

Together on a Journey



Record of Proceedings
Inaugural Gathering
of Living Skies Regional Council
Swift Current, Saskatchewan
May 30 – June 2, 2019

About the Logo:

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About the Artist:

Monique Poisson-Fast is a 16-year-old artist from Regina, Saskatchewan. She enjoys reading, writing, music, and all kinds of art. When she isn't playing in band or singing in choir, she spends most of her spare time drawing and painting. Monique and her family attend Knox-Metropolitan United Church, in the heart of downtown Regina.

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LIST OF MEETINGS AND OFFICERS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PRESIDER</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE MINISTER</u>
1	2019	Swift Current	Annette Taylor	Shannon McCarthy

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION – 2018-2019

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<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Regional Meeting Planning Committee:			
Convenor:	Barb MacNaughton	ESTON SK S0L 1A0	306-962-4441 (PC)
Property Commission:			
Convenor:	Annette Taylor	SWIFT CURRENT SK S0E 1E0	306-773-9353 (PC)
Nominations Committee:			
Convenor:	Bev Kostichuk	YORKTON SK S3N 4A1	
Pastoral Relations Commission:			
Acting Chair:	Marvin Mackie	ARCHERWILL SK S0E 0B0	
Committee on Community of Faith Support:			
Committee on Lay Leadership Support:			
Committee on Ministry Personnel Leadership Support:			
Staffed by Tracy Murton, Pastoral Relations Minister			

LEADERS OF NETWORKS / TASKS-- 2019

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
All My Relations Network:			
Leader:	Deb Walker	SASKATOON SK S7N 1X3	306-955-3766 (PC)
Intercultural Ministries Network:			
Co-Leader:	Nobuko Iwai	SASKATOON SK S7H 2L3	306-374-7766 (PC)
Co-Leader:	Brian Mitchell-Walker	REGINA SK S4S 6K8	
Local Global Advocacy Network:			
Co-Leader:	Catherine Christie	ABBEY SK S0N 0A0	
Co-Leader:	Linda Stumpf	MORSE SK S0H 3C0	
United Church Women Network:			
Co-Leader:	Susan Dokken	SASKATOON SK S7L 4S5	
Co-Leader:	Mary Mohn	BIRCH HILLS SK S0J 0G0	
Refugee Liaison			
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2019 ROLL OF LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL TO INAUGURAL GATHERING

Registration Report for 2019 Regional Gathering

There were 245 registered attendees, with an additional 30 visitors for the Celebration of Ministry Banquet. Other various visitors dropped in for a few hours.

For purposes of establishing the roll of the regional council, 'Ministry Personnel' includes Ordained, Diaconal, Lay Pastoral ministers, Staff Associates and Interns. Laity includes all those persons duly elected by their respective pastoral charges / communities of faith or others appointed to represent a Pastoral Charge (i.e. PC Supervisors).

ROLL OF MINISTRY PERSONNEL DELEGATES

Anderson, Mitchell	Lanigan	Anderson, Pratt, Deb	Regina
Baek, YongSeok	Wilkie	Barnabas, Mohandas	Weyburn
Beal McKenzie, Carole	Star City	Berg, Debra	Saskatoon
Borgeson, Nora	Spiritwood	Bortolotto, Roy	Wawota
Bourgeois, Cindy	Regina	Brick, Lorna	Neilburg
Brown, Joan	Saskatoon	Bushell, Jamie	Regina
Callfas, Lynette	Glenavon	Cantwell, Jordan	Saskatoon
Christie, Catherine	Abbey	Conarro, Carolyn	Maple Creek
Curtis, Brenda	Humboldt	David, Koshy	Arcola
Ellis, Tim	Moose Jaw	Ferguson-Hood, Sharon	Biggar
Ford, Faye	Saskatoon	Fraser, Cam	Regina
Gairns, Allan	Fillmore	Gerhard, Tricia	Regina
Gibson, Wendy	Mossbank	Gilmer, Peter	Regina
Hall, Keith	Saskatoon	Heo, Hyun	Kipling
Hills, Jo-Ann	Rosetown	Hyun, SunDo	Radville
Iwai, Nobuko	Saskatoon	James-Cavan, Kathleen	Langham
Janick-Grayston, Marg	Canora	Janzen-Ball, Jennifer	Saskatoon
Ji, Eunkyuu	McCord	Johnson, Gary	Unity
Johnston, Beth	Nipawin	Jones, Jeri-Lee	Estevan
Jupe, Jane	Saskatoon	Kakakaway, Bruce	Carlyle
Kent, Marjorie	Lumsden	Kim, Kun	Edam
Lee, Hoeun	Lucky Lake	Leuty, Marilyn	Saskatoon
MacNaughton, Barbara	Eston	MacNaughton, Jim	Elrose
Mader, Jo	Fort Qu'Appelle	Maitland, Brian	Saskatoon
Manley-Tannis, Richard	Saskatoon	Manley-Tannis, Shelly	Saskatoon
McCallum, Margaret	Norquay	McConnell, Ron	Outlook
McKenzie, Charles	Star City	Menyereye, Emmanuel	Melfort
Mitchell-Walker, Russell	Regina	Morton, Bonnie	Regina
Reed, Robert	Gainsborough	Reed, Susan	Carnduff
Reine, Darrell	Regina	Rennie-Laing, Joan	Moose Jaw

Robinson, Diane	Regina	Ross, Mathias	Carlyle
Rowe, Michele	Maple Creek	Rumpel, Donna	Strasbourg
Russell, Miles	Preeceville	Saulteaux, Bernice	Sintaluta
Schrag, Ken	Eastend	Sellwood, John R.	Indian Head
Shaw, Janelle	Lafleche	Shin, Jung Hyun	Watrous
Simon, Brenda	Kelvington	Smith, Deborah	Yorkton
Sprong, Kevin	Kamsack	Steinbachs, Nancy	Hudson Bay
Strzelecki, Piotr	Kindersley	Sundberg, Laura	Regina
Sykes, Connie	Climax	Takau, Salesi	Abbey
Taylor, Annette	Swift Current	Tenford, Jim	Moose Jaw
Terry, Yvonne	Milestone	Thomas, Pamela	Regina
Tomlinson-Seebach, Linda	Moose Jaw	Unger, William	Saskatoon
Walker, Deb	Saskatoon	Walton, Brian	Saskatoon
Webster, Michael	Saskatoon	Wensley, Gayle	Borden
Whalley, J. David	Big River	Wiig, Ursula	Loreburn
Wilson, Donna	Saskatoon	Woods, Daryl	Saskatoon
Wooff, Darren	Saskatoon	Wudrich, Bradley	Shell Lake
Wyatt, Heather	La Ronge		

ROLL OF LAY DELEGATES

Adamson, Penny	Northern Lakes	Aitken, John	Spirit Hills
Baerwald, Beth	Star City	Balas, Laura	New Venture
Balls, Barry	Crossroads United	Balls, Frances	Crossroads United
Barker, Wendy	Fort Qu'Appelle	Bayne, Lynn	Delisle
Berge, Dianne	Bridging Waters	Bernier, Susan	Biggar
Berriault, Mari-Anne	Regina: Knox Met	Birkmaier Tillotson, Donna	Saskatoon:
Blake, Hazel	Grasslands:	Blau, June	Regina: Wesley
Bradley, Harold	Saskatoon: Mount Royal Emmanuel	Brandow, Ron	Balcarres
Brown, Donna	Yorkton: Westview	Bryant, Lisa	Saskatoon: McClure
Byers Bradley, Barbara	Saskatoon: Mount Royal Emmanuel	Callfas, Brian	Glenavon
Campbell, Lyall	Outlook	Conrad, Herb	Shaunavon
Cook, Isabelle	Saskatoon: St. Martin's	Crone, Shirley	Radville
Cutler, Delores	Carlyle	Daisley, John	Hudson Bay
Deforest, Sheila	Hudson Bay	Dentinger, Janet	Carnduff Alida
Dodd, Linda	Regina: Westminster	Dornan, Dwaine	Long Lake
Dorsch, Lorna	Saskatoon: McClure	Drabble, Matthew	Saskatoon: McClure
Dugas, Sheldon	Delisle	Dumont, Nellie	La Ronge
Forbes, Colette	Regina: Knox-Met	Forsythe-Hohm, Shari	Esterhazy
Fowler, Sandra	Spirit Hills	Gibson, David	Mossbank
Gieni, George	Moose Jaw: Trinity	Goodman, Cindy	Spirit of Hope

Goodrich, Shirley	Colonsay	Goudie, Allen	Regina: Wesley
Griffiths, Ruth	Prince Albert: Calvary	Gruending-Hallman, Deanna	Tisdale
Hagen, Ann	Bengough,	Haroldson, Doug	Maple Creek
Hayes, Robert	Prince Albert: Calvary	Henricksen, Don	Regina: Knox-Met
Hill, Norman	Prince Albert: Calvary	Hood, Irene	Moose Jaw: St. Andrew's
Hookenson, Charlotte		Horner, Pat	Prairie Points
Houston, Adele	Rosetown	Hubbard, Sharon	Gainsborough
Hyra, Karen	Lanigan	Ivanichko, Sheila	Preeceville
Jackson, Fran	Swift Current: First	Karras, Donald	Rocanville
Karras, Margaret	Rocanville	Karst, Allison	Assiniboia
Keefe, Gary	Weyburn	Kindopp, Don	Estevan
Kirby, Linda	Borderlands	Klassen, Herb	Regina: Heritage
Klassen, Nadine	Regina: Heritage	Lambert, Norman	Regina: St. James
Larson, Verna	Sturgis	Little, Harold	Cabri Hazlet Pennant
Lothian, Wilma	Carlyle	Lukey, Margaret	Weyburn
Mack, Marjorie	Kerrobert	Macpherson, Rod	Saskatoon: Grace Westminster
Maki, Gloria	Bengough	Mathers, Ken	Moose Jaw: Trinity
McCrea, Nancy	Plenty	McGir, Maureen	Bridging Waters
McPherson, Robert	Saskatoon: St. Martin's	Miller, Diane	Lumsden
Mundt, Karen	Moose Jaw: St. Andrew's	Nagle, Carol Lynn	Saskatoon: St. Martin's
Nein, Laureen	Saskatoon: St. David's Trinity	Orr, Charlene	Grasslands
Parkin, Lesley	Strasbourg	Peters, Marilyn	Hanley
Polischuk, Eden	Saskatoon: McClure	Pollock, William	Saskatoon: Grace-Westminster
Robertson, Joan	Regina: St. James	Rudolph, Nora	La Ronge
Sarauer, Allison	Humboldt	Sarauer, Kathryn	Humboldt
Sawchuk, Patti	Dundurn	Shepherd, Edith	Wilkie-Scott
Smith, Beverly	Melville	Stevenson, Jeanette	Melfort
Stumpf, Linda	Swift Current: First	Styles, Nancy	Weyburn
Sullivan, Linda	Bethune	Thomson, Laura	Regina: Wesley
Thurlow, Diane	Meadow Lake	Urban, Carol	Prairie Points
Watson, Sandra	Abbey/Lancer/Portreeve	Weber, Dawn	Saskatoon: Grosvenor Park
Weightman, Laura	Radville	Whalley, Leslee	Big River
Williamson, Beth	Saskatoon: St. Martin's		

GUESTS

Armour, David	General Council	Belaskie, Alexandra	General Council
Elliot, Colin	Musician	Kigar, Deb	General Council
MacLachlan, James	Musician	Nelson, Aliah	Musician
Elenwa, Humphery	Pro-AV	Schulz, Colson	Pro-AV

REGISTERED VISITORS & OTHERS

Burns, Russell	Alberta	Corbett, Chris	Melfort
Curtis, Katie	Humboldt	Dornan, Barbara	Regina
Gunningham, Linda	Regina	Hofley, Kathryn	General Council
Horner, John	Creelman	Iverson, Marilee	Meota
Kocski, Verna	Unity	Kostichuk, Bev	Yorkton
Lee, Sun	McCord	Little, Elaine	Hazlet
Littlechief, Roberta		Mitchell-Walker, Brian	Regina
Mungal, Suzette	UCRD Rep.	Nelson, Vicki	Lumsden Beach Camp
Pike, Frank	Saskatoon	Pike, Nancy	Saskatoon
Salie, Joyce	North Battleford	Saulteaux, David	
Standingready, Lorna	Regina	Starblanket, Margaret	Wanakapew
Starr, Edith	Wanakapew	Tessier, Joan	Fort Qu'Appelle
Thurlow, George	Meadow Lake	Tudor, Bryan	Regina
Tudor, Marion	Regina	Wyatt, Bob	La Ronge

REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF

Burns, Charlene	Alberta	Diebert, Bev	Moose Jaw
Dootoff, Heather	Regina	Graham, Julie	Saskatoon
McCarthy, Shannon	Winnipeg	McKay, Jamie	Winnipeg
McLuhan-Myers, Madeleine	Regina	Medland, Karen	Edmonton (OV Minister)
Mohn, Kent	Saskatoon	Murton, Tracy	Saskatoon

**Living Skies Regional Council Meeting
May 30, 2019 – June 2, 2019**

**Day One -
Session One**

Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 2:00PM

**Gathering of
Regional Council**

Registration began on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 2:00 PM. An orientation for Table Hosts' Training began at 1:00 PM and was held and an orientation for Newcomers Training was held.

Singing

James MacLauchlan led those gathering in singing.

**Call to Order &
Welcome**

Annette Taylor, Chair of the Living Skies Regional Council Transition Commission, introduced herself and welcomed all to the meeting. She formally declared the meeting of the Living Skies Inaugural Regional Meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Annette shared the following statement from Monique Poisson-Fast, designer of our logo: The theme "Together on a Journey" evokes for me an image of a long and winding road, stretching out into the distance. From where we stand now, the destination is obscured and our path is uncertain, but we will navigate this road together. The three people represent many more, and hold hands as a symbol of unity and connectedness. They stand already partway along the path, showing that we are continuing a journey rather than starting one. We remember the journeys of our ancestors in faith, and we clear a path for future generations. The colour blue is a deep colour to me: as deep as the ocean, representing the depth of our faith and love. Despite our differences, despite the hills and valleys and twists and turns, we commit to travel this road together, hand in hand.

**Treaty Territory
Acknowledgement**

Elder Bernice Saulteaux made the following declaration:

"We are in Treaty 4 Territory. Our people lived in the Cypress Hills area. Cypress Hills have always been what our people call our homeland, so I welcome all of you who are here today, as well as our ancestors who aren't here today. As we live together, our ancestors are still with us. There is a blade of sweet grass on each of the tables. This is our medicine."

Annette acknowledged those in the room who are Elders, Indian Residential School Survivors, and 60s Scoop Survivors.

**Introduction of
Dignitaries &
Guests**

Guests from the community were invited to join the meeting to bring greetings from their offices:

- **Ron Toles**, Deputy Mayor, brought greetings on behalf of the City of Swift Current.
- **Pastor Lois Bukar** brought greetings on behalf of the Swift Current & Area Ministerial Association
- **Everett Hindley**, Member of the Provincial Legislature for the Swift Current Constituency, brought greetings on behalf of his constituency.

- **David Anderson**, Member of Parliament for the riding of Cypress Hills-Grasslands was unable to be present, but sent a letter which was read by Chair Annette Taylor.

Annette introduced the following guests from General Council:

- David Armour; Executive Minister of Philanthropy and President of the UCC Foundation;
- Alexandra Belaskie, Program Assistant with EDGE.

Also introduced were:

- Kathryn Hofley, Stewardship and Gift Officer;
- Karen Medland, Office of Vocation Minister;
- Deb Kigar, Program Coordinator Trainer, Pastoral Relations Policy and Processes;
- Charlene Burns, Community Capacity Development Coordinator; and
- Richard Manley-Tannis, Principal of St. Andrew's College.

Also, introduced were:

- Sexual Misconduct Consultant: Pam Thomas;
- Meeting Chaplains: Cam Fraser, Michelle Rowe and Bonnie Morton;
- Meeting Planning Convenor: Barb MacNaughton; and
- Floor Managers: Marion and Bryan Tudor.

Opening Worship

Worship was led by Bernice Saulteaux, Charlene Burns, and Russ Burns. Bernice did a dry smudge. Russ gave thanks. Charlene taught two Cree words. Charlene named the Indigenous Communities of Faith within the region: Whitecap Dakota First Nation No. 94, Cote First Nation No. 64, Carry the Kettle Nakoda First Nation, White Bear First Nation No. 70, Peepeekisis First Nation No. 81, and Regina Outreach.

Announcements

Barb MacNaughton made some opening announcements regarding the location of services and meeting procedures. She introduced Deb Kigar, here to help folks with Church Hub and Karen Medland, Office of Vocation Minister. Also, introduced were: Sexual Misconduct Consultant: Pam Thomas at table #21; Meeting Chaplains: Cam Fraser at table #34, Michelle Rowe at table 35 and Bonnie Morton at table #6; Meeting Planning Convenor: Barb MacNaughton; and Floor Managers: Marion and Bryan Tudor.

Enabling Motions MOTION #001-2019

Barb MacNaughton / Doug Haroldson
That Living Skies Regional Council approve the enabling motions #1-10.

CARRIED

1. **Roll of Regional Council:** that the Roll of the Regional Council for the purposes of the Inaugural 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)

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 Meeting:** that for voting purposes the bounds of the council Meeting shall be the numbered tables on the floor, when in session and that the Living Skies Regional Council hold a Celebration of Ministry Service including ordination, commission and admission to the order of ministry of The United Church of Canada on June 2, 2019 at 10:00am at First United Church, 223 Third Ave. NE, Swift Current to fulfill its responsibility to ordain, commission and admit those whom the Office of Vocation has confirmed as having completed all the requirements and whom the Regional Council has confirmed have a covenantal relationship in place with a community of faith.
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 Chair.
6. **Election Procedures for Vacancies in Regional Council Appointed Positions:** that the Nominating Committee present a proposal with a slate of names for all vacancies at a time prior to the agenda time for voting; and that all other nominations be presented in writing to the convener of the Nominating Committee, or her/his designate.
7. **Scrutineers:** that the responsibilities of Scrutineers are to distribute, collect and count ballots, reporting the result to the President or Executive Minister; and to count show-of- hand votes when requested by the President or the Council.
8. **Agenda Committee:** that the Agenda Committee for this inaugural meeting of the Regional Council be the members of the Regional Council Meeting Planning Committee, plus one person designated as Parliamentarian, Rob Reed.
9. **Materials to be Distributed:** that aside from documentation relevant to this meeting, no other material shall be distributed to Regional Council Attendees or placed on tables or put on PowerPoint, within the bounds of the Regional Council Meeting without permission of one of the Regional Council Meeting Planning Committee and Convener or a designate, the President, or the Executive Minister.
10. **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.

**MOTION
#002-2019**

Rob Reed / Bonnie Morton

That having solicited suggestions, invited feedback from Indigenous neighbours, and having voted across the regional council, we ratify the online decision to name ourselves Living Skies Regional Council.

CARRIED

Table Group Time

Annette invited the gathering to table group time for 15 minutes. The groups were invited to introduce themselves and to talk about their hopes for this meeting.

**Introducing
Workshops**

Julie Graham gave the court an introduction to the workshops that will happen tomorrow afternoon. She also brought the court's attention to the over 100 items for the silent auction.

**Overview of the
Business process**

The Living Skies Regional Council Commission approved in principle the use of the General Council model for business at the inaugural meeting in Swift Current, 2019. It is found on Page A11 of the docket.

Shannon explained the three-phase business process: Listening, Discussion, Decision.

**Commission Chair's
Report**

Bonnie Morton assumed the chair.

Annette Taylor gave a report from the transition commission (B3) and thanked the members of the commission.

Bonnie thanked Annette for her leadership and said that she enjoyed serving on the commission.

Annette Taylor resumed the chair.

**Executive
Minister's Report**

Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister reported:

Happy to be back for the inaugural meeting. Thanked everyone for their patience as we try to share as much information as we can with you. Everything hasn't happened exactly how it happened in the past.

It's been 150 days since we have started the new system. It took 94 years to create the old structure. Breathe deep. In those 150 days, the commission was meeting every two weeks. They were also meeting on the property, pastoral relations, etc. Shannon invited them on the stage to offer the thanks of the Regional Council.

A lot of things have changed for staff as well. The office closed and was started again in multiple locations. It is important to thank them for all their hard work in the midst of all the changes: Shannon invited the staff to the stage to thank them.

Dave Whalley acknowledged the hard work of Shannon McCarthy.

**General Council
Report**

A video from the Right Rev. Moderator Richard Bott was shown to the court.

Katie Curtis, David Armour, and Mitchell Anderson gave a report on the new Denominational council and the work being done by Mission and Service.

Katie Curtis, General Council Executive (GCE)

Also went through restructuring, group elected based on skills, gifts, and diversity. The GCE came to decision about how work will be guided. We turned to words from the New Creed:

We are called to be the Church:

- to celebrate God's presence,
- to live with respect in Creation,
- to love and serve others,
- to seek justice and resist evil,
- to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
- our judge and our hope.

Following the issues raised about racism at the 43rd General Council, how are we responding? Through the lens of faith formation. Through the work of the White Privilege working group. Statements made in Oshawa, we have no question that is something our church must face, discuss, and look at, if we are really to live into faith. Faith formation continues with Moderator Richard Bott, to discuss how to create disciples of Christ. What does it look like in our changing world?

David Armour, Executive of Philanthropy and President of United Church

To live with Respect in Creation.

David highlighted the work out side of Canada. Money raised for cyclone relief, changes in the environment. Focused with partners in Korea, Central America, and a visit to Palestine. People in partnership, short term pilgrimage long term global service.

To love and serve others.

David highlighted the Mission and Service Fund. Incredible generosity last year from UCW, congregations, individual, over 24 million dollars. It is hoped that structural clarity will fund M&S across Canada, around the world that will strengthen the church, restructure funding at the local level, with its support for the areas of right relations, within the mission and 4.9 million through the justice funds.

Mitchell Anderson, General Council Executive (GCE)

To seek justice and resist evil.

Justice, UC in this moment, seeking justice for Indigenous Communities of Faith. When 43rd General Council gathered, we adopted at the invitation of indigenous church, a new relation between settler and indigenous people and the way we live together. Key moment will be National Indigenous Spiritual Gathering, August 8-11, 2019. The indigenous church will gather to discern where God is leading us and how we want to live together. If you are leading worship on sun Aug 11, lift up a prayer for the National Indigenous Gathering.

To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

One of the priorities is around discipleship. What does it mean to be disciples, in our time? Hearing from multiple perspectives, history of colonization, communities to solidarity, flawed and broken, we as a new Executive are trying to live out in new ways, we know people are sometimes worried, each time we gather from coast to coast, we prepare a pastoral letter, to remind you that we serve local communities of faith, we are deeply concerned with that work. That is why GCE has invited people to attend all regional gatherings from coast to coast, we don't represent the regional councils but the entire United Church of Canada. As we live out the work of GCE, we hope we can be excited, and we can proclaim Jesus, our judge and our hope.

Prayer: (1 of 6)

Cindy Bourgeois led the gathering in prayer.

We watched a short video prepared by Music United and another video from the Centre for Christian Studies.

**St. Andrew's
College Report**

Richard Manley-Tannis presented the St. Andrew's College Report.

**Structure
Introduction**

Annette Taylor, Bev Kostichuk and Shannon McCarthy presented the new Living Skies Regional Council Structure (see attached Structure Handbook).

There was an opportunity for questions and then the gathering broke into table groups to discuss the new structure.

The table groups came back with further questions that were answered by staff and members of the transition commission.

Announcements

Barb announced that meals would be upstairs and gave directions to the elevator for those that need it.

**Grace and Supper
Break:**

Hyun Heo said grace and at 5:30 PM the meeting was adjourned until 7:00p.m.

**Day One -
Session Two**

Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 7:00PM

Singing

James McLauchlan led the court in singing.

**Structure,
continued...**

We continued the discussion on structure. It was suggested that more time was needed for the delegates to consider the new structure. The motion to approve the new structure was rescheduled to the next day.

Nominations #2

Bev Kostichuk presented the Nominations report. She spoke to the written report found in the docket on pages F1-2. This indicated the positions both filled and vacant.

Bev thanked those who had accepted positions and also thanked others for their discernment.

Bev added the changes that had happened since the printing of the docket:
To the Regional Council Executive, Treasurer: Donna Brown (L) 3 year term; to the Regional Meeting Planning Committee, Bonnie Morton (DLM) 3 year term; to the Nominations committee, the name of Gary Johnson (DLM) 2 year term.

Bev reminded the delegates that they would be electing the Convener of the Regional Gathering and the Chairperson of the Commission on Saturday and asked them to have their nomination forms back by 7:00 PM on Friday evening.

Prayer: (2 of 6) Salesi Takau led the delegates in prayer.

Introduction of Candidates and speeches Karen Medland, Office of Vocation Minister, explained the change in the process of approving candidates for ministry within the new structure. The Office of Vocation (OV) is a commission; their decisions cannot be overturned, the work has been done, and their decision has already been made.

Tonight we will we will meet and hear from our three candidates and celebrate with them.

Karen then introduced Keith Hall, candidate for Diaconal Ministry; Mitchell Anderson, candidate for Ordained Ministry and YongSeok Baek, candidate for admissions.

The plenary welcomed Keith Hall, Mitchell Anderson, and YongSeok Baek.

Memorial Worship Jordan Cantwell / Mathias Ross
The evening worship service included a memorial for those Regional Council members who had died in the past year, and congregations that had closed.

Announcements Barb MacNaughton announced that as there are no scheduled breaks, please feel free to take one as you need. Pastoral relations reports are on the tables. Please visit the display tables.

Adjournment Annette Taylor adjourned the meeting for the evening at 8:30 PM until 9:00 AM tomorrow, with singing starting at 8:45AM

Day Two - Session One **Friday, May 31, 2019 at 9:00AM**

The meeting resumed with singing lead by Aliah Nelson and Colin Elliot. Carolyn McBean was acknowledged for submitting the name Living Skies that was eventually chosen as the new regional council's name.

Worship The morning worship was led by SunDo Hyun, admissions candidate.

Four Directions Prayer: East Aliah Nelson & Colin Elliot

Finance Presentation	Shannon McCarthy, Living Skies Executive Minister gave a report on finances. Questions were taken from the floor of the court.
Business 1-Listening	The proposals were presented and an opportunity was provided for questions of clarification.
Pastoral Relations Report	Tracy Murton offered thanks to all those who have done the work of Pastoral Relations in the transition and in the Regional Council and highlighted the Pastoral Relations report in the docket.
Office of Vocation Report	Karen Medland gave a power point presentation on the work of the Office of Vocation and Office of Vocation Ministers.
Instructions for Silent Auction and Workshops	<p>Julie Graham gave instructions on how the silent auction to raise money for the Mission & Service Fund would work.</p> <p>She also gave information about how the workshops would happen and where they would take place.</p>
Announcements	Announcements were shared with the court by Barb MacNaughton.
Four Directions Prayer: South	Lorna Standingready
Grace	The music team of Aliah Nelson and Colin Elliot led the court in a sung grace and the meeting broke for lunch at 12pm.

**Day Two -
Session Two**

Friday, May 31, 2019 at 1:30PM

Silent Auction with a Twist	Charlene Burns acted as auctioneer for the silent auction with items donated by regional council delegates. \$4,466 was raised for Mission & Service.
Workshops	Two session of workshops were held during the afternoon. Each session was 75 minutes with 15 minutes between them for getting to and from the sessions. At the completion of the second session, the meeting was adjourned until 7:00PM.

**Day Two -
Session Three**

Friday, May 31, 2019 at 7:00PM

Structure MOTION #003-2019	<p>The gathering returned to the structure discussion from Thursday evening.</p> <p>Tim Ellis / Wendy Gibson</p> <p>That Living Skies Regional Council ratify our Working Governance Structure as presented and described in the Structure Handbook.</p>
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CARRIED

Business 2 – Discussion Table groups were given time to discuss the proposals and to give feedback regarding changes via written forms.

There was no formal adjournment.

**Day Three -
Session One**

Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 9:00AM

Singing Aliah Nelson and Colin Elliot led those gathered in singing.

**Regional Council
Priority
Conversation** We were led through a process to begin to discern the priorities using the Regional Council Purpose from the Manual.

Nominations The nominations for the positions of Convenor for the Regional Gathering and Chair for the Living Skies Regional Council Executive were brought forward.

#004-2019 **Convenor for the Regional Gathering 2020, Rob Reed was acclaimed by the court. Appointment for one year.**

#005-2019 **Chair for the Living Skies Regional Council Executive, Tricia Gerhard was acclaimed by the court. Appointment for three years.**

**MOTION
#006-2019** **Miles Russell / Diane Thurlow
That the Living Skies Regional Council name those persons listed on pages 1-2 of the 2019 – 2020 Living Skies Regional Council Docket including those who have been reported at this meeting to have been nominated and/or elected, to the positions listed for the region year 2019-2020.**

CARRIED

Prayer (4 of 6) Matthew Drabble led the court in prayer.

Singing **Aliah and Colin led the gathering in singing**

**Clusters and
Networks** We had a time where we hear an overview, short stories, and table group conversations regarding how we would encourage clusters and networks.

Stewardship David Armour made a presentation on stewardship.

Kathryn Hofley gave her report and retirement remarks. The court thanked her for her dedicated service to the work.

Announcements Barb made more announcements and then said grace for lunch.

**Day Three -
Session Two**

Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 1:30PM

Singing Aliah Nelson and Colin Elliot led those gathered in singing.

Business 3 - Bill Unger and George Thurlow, two members of the business team brought the
Deciding proposals back for voting with changes that arose from the discussion time.

MOTION Bill Unger/George Thurlow
#007-2019 That Living Skies Regional Council prepare and present a brief containing proposals
Proposal 1 from Living Skies Regional Council pertaining to provincial decision making and that
– The Brief the Executive appoint an ad hoc task group to do this as required.

CARRIED

MOTION George Thurlow/Bill Unger
#008-2019 That Living Skies Regional Council affirm the importance of Outreach Ministries,
Proposal 9 Ecumenism, Camps and Chaplaincies; and that in order to assist in funding these
– Funding for ministries through regional council grants the Regional Council assess Communities of
Outreach Ministries Faith and explore alternative sources of funding for the ministries.
of Living Skies
Regional Council

CARRIED

MOTION George Thurlow/Bill Unger
#009-2019 That the Living Skies Regional Council assessment of Communities of Faith for 2020
and 2021 be 20% of the denominational assessment.

An amendment was moved:

Deb Walker / Darrell Reine

That the Living Skies Regional Council assessment of Communities of Faith for 2020
and ~~2021~~ be 20% of the denominational assessment.

Amendment DEFEATED

An amendment was moved:

John Daisley / Patti Sawchuk

That the Living Skies Regional Council assessment of Communities of Faith for 2020
and 2021 be 10% of the denominational assessment.

Amendment DEFEATED

An amendment was moved:

Russell Mitchell-Walker / Cameron Fraser

That the Living Skies Regional Council assessment of Communities of Faith for 2020
and 2021 be 20% of the denominational assessment and that the regional council
encourage communities of faith or clusters of Communities of Faith to support
funding these United Church specialized ministries locally and thereby reduce their
denominational assessment.

Amendment CARRIED

Motion as amended:

Russell Mitchell-Walker / Cameron Fraser

That the Living Skies Regional Council assessment of Communities of Faith for 2020 and 2021 be 20% of the denominational assessment and that the regional council encourage communities of faith or clusters of Communities of Faith to support funding these United Church specialized ministries locally and thereby reduce their denominational assessment.

CARRIED

**MOTION
#010-2019**

George Thurlow/Bill Unger

That the Regional Council will provide bridge funding up to \$100,000 in 2019 based on priorities and need as determined by the Grants Committee.

CARRIED

**MOTION
#011-2019
Proposal 2
– Regional Mission
Staffing**

Bill Unger/George Thurlow

That Living Skies Regional Council affirms the importance of having Regional Council Mission Staff and refers the feedback from workshops, the priority conversation and from proposal #2 “Regional Mission Staffing” to the Executive for further exploration of budget implications, mission definition and possible consultation with the tri-region for shared staffing.

CARRIED

Prayer (5 of 6)

Yvonne Terry led the gathering in prayer

**Covenanting with
Staff**

Staff and the transitional commission members were invited on stage. The staff were presented to the gathering and then Annette Taylor presided over a covenanting service with the staff. The staff were then presented with thank you cards and “*Prairie Trails – Prairie Tales, A collection of stories from southwest Saskatchewan.*”

Staff serving Living Skies Regional Council (and two other regions):

Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister;
Jamie McKay, Program Administrator; and
Heather Dootoff, Financial Administrator.

Staff serving the Living Skies Regional Council:

Tracy Murton, Pastoral Relations Minister;
Julie Graham, Minister of Education, Visioning, and Transition;
Kent Mohn, Minister of Youth and Young Adults;
Heather Dootoff, Financial Administrator;
Bev Diebert, Administrative Support,
Madeleine McLuhan-Meyers, Archivist.

President's Pin	<p>Bonnie Morton was the last President of Saskatchewan Conference. Normally Past Presidents are recognized at the Service of Praise but she is unable to be there tomorrow, so we are doing it now. It was noted that Bonnie took sabbatical time to fulfill her role as Conference President and visit all the presbyteries during her short term.</p> <p>Annette Taylor presented Bonnie Morton with the last Past President's Pin.</p> <p>Bonnie said it was an honour to serve and thanked the court for the opportunity.</p>
Video	<p>A video, "Faithful Footprints" was played.</p>
Business 3 - Deciding	<p>Bill Unger and George Thurlow, resumed the process of bringing the revised proposals before the court.</p>
MOTION #012-2019 Proposal 8 – Affirming Process	<p>George Thurlow/Bill Unger</p> <p>That Living Skies Regional Council Executive name a task group to begin the educational process of becoming an Affirming Regional Council through Affirm United/S'Affirmer Ensemble; and that the Living Skies Regional Council provide agenda time in 2020 for education regarding becoming an Affirming Regional Council.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
MOTION #013-2019 Proposal 6 – Peace In Korea	<p>Bill Unger/George Thurlow</p> <p>That Living Skies Regional Council ask the Executive to write a letter as requested in Proposal 6.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
MOTION #014-2019 Proposal 3 – Refugee Liaison	<p>George Thurlow/Bill Unger</p> <p>That Living Skies Regional Council Executive appoint two people into the refugee liaison position to live out the job description as described in the "Refugee Liaison Proposal."</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
MOTION #015-2019 Proposal 4 – Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation	<p>Bill Unger/George Thurlow</p> <p>That Living Skies budget to maintain our membership in the Saskatchewan Council for IC, to be reviewed by the Executive in three years; and that the nominations committee of the Living Skies Regional Council find two people who would be willing to act as our representative to SCIC, to be appointed by the Regional Council.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
Proposal 5 – Protecting Rural Communities	<p>Withdrawn by originator</p>

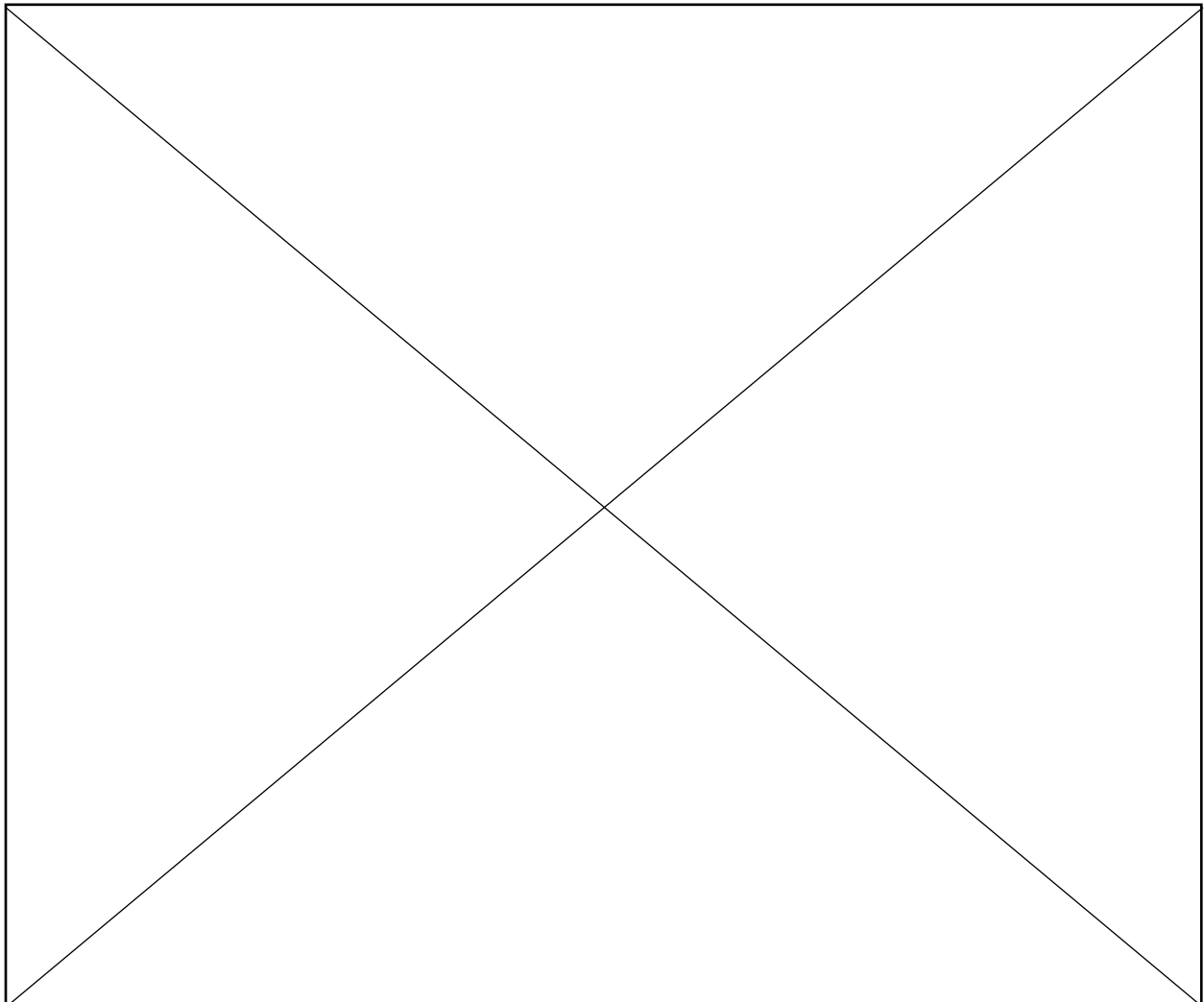
Proposal 7 – Access to Sacraments	Withdrawn by originator
Prayer (6 of 6)	Piotr Strzelecki led the gathering in prayer.
Registration Report	Barb reported that there were 245 registered attendees (52 women and 37 men), up 13 from last year, with 207 voting delegates. There were 89 ministry personnel and 121 lay delegates, 17 registered visitors, 4 guests, and 3 musicians. There will be an additional 30 visitors for the Celebration of Ministry Banquet. Other various visitors dropped in for a few hours.
Announcements	Registration was a problem this year. Next year, remember you must receive a confirmation email or else your registration was not completed, even if you paid. Next year's regional meeting is in Humboldt, SK from May 21-24, 2020.
Silent Auction Report	Deb Anderson-Pratt reported that the silent auction with a twist raised \$4493. Deb sang a song of praise.
Special Thanks	Tricia Gerhard thanked Annette Taylor for her work as the Chair of the Transition Commission. Annette said it had been an honour.
Unfinished Business	There was no unfinished business.
Courtesies	Jim Tenford wrote a song as a way of thanking all the people who made this gathering possible. We all joined in the singing.
Closing Motions #016-2019	June Blau / Beth Johnston That Living Skies Regional Council approve Humboldt, SK as the meeting place for the second gathering of Living Skies Regional Council on May 21-24, 2019. CARRIED
#017-2019	Bob Hayes / Brenda Simon That Living Skies Regional Council Executive be empowered to do all routine and emergent business which the regional council itself may do. CARRIED
#018-2019	Darrell Reine/ Tim Ellis That the minutes of the inaugural gathering of Living Skies Regional Council be printed in the Record of Proceedings after being reviewed by the Executive Minister. CARRIED
Adjournment / Benediction	Annette adjourned the Living Skies Regional Council Inaugural Meeting at 5:35 PM.
Worship	Led by Emmanuel Menyereye and music provided by Aliah and Colin.

Four Directions Bruce Kakakaway
Prayer: West

Annette Taylor, Chair

Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister

Jamie McKay, Recording Secretary



PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMISSION
Living Skies Regional Council
Developing Report 2019

LEGEND: C = Call PR = Provisional Call **Dates:** Listed as month/day/year
 * = part time + = indicates *change* in Call/Appointment

Ministry Abbreviations used in this report:

OM = Ordained Minister DM = Diaconal Minister
 US = United Supply Minister RS = Retired Supply Minister
 IM = Interim Minister
 DLM = Designated Lay Minister
 CS = Candidate Supply (Candidate whose education and field requirements are *complete*)
 SS = Student Supply (Candidate whose education and/or field requirements are *in process*)
 IS = Intern Supply (Candidate who has completed all OM/DM requirements except internship)
 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 AND SPECIAL MINISTRIES

<u>Community of Faith</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Bridging Waters	Call	Beth W. Johnston (OM)	05/01/19
Cut Knife	Call	YongSeok Baek (OS/OM)	06/03/19*
Hudson Bay	Call	Bradley Wudrich (OM)	07/01/19
Meadow Lake	Call	SunDo Hyun (OM)	07/01/19
Saskatoon: St. Martin's	Call	Keith Hall (DM)	07/01/19
Wilkie, Scott	Call	YongSeok Baek (OS/OM)	06/03/19*

COMPLETED APPOINTMENTS

<u>Community of Faith</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Big River	Dave Whalley (DLM-RS)	07/01/19-06/30/22*
Clavet	Bonita Chad (OM – RS)	03/20/19-03/20/20*
Delisle – Vanscoy	Shelly Manley-Tannis (OM)	04/01/19-03/01/20*
Elrose	James (Jim) MacNaughton (DLM)	07/01/19-06/30/20*
Esterhazy	Mavis Peddie Peters (CS)	06/15/19-06/15/20*
Indian Head: St. Andrew's	John Sellwood (DLM – RS)	07/01/19-06/30/20*
Kyle-Lacadena	James (Jim) MacNaughton (DLM)	07/01/19-06/30/20*
Lanigan-Nokomis	Mitchell Anderson (CS)	05/01/19-06/30/19*
Lanigan-Nokomis	Mitchell Anderson (OM)	07/01/19-06/30/20
Melville: First	Brian Mee (OM)	04/01/19-06/30/21*
Moosomin: Bethel	Carolyn E. Woodall (IM)	07/01/19-06/30/21
Mount Royal Emmanuel	Joan Brown (DM-R)	07/01/19-06/30/20*
Northern Sask. Hospital Chaplaincy	Joan Brown (DM-R)	07/01/19-06/30/20*
Regina Anti-Poverty Ministries	Peter Gilmer (DLM)	01/01/19-12/31/19
Regina Anti-Poverty Ministries	Bonnie Morton (DLM)	01/01/19-12/31/19
Saskatoon: Grace-Westminster	Shelly Manley-Tannis (OM)	01/01/19-03/31/19*
Saskatoon: McClure	Brian Walton (OM)	01/01/19-06/30/19
Wolseley	Mary Young (DM)	01/01/19-06/30/19*

RETIREMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Christie, Catherine	12/31/18	Mohn, Duane	12/31/18
Kinrade, Shelby		Rennie-Laing, Joan	06/01/19
Leuty, Marilyn	04/30/19	Shin, Karl	06/30/19
Maxwell, David	08/01/18	Wyatt, Heather	06/30/19

ORDER OF MINISTRY DISCONTINUED SERVICE LIST (DISCIPLINARY)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
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ORDER OF MINISTRY DISCONTINUED SERVICE LIST (VOLUNTARY)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>
Coffey-Olson, Jan	12/13/18

MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF MINISTRY RETAINED BY ACTION OF COMMITTEE¹

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Most Recent Retention Ends</u>
Antosh, Kim (DLM)	
Beardsall, Sandra (OM)	St. A's College
Bodnaryk, Sharron (OM)	06/30/19
Brubacher, Mary (OM)	06/30/19
Eidsness, Christa (OM)	06/30/19
Gallagher, Jane (OM)	06/30/19
Grigg, Darilyn A. (DM)	
Hedlin, Heather (OM)	06/30/18
Janzen-Ball, Jennifer (OM)	St. A's College
Jones, David (OM)	06/30/19
Kim-Cragg, David (OM)	06/30/19
Legge, Roland (DM)	06/30/19
Manley-Tannis, Richard (DM)	St. A's College
Schweitzer, Don (OM)	St. A's College
Wartman, Mark (OM)	06/30/19

COMMUNITY OF FAITH IN PASTORAL RELATIONS PROCESS²

<u>Pastoral Charge</u>	<u>Date Vacant</u>	<u>Liaison</u>
Assiniboia	05/01/19	Duane Filson
Balgonie-McLean		Cam Fraser / Linda Gunningham
Biggar		Lyall Campbell
Cabri-Hazlet-Pennant*	07/01/15	
Carrot River/Arborfield*	07/01/17	Charles McKenzie / Maureen Donald
Crossroads		Janice Edwards
Davidson		Ernie Pryor
Eatonia/Martario*	01/01/17	
Foam Lake		Bill Unger

¹ Retained on the roll was part of the Settlement Policy that was eliminated at GC43 and will not appear next year.

² 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 Vacant</u>	<u>Liaison</u>
Fort Qu'Appelle: St. Andrew's*	08/14/16	
Grenfell		John Sellwood / Lynette Callfas
Heritage	06/30/19	Shirley Crone
KeLRose		Brian Mee
La Ronge	06/30/19	Dave Whalley
Long Lake*	01/01/17	
Melfort		Dave Whalley
North Battleford	07/01/18	Sue Bernier/ Lorna Brick
Northern Lakes*	07/01/17	Louise Robson
Perdue	06/26/18	Bill Pollock
Pine Cree	09/27/14	Michele Rowe
Prairie Spirit*	04/01/14	
Radville	06/30/19	June Blau
Rosetown		Jim McNaughton
Regina: Heritage	04/01/19	Shirley Crone
Regina: Wesley		Darrel Reine
Saskatoon: Mayfair	01/20/19	Ian Coulthard
Saskatoon: McClure United Church	07/15/18	Kathleen James Cavan / Michael Webster
Saskatoon: Knox		Keith Hall
Saskatoon: St. Martin's		Dave Moors
Saskatoon: St. Thomas Wesley		EunKyu Ji
Shellbrook-Leask	06/26/18	Nora Vedress
Shell Lake Partners in Worship		Glenn Honig
South SK Hospital Chaplaincy		Jim Balfour / Liz Ivanochko
Spirit Hills*	09/01/16	
Star City		Jeanette Stevenson
St. Paul's International		Susan Reed
Tisdale		Dave Whalley
Turtle River Parish		Jo-Ann Hills
Watrous/Young		Jeanette Warrian
Wolseley		John Sellwood / Lynette Callfas

Recognized Current Sacrament Elders

<u>Name</u>	<u>License Expires</u>	<u>Congregation</u>
Akins, Eleanor	June 30, 2019	Plainsview
Alexander, Neil	June 30, 2019	Avonlea – Blue Hills: Avonlea
Alexandersen, Kathleen	June 30, 2019	Crystal Springs
Arndt, Patricia	June 30, 2019	Esterhazy
Ball, Geri	June 30, 2019	Mortlach
Balas, Laura	June 30, 2019	New Venture: Ponteix
Bernier, Sue	June 30, 2019	Biggar
Bjarnason, Rosellen	June 30, 2019	Spirit of Hope: Wynyard
Chuiko, Meredith	June 30, 2019	
Court, Gladys	June 30, 2019	Kinistino
Daisley, Rosalie	June 30, 2019	Hudson Bay
Fitzpatrick, Gloria	June 30, 2019	Eatonia – Mantario (moving)

<u>Name</u>	<u>License Expires</u>	<u>Congregation</u>
Fowler, Sandra	June 30, 2019	Spirit Hills: Tugaske
Girard, Sharon	June 30, 2019	Pine Cree
Halliday, Paulette	June 30, 2019	Luseland
Kirby, Linda	June 30, 2019	Borderlands: Coronach
Little, Elaine	June 30, 2019	Cabri, Hazlet, Pennant
Lyster, Patricia	June 30, 2019	Balcarres
Morris, Shelly	June 30, 2019	Little Cutarm: Atwater
Pearce, Cheryl	June 30, 2019	Goose Lake: Zealandia
Porter, Marion	June 30, 2019	
Schmidt, Diane	June 30, 2019	Prairie Spirit
Seymour, Bev	June 30, 2019	Goose Lake: Harris
Smith, Marie	June 30, 2019	Eatonia - Mantario
Thurlow, Diane	June 30, 2019	Meadow Lake
Yost, Carla	June 30, 2019	Borderlands: Rockglen

Recognized Licensed Lay Worship Leaders

<u>Name</u>	<u>Licensed to</u>	<u>Congregation</u>
Alexander, Neil	November 18, 2020	Avonlea
Baerwald, Beth		
Bamforth, Emily	November 18, 2020	
Beck, Judy		Lang
Berge, Diane		
Bjarnason, Rosellen	December 31, 2019	Wynyard
Bowie, Eleanor	November 18, 2020	
Brisow, Mavis	December 31, 2019	
Cartmell, Karen		
Challoner, Tricia	December 31, 2019	Norquay
Chuiko, Meredith	June 30, 2020	
Dahlgren, Dave		
Dahlin, Velda	December 31, 2019	Norquay
Daisley, Rosalie		Hudson Bay
Dale, Hilda		Craik
Dickey, John	December 31, 2019	
Dokken, Susan	April 18, 2020	
Elliot, Sharon		
Fowler, Sandra	November 18, 2020	Spirit Hills: Tugaske
Francis, Jani		
Friesen, Henry		
Gagnon, Diane	June 30, 2020	
Goodman, Cindy	December 31, 2019	Wynyard
Grand, Mary Anne	December 31, 2019	Punnichy
Greggersen, Linda	December 31, 2019	
Hain, Norma	November 18, 2020	Swift Current: First
Herman, Garth		
Hilderman, Henrietta	December 31, 2019	Govan

<u>Name</u>	<u>Licensed to</u>	<u>Congregation</u>
Ireland, Bev		
Jones, Jeri-Lee		
Kirby, Linda	November 18, 2020	Borderlands: Coronach
Klassen, Linda		Regina Beach
Knoll, Carol	December 31, 2019	Orcadia / Yorkton
Kocski, Verna	June 30, 2020	
Larsen, Lynn	December 31, 2019	Preeceville
Little, Elaine	November 18, 2020	Cabri, Hazlet, Pennant
Lyster, Patricia	December 31, 2019	Abernethy
Mackie, Marvin	December 31, 2019	Archerwill
Payne, Shirley	December 31, 2019	Kelvington
Pollock, Bill	December 31, 2019	
Pulfer, Jim		
Reilkoff, Gwen	December 31, 2019	Kamsack
Sallie, Joyce	June 30, 2020	
Sawchuk, Patti	December 31, 2019	Dundurn
Schmidt, Diane	June 30, 2020	Prairie Spirit
Sullivan, Linda		
Thompson, Jennifer		
Thurlow, Diane	June 30, 2020	Meadow Lake
Tober, Heather		
Tudor, Bryan		
Warrian, Jeanette	December 31, 2019	Lanigan
Watson, Sandra	November 18, 2020	
Worrall, Dale	June 30, 2020	
Wolff, Jim	June 30, 2020	

PASTORAL CHARGE SUMMARY

<u>Community of Faith</u>	<u>Ministry Personnel³</u>	<u>Call start/Appt end⁴</u>
Abbey-Lancer-Portreeve	Salesi Takau (OM)	Call - 07/01/14
Alameda	Jacqueline Van't Voort (DM)	Call - 07/01/18*
	Kathy Kyle (OM)	Call - 07/01/17*
Arcola-Kisby	Koshy David (OS)	Call - 07/01/17
Ardath		
Assiniboia	<i>(Duane Filson)</i>	
Avonlea-Blue Hill	<i>(Brian Tudor)</i>	Sunday supply
Balcarres: St. Andrew's	<i>(Rick McCorrister)</i>	Sunday Supply
Balgonie-McLean	<i>(Cam Fraser)</i>	
Battleford	Gayle Wensley (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/20*#
Beechy	<i>(Diane Schmidt)</i>	Sunday Supply
Biggar	Sharon Ferguson-Hood (IM)	Appt - 06/30/19*
Big River	Dave Whalley (DLM, RS)	Appt - 06/30/19*
Birch Hills	Duane Mohn (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/19*

³ Pastoral Charge Supervisor in italics, if applicable

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Borden	Gayle Wensley (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/20*#
Borderlands	(Duane Filson)	
Bradwell	(Donna Wilson)	Occasional supply
Bridging Waters	Beth W. Johnston (OM)	Call – 05/01/19
Broadview		
Cabri, Hazlet, Pennant	(Herb Conrad)	Searching*
Canora: St. Andrew's	Marg Janick-Grayston (OM)	Call - 02/03/15*
Carlyle	Mathias Ross (OM)	Call – 10/01/18*
Carnduff Alida	Susan Reed (DM)	Call - 07/01/07
Carrot River/Arborfield	(Nancy Steinbachs)	Searching*
Clavet	Bonita Chad	Appt - 06/30/19*
Climax	Connie Sykes (DLM)	Appt – 06/30/19*
Colleston, Steep Creek		
Colonsay	(David Kim-Cragg)	
Coteau Hills	Houen Lee (OS)	Appt - 06/30/20*#
Craik	(Barry Mitschke)	Sunday supply
Crossroads	Sherran Schick (OM, RS)	Appt - 06/30/19*
Crossroads United	Roy Bortolotto (DLM)	Appt - 07/01/20#
Crystal Springs	(Val Bodnaryk)	Occasional supply
Cut Knife	YongSeok Baek (OS)	Appt - 10/31/20*
Davidson-Girvin	(Dave Moors)	
Delisle – Vanscoy	Lindsay Mohn (OM)	Call - 07/01/18*
	Shelly Manley-Tannis (OM)	Appt – 03/01/20*
Dundurn, Hanley	Andrew Appledore (OM)	Call - 01/01/16*
Earl Grey	(Donna Rumpel)	Occasional services
Eatonia-Mantario	(Barb Finley)	Searching*
Edgeley	(Ann Barnsley)	Sunday Supply
Elrose	Jim MacNaughton (DLM, RS)	Appt - 06/30/19*
Estevan: St. Paul's International	Jason Richards (OM)	Call - 07/01/17
	Jeri-Lee Jones (SS)	Appt – 08/20/19*
Esterhazy	(Catherine Pace)	Searching*
Eston: St. Andrew's	Barb MacNaughton (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/20#
Five Oaks (SM)	Kragbe Legre (EA - Lutheran)	
Foam Lake, Leslie	Susan McIlveen (SS)	Appt – 07/31/19
Fort Qu'Appelle: St. A's	Jo Mader (appt* 06/30/19)	Searching*
Four Town	Sarah Giles (SS)	Appt - 06/30/19*
Gainsborough, Carievale	Rob Reed (DM)	Call - 07/01/07
Glenavon	Lynette Callfas (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/19*
Goose Lake	(Diane Schmidt)	Sunday Supply
Grasslands	Eunkyu Ji (OM)	Call - 07/01/18
Gravelbourg		Sunday supply
Gray	(Bonnie Morton)	Sunday supply
Grenfell		

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Gull Lake	Ken Schrag (OM, RS)	Appt - 06/30/19*
Hudson Bay		Call in process
Humboldt	Brenda Curtis (DM)	Call - 07/01/04
Imperial	Ray Purdie (OM, RS)	Appt - 06/30/19*
Indian Head	John Sellwood (DLM, RS)	Appt - 06/30/19*
Ituna	<i>(Brian Mee)</i>	Sunday Supply
Kamsack	Kevin Sprong (OM)	Appt - 06/30/20*
Kelliher	<i>(Rosellen Bjarnason)</i>	Sunday Supply
KeLRose	Brenda Simon (OM)	Call - 07/01/16
Kennedy		
Kerrobert	<i>(Helen Mooney)</i>	Sunday Supply
Kindersley	Piotr Strzelecki (OM)	Call - 07/01/16
Kinistino	<i>(Charles McKenzie)</i>	Occasional supply
Kipling	Hyun Heo (OS)	Appt - 10/31/19*
Kyle, Lacadena	Jim MacNaughton (DLM, RS)	Appt - 06/30/19*
Lafleche-Limerick	Janelle Shaw (OM)	Call - 02/18/18
Landis		Occasional supply
Langham: Knox	Kathleen James-Cavan (OM)	Call - 01/01/16*
Lanigan, Nokomis	Mitchell Anderson (SS)	Appt - 06/30/19*
La Ronge	Heather Wyatt (DM)	Call - 07/01/17*
Lashburn	<i>(Ean Kasper)</i>	Occasional supply
Leader, Sceptre	<i>(Andrew Hecker)</i>	
Lemberg, Abernethy	<i>(Mary Anne Grand)</i>	Sunday Supply
Little Cutarm	<i>(Susan Griffith)</i>	Sunday Supply
Long Lake	<i>(Dwaine Dornan)</i>	Searching*
Loreburn, Hawarden	Ursula Wiig (OM)	Call - 07/01/14*
Loverna	<i>(Helen Reed)</i>	Occasional supply
Lumsden	Marjorie Kent (OM)	Call - 06/01/09
Luseland	<i>(Faye McLean)</i>	Sunday Supply
Maidstone, Paynton	Ean Kasper (OM)	Call - 07/01/04*
Manor		
Maple Creek	Michele Rowe (OM)	Call - 07/01/18
Marsden, Neilberg	Lorna Brick (OM)	Call - 01/01/17*
Maymont	<i>(Gayle Wensley)</i>	Cong Acc. Mins
Meadow Lake	<i>(Penny Adamson)</i>	Searching
Melfort-Ethelton	Emmanuel Menyereye (OM)	Call - 01/01/10
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>(Geri Ball)</i>	
Moose Jaw: Zion	Tim Ellis (OM)	Call - 07/01/17
Moosomin: Bethel		IM appt in process
Mortlach	<i>(Darleen Stewart)</i>	

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Mossbank	Wendy Gibson (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/19*
New Venture	(Linda Stumpf)	Sunday supply
Norquay	Margaret McCallum (OM)	Call - 07/01/15*
North Battleford	(Gayle Wensley)	Searching
Northern Hospital Chaplaincy	Joan Brown (DM, RS)	Appt - 06/30/19*
Northern Hospital Chaplaincy	Cathy Coates (OM)	Call - 09/01/10
Northern Lakes	(George/Diane Thurlow)	Searching*
Ogema, Bengough, Pangman	SunDo Hyun	Appt - 06/30/19*
Outlook	Ron McConnell	Call - 07/01/17
Oxbow-Glen Ewen	Jacqueline Van't Voort (DM)	Call - 07/01/18*
Oxbow-Glen Ewen	Kathy Kyle (OM)	Call - 07/01/17*
Pelly	(Velda Dahlin)	Sunday supply
Perdue	(Brain Maitland)	
Pine Cree	(Harold Little)	Searching
Plainsview	(Russell/ Brian M-W)	Sunday supply
Plenty, Doddsland	(Marj Mack)	Sunday Supply
Prairie Points	Allan Gairns (DM)	Call - 01/01/2017
Prairie Spirit	(Denise Sweet)	Searching*
Preeceville-Sturgis	Miles Russell (OM)	Call - 07/01/83
Prince Albert: Calvary	Nora Vedress (OM)	Call - 07/01/05
Quill Plains	served from Humboldt	
Radville	SunDo Hyun (OM)	Call - 07/01/2016*
Redvers United (SM)		
Regina Anti-Poverty	Peter Gilmer (DLM)	Appt - 12/31/19
Regina Anti-Poverty	Bonnie Morton (DLM)	Appt - 12/31/19
Regina: Broadway	James Balfour (OM)	Call - 09/15/98
Regina: Eastside	Russell Mitchell-Walker (DM)	Call - 09/10/12
Regina: Heritage	Jamie Bushell (OM, IM)	Appt - 06/30/19
Regina: Knox Met	Cameron Fraser (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/21#
Regina; Lakeview	Sue Breisch (OM)	Call - 07/01/14
Regina: St. James	Diane Robinson (OM)	Call - 01/01/17*
	Laura Sundberg (OM)	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	Jo-Ann Hills (OM)	Call - 07/01/03
Saskatoon: Grace-Westminster	Daryl Woods (OM)	Call - 07/01/01
Saskatoon: Grace-Westminster	Shelly Manley-Tannis (OM)	Appt - 03/31/19*
Saskatoon: Grosvenor Park	Nobuko Iwai (OM)	Call - 08/15/15
Saskatoon ICM	Jane Jupe (OM)	Appt - 06/30/19
Saskatoon: Knox	Brian Maitland (OM)	Call - 04/01/10
Saskatoon: Mayfair	Dave Moors (OM)	Call - 07/01/02

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Saskatoon: McClure	Debra Berg (OM)	Call - 07/01/11
	Laura Fohse (DM)	Call - 07/01/06
	Brian Walton (OM)	Appt – 06/30/19
Saskatoon: Mount Royal Emmanuel	Joan Brown (DM, RS)	Appt - 06/30/19*
Saskatoon: St. David's Trinity	Bill Unger (OM)	Call - 09/01/09
Saskatoon: St. Martin's	Darren Wooff (OM)	Call - 08/06/12
	Keith Hall (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/19
	Jordan Cantwell (OM)	Call - 11/12/18
Saskatoon: St. Paul's	Deb Walker (OM)	Call - 08/01/17
Saskatoon: St. Thomas Wesley	Vicki Obedkoff (OM)	Call - 07/01/15
Shell Lake Partners in Worship	Brad Wudrich (OM)	Call - 07/01/16
Shellbrook-Leask	(Duane Mohn)	Searching*
Silton	(Danna Armstrong)	Occasional services
Smiley	(Jo-Ann Hills)	Occasional supply
Soo Line	Yvonne Terry (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/19
Southey	(Leslie Parkin)	Occasional supply
South SK Hosp Chaplaincy	(Jim Balfour)	
Speers	Gayle Wensley	Appt - 06/30/20*#
Spirit Hills	(Neil Colmin)	Searching*
Spirit of Hope*	(George Holliday)	Sunday Supply
Spiritwood Partners in Faith	Nora Borgeson (OM, RS)	Appt - 06/30/19
Springwater	(Helen Mooney)	Occasional supply
Star City		Searching*
Strasbourg	Donna Rumpel (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/19*
Stoughton*	Elizabeth Goodson (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/19*#
Swift Current: First	Annette Taylor (OM)	Call - 07/01/15
Tantallon	(Shari Forsythe-Hohm)	Sunday Supply
Theodore	Yuri Forbes-Petrovich (SS)	Appt – 06/30/19*
Tisdale: St. Paul's		
Tomkins (SM: Anglican)	(Carolyn Conarro)	Occasional supply
Turtle River (SM)	Kun Kim (OM)	Call - 08/01/11
	Don Skinner (EA - Anglican)	
Unity, Meridian (SM)	Gary Johnson (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/19
Wakaw	(Brian Walton)	Occasional supply
Wapella		Occasional services
Watrous Young	Jung-Hyun (Karl) Shin (OM)	Call - 05/01/15
Weyburn	Mohandas Barnabas (OM)	Call - 01/01/08
Wilkie, Scott	YongSeok Baek (OS)	Appt - 10/31/20*
Wolseley	Mary Young (OM, RS)	Appt - 06/30/19*
Yellow Grass	Lutheran clergy	
Yorkton: St. Andrew's	Jennifer Dresser (DM)	Call - 07/01/13
Yorkton: Westview	Deborah Smith (OM)	Call - 07/01/14

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BIOGRAPHIES

ORDAINED

MITCHELL ANDERSON

I was born and grew up in Meadow Lake, where my mother Rochelle, a member of the Métis Nation and of Mennonite ancestry, and my father Brandem, dënesuliné and a member of the English River First Nation and of British ancestry, raised me. I began to follow Jesus in my teenage years after being born again while I was coming to terms with being gay. I began to attend Grace United Church in Meadow Lake, where I was baptised and confirmed as an adult.

I moved to Saskatoon and joined Grosvenor Park United Church where I discerned a call to ministry. I attended the University of Saskatchewan earning a bachelor of arts in sociology and women's and gender studies and a master of business administration. I worked for the University of Saskatchewan in real estate before returning to St. Andrew's to finish my master of divinity. During these times I was accompanied by the communities of faith of Grosvenor Park United, St. Paul's United, Calvin-Goforth Presbyterian, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, in Saskatoon, and Grace United in Meadow Lake, where I had the opportunity to provide worship leadership. I have served the people of God of Knox United in Lanigan and Nokomis United in Nokomis during my St. Andrew's ministry residency since 2017.

The mission of God extends both within and outside of the institutional church. Outside of the church, I have sought to build more inclusive communities, whether serving on the boards of charitable organizations like Family Service Saskatoon or the Inspirit Foundation, in the cooperative system with Affinity Credit Union and Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan, or in politics through the New Democratic Party. Within the church, I have worked for the Go Project, co-chaired the planning team for Rendez-vous 2011, served on the communities in ministry committee of the General Council, helped develop the United Church's national youth strategy, and currently serve on the executive of the general council and the pension board of the United Church pension plan. I look forward to continuing to serve the mission of God who is making all things new in a variety of ways both within and outside of the Church.

Today, I make my home with my partner Jordan in Saskatoon

COMMISSIONED

KEITH HALL

As I reflect on my recent education pathway I am aware that I have been drawn to the church from an early age. My parents were founding members of our home congregation and through their expectations and my desire to be involved at every level of the church I became a dedicated "church geek." As a lay person, I was heavily involved in children's and youth music ministries in the church, sang in several adult choirs, sat on the board and worked for presbytery. I would say that these times sowed the seeds of my call to ministry which grew despite my concerted efforts to ignore it.

I was strongly encouraged by a number of people including youth, congregation members and ministry staff to pursue my gifts for ministry through the discernment process and despite a lucrative health career care and other good reasons not to, I entered discernment. I was very drawn to examining the possibilities.

The process followed by my committee over a period of 12 months concluded in June 2002. At the end of the process I discerned to, what was called at the time, a staff associate position. At the beginning of the process, I couldn't even conceive of leaving my health region career. In August 2002, I did exactly that, taking a leave and beginning work as a staff associate.

In my work, I experienced the faith of others in action and these experiences fueled a strong inward call to learn and experience more. I began to consider candidacy for ordered ministry. I was fortunate to have my former discernment committee reassigned for a second discernment process looking at options for ordered ministry. The recommendation from that process, which ended in June of 2004, was to pursue an ordination stream of study. As I processed the first few classes I began to feel more and more that I wasn't on the right path. Through the wise counsel of conference staff, colleagues and friends I decided to request a third discernment process to look at my call again and to sort out my issues related to furthering my education. This began in December of 2009 and was completed in December of 2010. The recommendation was to pursue the educational stream for Diaconal Ministry which began in June of 2013. Through my training at the Centre for Christian Studies in Diaconal Ministry my call has become louder and louder...almost deafening. I am confident that the place I find myself in at this time is exactly where I am called to be in ministry.

Diakonia means service among others, and first appears in the New Testament (Philippians 1:1 and Timothy 3:8-13). Grounded in this tradition, my concept of ministry is one of following Jesus into community, building relationships between the church and world. The gospel of Jesus invites all to this ministry: to offer compassion and accompaniment, to work for liberation and justice, to be allies for the marginalized and to act as advocates of creative transformation.

Based on this concept and Jesus's example, my theology of ministry is that through education, service, social justice, and pastoral care, diaconal ministry encourages and accompanies congregants and others to grow their faith, speak truth to power, seek mutual empowerment, proclaim prophetic hope, nurture life-giving community, foster peaceful, right relationship, within the church and in the whole of creation wherever the Spirit may lead. With God's presence and the example of Jesus' ministry I seek to accomplish this with humility, grace and hopefully a sense of humor.

I have received remarkable support through this process from many within and outside of the church.

I must acknowledge, St. Martin's United Church, River Bend Presbytery, the UCW, St. Andrew's College, Emmanuel St. Chad's and the Center for Christian Studies for the significant financial assistance I have received.

To St. Martin's United, I must acknowledge the gift of time, study leave to attend learning circles and latitude in my work to complete required readings and assignments. This was administered by a thoughtful and supportive M&P committee chaired by Beth Williamson.

I must acknowledge my ministry colleagues, Brian Walton, Michael Webster, Brandy Emmerich, more recently Jordan Cantwell, and particularly Darren Wooff who have absorbed additional work, on occasions, to accommodate my educational deadlines. There have been many congregation members and others who have supported my education and have acted on my discernment and local learning committees...Murray Tempel, Terry Clarke, Jean Nahachewsky, Carol Nagle, Muriel Baxter, Kathy Schmitz, Laurel Piot, Nicole Kenney, Jill Carey and Eileen Gudmundson.

To my classmates, Marion Martin, Tammy Bleue, Lynn McGrath, Barb McGill, Karen Orlandi, Lisa Byer-De-Wever, Tif McNaughton, Christina Crawford, Kim McNaughton and Meghan Gilholm thanks for your accompaniment and for engaging with me in the transformation that learning in community brings.

I have been blessed by significant mentors including Pat Stuart, Blanche Johnson, Dayle Armstrong, Ron McConnell, Debra Berg, Michael Webster, Gerardo Debbink, Darren Wooff, Brian Walton, Brenda Curtis, Sheila Lavender, Diane and John Lewis, Ann Naylor and Janet Ross.

Finally, to my partner Christian, my children Adam and Jordyn and their partners Stephanie and Brad and my grandsons Gabriel, Eli and Quinn, thank you. Thank you for listening to me, holding space for me, phoning me at just the right time, sending me cool cards, supporting me and lifting me in prayer. I am indeed blessed to have you all in my life.

So many have contributed to my success in this endeavor... I am humbled and grateful.
Thanks be to God

ADMITTED

YONGSEOK BAEK

I should start with the same first sentence of my address to the Court. I cannot believe I'm here. This is because I had not thought to settle down in Canada and United Church.

The more I learned about the spirituality, history, and theologies of the United Church, I realized that these fit with me, especially the church's and people's desire to seek justice and peace. At that time I had an idea that it would be great to be a small part of the United Church. That was the first step to my ministry in the United Church.

I believe that God has given me a new calling through my experiences in the United Church and studying at St. Andrew's College. I believe it is time to confirm the calling.

I would like to express my gratitude to all who have supported and encouraged me and my family. Special thanks to all the people I met at St. Andrew's College, Grosvenor Park United Church as my second hometown church, my wonderful two congregations, Wilkie and Cut Knife United Churches and my beloved family, Yujene, Soul, and Dana. I could not be here without you and all the good memories I have that we made.

I will return the love and support I have received through my ministry in the United Church. I also believe that your support will keep continuing with me. Once again, thanks to all those who have given me this opportunity.

And Thanks be to God.

RETIREEES

Catherine Christie
Shelby Kinrade
Marilyn Leuty
David Maxwell

Duane Mohn
Joan Rennie-Laing
Karl (Jung-Hyun) Shin
Heather Wyatt

RETIREEES' BIOGRAPHIES

CATHERINE CHRISTIE

My journey of ministry began in Nova Scotia, growing up there, part of a warm congregation, involved in all its aspects. Then off to university, marriage, and children. I married an Anglican priest who had a parish on Labrador coast. As the parish was large, he would go away regularly to other areas, and I would carry out the ministry at our town. It felt good and right, so when our time there was over, I enrolled in Atlantic School of Theology. My mother's comment was, "I wondered when you would do this, you always said you would be a minister". I graduated in the historic year of 1988, ordained by Maritime Conference and was settled in Redcliff of South Alberta Presbytery. Five years there, 3 in Lethbridge, then a divorce, and I answered a call to Abbey-Lancer-Portreeve. I found there a wonderful home, and served there in ministry for 13 years. One valuable opportunity that came our way was an exchange with the minister of Daringbadi, Odisha State, India for 3 months. After returning with a new view of the world, I told the congregation I felt drawn to overseas ministry. So a few years later, I applied and was commissioned by Chinook Presbytery in 2010 to serve with the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea. Seven wonderful years were spent in Korea, returning to retire in 2017, coming back to Abbey to live. My life now is divided between traveling to visit children and grandchildren in Calgary and London and honorary children in Korea and participating in the SouthWest Cluster and Worship Circle.

SHELBY KINRADE

The Spirit was there to hear my borning cry June 25, 1953 in Winnipeg, MB. Moved by the Spirit my parents presented me for baptism at age 8 (I still sometimes use my KJ Bible) gifted to me. At age 30 the Spirit moved me to confirmation at Westminster United Church in Regina led by Revs. Ross Williams and Paul Campbell. Involvement and participation in church opened my ears to a calling however I wasn't ready to follow — I misinterpreted the early call as God calling "the cat". Denial that I could qualify to follow the call I continued working within the Qu'Appelle United Church in children's programs, VBS, and UCW. In September 1994 I accepted a position I called "a holy COW—church office worker" at St. Andrew's United Church Indian Head. Working with the folks and Rev. Everett Hollis and LPM Sheila McLeod my eyes were opened to the possibility that the Spirit does not give up but awaits patiently until we are ready. Twin Valleys Presbytery and a Committee of St. Andrew's folk walked with me as I began a discernment journey. My heart began opening up to understanding "God doesn't call the qualified; God qualifies the called. In September 1996, at age 40 I entered into the LPMIT (Lay Pastoral Ministry in Training program) — intense studies for 4 years at United Theological College (part of McGill University Montreal under guidance of Phil Joudry and many wise educators. Bob Wallace of General Council asked me each year to consider transferring to the MBOP (Ministry based ordained program). I declined as I believed my calling was to Pastoral Ministry not Ordered Ministry. My 4 years as LPMIT included working 1/2 time on the Radville Pastoral Charge supported by an Educational Supervisor Carolyn McBean and Twin Valleys educational team and a Pastoral Charge lay supervision team.

In June 2001, I stood at the Saskatchewan Conference AGM held in Arcola, SK and spoke of John the Baptizer being a Biblical character I related to. Making my commitment to minister as a LPM (lay pastoral minister), receiving my stole and blessing in ministry I was presented with a NSRV Bible. One of my first ministry works was to serve communion at the service of worship and praise with a dear, wise friend Al Driver. Did the planning committee realize how special it was for Al (6 ft plus) and me (5 ft) to be united in this shared sacrament? The Spirit knew.

Ministering on the Radville Pastoral Charge (Radville, Ceylon-Hardy, Minton-Gladmar) from 2001-2007 followed by accepting a ministry position as a DLM, Recognized (name change—same work) on the Climax Pastoral Charge (Climax, Frontier, Bracken and Grace Val Marie) from 2007 to my retirement at

age 65 in July 2018. For the years 2016-2018 my ministry on the Climax PC was changed to 1/2 time which enabled me to accept the addition of 1/2 time ministry with Pine Cree Pastoral Charge (Shaunavon, Eastend) for 2 years. This change definitely provided me with many teaching and learning opportunities as we began developing changes in rural less than full time ministry and worship teams.

Changes, growth, new ideas and challenges bring new life.

The Spirit qualified me to follow the call to follow Jesus and opened my lips to proclaim God's Love.

With gratitude and grace.

MARILYN LEUTY

Marilyn has roots in southern Ontario and Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley. She grew up in Islington U.C., teaching Sunday school by age 12 at one service while attending at the other. She enjoyed C.G.I.T. and youth group there and acknowledges the wonderful teachers and leaders she had as major influences on her life and faith.

At the University of Guelph, Marilyn studied Agricultural Resource Management, which has led to a lifelong commitment to caring stewardship of God's good Creation. At Guelph, she met her future spouse, Rod Leuty; who invited her to church at Harcourt U. C. There, Marilyn was a member of the Board and a C.G.I.T leader. Rod and Marilyn married while in school; after graduation, they moved to Ottawa for work on Agriculture Canada research projects. They were active members of Emmanuel U. C., while the minister, Wilbur Howard, was Moderator and later Moderator, Anne Squire, an active influence. In 1980, the pull of faith led Leuty's to become the managers of Friendly Acres Camp near Orangeville ON (owned by St. Luke's U. C., downtown Toronto), a year round facility, hosting seniors and adult challenged people in the summers, and a wide range of groups the rest of the year. Son, David, was born while there, and the family were active in Alton U.C. Here also began Marilyn's work for the wider church on various Committees of Toronto Conference. Next, the Leuty's moved to Markdale ON; the family made maple syrup on a small scale, designed and built a passive solar house, and Marilyn was a Staff Associate at Knox U.C., Owen Sound. When the minister of Knox died suddenly in 1989, Marilyn was propelled into the pulpit and hasn't really left until this year. "Testing the waters" with a summer course at the Toronto School of Theology, Marilyn became a candidate and completed a M.Div. in 1994, while ministering at Knox, then at Walter's Falls/Temple Hill. After ordination, she continued at the latter for 6 years. During this time, she was also the editor of the worship publication "Gathering" for 5 years, and chaired Toronto Conference. In 2000, Marilyn was a nominee for Moderator. She then "did supply" in Grey Presbytery, moving on to Centennial U.C., London ON, where she helped the congregation discern a future path and lead them into a healthy amalgamation. Marilyn served on a committee of the Canadian Council of Churches from 1996 to 2006. The 2006 move was to Trinity United, Grimsby ON, where proximity to aging parents was important along with congregational life and Presbytery work. In 2012, the Leuty's decided to join their son and his family in Saskatchewan. Marilyn was called to St. Paul's, Assiniboia, and in 2014 began to also serve Coronach, and Wesley, Rockglen. Rod's help with music at St. Paul's in his retirement has been much appreciated.

A disheartening part of Marilyn's ministry was the need to help 4 congregations through the effects of thieving (3) or seriously procrastinating (1) treasurers. Unfaithful stewards suck resources out of congregations, which could be used to better purpose. Advice to all: if you are going to accept charitable status, have proper checks and balances in your church finances; no excuses!

Blessings in ministry include: the privileged access granted into people's lives, sharing their joys and difficulties in the light of the gospel; meeting people across Canada in the United Church and Canadian Council of Churches; inspiring courses and worship; and the privilege of being paid to study and reflect on scripture. Thanks be to God: Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit.

DAVID MAXWELL

David James Maxwell was born a preacher's kid, which meant he moved around a lot, a habit he's retained to this day. Born in Hamiota, Manitoba in 1953, he lived in McConnell, Glenboro, Boissevain, Crandell, St. Charles, Birtle, and Watrous. He attended Swift Current Bible Institute (1974-76), The Canadian Mennonite Bible College in Winnipeg (1977-80), and University of Manitoba (1980-83) where he attained a B. A. in History. While in Winnipeg David sang in the choirs at St. Stephen's Church-Broadway, Norwood United Church and Knox United Church. He also sang professionally in five operas with the Manitoba Opera Society. He read tarot cards professionally for six years along with his professional singing. In 1998 he attended St. Andrews College, graduating in 2001 with a Masters in Divinity. His first pastoral charge was Alameda, Sk. where he served for 2 years. He then moved to Roblin, MB for 8 years before taking on his last pastoral charge in Grenfell, SK, where he stayed for 6 years. After he retired, he and his wife Debra moved back to Canora, SK where they now reside with 2 dogs and 2 cats.

DUANE MOHN

My involvement with the United Church began in 1958 at Birch Hills, Saskatchewan, when I was 13.

I was baptized, confirmed and taught Sunday School and attended youth group there. Then, in 1968, Mary and I were married there. Almost 51 years later, we are still here.

I retired from a career in media and communications in 2000, returning to build on land a few miles from Birch Hills. Both of us had been active in the church over the years, particularly at Rosemont in Regina, where we and our three children worshipped for 23 years.

My call to ministry came when our home church found itself without ministry personnel and in financial difficulty. I served several years as a volunteer worship leader, was accepted into the Designated Lay Ministry program in 2012, and was recognized in 2016.

The Birch Hills pastoral charge closed December 31, 2018. I will be eternally grateful that Mary and I were able to be with the people of the charge, and able to share fully in the love that abounded in it. It closed to the notes of "We Shall Go Out With Joy", not in sorrow.

JOAN RENNIE-LAING

Looking back on the beginning of my faith journey, there are many experiences that have shaped me.

As a young child, I remember my Grandma Logan. She would read to us from the bible every morning at breakfast. And when we left to go back home, with a big hug good-bye, she would say... "God Bless you my child." Those simple words have taken on such rich and deep meaning within me.

My Mom and Dad introduced me into a world of people of many different backgrounds and cultures. Through their actions I learned to treat others with respect, openness, acceptance and love.

When I was 10 years old we lived in Vienna Austria for two years. I remember while we were there, the Russians invaded what was then known as Czechoslovakia. There were parents who brought their children to the border to get them out of the country. As part of a faith community we met these families at the border, we gathered clothes for these children and safe homes for them until they could be reunited again.

In my time in Vienna we also did a lot of travelling around. We went to a concentration camp called Mauhausend. We also met a couple who as high school students had been lined up in a long line beside a huge grave and shot one by one by the Nazis. Being older, they had watched and tried to time their fall into the grave as the gun went off. They laid in the grave with their school mates until everyone had left. They were the most kind and generous people I have ever met.

These experiences and many more changed me forever.

Many people have crossed my path throughout my life time and it is their caring, their wisdom, that opened my heart to the journey into ministry.

I was told a story a long time ago that speaks for me of what I am called to do in ministry. Homer, not Homer Simpson, in case you are a Simpson fan... but Homer tells a story of an ancient King who had a small son whom he loved.

He called his faithful servant and asked him to bring up the boy, to act as a pedagoga to him. The king said, "I want you to teach my son. I want you to teach him of your commitment, your love, your honesty, courage, justice, confidence and servanthood. The name of that servant was Mentor.

It is with God's grace, I hope to have done that in my short years of ministry serving at Hillcrest United Church in Fort Nelson, BC and Bethel United Church in Moosomin, Sk. The people who I have served have filled me with their wisdom, their love, commitment, courage, justice and servanthood. I am grateful for the sharing of our journeys of faith.

KARL (JUNG-HYUN) SHIN

Jung-Hyun was born and raised in South Korea. After spending 9 years as a high school teacher (music), he obtained his Master of Divinity in 1982 from the *Presbyterian Theological Seminary* in Seoul, Korea, and was ordained in 1984 by *The Presbyterian Church of Korea (PCK)*.

His experience in ministry is diverse. He has experience in new church development; after, he served as an assistant minister to *San-Sung Presbyterian Church (PCK)*; prior to immigrating to Canada, he was an associate minister at *Young-Nak Presbyterian Church* in Seoul, Korea, which at that time was the largest Presbyterian congregation in the world with over 50,000 congregants.

Upon moving to Canada in 1991, he joined *The Presbyterian Church of Canada (PCC)* and served Korean congregations in both *Calgary and Toronto*. While in *Toronto*, he served as a moderator at the *Han-Ca East Presbytery* and delegated to the General Assembly too. He grew interested in The United Church of Canada and its stance in theology around this time.

However, in the year 2000, an opportunity arose for him serve a Korean congregation in the *United Church of Christ, USA (UCC)* he moved to *Rhode Island, USA*, he joined the UCC (USA) as a full member, and meanwhile, he studied part time at *Harvard Divinity School*.

Eventually, he came back to Canada in 2004, and joined *The United Church of Canada*. He served the Pastoral Charges in *Provost-Macklin, Nanton-Cayley and Blackie-Gladys, Alberta* until 2015. Since 2015, he has been serving the *Watrous-Young Pastoral Charge* in Saskatchewan, where he was further blessed to serve the *Christ Lutheran Church* in Young, Saskatchewan, through shared ministry.

Jung-Hyun has been married for 45 years to Jin-Ok, who is a dedicated social activist for *Global Environmental Justice, Women's Rights and World Peace (anti-nuclear power and anti-armory)*. As a founder of the "*Korean Federation of Environmental Movement*" she was awarded "*The Woman of the Year*" in 1990 in Korea. Primarily living in Canada, she has attended the *10th Assembly of the World*

Council of Churches (WCC) in Busan, Korea (2013), COP 21 in Paris, France (2015) as one of the representatives of South Korea.

Upon retiring to *Niagara Falls, Ontario*, he hopes to have more time for music (classical) teaching and looks forward to spending more time with family. He has two daughters, Christine and Catherine who both reside in Toronto, Ontario and has three granddaughters, Florence (14), Scarlett (9) and Beatrice (6).

HEATHER WYATT

I was born in Saskatchewan and have spent most of my adult life here. I am married to Bob Wyatt and have two adult children, one grandchild and two great granddaughters. My family keeps me grounded and honest.

I was part of the first Western Based Diaconal Program offered by St. Stephen's College, in Edmonton. From St. Stephen's I received a Diploma in Diaconal Ministry and a Bachelor of Theology in Diaconal Ministry. While attending St. Stephen's, I did my first three years of field work at Wesley United Church, Prince Albert, SK. In 1992 I moved to La Ronge continuing to work on the Diaconal course requirements as well as $\frac{3}{4}$ time ministry with the congregation at La Ronge United Church. In 1995 I was commissioned into ordered ministry by Saskatchewan Conference and began full time ministry with La Ronge United Church. I was honoured to receive a Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) from St. Andrew's College in 2017.

La Ronge has been our home for 27 years. I enjoy the north and its people and the variety of ministry that happens here. Over the years I have developed a good working relationship with the other clergy in our community. Together, we try to address some of the challenges our community faces. For the past eight years I have been the chaplain of our RCMP Detachment. I have served on the Palliative Care team of our local Health Care Facility, been involved in the Piwapin Outreach Center whose work includes operating the Piwapin Women's Shelter and have planned and participated in Sisters of the Spirit events, focusing on missing and murdered aboriginal women and girls. As our country and church has focused on reconciliation, I have been privileged in attending the Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearings in La Ronge and the healing events which continue to be held as a result of the hearings.

For many years I was the Tamarack Presbytery Officer to the Saskatchewan Conference Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response Committee. I have held several positions in Tamarack Presbytery and Saskatchewan Conference. I served as Conference co-chair of Education and Students for three years, and a term on the Conference executive. I have been a commissioner to two General Councils.

Ministry in La Ronge has enabled me to work in many areas, from community development and wellness, issues of violence and substance abuse, grief and living with cultural diversity. I have appreciated the friendship and wisdom of my neighbours of the Lac La Ronge First Nation. From them I have experienced the resilience and strength of their community. I have been welcomed at their events, celebrations and ceremonies as history, culture and visions for the future have been shared. I have had the privilege of working with elders, traditional healers and teachers and others who are bringing positive change to our community.

The congregation of La Ronge United Church has been my joy. They have encouraged, challenged, celebrated and worked beside me in all that we do in our church and community.

IN MEMORIAM

NEIL DOUGLAS WESTCOTT

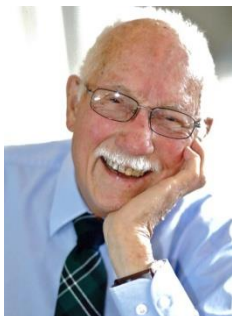
September 13, 1944 – June 16, 2018



It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden but peaceful passing of Neil Westcott on June 16, 2018. Neil Douglas Westcott was born on September 13, 1944 in Medicine Hat, Alberta. He was the youngest child of William and Grace Westcott. Neil was predeceased by his wife, Linda, only six short months ago. He is survived by his daughters and their families - Sarah (Martin Leuschen, Thea and Adri); Catharine (Robert Topping, Luke, Noah, and Ella); and Barb (Nicole Mewis, Holden); his brothers Terry (Anne) and Brian (Marietta); his brothers-in-law Jerry (Rosemary) and John (Barb); and nephews, nieces, and cousins. Neil met Linda Strand when they were students at the University of Alberta, where he graduated with a chemistry degree in 1966. When Neil could not travel to their 50th class reunion, it was much appreciated when his honours chemistry friends visited Saskatoon in 2016. Neil and Linda married on August 27, 1966 in Lamont, AB. They moved to Vancouver where Neil defended his PhD in Chemistry in 1970. In Vancouver, they enjoyed the company of Neil's father, aunts, and uncles. Neil and Linda then lived in Cambridge, MA and Cambridge, England while Neil did post-doctoral chemistry work. Neil worked at Agriculture Canada in Saskatoon from 1973 until his retirement in 2008, earning various awards throughout his career. He studied grasshopper control, and then medicinal extracts from flaxseed. He edited a book about flax and was awarded several patents for that work. Neil was an active volunteer with The United Church of Canada at both the local and Presbytery level as well as serving on the Board of Directors for Sherbrooke Community Centre, and volunteering at Briers and within the local sporting community. He enjoyed recreational curling and organized curling draws for the Monday night faculty league. With a group of treasured friends, he made wine. Neil and Linda loved their travels within Canada and the US, as well as to Russia, Greece, Italy, Scotland, Ireland, and Australia, to name a few. He enjoyed photography, both on these trips and chronicling his family. His grandchildren were his greatest accomplishment and he loved his time with them, watching their activities, taking them to the park, seeing them on Facetime and getting email updates. Dad is free now from his struggles, he is reunited with Mom, and his brilliant mind and sharp wit have returned.

WESLEY DUNCAN ASHWIN

July 1, 1924 – July 15, 2018



Born July 1, 1924, in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and passed July 15, 2018, in Saskatoon following a brief illness. Wes and his wife Doreen, enjoyed 72 years of happy marriage. Surviving are Doreen; sons- Jeff, Jon (Adeline); daughters - Beverly (Terry Beaulieu); Patricia (Todd) Vogelgesang; grandchildren - Jason (Anna) Ashwin, Kristin (Brad) Zurevinski and Tanner Vogelgesang; brother Patrick (Hamilton); sister-in-law Myrtle Ashwin (Victoria); great granddaughters Gemma Grace, and Ava Jade Ashwin (Calgary), Kendall Marie and Sloane Adeline Zurevinski (Saskatoon); great grandsons- Noah Luke and Jake Cruz Ashwin (Calgary); five grand dogs Lenny, Sally, Bailey, Annie and Flower; as well as many nieces and nephews. Wes is predeceased by brother Jim and parents Guy & Edith.

Wes served in the RCNVR during WWII as a Visual Signaller on the Minesweeper HMCS Caraquet. Wes took part in the D-Day (June 6, 1944) invasion of Europe.

A graduate of the College of Engineering, U. of S., and of St. Andrew's College, he served The United Church of Canada in several Saskatchewan communities. From 1978 to 1982, he was employed by the Government of Saskatchewan as Deputy Rentalsman for Northern Saskatchewan.

During the International Year of Older Persons, 1999, Wes was Chairperson of the Provincial Advisory Committee for Older Persons and also served as Saskatchewan Representative on the National Coordinating Committee for IYOP '99. In 2002, Wes was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal through the Office of the Governor General. In 2011, Wes was awarded the Golden Heart Award by the McClure Place Foundation.

In recent years, Wes was a member of St. Thomas Wesley United Church. He enjoyed family gatherings and parties, the summer cottage - "Tether's End" at Buffalo Pound Lake, writing, drama, clown ministry, golf and community life at Villa Royale.

BEVERLY ANN FAWCETT

November 8, 2018



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of **Beverly Ann Fawcett**, aged 65 years of Parkbeg, SK on Thursday, November 8th, 2018 after a courageous battle with cancer. Bev grew up in the Chaplin district. Bev had a Business Administration degree from STI and a Local Government Administration diploma from U of R. Bev worked at St. Andrew's United Church (Moose Jaw) for several years, then went to the United Church Conference Office in Regina for 17 years. She was predeceased by her father, Douglas Hughes (1996); mother, Marlene (2015); and in-laws, Percy (1988) and Dorothy (2017) Fawcett. Bev is survived by her husband of 45 years, **Gary** Fawcett; loving mother to daughter, **Tanya** Dalgarno and son, **Wade** Fawcett; amazing granny to grandsons, Douglas and Daniel Dalgarno; brothers, Stuart (Denise) Hughes and Randy (Tracy) Hughes; sister, Connie (Roger) Hope; sisters-in-law, Teresa (Cliff) Stevenson and Brenda (Lorne)

Hamilton; twelve nieces and nephews, fifteen great-nieces and nephews, and one great-great-niece; as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Bev enjoyed reading, gardening and flowers, curling, her community and her church. Family and friends were very important and special to Bev and we will miss her.

ROWENA McLELLAN

November 22, 2018

Faithful Servant of Christ, died November 22 at Saskatoon, aged 93. Rowena was predeceased by her parents Gerald Smith and Eva Young, her husbands Rev. Robert McLellan in 1978 and Rev. Bert Mather in 2007 and her daughter Jane Elford in 2007. She is survived by her children: son James (Pat) and their children Robert and Derek, daughter Jane's three children Susan, RJ and Megan, son David (Cathy) and their children Kari, Stacey and Cassandra, and daughter Marnie (Jim) Farn and their children Alex and Amanda. She is also survived by six great grandchildren, Sadie, Carson, Faith, Hope, Allan and Jane.

Rowena was born at Napanee, Ontario. At age 17, she left Napanee to study at the University of Toronto, where she obtained a B.A. and an M.S.W. During her young adulthood, she was employed at the Y.W.C.A. in Weston, and taught at Ontario Ladies College. In 1952, she married Robert McLellan, and together they started a life of service to the United Church in Saskatchewan, first in Hudson Bay, followed

by Prince Albert, Regina, and Saskatoon. One highlight of her life of service was receiving the Citizen of the Year Award in Prince Albert in 1962, for her work in the establishment of the Friendship Centre. Other volunteer work included Saskatchewan Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, Canadian Girls in Training, and countless committees of her Church.

Rowena had been widowed for 27 years before she married Bert Mather. Their marriage lasted two years, before Bert died in 2007.

Rowena's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren are grateful for her constant love and support.

NEIL ALFRED MILLARD

June 18, 1938 – November 24, 2018



It is with both sadness and love we announce the passing of Neil Alfred Millard, 80, of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan who left us peacefully surrounded by family on November 24, 2018 in the Dr. F. H. Wigmore Regional Hospital. Neil was born on June 18, 1938 in Canwood, Saskatchewan. He was predeceased by his parents Betty and Otis Millard; his loving wife of 45 years, Jean (née Burwell); parents-in-law, Robert and Marjorie Burwell (née Mather); sister-in-law, Judy Burwell; and brother-in-law, Thomas Burwell. Neil is survived by his son, Ken (Rosa-Lea) and their children, Jacqueline and Nicholas; daughter Jennet (Patrick) Wilson and their son, Spencer; and son Robert (Charlene); sister, Fernelle (Larry) Fjerwold; sister-in-law, Betty Burwell (née Collyer), cousins, nieces, nephews and many cherished friends. Neil faithfully served as a United Church minister for 33 years in La Ronge, Star City, Birch Hills, and Biggar. He coached baseball, actively supported Camp Tapawingo and Camp Outlook, and volunteered for many other groups. He retired to Asquith in 2003 with Jean and later to Moose Jaw. Being a grandfather to his three grandchildren, Jacqueline, Nicholas, and Spencer, brought him immense joy and pride. Everyone who knew Neil couldn't help but notice his infectious laugh and enthusiasm for life. He loved to share his interest in Ford vehicles, trains, and his Diefenbaker impersonation. His true passion was baseball, and he eagerly infused baseball lingo into his conversations. He was a fan of the Blue Jays but his true loyalty belonged to his childhood favourite, the New York Yankees. Neil made friends everywhere he went and will be forever remembered as a man who selflessly shared his love, laughter, and faith.

ESTHER FLORENCE PAULL

December 26, 2018



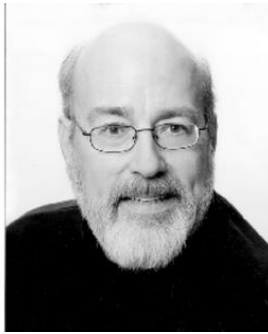
It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Florence Paull aka Crazyheart our precious mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, on December 26, 2018. Florence was predeceased by her husband Morley. Florence is survived by her sister Marg (Cliff); her kids Tracy (Jeff), Brett (Cherylee), Carla (Dean), and Jay (Angie); grandchildren Sarah (Mark), Chris (Aislinn), Justin (Christine), Sheldon, Paige, Teanna (Kyle), Caiden and Aria; great-grandchildren Violet, Kaya, Bella, Grayson, Mason and Aleena. Florence was born and grew up in Swan River, MB. She met Morley, got married and settled in Regina to start their family. Florence made a positive impact on everyone in her life with her positive energy, her humor, her traditions and her laugh. She was a fighter that fought day in and

day out over the past 7 years. She was the glue that kept this family tight and she will be missed every minute of every day.

Florence was a Staff Associate at Westminster United Church (Regina) from 1996 to 2005.

JOHN R. HAAS

January 1, 2019



John Haas, age 73, died in the first hour of 2019, after complications from appendicitis. His spouse of almost 30 years, Rev. Carolyn McBean, was at his side.

Born in Omaha, Nebraska, John's early years were spent in Lincoln, Nebraska and Minneapolis, Minnesota. After his B.A. from U. of Minnesota, he served 2 years in the U.S. Army (1st Lieutenant at discharge); then, his calling led him to Chicago and joint degrees from McCormick Theological Seminary [M. Div.] and Rosary College [M.A. in Library Science]. Ordained in 1973 by the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., he was called to the staff of Christ Presbyterian in Edina, Minnesota. In 1980, he accepted a call to the Crosby Ecumenical Parish in Crosby, North Dakota, serving the (by then) Presbyterian Church, USA congregation in town and two rural Lutheran congregations (ELCA). In Crosby, his gifts of acting and singing helped bring to life 'Tevye' (*Fiddler on the Roof*) and 'King Arthur' (*Camelot*). Crosby merchants also cast him as the jolly man in a red suit and white beard!

He met Carolyn McBean in September 1987 at a church service in Bienfait, Saskatchewan. A cross-border romance followed. They were married on January 7, 1989; and, by July, moved to Gray, Saskatchewan, where John served the Riceton Pastoral Charge half-time for 2 years (while Carolyn commuted to Whitmore Park United in Regina); then, to St. Stephen's Presbyterian (Regina, 3 years); and, after John's admission to United Church ministry, in 1994, to Wesley United (Regina: 16 years until his 2010 retirement). As well as pastoral ministry, he served the wider Church in many roles over 27 years, locally and nationally, including Conference President; and, 16 years as Presbytery Secretary. In 1999, he was proud to receive his Canadian citizenship. In 2010, St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon, awarded him the degree Doctor of Divinity *honoris causa*.

John's love of theatre continued in Regina: over 20 years acting in Regina Little Theatre; 24 years as a patron of Globe Theatre; and, ongoing support of young artists. John enjoyed bridge and crossword puzzles, Broadway musicals, traveling and reading, but his love shared with Carolyn topped the list.

John was pre-deceased by his parents, parents-in-law and a nephew. Cherishing his memory are his life partner and best friend, the Rev. Carolyn McBean [Regina]; brother C.W. "Bill" (Lois) Haas [Winchester, VA] ; nephews Carl (Judy) and Andrew [all of Sinking Spring, PA]; brother-in-law Jim (Gwen) McBean; nieces: Marnie Freer, Diana (Dave) Walls and nephew Dan (Dawn) McBean [all of Lambton County, ON] plus, nine great-nieces/nephews – 2 American; 7 Canadian.

MARY LOU ESTABROOKS

June 26, 1936 – January 17, 2019



It is with heavy hearts that the family of Mary Lou Estabrooks announces her peaceful passing on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at the age of 82. She died at home, surrounded by her family. She was predeceased by her mother and father, Ralph and Audrey Thorne, her brother Billy and sister Anne. She is survived by her loving husband of over 60 years, Art. She is also survived by daughters Cindy (Howard) Foote; Jill Euteneier; Susan (Jim) Mahoney; son Jeff and son-in-law Richard Euteneier. She had 6 granddaughters, who were the light of her life: Alison (Bryden), Carly (Trevor), Kristin (Luke), Amanda (Andrew), Stephanie (Dante), and Michelle. Her three great-grandchildren Madden, Livie and Kingston, brought her immense joy. Mary Lou took pleasure in the simple things in life; baking cookies with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, playing cards and board games with family, and watching sports of all kinds. Her favourite sports were anything played by her grandchildren, and her beloved Riders. She was an avid member of the Lakeview Ladies Golf Club, even getting a hole-in-one in her late 70's. Her career was spent with the United Church Conference Office, where she worked for 27 years and made many lifelong friendships.

MARGARET ELNA ANDERSON

February 1, 1925 – January 22, 2019



Margaret passed away peacefully after a sudden illness, Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at St. Paul's Hospital.

Margaret was born in Sault Ste. Marie, the first child to Alvin and Orell Virene. Marg attended school in the Soo and completed her education at Alma College. She worked as a secretary in Toronto and then returned to the Soo, where her relationship with Stewart Anderson flourished.

After Marg and Stew married in June 1952, they moved to Saskatchewan and Marg fell in love with the big wide prairies. Despite many opportunities to return to the east, she chose to stay in her beloved prairies.

She dedicated her years to supporting Stewart's work in the church, first in Macklin and then in Saskatoon. After Stewart's sudden illness she return to work at the University of Saskatchewan until she retired in 1986. The United Church and her faith were a huge part of her life. Marg was a founding member of McClure United Church.

She filled her retirement years with many trips around the world with special friends, summers and Christmas in her trailer at "The River" (the Kalancha family cabin), and trips to Penticton. She never missed an opportunity to swim, whether it was in Lake Superior, Lake Okanagan, the river, or any other body of water, right up until this past summer.

Margaret was a compassionate, giving and gracious friend. She was fiercely independent and fondly called the energizer bunny by her family. She will be remembered for her smile, perseverance and sense of style. A life well lived, right to the end, she was snowmobiling three weeks ago!

She is survived by her daughter Peggy (Don) Kalancha and son David Anderson, grandchildren Jared, Shauna (James), Kayley and Cara Kalancha, sister-in-law Eila Virene and many loved nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents Alvin and Orell Virene, husband Stewart Anderson and brother Thornley Virene.

ROSS DAVIS McMURTRY

November 22, 1926 - January 21, 2019

With heavy hearts, we say goodbye and celebrate the wonderful life of our Father and Grandfather who passed away peacefully in Weyburn, Saskatchewan at 92 years.



Born in Semans, Saskatchewan, he lived with his clergyman father and family in Ogema, Cupar, and Elstow. He attended the University of Saskatchewan studying Agriculture, Arts & Science and Theology. After summer placements as a student minister in Somme, Chelan and Flin Flon, he was ordained into The United Church of Canada in 1951. Dad had a passion for the ministry and, in partnership with Frances, served on charges in Wawota/Kelso, Humboldt and for over 30 years in Weyburn. Dad loved Saskatchewan. Everywhere he went in the province, he made enduring friendships that enriched his and others' lives. He loved people and loved to have fun.

A dynamic speaker in the pulpit, he was well read and kept up with the best thinkers and theologians of the day. In 1951, before professional development was mandated, he travelled by train to New York City from Wawota to attend a course at Riverside Church for inspiration. Dad also combined attending education courses with many family summer vacations.

Always a supporter of people from all walks of life, he served on the Saskatchewan Minister of Health's Committee dealing with resettling the mentally ill and as a member for six years of the Alcohol Commission as chair of its Education Committee. He gave his time generously for decades to AA Support and Counselling. In 1989, he was the recipient of the Weyburn Chamber of Commerce Golden Spike award for community involvement.

Dad's interests were many and varied. Playing hockey and baseball as a young minister led to coaching his sons' hockey team and later to enjoy less-than-serious curling and golfing with friends. Agricultural pursuits included raising cattle, pigs and chickens; beekeeping for fresh honey; and boarding the family horses on pasture lands generously donated by friends. Dad's love affair with horses spanned his lifetime. He rode roundup for many years on a PFRA pasture near Weyburn and made frequent visits to equestrian events at Spruce Meadows in Calgary. Fishing was also a passion which Dad fully enjoyed. For close to 60 years, he travelled north to Otter Lake, many times with family and friends in tow, to experience the north and to catch walleye fish. Other travels included trips across Canada and the United States, and to Europe, the Middle East, Japan, Hawaii and the countless Canadian highways to reunite with family.

After retirement, he was a regular at various coffee rows where he liked to "stir the pot" and impart his wisdom. In recent years, he was most proud of leading two statue projects honoring the accomplishments of Tommy Douglas and sacrifices of Pioneer Women.

Ross was predeceased by his first wife and life partner Frances and is survived by his current wife and companion Wilma. He leaves his children - Daughters - Elaine Mitchell, Marsha (Rand) Morsky, their children, Greg, Drew and Ellen; Sons - Les (Dagne) McMurtry, their children Kendra and Teagan, Ken (Sheila) McMurtry, their children, Russell and Maggie, and Bill McMurtry; Brothers-in-law Mac (Gerry) Houston, Norm (Pat) Henick, and Sister-in-law Joyce McMurtry. He was predeceased by his Brothers - John, Cliff (Betty) and Doug (Gwen, Grace); Sisters Marion (Bob) and Edyth and Sister-in-law Ruby (Jack) Faithfull.

"Our death is not an end if we can live on in our children and the younger generation. For they are us, our bodies are only wilted leaves on the tree of life." Albert Einstein

JACQUELINE “JACKIE” ADELLE STAPLES

February 17, 2019



Jackie passed away with loved ones by her side on February 17, 2019 at the age of 64. She was predeceased by her parents Jack and Adelle Staples; sister Linda Petersmeyer; brother Jim Guthrie, husband Bill Prescott and dear friend Sharon Davis. Jackie is survived by her brother Don Staples and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jackie worked at the Saskatchewan Conference Office for several years.

Rachel Balfour

February 5, 2019

It is with great sorrow that we share that Rachel Ella Martin Balfour, beloved daughter of Heather and Jim Balfour, treasured sister of Taylor, granddaughter of Walter and Jean Martin and Ella Balfour, passed away in Edmonton on February 5, 2019. We hold in our hearts and prayers, Jim Balfour and his family Heather and Taylor in the sudden death of their daughter Rachel.

CATHERINE “KAY” JEAN CAMPBELL

July 8, 1939 - February 5, 2019



With sadness the family of Kay Campbell announces her passing on February 5, 2019 at Wascana Rehabilitation Centre, Regina, Saskatchewan at the age of 88 years. Kay was born in Penzance, Saskatchewan on July 8, 1930 to William and Martha Donaldson.

Kay was predeceased by her parents William and Martha; sisters-in-law Gwen (Lionel) Brierly and Betty Olynik; brothers-in-law John (Pearl) Campbell and Ken Campbell. She will be lovingly remembered by her husband Donald of 64 years; daughter Sandy (Mike) Roberts; sons Don (Lorraine), Bruce and Alan Campbell; grandchildren Crystal (Drew), Traci (Brent), Trevor (Stacey), Kyle, Christopher and Alannah (Roland); great-grandchildren Marcus, Isla and Jorja; brother David (Jill) Donaldson; sister-in-law Grace Campbell; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Kay was a busy wife and mother who enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening and canning; always making things special for her family and others. She supported the church and community in many ways, in all the towns they resided in over the years. Kay dedicated seventeen years to the United Church Chaplaincy through the hospitals in Regina. She was also a sports fan: football, hockey, curling, etc.!

Kay's kindness and caring created many lasting friendships. Touching numerous lives and hearts she leaves behind beautiful memories.

DOUGLAS WARD HALLMAN

July 28, 1948 – February 23, 2019



Not too many men can say that they entered life with one name and left it with another. On July 28, 1948, a seventh child was born into the Hazlett family in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, and they named him Walter Joseph Hazlett. Young Wally was fostered and spent the first nine years of his life in Crousetown, NS. He was then adopted into the family of Ward and Marjorie Hallman, where he chose the Christian name, Douglas, and joined siblings Brian, Cheryl and Shelley, living first in Kingston, NS., later in New Glasgow, and finally in Pictou, NS.

Young Douglas developed a passion for piano. He studied with Vesta Mosher and showed his musical excellence in music festivals. He also attended the first Baptist Church in Kingston, and later New Glasgow. Family times were spent with his grandparents in Waterville, NS, as well as on family camping trips. He visited cousins in Ontario frequently, and several summers were spent at Berwick United Church camp.

Music took Douglas to Acadia University in Nova Scotia, and then McGill, and he stayed to study theology at the Montreal Theological College. He and his wife, Dianne were able to spend a post-graduate year of study at the Faculte de Theologie in Montpellier, France. He returned to Quebec, where he was ordained in 1978. He is a graduate of McGill University, Brock University and the Toronto School of Theology and has done additional post-graduate work at the University of Waterloo.

As a student minister, Douglas travelled west to Vegreville, Alberta, followed by a five-point charge in Kahnawake, LaSalle, Candiac, Ville St. Pierre and Delson, Quebec. From there, he went on to serve several parishes in Ontario: London, where son, Steven, was born, Oakville, Etobicoke, Dunnville, Niagara-on-the-Lake, and Hamilton.

In 2009 he moved to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, to be closer to his son. Finally, in 2016, he arrived at St. Paul's in Tisdale, his last charge. He was honoured at Saskatchewan Conference in 2018 with serving 40 years in ministry.

Douglas's love of music never diminished and he performed piano concerts for many years. He wrote detailed on-line lectionary commentaries, composed a finely researched book on Dan Brown's *Da Vinci Code*, wrote for the *Moose Jaw Times Herald* and the *Tisdale Recorder*, lectured, and developed a huge library. Doug enjoyed many summers playing golf with his son in southern Ontario. During those summers, Doug shared his appreciation of classical music, philosophy and his sense of humour with Steven.

Doug's parents, Ward and Marjorie Hallman, as well as his foster sister, Jean, pre-deceased him. He leaves siblings Brian, Cheryl and Shelley, their partners and children; first wife, Dianne; son, Steven (Courtney), and wife, Deanna, as well as dear friends across the country to mourn his passing.

FREDERICK RUSSELL SELLER

1936 – 2019



Frederick Russell Seller, at Beach Grove Home, surrounded by family and friends on March 20, 2019. Born in Charlottetown, Frederick's childhood was filled with the joy of spending summers with his family in Keppoch. He began his lifelong love of swimming and the ocean during these early years. As a young man Frederick loved music and drama. He played piano, and his dramatic flair was expressed through performances in a variety of musical productions throughout his life. Gilbert and Sullivan were favourites. Frederick studied theology at Pine Hill Divinity School in Halifax and was ordained by The United Church of Canada in 1964. Never one to follow the status quo, after ordination he tended to his sense of adventure and traveled to Europe and Morocco before beginning ministry. Frederick then headed west to Saskatchewan where he met his wife Carol. After studying at Selly Oak College in Birmingham and traveling in Europe, they returned to the east coast where their children Stefan and Krista were born. The family settled in Saskatoon, where Frederick served as a congregational minister and later as a chaplain and social worker within Long-Term care. Frederick was a natural leader and team player. Colleagues loved his deep compassion, wisdom and sense of humour that he brought to the most challenging of situations. Throughout his life Frederick continued to nourish his passion for music. He sang in the Saskatoon Men's Choir, performed musical theatre with the Saskatoon Opera, and acted in numerous church dinner theatre productions. Frederick deeply valued his connections with family and friends in PEI. He maintained his strong Island roots through annual summer visits with his family to their cottage in Hartsville, where he and Carol later retired. They loved exploring the world together and enjoyed trips to Europe, New Zealand and Hawaii with their children. Frederick and Carol established a strong community through their involvement at West River United Church and singing in choirs. Throughout his journey with dementia, the essence of Frederick's loving spirit remained strong. He was always quick to say "I love you" and remind us: "I will always be with you". Beloved husband of Carol Stevenson Seller, father of Stefan (Jane Lee), and Krista (Chris MacDonald); brother of David MacLeod Seller, uncle of Anne (Jochen Orth), Jennifer (Dave Steele), Jonathan (Julie MacDermott). Remembered by cousins, their families, and a wide circle of friends.

BERNADEEN "BUNNY" FRANCES WIEBE

(1942 – 2019)



Bernadeen "Bunny" Frances Wiebe, late of Weyburn, SK, passed away on May 15, 2019, at the age of 77 years.

Bunny was predeceased by her parents, Peter and Frances Mayer; her step-mother, Kay Gillis; sister Pamela Lambillotte; and her grandchildren of the heart Richard and Clemens Gentzsch.

Bunny is survived by her husband Vic; daughter Christine (Jeff) Schick and grandsons, Lindsey and Curtis; her daughter Andrea (Adam) Batchelor and granddaughter Tristan; her son Kelly Wiebe; her Kiwi daughter of the heart Lila (Ray) Willis and children: Terri (Godchild), Braden and Rochelle, her Swiss daughter of the heart, Yasmine (Michael) Gentzsch; her brother Terry Mayer (Antoinette Gagner) and his children Kimberly and Christopher; nieces, Terri Persing and Deanna Lambillotte.

Bunny was born and raised in Regina, Saskatchewan, graduated from Central Collegiate, and took her training as a nurse at the University of Saskatchewan where she met Vic whom she married in 1964. They established their first home in Prince Albert, and resided there for 14 years during which time all of

their children were born. She enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom, but as the children were approaching school age, she went to work as a teaching assistant which allowed her to keep the same work days and hours as the children. This became her work calling through to retirement in 2001 even as Vic's work took them to living in Regina, Thompson and Weyburn. Her enjoyment of working with children and youth led her to volunteer as a Sunday School teacher and a leader in other children's activities such as Brownies and Beavers.

She enjoyed singing in both church and community choirs, attending musical concerts and festivals and many years of extensive traveling camping-style. In her later years she was restricted in her mobility due to health issues, but continued to enjoy traveling and spending times with family and friends.

Closed and Disbanded Congregations/Pastoral Charges

Disbanded: Springside congregation of the Theodore, Springside Pastoral Charge.

Disbanded: Birch Hills Pastoral Charge

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

It is moved that the Living Skies Regional Council name those persons listed on pages F 1-2 of the 2019 – 2020 Living Skies Regional Council Docket including those who have been reported at this meeting to have been nominated and/or elected, to the positions listed for the region year 2019-2020:

Regional Council Executive:

Chairperson:	
Treasurer:	Donna Brown (L) (1 term) 3-year term
Member:	Dave Whalley (DLM) (1) 2-year term
Member:	Brian Maitland (OM) (1) 2-year term
Member:	Ron Brandow (L) (1) 2-year term
Member:	Tim Ellis (OM) (1) 3-year term
Member:	Cam Fraser (DLM) (1) 3-year term
Member:	Tricia Gerhard (OM) (1) 2- year term
Member:	Eujune Oh (L) (1) 3-year term

Regional Meeting Planning Committee:

Convenor:	Barb MacNaughton (DLM) (1) 2-year term
Member:	Convenor of Regional Gathering (1) 1-year term
Member:	Darrell Reine (DLM) (1) 1-year term
Member:	Hoeun Lee (OS) (1) 3-year term
Member:	Vacant

Property Commission:

Convenor:	Annette Taylor (OM) (1) 3-year term
Member:	Jim Pulfer (L) (1) 3- year term
Member:	George Thurlow (L) (1) 2- year term
Member:	Jim MacNaughton (DLM) (1) 2- year term
Member:	Bev Kostichuk (L) (1) 2-year term
Member:	Daryl Woods (OM) (1) 3-year term

Nominations Committee:

Convenor:	Vacant
Member:	Carolyn Conarroe (DLM) (1) 2-year term
Member:	Beth Baerwald (L) (1) 3-year term
Member:	Jeannette Warrian (L) (1) 3-year term
Member:	Susan Reed (DM) (1) 3-year term
Member:	Vacant

Grants Committee:

Convenor:	Leslee Whalley (L) (1) 3-year term
Member:	Cindy Goodman (L) (1) 2-year term
Member:	Herb Conrad (L) (1) 2- year term
Member:	Barry Balls (L) (1) 3-year term

Pastoral Relations Commission:

Member:	Marvin Mackie (L) (1) 2-year term
Member:	Janelle Shaw (OM) (1) 3- year term
Member:	Miles Russell (OM) (1) 2-year term
Member:	Jen Dresser (DM) (1) 3-year term
Member:	Donna Rumpel (DLM) (1) 3-year term

Committee on Lay Leadership Support:

Member: Faye Ford (OM) (1) 2-year term
Member: Sheila Ivanochko (L) (1) 3-year term
Member: Patti Sawchuk (L) (1) 3-year term
Member: Andrew Hecker (L) (1) 2-year term

Committee on Ministry Personnel Leadership Support:

Member: Rick McCorrister (OM) (1) 3-year term
Member: Michele Rowe (OM) (1) 3-year term
Member: Merle Sherwin (L) (1) 2-year term
Member: Koshy David (OM) (1) 2-year term

Committee on Community of Faith Support:

Member: Deborah Smith (OM) (1) 2-year term
Member: Bill Pollock (L) (1) 3-year term
Member: Sheila Deforest (L) (1) 2 year-term
Member: Hyun Heo (OS) (1) 3-year term
Member:

Task Group for Clusters/Networks: March 2019 to June 30, 2020

Member: Kevin Sprong (OM)
Member: Margaret McCallum (OM)
Member: Elaine Little (L)
Member: Karen Mitchell (OM)
Member: Vicki Nelson (L)

NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

Convenor of the Regional Gathering: Rob Reed
Chair of the Executive: Tricia Gerhard

For Information only:

Liaison Officers:

Appointed by Living Skies Regional Council Pastoral Relations Commission:

June Blau	Shirley Crone	Lyll Campbell
Lynette Callfas	Cam Fraser	Keith Hall
Jo-Ann Hills	Glenn Honig	Eunkyu Ji
Brian Mee	Darrell Reine	John Sellwood
Bill Unger	Dave Whalley	

Liaison Officers:

Appointed by Living Skies Regional Council Pastoral Relations Commission:

These appointments are short term to complete pastoral relations work that is in progress

Jim Balfour	Sue Bernier	Ron Brandow
Lorna Brick	Ian Coultard	Maureen Donald
Janice Edwards	Duane Filson	Susan Griffith
Liz Ivanochko	Kathleen James-Cavan	Jim MacNaughton
Charles McKenzie	Karen Mitchell	Dave Moors
Louise Robson	Michele Rowe	Jeanette Stevenson
Nora Vedress	Jeannette Warrian	Michael Webster

2019 PROPOSALS

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| 5) Protecting Rural Communities | Local-Global Advocacy Network |
| 6) Korea Peace Now! | Local-Global Advocacy Network |
| 7) Access to Sacraments | Maple Creek United Church |
| 8) Affirming Ministries | The Intercultural Network |
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PROPOSAL NO. 1

Title: **THE BRIEF**

Originating Body: Local-Global Advocacy Network

1. What is the issue?

- We believe the Spirit is calling us as Living Skies Region, to live into our creed “to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil”.
- We need a way to bring our societal concerns to those who have the power to make changes.
- The Brief has been an effective way to do this.

2. Why is this important?

- The history of The Brief: For many years the former Saskatchewan Conference of the United Church of Canada brought resolutions and proposals to their Meetings especially the Annual Meeting to address issues of common concern that were out of the scope of the Conference. These concerns were then taken to the provincial government in the form of a “Brief” by designated members of the Conference. In this way those concerns could be made known and shared in the hope of impacting decisions made.
- The Brief provides a united voice on issues of concern that would have more impact than that of a few individual faith communities. This was unique to SK Conference. We feel it is an important practice to maintain going forward.

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

- It is proposed that Living Skies Regional Council continue to prepare and present a Brief containing proposals from the Living Skies Regional Council pertaining to provincial decision making and that a working group to do that work be formed for each meeting in the most efficient manner possible.

4. For the body transmitting this proposal to Living Skies Regional Council:

- Comment: We suggest the working group be composed of representatives of those who brought forward the proposals plus one or more people who have had experience with presenting the Brief.

Regional Council action: Concurred with by Living Skies Regional Council

PROPOSAL NO. 2

Title: REGIONAL MISSION STAFFING

Origin: Local-Global Advocacy Network

1. What is the issue?

- We believe the Spirit is calling us as Living Skies Region to live into our creed, “to live with respect with Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil”.
- To inspire and to coordinate actions of communities of faith to do these things, it is important that Living Skies Region employ a staff person for mission work.

2. Why is this important?

- There are many needs to be addressed in this Region; issues of reconciliation, justice, respect for creation and many others. Although individual Christians and communities of faith try to hold the community vision of God’s holy mountain (Isaiah 56), there needs to be a coordinator who can draw us together in a vision of hope and healing.
- Faith communities have, in the past, often needed the help of a resource person to enable them to do this work (eg. Providing links to resources, developing workshops, etc.) Communication is an important aspect of this work.
- A staff person focused on mission work has in the past set up conference calls and helped coordinate the work of various groups to prevent overlapping or conflicts. Without such a staff position, our mission will be reduced and ineffective.

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

- THEREFORE, IT IS PROPOSED that the Living Skies Regional Council hire a mission staff person to communicate and coordinate mission actions.
- THEREFORE, IT IS PROPOSED that the Living Skies Regional Council explore ways to finance the position of mission staff person

Regional Council action: Concurred with by Living Skies Regional Council

PROPOSAL NO. 3

Title: REFUGEE LIAISON

Origin: Local-Global Advocacy Network

1. What is the issue?

- We believe God is calling us to welcome the stranger. Jesus gave his disciples the commandment to love one another. There are many people who are fleeing dangerous conditions in their home countries who need a safe place to live and create lives that will enable them to be the best they can be and contribute to the greater good of the country where they live.
- Living Skies Region needs a person or persons who can facilitate our answer to that call.

2. Why is the issue important?

- The number of people fleeing their countries of origin is increasing.
- Many of these people came away with very few possessions. They have spent time in Refugee Camps with little health care and poor nutrition. Most of them have very little knowledge of the English language. It is important that they have support when they arrive in Canada.
- We can provide that support but we need help, too, in learning how to do that and in making connections with refugees in need. It is hard for the folk at General Council to keep up with the demand.
- Up to the present time, Saskatchewan conference has had one Refugee Liaison Person facilitating this work. Two or three persons sharing this role would be more effective, because the work can be overwhelming for one, and they can provide support for one another.

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

- IT IS PROPOSED THAT the Nominations Committee of Living Skies Regional Council find 2 or 3 people who would be willing to take on this role in a 3 year term renewable once.
- IT IS ALSO PROPOSED that present Refugee Liaison, Darren Wooff be asked to train those taking on this role.

4. For the body transmitting this proposal to Living Skies Regional Council:

Proposed Job Description

- Promote the private sponsorship of refugees program in United Churches within Living Skies Region
- Answer questions about the private sponsorship program from United Churches in Living Skies Region
- Liaison with other Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAHs) in Living Skies Region (e.g. Mennonite Central Committee, Roman Catholic and Anglican dioceses)
- Maintain contact with the Refugee office of the General Council and the Refugee Advisory Group – liaisons from other Regional Councils. Monthly conference calls.
- Attend the yearly SAH Conference held in different areas of Canada (cost provided by federal government)
- Participate in refugee settlement advocacy, as desired

Regional Council action: Concurred with by Living Skies Regional Council

PROPOSAL 4: SASKATCHEWAN COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Origin: Local-Global Advocacy Network

1. Issue:

- We believe that God the Creator is calling us to work in cooperation with other faith groups and secular organizations for the good of society.
- We want to live in a Saskatchewan where our citizens are engaged global citizens, where equality, peace, and justice are the motivating principles pushing Saskatchewan towards an equitable societal shift.
- The Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation (SCIC) is an organization that carries out this mission, and a connection with SCIC has the potential to help Living Skies Region to do the same.

2. Why is this issue important?

- **Background:** The Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation (SCIC) is a coalition of organizations and individuals working to advance sustainable global development. SCIC was formed in 1974 by international development and emergency relief agencies active in Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan Conference United Church of Canada has been a member of this coalition which includes international development agencies, the peace-building and humanitarian bodies of other major faith groups, educational organizations, solidarity groups, local community organizations, and local individuals committed to SCIC's mission, vision, and principles. The Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation (SCIC) builds momentum towards a just, equitable, and sustainable world by enhancing the capacity of our members, educating and inspiring the public to take action, and creating connections among those we serve.
- It is important for the United Church to maintain its relationship with this organization, and for the relationship to become more active, so our communities of faith will know about and benefit from the resources of SCIC. The United Church has a long history of working in cooperation with other faith groups and secular organizations for the good of society.

3. How might Living Skies Regional Council respond to the issue:

- THEREFORE, BE IT PROPOSED that the financial commitment from Sask. Conference be maintained through Living Skies Regional Council to SCIC, and that connection be maintained and encouraged.
- BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED that Living Skies Regional Council appoint 2 people to the SCIC and the Nominations Committee of Living Skies Regional Council find two people who would be willing to take on this role for a 3 year term, renewable once,
- BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED Living Skies Regional Council appoint Dan Beveridge (if he is willing to continue) as one of these people

Regional Council action: Concurred with by Living Skies Regional Council

PROPOSAL 5: PROTECTING RURAL COMMUNITIES

Origin: Local-Global Advocacy Network

1. What is the Issue?

- We believe the Holy Spirit is calling us to support marginalized communities, and therefore to respond to the challenge of the recent Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) ruling “requiring all body shops in the province to take part in specialized training and purchase specialized equipment which can cost up to \$100,000.” (Estevan News) SGI called for the proposed upgrading to take place within one year.
- This requirement would jeopardize shops in small communities, who would lose their accreditation if they cannot upgrade, and would make life more tenuous for people who live in these communities.

2. Why is the Issue Important?

- The Saskatchewan Crown Corporation, Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) was established in 1945 to provide affordable, quality insurance to Saskatchewan people. SGI also administers the Saskatchewan Auto Fund, the province’s compulsory auto insurance.
- A close relationship has developed between autobody shops in communities in Saskatchewan and SGI. Most shops rely on a share of SGI’s 80,000 claims each year for the bulk of their income. Autobody shops are important businesses in small communities, bringing necessary services to the Saskatchewan rural community.
- The proposed rapid accreditation system will harm our rural communities and inhabitants of rural Saskatchewan. Autobody shops need for time to accommodate this upgrading.

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

- THEREFORE BE IT PROPOSED that Living Skies Regional Council, advocating for rural communities, call on the Saskatchewan Government to recognize that not all autobody shops in Saskatchewan need to have this upgrade for accreditation within one year in order to enable them to do the work they already do.

Regional Council action: Withdrawn by originator

PROPOSAL 6: KOREA PEACE NOW!

Origin: Local-Global Advocacy Network

1. What is the issue:

- Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9). Jesus, the Prince of Peace is calling us to support our international partners in peacemaking.
- Our partners in Korea ask that we support peace initiatives in the Korean Peninsula.
- There is a need to normalize the relationship between North Korea and Canada, so that the way will be opened to the signing of a peace treaty and the opening of free relations between North and South Korea.

2. Why is this issue important:

- Since the late 19th Century, The United Church of Canada has been committed to God's mission of peace, justice and reunification in the Korean peninsula.
- The United Church is in long-term global partnership with the National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCCK) and the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK).
- Moreover, Canada was involved in the Korean War by sending over 26,000 military personnel as part of the UN forces, during which 516 Canadians lost their lives. The war is not over, but maintained as the result of an Armistice. As Canadian citizens, we are obliged to address the aftermath of the ceasefire and the ongoing suffering of Korean people as a result.

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

- IT IS PROPOSED that a letter be sent from the Executive of Living Skies Region to the Canadian Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, urging the restoration of diplomatic relations between Canada and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), and that economic sanctions against DPRK that have grave consequences against the general population and the most vulnerable people of North Korea be lifted.
- MOREOVER, IT IS PROPOSED that members of faith communities of Living Skies Region be encouraged to add their own communication to the federal government for Korea Peace Now.

Regional Council action: Concurred with by Living Skies Regional Council

PROPOSAL 7: ACCESS TO SACRAMENTS

Origin: Maple Creek United Church

What is the issue?

In an age of increasing distance between communities, and increasing reliance on technological solutions, there is a real risk that we may neglect the things that simply cannot be done through telecommunication. Within the presbytery structure we had defined mechanisms for ensuring that congregations, pastoral charges, communities of faith, and other parts of the body of the church could receive Communion. A presbytery could, for example, license a retired Designated Lay Minister to administer sacraments, and that DLM may have been called upon to serve Communion at several vacant charges. The presbyteries and conferences also had the authority to license Sacraments Elders, which ensured that a congregation would be able to receive Communion in the case of a long-term vacancy.

With the dissolution, or amalgamation, of presbyteries and conferences, these arrangements are uncertain.

Why is this issue Important?

As members of one church, and all of us children of God, we cannot neglect our duty of faith and care to those of our church family who, for whatever reason, do not have access to an ordered minister or appointed DLM. To receive Communion and the other sacraments is a *right*, which we all have a duty to uphold, facilitate, and enable.

How might the regional council respond to the issue?

Living Skies Regional Council would:

- a) Commit to the continuation of the Licensed Lay Worship Leader and Sacraments Elder training programs by:
 - acknowledging the need for Licensed Lay Worship Leaders and Sacraments Elders;
 - ensuring a place for the aforementioned programs, and those licensed by them, in the polity and structure of the Region; and
 - assigning administrative resources to facilitate regular and accessible participation in these programs.
- b) License retired DLMs to administer sacraments.

Regional Council action: Withdrawn by originator

PROPOSAL 8: AFFIRMING MINISTRIES

Origin: The InterCultural Network

1. What is the issue:

We believe that our faith in God is calling us to have Living Skies Regional Council become an Affirming Ministry.

2. Why is this issue important?

- One of the predecessors of Living Skies Regional Council, Saskatchewan Conference, was an Affirming Ministry.
- Some of the Presbyteries were Affirming, some were not.
- Our new structure is a combination of these and may include Indigenous Congregations who may choose to join this new body.
- The InterCultural Network believes that being a witness to the Good news of Jesus Christ is inclusive and diverse.
- We believe the Spirit calls us to be ever more inclusive in our work and witness.
- We believe that being Affirming requires us to be Public, Intentional and Explicit in our support for all people, in particular to those whose gender identities and sexual orientations are considered to be diverse.
- In order to share this proclamation, we need to do the work of exploring whether or not we wish to be Affirming.

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

Our proposal is:

- That the Living Skies Regional Council create a small task group with the members appointed through the Nominations process adopted by Living Skies Regional Council to create a process for the Region to begin the Affirming Ministries exploration which task group will report to the Regional Executive by March 2020 so the report may be circulated,
- That the task group create or adapt an educational process with respect to Living Skies Regional becoming an affirming region
- That time be allotted at the 2020 Regional Council Meeting to participate in an Affirming Ministries discussion culminating with a vote on the issue after an education process has been completed.

4. For the body initiating this Proposal.

Although Living Skies Regional Council is a new entity in a new structure, some of our work of justice-making remains the same. The InterCultural Network thanks the Region 4 Commission for the permission to continue our work until the rise of the Living Skies Regional Council Meeting.

To recap who we are--

This network encourages all people from various cultures in church and society to be transformed through cross-cultural interactions where similarities and differences are acknowledged and honoured. In particular, this network aims to address cultural imbalances and advocates for those who fall outside majority culture.

Brian Mitchell-Walker and Nobuko Iwai have co-Lead this network and the work is done by so many people. Thank you all. We have appreciated the opportunity to be part of this work, which includes the work in the previous structure(s) of the Affirming Ministries Committee, the Ethnic Ministries Coordinator, and the Women in Ministry Committee.

We look forward to new expressions of justice-promoting, justice-seeking, justice-making, justice-living, in Christ's name.

We celebrate this work completed and to come:

- Affirming Ministries day was named May 5, 2019. We thank Calvary United Church, Prince Albert for their work on providing Resources for this day.
- InterCultural Network requested and prepared a proposal to begin the Affirming Ministry Process for the Living Skies Regional Council.
- Planning is underway for a fall Affirming/Affirming Curious workshop.
- After a Successful Be Bold 2018, and a request to hold another event, Be Bold 2019— Good News/Real News has been organized and will be held as a pre-Regional Council event with leadership from Charlene Burns, SunDo Hyun, Nobuko Iwai, amongst others.
- A women in ministry caucus gathering is planned for the Living Skies Regional Gathering Meeting.
- We participated in a conference phone call with friends from the two Regions west of us involved in InterCultural Work: Northern Lights & Chinook Winds, and Living Skies Regional Council members have been invited to participate in a fall event in Calgary, Alberta (late October 2019) with speakers (Rev. Dr. Andrew Sung Park & Rev. Dr. Eric H.F. Law)

Regional Council action: referred to the Living Skies Regional Council Executive

**PROPOSAL 9: FUNDING FOR OUTREACH MINISTRIES OF LIVING SKIES
REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Origin: Outreach Ministries network

1. What is the issue?

- The outreach ministries of the former Saskatchewan Conference have contributed to the compassionate mission of Jesus by visiting people in hospital (Hospital Chaplaincies), supporting young adults attending university (Ecumenical Chaplaincy at the University of Saskatchewan), developing community and advocating for people living in poverty in Saskatoon and Regina (the Integrated Community Ministry ICM and the Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry RAPM), making contacts between different Christian denominations (the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism), providing a witness for inclusive theology in La Ronge (La Ronge United Church) and providing a place in nature for children and youth to connect with God through God's creation (United Church Camps in Saskatchewan).
- The funding of these ministries has recently been reduced drastically, due in part to the recent structural changes that eliminated presbyteries and conferences. These changes have affected outreach ministries in Saskatchewan more than other regions.

2. Why is the issue important?

- These outreach ministries provide a way for communities of faith to engage in the compassionate mission of Jesus, as well as serve United Church members and adherents who need comfort in hospital, support while at university, and spiritual programming during summer months.
- Historically these ministries have been funded by the Mission and Service Fund (M & S) and by local presbyteries. Local presbyteries no longer exist, and M & S grants have been drastically reduced. Saskatchewan Conference and its presbyteries have been shielding these ministries from the effect of reduced M & S grants, so it was a shock to the boards of the outreach ministries. Boards have been scrambling looking for alternative sources of funding.
- Without some additional funding some of these ministries may cease to exist, and once disbanded would be very difficult or impossible to re-establish.
- The Regional Commission organized a meeting with a United Church fundraising expert from Winnipeg for the outreach ministries. While this was helpful in creating a different mindset about how to fund these ministries into the future, some work needs to be done to explore these practices.

3. How might the Region respond to the issue?

- We propose that the Living Skies Region assess its communities of faith to provide funding for outreach ministries.

Regional Council action: Concurred with by Living Skies Regional Council

Ministry	Type	M&S 2018	Presbytery 2018 (and Conference if applicable)	M&S 2019	Total resource deficit
Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry	Poverty advocacy	\$23,050	\$75,500	\$30,650	\$67,900
Camp Christopher	Camp	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
Integrated Community Ministry (ICM)	Building relationships in the core communities	\$34,050	\$31,000	\$36,150	\$28,900
North Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy	Hospital chaplaincy	\$10,000	\$38,700 Note: this amount was supplemented by one time funds	\$11,500	The 2017 amounts are more accurate since they did not include one time funds
		2017: \$16,300	2017: \$66,000	2019: \$11,500	\$70,800
South Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy	Hospital chaplaincy	\$13,150	\$56,703	\$14,650	\$55,203
Prairie Centre for Ecumenism	Ecumenical gatherings and education	\$0	\$4000	\$0	\$4000
U of S Ecumenical Chaplaincy	University chaplaincy	\$6900	\$6000	\$8500	\$4400
Micah Mission	Prison support ministry	\$3300	\$0	\$4500	(\$1200)
Lumsden Beach Camp	Camp	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
Parkland Restorative Justice	Prison and restorative justice	\$2800	\$2000	\$4500	\$300
TOTAL RESOURCE DEFICIT					\$270,303

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL

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