite music artists and singing along to the songs. He looked forward to visits from his favorite dogs, Max and Ruby, of whom he bragged about to other residents.

WILLIAM (BILL) ROBERT ADAMSON

July 11, 2020



It is with sadness and hearts full of love that we announce the death of William Robert Adamson on July 11, 2020 in Kelowna, BC, at the age of 92. He will be remembered as a compassionate man with an inquiring mind, a determined will, a cheerful disposition and a gentle heart.

Bill is survived by children Bruce (Jocelyn), Shelley, Susan (Gary) and Michael, grandchildren and great grandchildren, sisters Joan and Marilyn (Dave), plus cousins, in-laws, nieces and nephews. Bill was predeceased by Louise, his loving partner for over 60 years, brother Alvin, and parents Joseph and Edith Adamson.

Bill was born in 1927 and grew up on a farm near Fairlight, SK. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Saskatchewan and a Bachelor of Divinity from St. Andrew's College in Saskatoon. He was ordained in the United Church in 1951 and later earned a Masters and a Doctorate from the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA as well as a Masters of Education from the University of Toronto. He was also awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from St. Stephen's College in Edmonton.

Bill was pleased to have variety in his career: 5 years as a rural pastor at Esterhazy; 5 years as a suburban pastor at Broadway, Regina; 3 ½ years at Naramata Educational Centre in the Okanagan; 5 ½ years at the National Office of the United Church (Leadership Development) in Toronto; and 20 years on the faculty of St. Andrew's College, the last 7 ½ as President. He loved the Church on the Prairies and in 1975 helped initiate the internship program for ministers in AB, SK and MB.

In the Courts of the Church, Bill served a term as President of SK Conference, as well as on a variety of national, conference and presbytery committees. He wrote 3 books regarding education in the Church. He was also involved with inner city projects and social action efforts including 32 years as an active member of the Inter-Church Uranium Committee.

Bill was a true gentleman. His playful and warm nature endeared him to many. He was a loving father and devoted husband to his beloved Louise whom he met at university and married in 1951. They had many adventures camping across Canada with their children, regularly visiting their family farms and relatives, and then traveling abroad in their later years. Bill's heart was broken when Louise died of Parkinson's in 2012. They are united once again.

Congregations/Pastoral Charges that have ceased worshipping

Springside congregation of the Theodore, Springside Pastoral Charge.

Livelong congregation of the Turtle River Parish (SM)

Rouleau and Lang/Milestone congregation of the Soo Line Pastoral Charge

Kelfield and Ruthida congregations of Springwater Pastoral Charge

Clavet Pastoral Charge

Birch Hills Pastoral Charge

Earl Grey Pastoral Charge

Edgeley Pastoral Charge

Lashburn Pastoral Charge

[Loverna Pastoral Charge](#)

Mortlach Pastoral Charge

Mossbank Pastoral Charge

**PASTORAL RELATIONS
Living Skies Regional Council
Summary Report 2019 - 2020**

LEGEND: * = part time + = indicates <i>change</i> in Call/Appointment	
<u>Ministry Abbreviations used in this report:</u>	Dates: Listed as <u>month/day/year</u>
OM = Ordained Minister	DM = Diaconal Minister
US = United Supply Minister	RS = Retired Supply Minister
IM = Interim Minister	EA = Ecumenical Appointment to Shared Ministry
DLM = Designated Lay Minister	
CS = Candidate Supply	
OS = Ordained Supply (from another denomination, in admission process with United Church)	
DS = Diaconal Supply (from another denomination, in admission process with United Church)	
SM = Shared Ministry (pastoral charge in ministry with one or more other denominations)	

COMPLETED CALLS

<u>Community of Faith</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Cut Knife	YongSeok Baek (OS)	06/03/19*+
Hudson Bay	Bradley Wudrich (OM)	07/01/19
Meadow Lake	SunDo Hyun (OM)	07/01/19
Norquay	Margaret McCallum (OM)	09/01/20*+
Regina: Heritage	Joy (Barbara) Cowan (OM)	08/01/19
Regina Native Outreach Ministry	Deb Anderson-Pratt (OM)	07/01/20*
Rosetown	Allan Gairns (DM)	02/23/20*
Saskatoon: Knox	Brian Maitland (OM)	11/01/19*+
Saskatoon: Mayfair	Shelly Manley-Tannis (OM)	03/02/20*
Saskatoon: Mayfair	Shelly Manley-Tannis (OM)	06/01/20*+
Saskatoon: St. Martin's	Keith Hall (DM)	07/01/19
Saskatoon: St. Paul's	Mitchell Anderson (OM)	08/01/20
Saskatoon: St. Thomas-Wesley	Vicki Obedkoff (OM)	11/01/19*+
Tisdale	Hoeun Lee (OM)	07/01/20
Turtle River Parish	Kun Kim (OM)	07/01/19*+
Watrous-Young	Jo-Ann Hills (OM)	01/01/20
Wilkie Scott	YongSeok Baek (OM)	06/03/19*+
Wilkie-Scott	YongSeok Baek (OM)	03/15/20+

COMPLETED APPOINTMENTS

<u>Community of Faith</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Battleford	E. Gayle Wensley (DLM)	07/01/20-06/30/22*
Biggar	Sharon Ferguson-Hood (IM/RS)	07/01/19-12/31/19*
Big River	Dave Whalley (DLM/RS)	07/01/19-06/30/22*
Borden	E. Gayle Wensley (DLM)	07/01/20-06/30/22*
Clavet	Bonita Chad (OM/RS)	03/20/19-03/20/20*
Clavet	Bonita Chad (OM/RS)	03/20/20-05/31/20*
Climax	Connie Sykes (DLM)	07/01/19-06/30/22*
Crossroads United	Roy Bortolotto (DLM)	07/01/20-06/30/23

<u>Community of Faith</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Davidson	Ursula Wiig (OM/RS)	02/01/20-01/31/21*
Elrose	Jim MacNaughton (DLM/RS)	07/01/19-06/30/20*
Elrose	Jim MacNaughton (DLM/RS)	07/01/20-06/30/21*
Esterhazy	Mavis Peddie Peters (CS)	06/15/19-06/15/20*
Esterhazy	Young Jin Park (CS)	08/01/20-06/30/22*
Eston: St. Andrew's	Barb MacNaughton (DLM)	07/01/20-06/30/23
Fort Qu'Appelle: St. Andrew's	Jo Mader (DLM)	07/01/19-06/30/20*
Fort Qu'Appelle: St. Andrew's	Jo Mader (DLM)	07/01/20-06/30/21*
Four Town	Sarah Giles (CS)	07/01/19-06/30/20*
Four Town	Sarah Giles (CS)	07/01/20-06/30/21*
Glenavon	Lynette Callfas (DLM)	07/01/19-06/30/20*
Glenavon	Lynette Callfas (DLM)	07/01/20-12/31/20*
Gull Lake	Ken Schrag (OM/RS)	07/01/19-06/30/20*
Gull Lake	Ken Schrag (OM/RS)	07/01/20-06/30/21*
Imperial	Ray Purdie (OM/RS)	07/01/19-06/30/20*
Imperial	Ray Purdie (OM/RS)	07/01/20-06/30/21*
Indian Head: St. Andrew's	John Sellwood (DLM/RS)	07/01/19-06/30/20*
Indian Head: St. Andrew's	John Sellwood (DLM/RS)	07/01/20-06/30/21*
Kipling	Hyun Heo (OS)	11/01/19-12/31/19*
Kipling	Hyun Heo (OS)	01/02/20-06/30/21+
Kyle-Lacadena	Jim MacNaughton (DLM/RS)	07/01/19-06/30/20*
Kyle-Lacadena	Jim MacNaughton (DLM/RS)	07/01/20-06/30/21*
Lanigan-Nokomis	Mitchell Anderson (OM)	07/01/19-06/30/20
Langham: Knox	Emily Carr (OS)	10/01/20-03/31/22*
Moosomin: Bethel	Carolyn E. Woodall (IM)	07/01/19-06/30/21
Mossbank	Wendy Gibson (DLM)	07/01/19-12/31/19*+
North Battleford: Third Avenue	Dexter van Dyke (OM/RS)	09/01/19-08/31/20
North Battleford: Third Avenue	Dexter van Dyke (OM/RS)	09/01/20-08/31/21
Northern Sask. Hospital Chaplaincy	Joan Brown (DM/RS)	07/01/19-06/30/20*
Radville	Jeri-Lee Jones (CS)	09/01/19-06/30/21*
Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry	Peter Gilmer (DLM)	01/01/20-12/31/21
Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry	Bonnie Morton (DLM)	01/01/20-12/31/21
Regina: Lakeview	Christa Eidsness (OM)	09/01/19-10/31/19*
Regina: Knox Met	Jan Temple-Jones (OM)	07/01/19-10/27/19*
Saskatoon: ICM	Lorraine Harkness (OM/RS)	09/17/19-12/31/19*
Saskatoon: ICM	Lorraine Harkness (OM/RS)	01/01/20-03/31/20*
Saskatoon: ICM	Chantalle Morrow-Fesciuc (L)	09/01/20-08/31/22
Saskatoon McClure	Brian Walton (OM)	09/01/19-06/30/20*
Saskatoon: Mount Royal Emmanuel	Joan Brown (DM/RS)	07/01/19-06/30/20*
Saskatoon: Mount Royal Emmanuel	Joan Brown (DM/RS)	07/01/20-06/30/21*
Saskatoon: St. David's-Trinity	Michael Webster (OM/RS)	11/17/19-12/22/19*
Saskatoon: St. David's-Trinity	Michael Webster (OM/RS)	01/07/20-04/12/20*

<u>Community of Faith</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Shellbrook-Leask	Jonathan Worrall (CS)	10/02/19-05/31/21*
Soo Line	Yvonne Terry (DLM)	07/01/19-06/30/22
South Sask Hospital Chaplaincy	Lorna King (DLM/RS)	09/16/19-09/16/21*
Speers	E. Gayle Wensley (DLM)	07/01/20-06/30/22*
Spiritwood Partners in Faith	Nora Borgeson (OM/RS)	07/01/19-12/31/19*+
Spiritwood Partners in Faith	Nora Borgeson (OM/RS)	01/01/20-02/29/20*
Spiritwood Partners in Faith	Nora Borgeson (OM/RS)	03/02/20-09/30/20*
Stoughton	B. Elizabeth Goodson (DLM)	07/01/19-06/30/22*
Strasbourg	Donna Rumpel (DLM)	07/01/19-06/30/20*
Strasbourg	John Sellwood (DLM/RS)	12/01/20-06/30/21*
Unity Meridian	Gary Johnson (DLM)	07/01/19-06/30/22
Wolseley: St. James	Jim Wolff (CS)	09/08/19-06/30/20*
Wolseley: St. James	Jim Wolff (CS)	07/01/20-06/30/21*

RETIREMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Cathy Coates	06/30/2020	Wendy Gibson	03/01/2020
Elizabeth Goodson	07/01/2020	Marg Janick-Grayston	05/31/2020
Darilyn Grigg	08/01/2020	Brian Maitland	07/31/2021
Mathias Ross	07/30/2020	Donna Rumpel	12/31/2019
Salesi Takau	06/30/2020	Yvonne Terry	10/01/2020
Mark Wartman	06/30/2020	Ursula Wiig	08/31/2019

MINISTRY PERSONNEL LEAVING THE REGION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Going to:</u>
Jason Richards	09/01/2019	Western Ontario Waterways
Dave Moors	05/31/2020	Pacific Mountain
Deborah Walker	05/31/2020	Pacific Mountain
Lorraine Harkness	06/01/2020	Prairie to Pine
Mavis Peddie-Peters	06/01/2020	Regional Council 15
Kevin Sprong	07/01/2020	Prairie to Pine
Sue Breisch	08/31/2020	Pacific Mountain
David Kim-Cragg	08/31/2020	Shining Waters
Emmanuel Menyerere	09/30/2020	Prairie to Pine
Bruce Kakakaway	10/31/2020	Pacific Mountain

MINISTRY PERSONNEL COMING INTO THE REGION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Coming from:</u>
Lynne Clarke	10/17/2019	Pacific Mountain

COMMUNITY OF FAITH IN PASTORAL RELATIONS PROCESS¹

<u>Pastoral Charge</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>	<u>Liaison</u>	<u>Date Complete</u>
Abbey-Lancer-Portreeve	05/27/20	EunKyu Ji	
Asquith-Perdue	01/18/19	Bill Pollock	
Assiniboia	01/18/19	Duane Filson	
Balgonie-McLean	01/18/19	Cam Fraser	
Biggar	01/18/19	Lyall Campbell	
Carlyle	06/30/20	Fran Balls	
Carrot River/Arborfield	02/07/19	Charles McKenzie	
Crossroads	02/13/19	Janice Edwards	
Cut Knife	04/02/20	Jo-Ann Hills	04/30/20
Davidson	01/01/19	Ernie Pryor	01/31/20
Eaton/Mantario	01/01/19	Barb MacNaughton	
Esterhazy	04/02/20	Mitchell Anderson	08/01/20
Foam Lake	03/05/20	Marvin Mackie	
Grenfell	09/05/19	Lynette Callfas	01/02/20
Kamsack	04/02/20	Brian Mee	
KelRose	01/18/19	Brian Mee	
Kipling	10/03/19	Lynette Callfas	01/02/20
Langham	03/05/20	Beth Johnston	
Lanigan, Nokomis	05/07/20	Marvin Mackie	
La Ronge	01/18/19	Dave Whalley	
Loreburn, Hawarden	02/06/20	Michelle Rowe	
Maidstone-Paynton	06/30/20	Dale Worrall	
Melfort	01/18/19	Dave Whalley	
Mossbank	06/20/19	June Blau	
Northern Lakes	01/18/19	Louise Robson	
Ogema, Bengough, Pangman	01/01/19	Shirley Crone	
Pine Cree	02/13/19	Michele Rowe	
Prairie Points	05/07/20	Darrell Reine	
Prairie Spirit	01/01/19	Denise Sweet	
Radville	05/02/19	June Blau	09/01/19
Regina: Wesley	05/02/19	Darrell Reine	
Rosetown	01/01/19	Jim MacNaughton	02/23/20
Saskatoon: Knox	05/02/19	Keith Hall	11/01/19
Saskatoon: Mayfair	05/27/20	Bill Unger	
Saskatoon: McClure	03/05/20	Kathleen James-Cavan	05/07/20
Saskatoon: St. Martin's	05/02/19	Dave Moors	06/30/20
Saskatoon: St. Paul's	05/21/20	Dale Worrall	08/01/20
Saskatoon: St. Thomas Wesley	05/02/19	EunKyu Ji	11/01/19
Saskatoon: ICM	09/05/19	Lyall Campbell	09/01/20

¹ Pastoral Relations Process with a Liaison occurs any time there is a question about the Pastoral Relationship including reviewing terms of calls/ appointments and assessing financial viability.

<u>Pastoral Charge</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>	<u>Liaison</u>	<u>Date Complete</u>
Saskatoon: NSHC	04/02/20	Debra Berg	
Shellbrook-Leask	01/18/19	Nora Vedress	10/02/19
Shell Lake Partners in Worship	05/21/20	Bob Hayes	09/01/20
Spiritwood Partners in Faith	05/21/20	Bob Hayes	09/01/20
Star City	02/07/19	Jeanette Stevenson	
Stoughton	04/02/20	Darrell Reine	
Strasbourg	11/07/19	June Blau	
St. Paul's International	06/06/19	Susan Reed	
Tisdale	03/20/19	Dave Whalley	07/01/20
Turtle River Parish	05/15/19	Jo-Ann Hills	07/01/19
Watrous/Young	02/13/19	Jeanette Warrian	01/01/20
Wilkie	04/02/20	Jo-Ann Hills	04/30/20

PASTORAL CHARGE SUMMARY

<u>Community of Faith</u>	<u>Ministry Personnel²</u>	<u>Call start/Appt end³</u>
Abbey-Lancer-Portreeve	Salesi Takau (OM) <i>(Ken Schrag – May 27/20)</i>	Call - 7/01/14 – retiring
Alameda	Jackie van't Voort (DM) Kathy Kyle (OM)	Call - 07/01/18* Ended – 08/31/20
Arcola-Kisby	Koshy David (OM) <i>(Anita Warriner – Sept 3/20)</i>	Ended – 09/30/20
Asquith-Perdue	<i>(Brian Maitland - Jan 1/19)</i>	Asquith closed spring 2019
Assiniboia	<i>(Duane Filson – Mar 7/19)</i>	
Avonlea-Blue Hill	<i>(Yvonne Terry – Nov 7/19)</i>	
Balcarres: St. Andrew's	<i>(Rick McCorrister - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Balgonie-McLean	<i>(Cam Fraser – Jan 18/19)</i>	
Battleford	Gayle Wensley (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/22*
Beechy	<i>(Diane Schmidt - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Biggar	<i>(Piotr Strzelecki – Jan 27/20)</i>	
Big River	Dave Whalley (DLM/RS)	Appt - 06/30/22*
Borden	Gayle Wensley (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/22*
Borderlands	<i>(Duane Filson – May 2/19)</i>	
Bradwell	<i>(Donna Wilson - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Bridging Waters	Beth W. Johnston (OM)	Call - 05/01/19
Broadview		
Cabri, Hazlet, Pennant	<i>(Salesi Takau – June 20/19)</i>	
Canora: St. Andrew's	Marg Janick-Grayston (OM) <i>(Jen Dresser – May 27/20)</i>	Call - 02/03/15*- retiring

² Pastoral Charge Supervisor in italics, if applicable

³ Data accurate to September 30, 2020

<u>Community of Faith</u>	<u>Ministry Personnel⁴</u>	<u>Call start/Appt end⁵</u>
Carlyle	Mathias Ross (OM) <i>(Sharon Hubbard – June 30/20)</i>	Call - 10/01/18* - retiring
Carnduff Alida	Susan Reed (DM)	Call - 07/01/07
Carrot River-Arborfield	<i>(Nancy Steinbachs - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Clavet	<i>(Bonita Chad – May 27/20)</i>	Closing
Climax	Connie Sykes (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/22*
Colleston, Steep Creek	<i>(Nora Vedress– June 20/19)</i>	
Colonsay	<i>(David Kim-Cragg - Jan 1/19 – June 30/20)</i>	
Cote	Eugene Blacksioux (OM)	Call – 07/01/08
Coteau Hills	Houen Lee (OS) <i>(Jim MacNaughton – March 7/20 – June 30/20)</i> <i>(Allan Gairns – May 7/20)</i>	Ended - 06/30/20
Craik	<i>(Jo Mader– Oct 3/19)</i>	
Crossroads	<i>(Cindy Goodman – June 25/19)</i>	
Crossroads United	Roy Bortolotto (DLM)	Appt - 07/01/23
Crystal Springs	<i>(Valerie Barnes-Connell – Sept 3/20)</i>	
Cut Knife	YongSeok Baek (OM)	Call – 06/03/19*
Davidson-Girvin	Ursula Wiig (OM/RS)	Appt – 01/31/21*
Delisle – Vanscoy	Lindsay Mohn (OM) Shelly Manley-Tannis (OM)	Call - 07/01/18* Ended - 03/01/20
Dundurn, Hanley	Andrew Appledore (OM)	Call - 01/01/16*
Earl Grey	<i>(Bev Diduck – Jan 9/20)</i>	
Eatonia-Mantario	<i>(Barb MacNaughton)</i>	
Elrose	Jim MacNaughton (DLM/RS)	Appt - 06/30/21*
Esterhazy (SM)	Mavis Peddie Peters (CS) <i>(Catherine Pace – Nov 7/19)</i> <i>(Michele Rowe – June 4/20)</i>	Ended - 06/15/20
Eston: St. Andrew’s	Young Jin Park (CS)	Appt – 06/30/22*
Five Oaks (SM - Lutheran)	Barb MacNaughton (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/23
Foam Lake, Leslie	Kragbe Legre (EA) <i>(Marvin Mackie - May 2/19)</i>	
Fort Qu’Appelle: St. A’s	Jo Mader (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/21*
Four Town (SM)	Sarah Giles (CS) <i>(Kevin Sprong – Nov 7/19)</i> <i>(Lindsay Mohn – June 4/20)</i>	Appt - 06/30/21*
Gainsborough, Carievale	Rob Reed (DM)	Call - 07/01/07
Glenavon	Lynette Callfas (DLM)	Appt - 12/31/20*
Goose Lake	<i>(Diane Schmidt - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Grasslands	EunKyu Ji (OM)	Call - 07/01/18

⁴ Pastoral Charge Supervisor in italics, if applicable

⁵ Data accurate to September 30, 2020

<u>Community of Faith</u>	<u>Ministry Personnel⁶</u>	<u>Call start/Appt end⁷</u>
Gravelbourg	<i>(Wendy Gibson - June 20/19)</i>	
Gray	<i>(Bonnie Morton - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Grenfell	Hyun Heo (OM) <i>(Roy Bortolotto – Mar 5/20-Sept26/20)</i>	Appt - 06/30/21*
Gull Lake	Ken Schrag (OM/RS)	Appt - 06/30/21*
Hudson Bay	Brad Wudrich (OM)	Call – 07/01/19
Humboldt	Brenda Curtis (DM)	Call - 07/01/04
Imperial	Ray Purdie (OM/RS)	Appt - 06/30/21*
Indian Head	John Sellwood (DLM/RS) <i>(Lorna King – Sept 3/20)</i>	Appt - 06/30/21*
Ituna	<i>(Brian Mee - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Kamsack	Kevin Sprong (OM) <i>(Marg Janick-Grayston – Sept 3/20)</i>	Ended - 06/30/20
Kelliher	<i>(Brian Mee - June 20/19)</i>	
KeLRose	<i>(Sheila Ivanochko – Feb 7/19)</i>	
Kennedy	<i>(Roy Bortolotto - Nov 7/19)</i>	
Kerrobert	<i>(Helen Mooney - Jan 1/19 – June 3/20)</i> <i>(SunDo Hyun – June 4/20)</i>	
Kindersley	Piotr Strzelecki (OM)	Call - 07/01/16
Kinistino	<i>(Charles McKenzie - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Kipling	Hyun Heo (OM) <i>(Roy Bortolotto – Mar 5/20 – Sept 26/20)</i>	Appt - 06/30/21*
Kyle, Lacadena	Jim MacNaughton (DLM/RS)	Appt - 06/30/21*
La Ronge	<i>(Dave Whalley - June 20/19)</i>	
Lafleche-Limerick	Janelle Shaw (OM)	Call - 02/18/18
Landis	<i>(Gary Johnson - Nov 7/19)</i>	
Langham: Knox	Kathleen James – Cavan (OM) <i>(Joan Brown – May 21/20)</i>	Ended – 02/02/20
Lanigan, Nokomis	Mitchell Anderson (OM) <i>(Ursula Wiig – May 21/20)</i>	Ended - 06/30/20
Lashburn	<i>(Pat Ribey – Jan 16/20)</i>	
Leader, Sceptre	<i>(Andrew Hecker - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Lemberg, Abernethy	<i>(Mary Anne Grand - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Little Cutarm	<i>(Susan Griffith - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Long Lake	<i>(Dwaine Dornan - Jan30/19)</i>	
Loreburn, Hawarden	<i>(Ron McConnell – Nov 7/19)</i>	
Loverna	<i>(Helen Reed - Jan 1/19)</i>	Closing
Lumsden	Marjorie Kent (OM)	Call - 06/01/09
Luseland	<i>(Faye McLean - Jan 1/19 - June 30/20)</i>	

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Maidstone, Paynton	<i>(Dexter van Dyke – Nov 26/19)</i>	
Manor (SM)	<i>(Rob Reed – Aug 10/20)</i>	
Maple Creek	Michele Rowe (OM)	Call - 07/01/18
Marsden, Neilberg	Lorna Brick (OM)	Call - 01/01/17*
Maymont	<i>(Gayle Wensley - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Meadow Lake	SunDo Hyun (OM)	Call - 07/01/19
Melfort-Ethelton	Emmanuel Menyereye (OM) <i>(Dave Whalley – June 4/20)</i>	Ended - 03/31/20
Melville: First	Brian Mee (OM)	Appt - 06/30/21*
Moose Jaw: Minto	Linda Tomlinson-Seebach (OM)	Call - 01/01/16
Moose Jaw: St. Andrew's	Jim Tenford (OM)	Call - 05/01/13*
Moose Jaw: Trinity	<i>(Linda Tomlinson-Seebach – June 20/19)</i>	
Moose Jaw: Zion	Tim Ellis (OM)	Call - 07/01/17
Moosomin: Bethel	Carolyn E. Woodall (IM)	Appt - 06/30/21
Mortlach	<i>(Darleen Stewart – Nov 7/19)</i>	Closing
Mossbank	Wendy Gibson (DLM) <i>(Wendy Gibson – Jan 9/20)</i>	Appt – 03/01/20 - retiring Closing
New Venture	<i>(Linda Stumpf - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Norquay	Margaret McCallum (OM)	Call - 07/01/15* (09/01/20+)
North Battleford	Dexter van Dyke (OM/RS)	Appt - 08/31/21
N. Sask. Hospital Chaplaincy	Cathy Coates (OM)	Call - 09/01/10 – retiring
	Joan Brown (DM/RS) <i>(Daryl Woods – June 4/20)</i>	Ended - 06/30/20
Northern Lakes	<i>(George / Diane Thurlow - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Ogema, Bengough, Pangman	<i>(Shirley Crone - June 25/19)</i>	
Outlook	Ron McConnell (OM)	Call - 07/01/17
Oxbow-Glen Ewen	Jackie van't Voort (DM)	Call - 07/01/18*
	Kathy Kyle (OM)	Ended – 08/31/20
Pelly	<i>(Velda Dahlin - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Pine Cree	<i>(Connie Sykes – June 20/19)</i>	
Plainsview	<i>(Russell / Brian Mitchell-Walker - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Plenty, Dodsland	<i>(Marj Mack - Jan 1/19 - June 30/20)</i>	
Prairie Points	<i>(Vic Wiebe – May 7/20)</i>	
Prairie Spirit	<i>(Denise Sweet - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Preeceville-Sturgis	Miles Russell (OM)	Call - 07/01/83
Prince Albert: Calvary	Nora Vedress (OM)	Call - 07/01/05
Quill Plains	<i>(Brenda Curtis – Jan 1/19)</i>	
Radville	Jeri-Lee Jones (CS) <i>(Judy Beck – Feb 9/20)</i>	Appt - 06/30/21*

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Redvers United (SM - Lutheran)	Marja Hordern (EA) <i>(PCS: Rob Reed - Sept 5/19)</i>	
Regina Anti-Poverty	Peter Gilmer (DLM) Bonnie Morton (DLM)	Appt - 12/31/21 Appt - 12/31/21
Regina: Broadway	James Balfour (OM)	Call - 09/15/98
Regina: Eastside	Russell Mitchell-Walker (DM)	Call - 09/10/12
Regina: Heritage	Barbara (Joy) Cowan (OM)	Call - 08/01/19
Regina: Knox Met	Cameron Fraser (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/21
Regina: Lakeview	Sue Breisch (OM) <i>(Delise Pitman - June 30/20)</i>	Ended - 08/31/20
Regina Native Outreach Ministries	Deb Anderson-Pratt (OM) <i>(Cindy Bourgeois - May 7/20 - Sept 27/20)</i>	Call - 07/01/20*
Regina: St. James	Diane Robinson (OM) Laura Sundberg (OM)	Call - 01/01/17* Call - 07/01/13*
Regina: Sunset	Tricia Gerhard (OM)	Call - 01/31/18
Regina: Wesley	Cindy Bourgeois (OM)	Call - 07/01/13
Regina: Westminster	Darrell Reine (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/21
Rocanville	Barbara Wilkins (OM)	Call - 07/01/18
Rosetown	Allan Gairns (DM)	Call - 02/23/20*
Saskatoon: Grace-Westminster	Daryl Woods (OM)	Call - 07/01/01
Saskatoon: Grosvenor Park	Nobuko Iwai (OM)	Call - 08/15/15
Saskatoon: ICM	Lorraine Harkness (OM/RS) Chantalle Morrow-Fesciuc (L)	Ended - 03/31/20 Appt - 08/31/22
Saskatoon: Knox	Brian Maitland (OM)	Call - 11/01/19*+
Saskatoon: Mayfair	Dave Moors (OM) Shelly Manley-Tannis (OM)	Ended - 05/31/20 Call - 03/02/20*+
Saskatoon: McClure	Debra Berg (OM) Laura Fohse (DM) Brian Walton (OM)	Call - 07/01/11 Call - 07/01/06 Ended - 06/30/20
Saskatoon: Mount Royal Emmanuel	Joan Brown (DM/RS)	Appt - 06/30/21*
Saskatoon: St. David's Trinity	Bill Unger (OM)	Call - 09/01/09
Saskatoon: St. Martin's	Jordan Cantwell (OM) Keith Hall (DM)	Call - 11/12/18 Call - 07/01/19
Saskatoon: St. Paul's	Deb Walker (OM) <i>(Jordan Cantwell - May 21/20 - July 31/20)</i> Mitchell Anderson	Ended - 05/31/20 Call - 08/01/20
Saskatoon: St. Thomas Wesley	Vicki Obedkoff (OM)	Call - 11/01/19*+
Saskatoon: Third Ave.	<i>(Brian Maitland - Nov 7/19)</i>	
Shell Lake Partners in Worship (SM)	Sarah Urano (EA)	Call - 09/01/20

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Shellbrook-Leask	Jonathan Worrall (CS) <i>(Duane Mohn - Jan 1/19)</i> <i>(Bob Hayes - Sept 3/20)</i>	Appt - 05/31/21*
Silton	<i>(Danna Armstrong - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Smiley	<i>(Jo-Ann Hills - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Soo Line	Yvonne Terry (DLM)	Ended – 09/30/20
Southey	<i>(Leslie Parkin - Nov 7/19)</i>	
South SK Hosp Chaplaincy	Lorna King (DLM/RS)	Appt - 09/16/21*
Speers	Gayle Wensley (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/22*
Spirit Hills	<i>(Neil Colmin - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Spirit of Hope	<i>(George Holliday - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Spiritwood Partners in Faith (SM)	Nora Borgeson (OM/RS)	Ended – 09/30/20
	Sarah Urano (EA)	Call – 09/01/20
Springwater	<i>(Helen Mooney - Jan 1/19)</i>	Closing
Spy Hill		
St. Paul's International	<i>(Vic Wiebe - Sept 15/19)</i>	
Star City	<i>(Carol Beal McKenzie - June 20/19)</i>	
Stoughton	Elizabeth Goodson (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/20 - retiring
	<i>(Mohandas Barnabas - June 4/20)</i>	
Strasbourg	Donna Rumpel (DLM)	Ended - 12/21/19 - retiring
	<i>(Bryan Tudor - Nov 26/19)</i>	
Swift Current: First	Annette Taylor (OM)	Call - 07/01/15
Tantallon	<i>(Shari Forsythe-Hohm - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Theodore	<i>(Catherine Pace - Oct 3/19)</i>	
Tisdale: St. Paul's	Houen Lee (OM)	Call - 07/01/20
	<i>(Charles McKenzie - June 20/19 - Sept 25/20)</i>	
Tomkins (SM: Anglican)	<i>(Carolyn Conarroe - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Turtle River (SM - Anglican)	Kun Kim (OM)	Call - 08/01/11 (07/01/19*+)
	Don Skinner (EA)	
Unity, Meridian (SM)	Gary Johnson (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/22
Wakaw	<i>(Brian Walton - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Wanakapew	Bruce Kakakaway (OM)	
Wapella	<i>(Barbara Wilkins - June 4/20)</i>	
Watrous Young	Jo-Ann Hills	Call – 01/01/20
Weyburn	Mohandas Barnabas (OM)	Call - 01/01/08
Wilkie, Scott	YongSeok Baek (OM)	Call – 06/03/19*
Wolseley	Jim Wolff (CS)	Appt – 06/30/21*
	<i>(John Sellwood - Oct 3/19)</i>	
Yellow Grass (SM – Lutheran)	<i>(Mohandas Barnabas - Sept 3/20)</i>	
Yorkton: St. Andrew's	Jennifer Dresser (DM)	Call - 07/01/13

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Yorkton: Westview

Ministry Personnel

Deborah Smith (OM)

Call start/Appt end

Call - 07/01/14

Recognized Current Sacrament Elders

<u>Name</u>	<u>License Expires</u>	<u>Congregation</u>
Akins, Eleanor	June 30, 2021	Plainsview
Alexander, Neil	June 30, 2021	Avonlea (Blue Hills-Avonlea)
Beck, Judy	June 30, 2021	Yellow Grass
Bernier, Sue	June 30, 2021	Biggar
Bjarnason, Rosellen	June 30, 2021	Wynyard (Spirit of Hope)
Chuiko, Meredith	June 30, 2021	Loon Lake (Northern Lakes)
Court, Gladys	June 30, 2021	Kinistino
Fowler, Sandra	June 30, 2021	Tugaske (Spirit Hills)
Girard, Sharon	June 30, 2021	Pine Cree
Grand, Mary Anne	June 30, 2021	Raymore (Crossroads)
Halliday, Paulette	June 30, 2021	Luseland
Irving, Carroll	June 30, 2021	Rose Valley (KelRose)
Kirby, Linda	June 30, 2021	Coronach (Borderlands)
Lyster, Patricia	June 30, 2021	Balcarres
Mack, Marjorie	June 30, 2021	Kerrobert
Mackie, Marvin	June 30, 2021	Rose Valley (KelRose)
Morris, Shelly	June 30, 2021	Atwater (Little Cutarm)
Payne, Shirley	June 30, 2021	(KelRose)
Porter, Marion	June 30, 2021	Bethune (Long Lake)
Schmidt, Diane	June 30, 2021	(Prairie Spirit)
Seymour, Bev	June 30, 2021	Harris (Goose Lake)
Sichkaruk, Dianne	June 30, 2021	Theodore
Smith, Marie	June 30, 2021	Eatonia - Mantario
Yost, Carla	June 30, 2021	Rockglen (Borderlands)

Recognized Licensed Lay Worship Leaders

<u>Name</u>	<u>Licensed to</u>	<u>Congregation</u>
Alexander, Neil	December 31, 2021	Avonlea (Avonlea-Blue Hill)
Baerwald, Beth	June 30, 2022	Star City
Bamforth, Emily	November 18, 2020	Eastend (Pine Cree)
Beck, Judy	December 31, 2021	Milestone (Soo Line)
Berge, Diane	June 30, 2022	Nipawin (Bridging Waters)
Bjarnason, Rosellen	June 30, 2021	Wynyard (Spirit of Hope)
Bowie, Eleanor	November 18, 2020	
Cartmell, Karen	December 31, 2020	Regina: Sunset
Challoner, Tricia	December 31, 2022	Norquay
Chuiko, Meredith	June 30, 2023	Loon Lake (Northern Lakes)
Dahlin, Velda	December 31, 2022	Norquay
Daisley, Rosalie	December 31, 2022	Hudson Bay (Hudson Bay LP)

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Deforest, Sheila	December 31, 2022	Robert Hall Mission (HBLP)
Fowler, Sandra	December 31, 2020	Tugaske (Spirit Hills)
Francis, Jani	December 31, 2022	Indian Head: St. Andrew's
Friesen, Henry	December 31, 2022	Carnduff (Carnduff Alida)
Gonczy, Kendra	December 31, 2022	Weyburn: Grace
Goodman, Cindy	June 30, 2021	Wynyard (Spirit of Hope)
Grand, Mary Anne	December 31, 2020	Raymore (Crossroads)
Groenen, Colleen	December 31, 2022	Lashburn
Hain, Norma	November 18, 2020	Swift Current: First
Hilderman, Henrietta	December 31, 2022	Govan
Kirby, Linda	November 18, 2020	Coronach (Borderlands)
Klassen, Linda	December 31, 2021	Regina Beach (Long Lake)
Knoll, Carol	December 31, 2022	Theodore
Kocski, Verna	June 30, 2023	Unity (Unity, Meridian)
Larsen, Lynn	December 31, 2022	Preeceville (Preeceville-Sturgis)
Little, Elaine	November 18, 2020	Hazlet (Cabri, Hazlet, Pennant)
Lyster, Patricia	December 31, 2022	Abernethy (Balcarres)
Mackie, Marvin	June 30, 2021	Rose Valley (KeLRose)
Mostowy, Ruth	December 31, 2022	Westminster (Humboldt)
Ntibategera, Chantal	December 31, 2022	Calvary (Prince Albert)
Payne, Shirley	December 31, 2022	Kelvington (KeLRose)
Petersen, Joanne	December 31, 2022	Glentworth (Grasslands)
Pollock, Bill	December 31, 2022	Saskatoon: Grace-Westminster
Prentice, Gloria	December 31, 2022	Beechy
Pulfer, Jim	June 30, 2023	Saskatoon: St. Martin's
Reilkoff, Gwen	December 31, 2022	Kamsack
Robertson, Laurie	December 31, 2022	Mankota (Grasslands)
Sawchuk, Patti	December 31, 2022	Dundurn (Dundurn, Hanley)
Schmidt, Diane	June 30, 2023	Milden (Prairie Spirit)
Sullivan, Linda	December 31, 2021	Bethune (Long Lake)
Tober, Heather	June 30, 2021	Oxbow (Oxbow Glen Ewen)
Tudor, Bryan	December 31, 2021	Regina: Sunset
Warrian, Jeanette	June 30, 2021	Lanigan (Lanigan, Nokomis)
Watson, Sandra	December 31, 2020	Abbey (Abbey-Lancer-Portreve)
Worrall, Dale	June 30, 2023	Kindsrsley: St. Paul's
Yasinowski, Jennifer	December 31, 2022	Fort Qu'Appelle: St. Andrew's