



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

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

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

2020

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2	2020	ZOOM	Robert Reed	Shannon McCarthy

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Member:	Margaret McCallum	NORQUAY SK
Member:	Vicki Nelson	REGINA SK
Member:	Elaine Little	HAZLET SK

2020 ROLL OF LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL GATHERING

For purposes of establishing the roll of the regional council, 'Ministry Personnel' includes Ordained, Diaconal, Designated Lay Ministers, Staff Associates and Candidates. 'Lay Delegates' are elected from their communities of faith, 'Members at Large' are lay members on commissions, Regional Council Executive, pastoral charge supervisors or liaisons appointed by the Regional Council, but not elected as lay delegates from their communities of faith. The 2020 Roll is based on attendance at the business meeting on November 4, 2020.

MINISTRY PERSONNEL

Anderson-Pratt, Deb	Regina	Appledore, Andrew	Hanley
Baek, YongSeok	Wilkie	Beal McKenzie, Carole	Star City
Berg, Debra	Saskatoon	Bodnaryk, Sharron	Fort Qu'Appelle
Borgeson, Nora	North Battleford	Bortolotto, Roy	Wawota
Bourgeois, Cindy	Regina	Brick, Lorna	Neilburg
Callfas, Lynette	Glenavon	Cantwell, Jordan	Saskatoon
Carr, Emily	Langham	Chad, Bonita	Saskatoon
Christie, Catherine	Abbey	Clarke, Jan	Colonsay
Cowan, Joy	Regina	Curtis, Brenda	Humboldt
Dresser, Jen	Yorkton	Ellis, Tim	Moose Jaw
Fouhse, Laura	Saskatoon	Fraser, Cam	Regina
Gairns, Allan	Rosetown	Gerhard, Tricia	Regina
Giles, Sarah	Langenburg	Griffith, Susan	Bangor
Hall, Keith	Saskatoon	Heo, Hyun	Kipling
Hills, Jo-Ann	Watrous	Hyun, SunDo	Meadow Lake
Iwai, Nobuko	Saskatoon	James-Cavan, Kathleen	Saskatoon
Janzen-Ball, Jennifer	Saskatoon	Ji, Eunkyuu	McCord
Johnson, Gary	Unity	Johnston, Beth	Nipawin
Kent, Marjorie	Lumsden	King, Lorna	Regina
Lee, Hoeun	Tisdale	MacNaughton, Barbara	Eston
MacNaughton, Jim	Elrose	Mader, Jo	Fort Qu'Appelle
Manley-Tannis, Richard	Saskatoon	Manley-Tannis, Shelly	Saskatoon
McConnell, Ron	Outlook	McCorrister, Rick	Balcarres
McKenzie, Charles	Star City	Mee, Brian	Melville
Mitchell-Walker, Russell	Regina	Mohn, Lindsay	Delisle
Morton, Bonnie	Regina	Park, Young Jin	Esterhazy
Reed, Robert	Gainsborough	Reed, Susan	Carnduff
Reine, Darrell	Regina	Robinson, Diane	Regina

Rowe, Michele	Maple Creek	Rumple, Donna	Earl Grey
Russell, Miles	Preeceville	Schrag, Ken	Gull Lake
Sellwood, John R.	Indian Head	Shaw, Janelle	Lafleche
Smith, Deborah	Yorkton	Strzelecki, Piotr	Kindersley
Sundberg, Laura	Regina	Takau, Salesi	Abbey
Taylor, Annette	Swift Current	Tenford, Jim	Moose Jaw
Thomas, Pamela	Regina	Tomlinson-Seebach, Linda	Moose Jaw
Unger, William	Saskatoon	van Dyke, Dexter	North Battleford
van't voort, Jackie	Alameda	Vedress, Nora	Prince Albert
Wensley, Gayle	Borden	Wiebe, Danna	Silton
Wiig, Ursula	Davidson	Wilkins, Barbara	Rocanville
Wolff, Jim	Wolseley	Woodall, Carolyn	Moosomin
Woods, Daryl	Saskatoon	Wooff, Darren	Saskatoon
Worrall, Jonathan	Shellbrook	Wudrich, Bradley	Hudson Bay

LAY DELEGATES

Adamson, Penny	Northern Lakes	Anderson, Vicki	Kerrobert
Balls, Barry	Crossroads United	Balls, Frances	Crossroads United
Barnes-Connell, Valerie	La Ronge	Bayne, Lynn	Delisle
Beal, Della	Sktn: St. David's Trinity	Bear, Susan	Kamsack
Berge, Diane	Bridging Waters	Berriault, Mari-Anne	Regina: Knox Met
Birkmaier Tillotson, Donna	Saskatoon: Knox	Blake, Hazel	Grasslands:
Bradley, Harold	Saskatoon: Mount Royal Emmanuel	Brandow, Ron	Balcarres
Brosnihan, Elaine	Saskatoon: St. Paul's	Brown, Donna	Yorkton: Westview
Bryant, Lisa	Saskatoon: McClure	Byers Bradley, Barbara	Saskatoon: Mount Royal Emmanuel
Campbell, Lyall	Outlook	Cole, Laurie	Gainsborough-Carievale
Conrad, Herb	Pine Creek	Cree, Carrie	Saskatoon: St. Martin's
Crone, Shirley	Radville	Dahlin, Velda	Norquay
Dentinger, Janet	Carnduff Alida	Dodd, Linda	Regina: Westminster
Dovell, Bryan	Balgonie	Dugas, Sheldon	Delisle-Vanscoy
Filson, Duane	Lafleche-Limerick	Forbes, Colette	Regina: Knox-Met
Goodrich, Shirley	Colonsay	Greves, Audrey	Northern Lakes
Griemann, Eva	Moosomin: Bethel	Hagen, Ann	Ogema, Bengough, Pangman
Hall, Marlene	Regina: Knox Met	Halyk, Jane	Melville
Hanson, Mervin	Eston	Haroldson, Doug	Maple Creek
Hayes, Robert	Prince Albert: Calvary	Hill, Norman	Prince Albert: Calvary
Hodgins, Margaret	Crossroads	Ivanichko, Sheila	Preeceville
Jones, Erin	Coteau Hills	Karst, Allison	Assiniboia

Kendall, Christine	Gainsborough-Carievale	Kindopp, Don	Estevan
Klassen, Herb	Regina: Heritage	Klassen, Nadine	Regina: Heritage
Krantz, Judy	Tisdale	Kocski, Verna	Unity
Lambert, Norman	Regina: St. James	MacBean, Colleen	Swift Current
Mackie, Marvin	KeLRose	Macpherson, Rod	Sktn: Grace Westminster
Mathers, Ken	Moose Jaw: Trinity	McPherson, Robert	Saskatoon: St. Martin's
Mervold, Deb	Shellbrook	Miller, Diane	Lumsden
Mundt, Karen	Moose Jaw: St. Andrew's	Neal, Susan	Moose Jaw: Minto
Nein, Laureen	Sktn: St. David's Trinity	Oh, Yujene	Wilkie
Oliver, Ruth	Moosomin	Orr, Charlene	Grasslands
Parkin, Lesley	Strasbourg	Payne, Shirley	KeLRose
Peters, Marilyn	Dundurn-Hanley	Pollock, Brenda	Broadview-Whitewood
Pollock, Bill	Sktn: Grace-Westminster	Pryor, Ernie	Loreburn Hawarden
Rieder, Frances	Grasslands	Robertson, Joan	Regina: St. James
Rudolph, Nora	Gull Lake	Sarauer, Allison	Humboldt
Sarauer, Kathryn	Saskatoon: St. Martin's	Sawchuk, Patti	Dundurn-Hanley
Scheurwater, Doug	Regina: Eastside	Schlamp, Shirley	Grenfell
Shepherd, Edith	Wilkie-Scott	Smillie, Mary	Davidson
Stewart, Darleen	Moose Jaw: Zion	Stumpf, Linda	Swift Current: First
Swallow, Ruth	Grenfell	Tarasoff, Edie	Spirit of Hope
Thomson, Laura	Regina: Wesley	Thurlow, Diane	Meadow Lake
Tober, Heather	Oxbox Glen Ewen	Warrian, Jeanette	Lanigan-Nokomis
Warriner, Anita	Alameda	Watson, Sandra	Abbey/Lancer/Portreeve
Weber, Dawn	Sktn: Grosvenor Park	Whalley, Leslee	Big River
Williamson, Betty Anne	Indian Head	Wright, Owen	Saskatoon: Mayfair

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Colmin, Neil	Spirit Hills	Dornan, Dwaine	Long Lake
Grand, Mary Anne	Lemberg Abernethy	Gunningham, Linda	Regina: Wesley
Pitman, Delise	Regina: Lakeview	Thurlow, George	Northern Lakes
Tudor, Bryan	Strasbourg	Wiebe, Vic	St. Pauls' International
Worrall, Dale	Saskatoon		

GUESTS

Deforest, Sheila	Hudson Bay	Lavender, Sheila	Saskatoon: McClure
Main, Mary	Abbey	Mathewson, Anne	Saskatoon: St. David's Trinity
Morrow-Fesciuc, Chantalle	Saskatoon: ICM	Phillips, Margaret	Yorkton: St. Andrew's

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Harding, Jane	Salmon Arm	Jackson, Kathy	Edmonton
McCarthy, Shannon	Winnipeg	McKay, Jamie	Winnipeg
McLuhan-Myers, Madeleine	Regina	Medland, Karen	Edmonton
Mohn, Kent	Saskatoon	Murton, Tracy	Saskatoon

**Minutes of Living Skies Regional Council
2nd Annual Regional Meeting via Zoom
October 28, 2020 & November 4, 2020**

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Session 1 – LISTEN / DISCUSS / DISCERN

Gathering of Regional Council	<p>The 2020 Regional Meeting of Living Skies Regional Council of the United Church of Canada met for two sessions on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 and Wednesday, November 4, 2020 via Zoom.</p> <p>The first session was a learning opportunity and a time to “Listen, Discern, and Discuss” with (up to) 70 participants present. The second session was the formal business session and was focused on “Deciding.” There were (up to) 70 participants to the formal business session for the 2nd Annual Meeting of the Living Skies Regional Council with 180 eligible voters.</p> <p>Rob Reed, Convenor of the 2020 Living Skies Regional Meeting presided during both sessions.</p>
Introductions	<p>Rob Reed introduced Tricia Gerhard, Chairperson of the Regional Council Executive; and Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister.</p>
Meeting Process	<p>Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister, explained the process that would be used for the two Zoom sessions that will constitute the 2020 Living Skies Regional Meeting.</p>
Opening Worship	<p>Rob Reed led the opening worship and lit the Christ candle as a symbol of Christian community and to remind us that whomever we gather with, we are united in the body of Christ.</p>
Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories and Treaties	<p>Darrell Reine made the following treaty territory acknowledgement:</p> <p>“We come together this evening from many places across Living Skies Regional Council, places that are on the traditional territories and treaty lands of strong and diverse First Nations and the homeland of the Metis peoples. As we gather, let us respect and honor these traditional lands. Let us pray that as we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, we will be motivated to faithfully move forward in partnerships with our Indigenous siblings and the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration. We are all Treaty People.”</p> <p>Those gathered were invited to use the chat function to identify the Indigenous peoples and Treaty designation upon whose land they live, work, and minister.</p> <p>Deb Anderson-Pratt lit a smudge to bless our time together, acknowledge our Peoples, and show respect for the Earth.</p>

We listened to scripture (Luke 17:20-21) in three different languages. Susan Reed read in English, Rev. SunDo Hyun read in Korean, and Salesi Takau read in Tongan.

Rob Reed gave a reflection and shared an experience that profoundly impacted his faith journey.

Rev. Hoeum Lee closed the worship with a prayer, one minute spoken in Korean, and one minute spoken in English. We said the Lord's Prayer.

LISTEN / DISCERN / DISCUSS

Proposal #1

Banning Conversion Therapy in Saskatchewan

Grosvenor Park United Church introduced their proposal.

Background

Charlie Klassen provided background to the proposal. Conversion therapy is a form of treatment that attempts to actively change someone's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. At best, it's ineffective, and at its worst, it is destructive and deadly.

The proposal is presented to Living Skies Regional Council asking for support in the banning of conversion therapy in Saskatchewan.

Discussion & Questions of Clarification

The floor was opened to clarifying questions, asking:

- Is there anything in this proposal that I would to change so that I would be able to support it?

Voting on all three proposals will take place Wednesday, November 4, during Session 2.

Proposal #2

Remit 1 - Amendment to the Basis of Union

Shannon McCarthy explained the Category 1 remit. The remit question is:

- Does the Regional Council agree that:
 - a) The Order of Ministry be open to persons of all gender identities; and
 - b) The Basis of Union be amended to reflect this change as follows:
 - ◇ 10.0 The Order of Ministry shall be open to persons of all gender identities.
 - The current wording is: *The Order of Ministry shall be open to both men and women.*

Background

Charlie Klassen provided background to the remit. Charlie shared their experience as an non-binary person.

The changes proposed constitute changing five words. Words are powerful. In a lot of narratives, they do not exist. It is traditionally religion and religious groups that have perpetuated and forced upon people the idea that there are only two genders: woman and man.

Acknowledgement, especially from a faith group, is extremely powerful. We would like to recognize that our Creator made this diverse group of humans, not just men, not just women.

Discussion & Questions of Clarification

The floor was opened to clarifying questions:

- Is there anything in this proposal that I would to change so that I would be able to support it?

A few of the comments made were:

- The need for this essentially political statement has nothing to do with unity and inclusion. Specifying individual groups becomes redundant. It mentions only a small group and confers singling this group out is more important in our institution where all are to be treated as important. Dividing people into smaller factions pulls individuals away from the idea that we are all part of a greater community.
- The current wording is exclusive of some gender identities. Using the new wording does not single any group out, it includes everyone.
- It's enjoyable to see language changes that include everybody.
- Why not include other issues and identities that are also barriers to inclusivity? Culture, having a disability, were mentioned as additional barriers.
- The current wording in question is related to gender and so we want to be explicit in our language, as it relates to gender.
- Wording matters. The language we choose to use is essentially telling those who read it to whom we are extending an invitation and welcome.

Proposal #3

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

Tricia Gerhard introduced the proposal submitted by the Living Skies Regional Council Executive.

Background

It was decided by Living Skies Regional Council that in addition to the regular assessment, a 20% regional assessment would be collected in 2020 and 2021, with the funds dedicated to supporting community ministries.

Over the last year, the Executive has received several letters from communities of faith indicating that the additional regional assessment was creating financial strain. Concerns were also raised around how the additional assessment was going to be used within the regional council.

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

The proposals, as presented, was as follows:

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

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

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

Discussion / Questions for Clarification

Some of the discussion points, comments, and questions made were:

- How many letters were received expressing financial strain due to the regional assessment?
- If the goal is for congregations to become financially sustainable, going from 20% to 0% is a drastic step.
- What were some of the concerns raised about how the funds were going to be used by the regional council?
- Can we rescind the original decision regarding the additional regional council assessment?
- Perhaps we could leave the 20% assessment in place for those who can afford to pay it and forgive those who cannot.
- Where does Indigenous Ministry fit?

There were around ten letters along with some comments.

The letters were not questions the use of money by ministries and congregations, but rather asking how the money would be used by the regional council.

Since we have already acted on the original decision regarding the additional regional council assessment, we are unable to go back and rescind. We are able to bring forward this proposal based on the how the world has changed and new information we have.

Funding for Indigenous Ministries across the United Church is overseen and funded by the National Indigenous Ministries and Justice Council.

Those gathered were invited to take the proposal to their ministries and congregations for discussion before Session 2.

Closing Prayer

Rob Reed closed Session 1 with a prayer.

**Adjournment
(Session 1)**

Rob Reed adjourned Session 1 at 9:15 PM.

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Session 2 – DECIDE

Welcome

Rob Reed, Convenor of the 2020 Living Skies Regional Council Regional Meeting, welcomed the regional council to the first session of the 2nd annual Living Skies Regional Council 2020 Regional Meeting. The 2020 regional meeting is the first meeting held entirely online or by phone.

Opening

Rob Reed lit a candle declared the opening of the Living Skies Regional Council Meeting 2020 to be open at 7:00 PM with the following statement:

"Welcome one and all. In the name of Jesus Christ, the only head of the church, and by the authority vested in me by this regional council, I declare the 2nd Annual Meeting of Living Skies Regional Council of the United Church of Canada open for worship, study, companionship, and such business as shall properly come before us."

**Treaty Land
Acknowledgement**

Barb MacNaughton made the following treaty territory acknowledgement:

"We come together this evening from many places across Living Skies Regional Council, places that are on the traditional territories and treaty lands of strong and diverse First Nations and the homeland of the Metis peoples. As we gather, let us show respect and honour these traditional lands and let us pray that as we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, that we will be motivated to faithfully move forward in partnership with our Indigenous siblings in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration. We are all Treaty people."

We each used the chat box as we were able to type the treaty territory in which we were in during the meeting.

**Introduction to Voting
Process**

Rob Reed reminded us of the voting process that would be used. Those gathered did a test vote.

**Procedural / Enabling
Motions**

Shannon McCarthy read the procedural and enabling motions.

**ENABLING MOTIONS
LSRC 001-2020**

Shannon McCarthy / Darrell Reine

That Living Skies Regional Council accepts the following Enabling Motions #1 – 11 for this Regional Meeting:

1. Roll of Regional Council:

That the Roll of the Regional Council for the purposes of the 2nd Annual Regional Council meeting be:

- i. the members of the Order of Ministry within the bounds served by the regional council; and**
- ii. Other ministry personnel in a covenantal relationship with a community of faith within the bounds of the regional council**
- iii. Lay members of the regional council are members of the United Church who are not ministry personnel and who are elected by communities of faith (Manual 2019, C.1.1 & C.1.2).**
- iv. Members-at-large, lay members within the Regional Council who have been appointed members as necessary for the work of the Regional Council by the Regional Council Executive and who have not been elected by their community of faith.**

2. Corresponding Members:

That all invited guests, registered visitors, and staff be corresponding members of this regional council meeting, with voice but not vote.

3. The Bounds of the Council:

That the Bounds of the Regional Council meeting be the virtual meeting room and the telephone connections to that meeting space.

4. Minimum Number of Members at Meetings:

That the regional council may meet only if a minimum number of members is present. If there are 60 or more members, at least 20 members must be present; and there must be at least one ministry personnel and one lay member who is not ministry personnel present. Corresponding members are not counted for this purpose (Manual 2019; C.4.3).

5. Limits to Debate:

That without the permission of the Council, no member shall speak more than once on any proposal or amendment; and that speeches be limited to two minutes per person on each proposal, except at the discretion of the President.

6. Agenda Committee:

That the Agenda Committee for this Regional Council meeting be the members of the Regional Council Meeting Planning Committee, plus one person designated as Parliamentarian.

7. Rules of Debate and Order:

That the rules of debate and order for Parliamentary debate be those spelled out in Appendix of The Manual 2019 (pages 187-191); and that any point not covered in such Appendix, the parliamentary rules accepted in Canada (Bourinot) shall be followed.

8. Unfinished Business:

That unfinished business be referred to the Living Skies Regional Council Executive.

9. Minutes:

That the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Living Skies Regional Council be approved as distributed.

10. Celebration of Ministry:

That Living Skies Regional Council, having received confirmation of the readiness of the following candidates and admissionands from the Office of Vocation and confirmed through the Living Skies Pastoral Relations Commission that a covenantal relationship is in place with a community of faith or offer of employment to a paid accountable/recognized ministry, held Celebration of Ministries services on September 25th in Tisdale, SK to admit Hoeun Lee, September 26th in Grenfell, SK to admit Hyun Heo, and September 27th in Regina, SK to ordain Deb Anderson-Pratt and Bruce Kakakaway (The Manual H.4.8).

11. Reports:

That the verbal and written reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Chairperson

Tricia Gerhard reflected on the last year serving as Chairperson of the Living Skies Regional Council Executive.

A year ago, Tricia had no idea she would be chairing an Executive in the midst of a global pandemic. She thanked the regional and tri-regional staff as well as the 2020 Convenor, Rob Reed, for their leadership, support, and dedication as they all treaded through the unknown.

**Executive Minister
Report**

Shannon McCarthy thanked the Executive for all their hard work since the inaugural meeting. Shannon also thanked Tricia Gerhard and Rob Reed for their leadership and diligent work on behalf of the regional council.

Shannon gave special thanks to the regional staff, tri-regional staff, and the regional staff from the other regions, Living Skies and Prairie to Pine. Bev Diebert is joined by Cherry Abad from Prairie to Pine, Julie Graham and Kent Mohn from Living Skies, and

Kathy Jackson from Northern Spirit as they work behind the scenes to keep these meetings running smoothly.

Regional staff present at this meeting are Tracy Murton, Pastoral Relations Minister; Kent Mohn, Young Adult and Youth Minister; and Madeleine Mcluhan-Myers, Archivist.

Tri-Regional staff present at this meeting are Julie Graham, Justice and Communications Minister; Heather Dootoff, Financial Administrator; and Jamie Mckay, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary.

Julie Graham began as Justice and Communications Minister at the start of January 2020. Shannon was on sabbatical at the time, so Julie did a fantastic job of navigating her new position.

Tracy Murton took on the role of Acting Executive Minister while Shannon was away on sabbatical. We thank Tracy for her leadership during the beginning of a stressful and unknown time.

Shannon acknowledged Heather Dootoff, Financial Administrator for Prairie to Pine, Living Skies, and Northern Spirit Regional Councils. Heather works closely with each of the treasurers in each of the three regional councils and responds to a large number of financial questions. She has also helped facilitate funding in a variety of ways.

Until spring of 2020, most of the meetings held by the executive were held by Zoom. In some ways, this helped us make the move into a digital meeting space.

The long-anticipated website was up and running at the beginning of March 2020. Thank you to Julie Graham, Cherry Abad and Jamie Mckay for populating the website with material and handling the technical aspects. The website was up and running just in time as the COVID-19 pandemic started and we collectively entered into lockdown.

Finance

Donna Brown gave a financial report. The audited financial statements are included in the Work Book.

Donna thanked Heather Dootoff, Financial Administrator. It is a tremendous amount of work to bring everything together.

Annette Taylor asked that the name of the fund mentioned in the Extraordinary 2019 Income report called 'Bull Dozer Fund' be changed to its correct name of 'Property Fund' and to discontinue the use of the name Bull Dozer Fund.

Tricia Gerhard assumed the chair.

Regional Meeting Convenor

Rob Reed reflected on his role as Convenor during the last year.

Rob noted how blessed we are to have the staff that we have. He gave great thanks to all the staff for their hard work and the many extra hours they have put in for the benefit of the regional council.

Rob acknowledged the many people around the regional council who go above and beyond, whether they are ministry personnel volunteering to walk with other pastoral charges or whether they are folk who work out of the church and volunteer their afternoons, evenings, and weekends for the church. The amount of work we are all doing is phenomenal.

Shannon McCarthy brought forward a motion.

**MOTION
LSRC 002-2020**

Shannon McCarthy / Darrell Reine
That Living Skies Regional Council will extend the term of Rob Reed as Convenor for Living Skies Regional Council to the next regional council meeting.

CARRIED

Rob Reed assumed the chair.

Proposal #2

REMIT 1 – AMENDMENT TO THE BASIS OF UNION

Remit 1

Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister, reviewed Remit 1, amending Basis of Union Article 10.0. She reminded the court that this is a Category One Remit and no changes can be made to the wording of the Remit, and that the Regional Council could only respond yes or no to the proposed change.

The question was called:

“Does the Regional Council agree that:

- a) The Order of Ministry be open to persons of all gender identities; and*
- b) The Basis of Union be amended to reflect this change as follows:*
 - ◇ 10.0 The Order of Ministry shall be open to person of all gender identities.”

The remit was carried with 163 in favour of the remit and 3 against.

Proposal #1

BANNING CONVERSION THERAPY IN SASKATCHEWAN

**MOTION
LSRC 003-2020**

Dawn Weber / Nobuko Iwai
That Living Skies Regional Council agrees to the following:

- **To submit a formal request to our provincial governments to ban conversion therapies within Saskatchewan; and**
- **That individual Communities of Faith:**

- i. **Are encouraged to understand why conversion therapies are so detrimental to the health and well-being of so many of lesbian, gay, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual our young folks; and**
- ii. **Are encouraged to write to the Province of Saskatchewan stating opposition to conversion therapies; and**
- **That Living Skies Regional council encourage all Affirming and 2SGBTQIA+ supportive Communities of Faith to investigate local bylaws related to conversion therapy, and to become aware of the forms conversion therapy may take in their own communities.**

CARRIED

The motion was carried with 169 in favour of the motion and 2 against.

Proposal #3

REMOVING OR REDUCING THE 20% EXTRA REGIONAL ASSESSMENT FOR 2021

MOTION

Tricia Gerhard / Deborah Smith

That Living Skies Regional Council (LSRC) approves the following:

- Reduce the special regional assessment for 2021 to 0%, and;
- That instead, funding that is available from the 2020 assessment be directed to assisting community ministries within the regional council to explore and develop diverse ways of becoming more financially sustainable, and;
- That LSRC encourage communities of faith to support at least one community ministry, and;
- That the Executive and the Regional Assessment Task Group set up at least one meeting with the mission-grant supported ministries, and at least one meeting between them and the EDGE Network.

AMENDMENT

An amendment was proposed to change the 0% assessment amount to 10%.

There was a long discussion about the percentage amount the assessment should be reduced to.

Doug Haroldson / Cindy Bourgeoisun

That Living Skies Regional Council (LSRC) approves the following:

- Reduce the special regional assessment for 2021 to 10%, and;
- That instead, funding that is available from the 2020 assessment be directed to assisting community ministries within the regional council to explore and develop diverse ways of becoming more financially sustainable, and;
- That LSRC encourage communities of faith to support at least one community ministry, and;
- That the Executive and the Regional Assessment Task Group set up at least one meeting with the mission-grant supported ministries, and at least one meeting between them and the EDGE Network.

AMENDMENT DEFEATED

The amendment was defeated with 53 in favour of the amendment and 118 against.

MOTION
LSRC 004-2020

Tricia Gerhard / Deborah Smith

That Living Skies Regional Council (LSRC) approves the following:

- **Reduce the special regional assessment for 2021 to 0%, and;**
- **That instead, funding that is available from the 2020 assessment be directed to assisting community ministries within the regional council to explore and develop diverse ways of becoming more financially sustainable, and;**
- **That LSRC encourage communities of faith to support at least one community ministry, and;**
- **That the Executive and the Regional Assessment Task Group set up at least one meeting with the mission-grant supported ministries, and at least one meeting between them and the EDGE Network.**

CARRIED

The motion was carried with 135 in favour and 38 against.

Closing Worship

Tricia Gerhard invited those gathered to enter into a time of worship.

The worship was led by Rev. Deb Anderson-Pratt, Rev. Hyun Heo, Rev. Hoeun Lee, Rev. Donna Rumpel, Rev. Rob Reed, and members of the Committee of Community of Faith Support: Sheila DeForest, Bill Pollock, and Rev. Deborah Smith.

Welcome

The service began with a music, *To Open Our Hearts* (video – The Strathdees).

In Memorial

Tracy Murton, Pastoral Relations Minister, introduced our time to spend in celebration and remembering.

Ordinations

We celebrate the ordinations of Deb Anderson-Pratt and Bruce Kakakaway.

Admissions

We celebrate the admissions of Hoeun Lee and Hyun Heo.

Communities of Faith

Hoeun Lee and Deb Anderson-Pratt read the names of Communities of Faith who are ceasing worship:

- Springside
- Livelong
- Milestone/Lang
- Rouleau
- Ruthida
- Kelfield
- Clavet
- Birch Hills
- Earl Grey
- Edgeley

- Lashburn
- Loverna
- Mortlach
- Mossbank

In Memoriam

We continued our remembering by listening to music, *Spirit of Gentleness*, played by Lee Stubbe of Wesley United Church, and as we read the names of those whose journeys have come to an end since the last time we gathered:

- Ray William George Griffin
- Elaine La Marche
- Marguerite Alice Dougherty
- Irene Gibson
- Lawrence (Larry) Manley John Edwards
- William (Bill) Gilmer
- Robert (Bob) Armstrong
- Ronald (Ron) Harvey Sutton
- Colin (Dale) Wiggins
- Brian Ast
- Sharon Margaret Jeeves
- Dorothy Myrtle Morrow
- Jennifer Hope Sigurdson
- Alice Ruth McFarlane
- John Yeo
- Mildred Anne Morrison
- Roselis (Rose) Elisabeth Ward
- Roger Argue
- James Frederic (Eric) Ingham
- William (Bill) Robert Adamson

Retirements

We also read the names of those who are or have retired. We celebrate and honour with gratitude for their service, and praise for how we have seen God at work in their lives.

- Darilyn Grigg
- Cathy Coates
- Wendy Gibson
- Elizabeth Goodson

Reflection

Donna Rumpel read scripture (Isaiah 43) and gave a reflection.

Covenanting Service

The covenanting with the Communities of Faith began with prayer.

We made a Covenant of Mutual Commitment, Accountability and Support with Communities of Faith whose completed covenants had been received and accepted

by the Living Skies Regional Council Executive on October 22, 2020 and November 3, 2020.

Sacrament of Communion

Those gathered were led in a communion liturgy.

Communion was closed with a prayer. We watched a video, *One More Step Along the Road*, and we joined in singing.

Blessing

Tricia Gerhard said a blessing.

Adjournment

Tricia Gerhard thanked those gathered for their attendance and at 8:33 PM, declared the second meeting of Living Skies Regional Council to be adjourned.

Tricia Gerhard, Chairperson

Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMISSION
Living Skies Regional Council
Summary Report 2019 – 2020
(6/1/2019 to 9/30/2020)

LEGEND: * = part time + = indicates *change* in Call/Appointment

Ministry Abbreviations used in this report:

Dates: Listed as month/day/year

OM = Ordained Minister

DM = Diaconal Minister

US = United Supply Minister

RS = Retired Supply Minister

IM = Interim Minister

EA = Ecumenical Appointment to Shared Ministry

DLM = Designated Lay Minister

CS = Candidate Supply (Candidate whose education and field requirements are *complete*)

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

Community of Faith

Name

Effective Date

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

COMPLETED APPOINTMENTS

Community of Faith

Name

Effective Date

Battleford	E. Gayle Wensley (DLM)	07/01/20-06/30/22*
Biggar	Sharon Ferguson-Hood (IM/RS)	07/01/19-12/31/19*
Big River	Dave Whalley (DLM/RS)	07/01/19-06/30/22*
Borden	E. Gayle Wensley (DLM)	07/01/20-06/30/22*
Clavet	Bonita Chad (OM/RS)	03/20/19-03/20/20*
Clavet	Bonita Chad (OM/RS)	03/20/20-05/31/20*

Community of Faith

Name

Effective Date

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

Community of Faith

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Shellbrook-Leask	Jonathan Worrall (CS)
Soo Line	Yvonne Terry (DLM)
South Sask Hospital Chaplaincy	Lorna King (DLM/RS)
Speers	E. Gayle Wensley (DLM)
Spiritwood Partners in Faith	Nora Borgeson (OM/RS)
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Stoughton	B. Elizabeth Goodson (DLM)
Strasbourg	Donna Rumpel (DLM)
Strasbourg	John Sellwood (DLM/RS)
Unity Meridian	Gary Johnson (DLM)
Wolseley: St. James	Jim Wolff (CS)
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RETIREMENTS

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

MINISTRY PERSONNEL LEAVING THE REGION

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

MINISTRY PERSONNEL COMING INTO THE REGION

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

COMMUNITY OF FAITH IN PASTORAL RELATIONS PROCESS¹

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

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

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

PASTORAL CHARGE SUMMARY

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

² Pastoral Charge Supervisor in italics, if applicable

³ Data accurate to September 30, 2020

Community of Faith

Carlyle

Carnduff Alida

Carrot River-Arborfield

Clavet

Climax

Colleston, Steep Creek

Colonsay

Cote

Coteau Hills

Craik

Crossroads

Crossroads United

Crystal Springs

Cut Knife

Davidson-Girvin

Delisle – Vanscoy

Dundurn, Hanley

Earl Grey

Eatonia-Mantario

Elrose

Esterhazy (SM)

Eston: St. Andrew's

Five Oaks (SM - Lutheran)

Foam Lake, Leslie

Fort Qu'Appelle: St. A's

Four Town (SM)

Gainsborough, Carievale

Glenavon

Goose Lake

Grasslands

Ministry Personnel⁴

Mathias Ross (OM)

(Sharon Hubbard – June 30/20)

Susan Reed (DM)

(Nancy Steinbachs - Jan 1/19)

(Bonita Chad – May 27/20)

Connie Sykes (DLM)

(Nora Vedress– June 20/19)

(David Kim-Cragg - Jan 1/19 – June 30/20)

Eugene Blacksioux (OM)

Houen Lee (OS)

(Jim MacNaughton – March 7/20 – June 30/20)

(Allan Gairns – May 7/20)

(Jo Mader– Oct 3/19)

(Cindy Goodman – June 25/19)

Roy Bortolotto (DLM)

(Valerie Barnes-Connell – Sept 3/20)

YongSeok Baek (OM)

Ursula Wiig (OM/RS)

Lindsay Mohn (OM)

Shelly Manley-Tannis (OM)

Andrew Appledore (OM)

(Bev Diduck – Jan 9/20)

(Barb MacNaughton)

Jim MacNaughton (DLM/RS)

Mavis Peddie Peters (CS)

(Catherine Pace – Nov 7/19)

(Michele Rowe – June 4/20)

Young Jin Park (CS)

Barb MacNaughton (DLM)

Kragbe Legre (EA)

(Marvin Mackie - May 2/19)

Jo Mader (DLM)

Sarah Giles (CS)

(Kevin Sprong – Nov 7/19)

(Lindsay Mohn – June 4/20)

Rob Reed (DM)

Lynette Callfas (DLM)

(Diane Schmidt - Jan 1/19)

EunKyu Ji (OM)

Call start/Appt end⁵

Call - 10/01/18* - retiring

Call - 07/01/07

Closing

Appt - 06/30/22*

Call – 07/01/08

Ended - 06/30/20

Appt - 07/01/23

Call – 06/03/19*

Appt – 01/31/21*

Call - 07/01/18*

Ended - 03/01/20

Call - 01/01/16*

Appt - 06/30/21*

Ended - 06/15/20

Appt – 06/30/22*

Appt - 06/30/23

Appt - 06/30/21*

Appt - 06/30/21*

Call - 07/01/07

Appt - 12/31/20*

Call - 07/01/18

⁴ Pastoral Charge Supervisor in italics, if applicable

⁵ Data accurate to September 30, 2020

Community of Faith

Gravelbourg
Gray
Grenfell

Gull Lake
Hudson Bay
Humboldt
Imperial
Indian Head

Ituna
Kamsack

Kelliher
KeLRose
Kennedy
Kerrobert

Kindersley
Kinistino
Kipling

Kyle, Lacadena
La Ronge
Lafleche-Limerick
Landis
Langham: Knox

Lanigan, Nokomis

Lashburn
Leader, Sceptre
Lemberg, Abernethy
Little Cutarm
Long Lake
Loreburn, Hawarden
Loverna
Lumsden
Luseland

Ministry Personnel⁶

(Wendy Gibson - June 20/19)
(Bonnie Morton - Jan 1/19)
Hyun Heo (OM)
(Roy Bortolotto – Mar 5/20-Sept26/20)
Ken Schrag (OM/RS)
Brad Wudrich (OM)
Brenda Curtis (DM)
Ray Purdie (OM/RS)
John Sellwood (DLM/RS)
(Lorna King – Sept 3/20)
(Brian Mee - Jan 1/19)
Kevin Sprong (OM)
(Marg Janick-Grayston – Sept 3/20)
(Brian Mee - June 20/19)
(Sheila Ivanochko – Feb 7/19)
(Roy Bortolotto - Nov 7/19)
(Helen Mooney - Jan 1/19 – June 3/20)
(SunDo Hyun – June 4/20)
Piotr Strzelecki (OM)
(Charles McKenzie - Jan 1/19)
Hyun Heo (OM)
(Roy Bortolotto – Mar 5/20 – Sept 26/20)
Jim MacNaughton (DLM/RS)
(Dave Whalley - June 20/19)
Janelle Shaw (OM)
(Gary Johnson - Nov 7/19)
Kathleen James – Cavan (OM)
(Joan Brown – May 21/20)
Mitchell Anderson (OM)
(Ursula Wiig – May 21/20)
(Pat Ribey – Jan 16/20)
(Andrew Hecker - Jan 1/19)
(Mary Anne Grand - Jan 1/19)
(Susan Griffith - Jan 1/19)
(Dwaine Dornan - Jan30/19)
(Ron McConnell – Nov 7/19)
(Helen Reed - Jan 1/19)
Marjorie Kent (OM)
(Faye McLean - Jan 1/19 - June 30/20)

Call start/Appt end⁷

Appt - 06/30/21*

Appt - 06/30/21*
Call – 07/01/19
Call - 07/01/04
Appt - 06/30/21*
Appt - 06/30/21*

Ended - 06/30/20

Call - 07/01/16

Appt - 06/30/21*

Appt - 06/30/21*

Call - 02/18/18

Ended – 02/02/20

Ended - 06/30/20

Closing
Call - 06/01/09

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Maidstone, Paynton
Manor (SM)
Maple Creek
Marsden, Neilberg
Maymont
Meadow Lake
Melfort-Ethelton

Melville: First
Moose Jaw: Minto
Moose Jaw: St. Andrew's
Moose Jaw: Trinity
Moose Jaw: Zion
Moosomin: Bethel
Mortlach
Mossbank

New Venture
Norquay
North Battleford
N. Sask. Hospital Chaplaincy

Northern Lakes
Ogema, Bengough, Pangman
Outlook
Oxbow-Glen Ewen

Pelly
Pine Cree
Plainsview
Plenty, Dodsland
Prairie Points
Prairie Spirit
Preeceville-Sturgis
Prince Albert: Calvary
Quill Plains
Radville

Ministry Personnel⁸

(Dexter van Dyke – Nov 26/19)
(Rob Reed – Aug 10/20)
Michele Rowe (OM)
Lorna Brick (OM)
(Gayle Wensley - Jan 1/19)
SunDo Hyun (OM)
Emmanuel Menyereye (OM)
(Dave Whalley – June 4/20)
Brian Mee (OM)
Linda Tomlinson-Seebach (OM)
Jim Tenford (OM)
(Linda Tomlinson-Seebach – June 20/19)
Tim Ellis (OM)
Carolyn E. Woodall (IM)
(Darleen Stewart – Nov 7/19)
Wendy Gibson (DLM)
(Wendy Gibson – Jan 9/20)
(Linda Stumpf - Jan 1/19)
Margaret McCallum (OM)
Dexter van Dyke (OM/RS)
Cathy Coates (OM)
Joan Brown (DM/RS)
(Daryl Woods – June 4/20)
(George / Diane Thurlow - Jan 1/19)
(Shirley Crone - June 25/19)
Ron McConnell (OM)
Jackie van't Voort (DM)
Kathy Kyle (OM)
(Velda Dahlin - Jan 1/19)
(Connie Sykes – June 20/19)
(Russell / Brian Mitchell-Walker - Jan 1/19)
(Marj Mack - Jan 1/1 9- June 30/20)
(Vic Wiebe – May 7/20)
(Denise Sweet - Jan 1/19)
Miles Russell (OM)
Nora Vedress (OM)
(Brenda Curtis – Jan 1/19)
Jeri-Lee Jones (CS)
(Judy Beck – Feb 9/20)

Call start/Appt end⁹

Call - 07/01/18
Call - 01/01/17*

Call - 07/01/19
Ended - 03/31/20

Appt - 06/30/21*
Call - 01/01/16
Call - 05/01/13*
Call - 07/01/17
Appt - 06/30/21
Closing
Appt – 03/01/20 - retiring
Closing
Call - 07/01/15* (09/01/20+)
Appt - 08/31/21
Call - 09/01/10 – retiring
Ended - 06/30/20

Call - 07/01/17
Call - 07/01/18*
Ended – 08/31/20

Call - 07/01/83
Call - 07/01/05

Appt - 06/30/21*

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<u>Community of Faith</u>	<u>Ministry Personnel¹⁰</u>	<u>Call start/Appt end¹¹</u>
Redvers United (SM - Lutheran)	Marja Hordern (EA) (PCS: Rob Reed - Sept 5/19)	
Regina Anti-Poverty	Peter Gilmer (DLM)	Appt - 12/31/21
	Bonnie Morton (DLM)	Appt - 12/31/21
Regina: Broadway	James Balfour (OM)	Call - 09/15/98
Regina: Eastside	Russell Mitchell-Walker (DM)	Call - 09/10/12
Regina: Heritage	Barbara (Joy) Cowan (OM)	Call - 08/01/19
Regina: Knox Met	Cameron Fraser (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/21
Regina: Lakeview	Sue Breisch (OM) (Delise Pitman - June 30/20)	Ended - 08/31/20
Regina Native Outreach Ministries	Deb Anderson-Pratt (OM) (Cindy Bourgeois - May 7/20 - Sept 27/20)	Call - 07/01/20*
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	Allan Gairns (DM)	Call - 02/23/20*
Saskatoon: Grace-Westminster	Daryl Woods (OM)	Call - 07/01/01
Saskatoon: Grosvenor Park	Nobuko Iwai (OM)	Call - 08/15/15
Saskatoon: ICM	Lorraine Harkness (OM/RS) Chantalle Morrow-Fesciuc (L)	Ended - 03/31/20 Appt - 08/31/22
Saskatoon: Knox	Brian Maitland (OM)	Call - 11/01/19*+
Saskatoon: Mayfair	Dave Moors (OM)	Ended - 05/31/20
	Shelly Manley-Tannis (OM)	Call - 03/02/20*+
Saskatoon: McClure	Debra Berg (OM)	Call - 07/01/11
	Laura Fohse (DM)	Call - 07/01/06
	Brian Walton (OM)	Ended - 06/30/20
Saskatoon: Mount Royal Emmanuel	Joan Brown (DM/RS)	Appt - 06/30/21*
Saskatoon: St. David's Trinity	Bill Unger (OM)	Call - 09/01/09
Saskatoon: St. Martin's	Jordan Cantwell (OM)	Call - 11/12/18
	Keith Hall (DM)	Call - 07/01/19
Saskatoon: St. Paul's	Deb Walker (OM) (Jordan Cantwell - May 21/20 - July 31/20)	Ended - 05/31/20
	Mitchell Anderson	Call - 08/01/20
Saskatoon: St. Thomas Wesley	Vicki Obedkoff (OM)	Call - 11/01/19*+
Saskatoon: Third Ave.	(Brian Maitland - Nov 7/19)	
Shell Lake Partners in Worship (SM)	Sarah Urano (EA)	Call - 09/01/20

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Shellbrook-Leask

Silton

Smiley

Soo Line

Southey

South SK Hosp Chaplaincy

Speers

Spirit Hills

Spirit of Hope

Spiritwood Partners in Faith (SM)

Springwater

Spy Hill

St. Paul's International

Star City

Stoughton

Strasbourg

Swift Current: First

Tantallon

Theodore

Tisdale: St. Paul's

Tomkins (SM: Anglican)

Turtle River (SM - Anglican)

Unity, Meridian (SM)

Wakaw

Wanakapew

Wapella

Watrous Young

Weyburn

Wilkie, Scott

Wolseley

Yellow Grass (SM – Lutheran)

Yorkton: St. Andrew's

Yorkton: Westview

Ministry Personnel¹²

Jonathan Worrall (CS)

(Duane Mohn - Jan 1/19)

(Bob Hayes – Sept 3/20)

(Danna Armstrong - Jan 1/19)

(Jo-Ann Hills - Jan 1/19)

Yvonne Terry (DLM)

(Leslie Parkin – Nov 7/19)

Lorna King (DLM/RS)

Gayle Wensley (DLM)

(Neil Colmin - Jan 1/19)

(George Holliday - Jan 1/19)

Nora Borgeson (OM/RS)

Sarah Urano (EA)

(Helen Mooney - Jan 1/19)

(Vic Wiebe - Sept 15/19)

(Carol Beal McKenzie – June 20/19)

Elizabeth Goodson (DLM)

(Mohandas Barnabas – June 4/20)

Donna Rumpel (DLM)

(Bryan Tudor – Nov 26/19)

Annette Taylor (OM)

(Shari Forsythe-Hohm - Jan 1/19)

(Catherine Pace – Oct 3/19)

Houen Lee (OM)

(Charles McKenzie – June 20/19 – Sept 25/20)

(Carolyn Conarro – Jan 1/19)

Kun Kim (OM)

Don Skinner (EA)

Gary Johnson (DLM)

(Brian Walton - Jan 1/19)

Bruce Kakakaway (OM)

(Barbara Wilkins – June 4/20)

Jo-Ann Hills

Mohandas Barnabas (OM)

YongSeok Baek (OM)

Jim Wolff (CS)

(John Sellwood – Oct 3/19)

(Mohandas Barnabas – Sept 3/20)

Jennifer Dresser (DM)

Deborah Smith (OM)

Call start/Appt end¹³

Appt - 05/31/21*

Ended – 09/30/20

Appt - 09/16/21*

Appt - 06/30/22*

Ended – 09/30/20

Call – 09/01/20

Closing

Appt - 06/30/20 - retiring

Ended - 12/21/19 - retiring

Call - 07/01/15

Call - 07/01/20

Call - 08/01/11 (07/01/19*+)

Appt - 06/30/22

Call – 01/01/20

Call - 01/01/08

Call – 06/03/19*

Appt – 06/30/21*

Call - 07/01/13

Call - 07/01/14

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Recognized Current Sacrament Elders

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

Recognized Licensed Lay Worship Leaders

<u>Name</u>	<u>Licensed to</u>	<u>Congregation</u>
Alexander, Neil	December 31, 2021	Avonlea (Avonlea-Blue Hill)
Baerwald, Beth	June 30, 2022	Star City
Bamforth, Emily	November 18, 2020	Eastend (Pine Cree)
Beck, Judy	December 31, 2021	Milestone (Soo Line)
Berge, Diane	June 30, 2022	Nipawin (Bridging Waters)
Bjarnason, Rosellen	June 30, 2021	Wynyard (Spirit of Hope)
Bowie, Eleanor	November 18, 2020	
Cartmell, Karen	December 31, 2020	Regina: Sunset
Challoner, Tricia	December 31, 2022	Norquay
Chuiko, Meredith	June 30, 2023	Loon Lake (Northern Lakes)
Dahlin, Velda	December 31, 2022	Norquay
Daisley, Rosalie	December 31, 2022	Hudson Bay (Hudson Bay LP)
Deforest, Sheila	December 31, 2022	Robert Hall Mission (HBLP)
Fowler, Sandra	December 31, 2020	Tugaske (Spirit Hills)
Francis, Jani	December 31, 2022	Indian Head: St. Andrew's
Friesen, Henry	December 31, 2022	Carnduff (Carnduff Alida)
Gonczy, Kendra	December 31, 2022	Weyburn: Grace

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

BIOGRAPHIES

ORDAINED

DEB ANDERSON-PRATT



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

I grew up with both Traditional and Christian teaching; the Traditional teachings were taught very subtly by my Great Grandmother MaryJane Anderson. She had to teach them in this way otherwise she risked imprisonment. They were so subtle I never realized I had them in me until 1986 when the Grandfather teachings were introduced in a upgrading course I took- I knew them all as they were presented. The Christian

teachings were thrust upon me at a very young age by various religious groups.(6).

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

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

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

BRUCE NEAL KAKAKAWAY



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

I really loved the Sunday School that was there at the time. I also did learn some traditional teachings from my grandfather and other family members. If it wasn't for my grandmother taking me to church on that one Sunday when I was 8 years old, I don't believe I would be a minister today.

Then again?

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

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

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

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

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

ADMITTED

HYUN HEO

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



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

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

ADMITTAND

HOEUN LEE



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

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

RETIREEES

Catherine Coates
Wendy Gibson
B Elizabeth Goodson
Darilyn Grigg

Marg Janick-Grayston
Donna Rumpel
Salesi Takau
Ursula Wiig

RETIREES' BIOGRAPHIES

CATHERINE COATES



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

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

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

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

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

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

WENDY GIBSON

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

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



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

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

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

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

B. ELIZABETH GOODSON

I completed my MSC and B.Ed at the University of Western Ontario and taught science for several years before being hired as a staff associate at Blenheim (ON) United Church and Sprucedale-Providence (Chatham, ON) Pastoral Charge, both in the former London Conference. I eventually entered the discernment process and felt called to enter the LPMiT stream. In 2000 I was hired by the Kipling-Windthorst Pastoral Charge in the former Saskatchewan Conference and moved to Kipling with my two children Ashe and Blake. I was recognized in 2004. In 2005 I married my current husband, Mike Williams. During the years I served in Kipling-Windthorst I trained to become a spiritual director with Prairie Jubilee. In 2008 Mike and I moved to south-west Manitoba to serve in team ministry in the Prairie Points Pastoral Charge. In 2012 we returned to Saskatchewan to be closer to Ashe and Blake. I had been hired by the Stoughton Pastoral Charge and have been there ever since.

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

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

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

DARILYN GRIGG



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

MARG JANICK-GRAYSTON



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

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

I was so very fortunate to be settled in the Canora- Invermay Pastoral Charge, which later became the Canora-Norquay-Pelly Pastoral Charge. After 7 years, I requested a shift in pastoral relations to work as Program Director at Calling Lakes Centre. I am deeply grateful for all the experiences, and learning that took place there, and still, like many, grieve the loss of that amazing centre. After its closure, I began a donation based service to offer spiritual mentoring, small group spiritual retreats, energy work, facilitation in expressive arts therapy programs, and continued leadership in the LLWL program. Little did I know that the Canora Pastoral Charge would become vacant again during that time and I would end up serving there in a 1/2 time position for another 5 years before retirement. That brought me full circle and it was like coming home to people I had fallen in love with when I was settled there years ago.

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

DONNA RUMPEL

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

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



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

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

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

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

SALESI TAKAU



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

After receiving my NZCC and ACA in Commerce and Taxation, I had the opportunity to serve as Tax Auditor for 17 years in New Zealand and 4 years in Tonga - at the Inland Revenue Department. In 1986, my desire for discernment re-emerged. So, I decided to explore the merits of Christian ministry in the Methodist Church of New Zealand. In 1988, the Students and Training for Ministry Task Committee gave me a green light to study part-time in: Pastoral ministry in Pluralistic Context at Trinity-Theological College (NZ). In 1991, the same Task Committee recommended me to be ordained into the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. After my ordination, I served as half-time stipend and a half-time self-supporting minister in "Anti-Poverty" ministry of Wesley-Broadway Methodist Parish's Social &

Welfare Service in Palmerston North city. The reason why I chose anti-poverty ministry was because serving people on any individual basis was more suited to my stuttering disability. However, as time went by, I determined not to let my stuttering define who I am. I have learned how to deliver a good speech with help of speech therapists. It was hard work and a worthwhile self-improvement. Although, I have improved my speech skill significantly over the years, I still have a bit of an issue with being blunt here and there. All is well!

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

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

On behalf of my family: Amelia (spouse), Stella (daughter), Joshua (son-in-law) and grandchildren: Iona, James, Axel, Salesi (Jnr) Ora Parsons - thank you to the UCC and the Communities of Faith that we have served. In return, they truly blessed us with their love, care, wisdom, guidance, coaching, and enabled us to find our place in Canada's cultural society. These Communities of Faith included: First United – Vancouver Downtown Eastside (Field Placement Practice Site) Roblin-Tummel (MB), Swan River (MB), Acme-Beiseker (AB), Abbey-Lancer- Portreeve (SK), Leader-Scepter (SK) (in shared ministry agreement with).

Finally, I must admit, that I have had experienced wilderness struggles in my journey; but I have never allowed the worst days encountered to be my last. I always hold on and rest my faith in God's grace and seek God's reign of wholeness. And I listen to Holy Spirit's wisdom and choose to believe in God's incarnation and embodiment in Christ.

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

URSULA WIIG



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

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

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

After 11 years as chaplain I knew it was time to move on to a new chapter of my life and a very different type of ministry. I felt called to congregational rural ministry. So, after completing a M.Div and being ordained in 2014 at the age of 67 (it’s never to late!), I was called to half-time ministry in Loreburn-Hawarden Pastoral Charge. The community welcomed me into their lives and graciously nurtured me in pastoral ministry. For 7¼ years (including an internship), together we shared the joys and sorrows of rural ministry in the 21st Century. I “officially” retired on August 31, 2019, and enjoyed 5 months of retirement until a half-time appointment at Davidson United Church beckoned.

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

IN MEMORIAM

RAY WILLIAM GEORGE GRIFFIN

May 29, 1937 – June 3, 2019



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ELAINE LA MARCHE

October 2, 1923 – June 26, 2019



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

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

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

MARGUERITE ALICE DOUGHERTY

April 9, 1935 – July 25, 2019



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

Marguerite was predeceased by her husband, Gordon and daughter, Judy, and is lovingly survived by her son, Michael (Nancy) Dougherty; grandsons, Nolan and Riley (Ashley); great-grandchildren: Logan, Emma and Reid Dougherty; Judy's family: son-in-law, Doug Sullivan, grandson, Kurtis Dunlop, and great-grandson, Xander Dunlop; son, Gary (Brenda) Dougherty; granddaughter, Regan (Matthew) Bell; great-grandsons, Joel and Caleb Bell; grandson, Jared (Nicole); great-grandchildren, Evelyn and Arthur Dougherty; daughter, Marilyn (Kevin) Pavier; granddaughter, Amanda (Colby) Munshaw; great-grandchildren: Ross, Chloe and Emerick Munshaw; grandson, Desmond (Kaylee); great-grandsons, Beckett and Rowan Pavier; sister, Jean (Don) Hoeft.

IRENE GIBSON

August 2, 1919



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

Irene was a member of Moose Jaw Presbytery.

LAWRENCE MANLEY JOHN EDWARDS

November 12, 1934 – August 17, 2019

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

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

From Kingston, Larry and family, which now included son Paul, went from a summer charge in Elginburg, Ontario to congregations in Big Valley and Pincher Creek, Alberta, West Vancouver, BC, Swift Current, Saskatchewan (where third son Dan was born), a sabbatical in Scotland, then Winnipeg, Manitoba, and, finally, Regina, Saskatchewan - in his own words, "a prairie preacher". And a preacher he was - of the barnstorming tradition, leavened with a passion for the literature of theology. In that long journey, Larry celebrated thousands of services of worship, joining couples in marriage, honouring lives lived, and welcoming children into the world and young adults into the church. In every single one of those sacraments, he thrilled to the deep mystery of God and the human experience. Larry was passionate. His voice boomed, his gowned arms pierced space, he paced and prowled his stage, unconstrained by the pulpit. He was stormy - thunder and lightning and the calm that follows - he was challenging, he was gentle, he was loving, he was ever hopeful. He taught, he led, he embraced, he celebrated. Few who met Larry would ever forget. As Wynne said of him the day after he died: "He was always outrageous".

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

WILLIAM "BILL" GILMER

November 18, 1923 – September 16, 2019



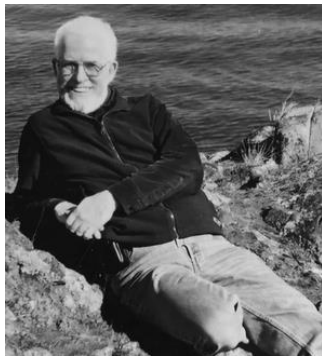
Rev. William (Bill) Ernest Gilmer, 95, of Saskatoon, SK, passed away peacefully on September 16, 2019 in Saskatoon, SK. Bill was born on November 18, 1923 in Woodrow SK. He left the farm to attend the University of Saskatchewan and Oberlin College, obtaining degrees in Agriculture and Divinity. In 1948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

joke and was known for his laugh. He had a love of gardening, sailing, euchre and the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

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

ROBERT 'BOB' ARMSTRONG

April 14, 1943 – October 4, 2019



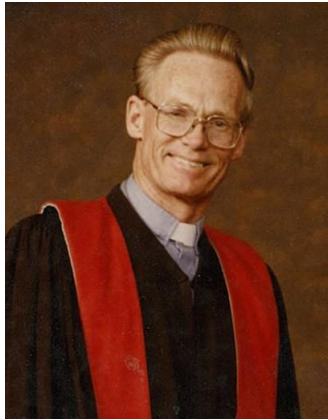
Gratitude and grief are woven together as we share the news of Bob's death on October 4, 2019. We are so thankful for the ways he shared life's journey with us but we grieve the loss of his love and light in our lives.

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

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

RONALD HARVEY SUTTON

December 9, 2019



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

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

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

COLIN 'DALE' WIGGINS

December 20, 2019

Colin 'Dale' Wiggins passed away on December 20, 2019 at the age of 83. Dale was predeceased by his parents Charles and Lois Wiggins; brother Keith Wiggins and daughter-in-law Deborah Wiggins. He leaves to mourn his wife of 61 years Sheaunid Wiggins; sons Warren (Vernna), Kevin (Jill), Jody, and Todd; grandchildren Randi (Adam) Maurer, Charli (Justin) Churko, Nathan (Jessica Fisher) Wiggins, and Alyssa (Brandon Smith) Wiggins; great-grandchildren Lane, Dalis and Payton Maurer, Elise and Rhett Churko and Grayson Smith; sister Darlene (Paul) Wicklund, sister-in-law Marlene (Randy) Hall, brother-in-law Darwin (Carol) Pringle, as well as several nieces and nephews.

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

BRIAN AST

February 25, 2020

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



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

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

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

SHARON MARGARET JEEVES

September 10, 1951 - March 1, 2020



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

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

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

Sharon found work in Wolseley that she loved: first, in a day care centre she started and ran for a year and a half, and then as librarian for 21 years of the local branch of Southeast Regional Library. With a lifelong love of reading behind her, she welcomed children to the library, knew the kinds of books each reader wanted, and introduced classes, authors, a summer reading program and opportunities such as star-gazing and a teddy bear tea.

She was also closely involved with Wolseley United Church, singing in the choir for several years and serving on the church board even longer, and together with Jim was active in the Wolseley branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

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

DOROTHY MYRTLE MORROW

October 27, 1927 - March 18, 2020

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

JENNIFER HOPE SIGURDSON

December 17, 1975 – April 8, 2020



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

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

ALICE RUTH MCFARLANE

December 18, 1935 - April 18, 2020



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

Alice Ruth (Morton) McFarlane was born in North Chili, New York to Nelson and Helen Morton. She lived a full life reaching out for newer, richer, deeper, life-changing experiences. Her life was rich with personal growth, always pushing her boundaries mentally, spirituality, and intellectually for the betterment of herself, her family and the world. Alice and her life partner

William "John" McFarlane, (1934 to 2009) traveled across Canada raising their family, living, working and providing service to dozens of communities.

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

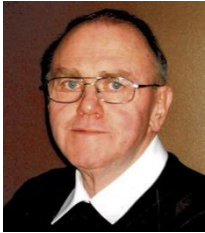
She also leaves behind three siblings; Ray Morton, (Rosemary), Mary Lou Bates, Fred Morton (Virginia) and her sister-in-law Betty Peterson. She was predeceased by her brother Al Morton. She will also be remembered by John's brother and sisters; Malcolm McFarlane (Valda), Donna Kvash (Victor), Joan Shykula (Steve), Willa Zufelt (Dick), Ellen Walsh (Gary), Sharon Smith (Bill).

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

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

JOHN YEO

August 14, 1949 – April 18, 2020



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

MILDRED ANNE MORRISON

1933 – 2020



It is with great sadness that the family of Mildred Anne Morrison announce that she died at her home (as was her wish) in Saskatoon on April 25, 2020.

Mildred was born October 13, 1933 to Arthur W. and Zella (Riddell) Young in Alameda, SK.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. Dale Morrison, her daughter, Yvonne (David), and her son, Greg (Kaylea Dunn). She is also survived by 10 grandchildren: Michael (Colleen); Elizabeth (Ghislain); Matthew; Stephanie (Trevor); Daniel (Karissa); Sarah; Charles; Madison; Lily and Pearl; and by 4 great-grandchildren: Daniel; Alexander; Brimley; and Theodore; and brothers John (Fae) and Donald (Marjorie); sister-in-law, Dorothy; and many nieces and nephews.

Mildred was predeceased by two sons: Myles in 1998, and Ray in 2013; parents, Arthur and Zella; siblings Kathleen (Harvey); William (Margaret); Edgar (Lydia); Clayton; Howard; and Robert; parents-in-law, Rev. Charles and Ada Morrison; and brothers and sisters-in-law: Rev. Ernest (Margaret); Rev. Everett (Christine); Rev. Harvey (Frances); Paul; James; Mary (Reg); Rev. William (Edith); Ruth (Len); Joe (Jeanne, Leona); and Frank (Dodie).

Mildred attended Elementary and High School in Alameda. She was involved in CGIT; Camp Wabamasqua as a leader and lifeguard; choirs; the 4H Calf Club; hockey; curling; and baseball (where she got her fancy-shaped little finger).

Mildred graduated from the Moose Jaw Union Hospital School of Nursing in 1955, and then began her career as an RN at the Weyburn General Hospital. She worked for several months at the Vancouver General Hospital to save money for a VISA, which allowed her to work for a year at St Ann's Hospital in Juneau, Alaska. This was an adventure that she always treasured.

Returning to Saskatchewan in March 1958, Mildred was employed at the University Hospital in Saskatoon until she and Dale were married on November 10, 1958 in Alameda. Their first home together was in Luseland, SK. As they moved from one community to another (Balcarres, Wynyard, Jamestown, ND, Winnipeg, MB, Revelstoke, BC and back to Saskatoon), Mildred continued her nursing career, and took part in a variety of community and church activities. Mildred continued cross country skiing for many years, and swimming until only a few years ago. Mildred enthusiastically followed her children's school, music and athletic endeavours. She was proud of her 65-year membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mildred was a patient, loving wife and mother, a devoted friend, and a neighbour who was always willing to offer a helping hand.

Some onlookers saw only the casual, famously funny side of Mildred's character, but those who knew her best could glimpse the burdens she carried, the pain and sorrow she endured, and her enormous inner strength. Her family adored her, and her true friends admired her. Mildred, herself, was truly humble and utterly faithful. We have been blessed to be sheltered by her love, inspired by her faith, and saved by her honesty and wit from taking ourselves too seriously

REV. ROSELIS (ROSE) ELISABETH WARD

January 22, 1930 – April 25, 2020 (age 90)



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

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

ROGER ARGUE

March 3, 1937 – April 28, 2020

It is with sadness the family of Roger Earl Argue report his passing on April 28, 2020. Roger is survived by his wife of 59 years Carolyn (Powell), his daughter Dr. Connie Argue and son Earl Argue, his grandson Andrew Argue and granddaughter Nicole (Tristan) Schmegelsky and great-grandson Grayson Schmegelsky. Roger was predeceased by his parents Earl and Madelyn and his sister Wanda (Chuck) Magrath, as well as brothers-in-law Leigh Powell, Lyle Powell, Don Powell and Gordon Litzenberger and nephew Kent Barber. He leaves to treasure his memory his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Gloria Powell, Janice and Gerald Barber, Myrna Litzenberger, Mavis and Stuart Baines, Sandra Powell, and Vivian and Michael Stacey. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

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

Roger will be missed by his family and friends.

JAMES FREDERIC (ERIC) INGHAM

February 26, 1943 – June 19, 2020



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

WILLIAM (BILL) ROBERT ADAMSON

July 11, 2020



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

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

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

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

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

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

Congregations/Pastoral Charges that have ceased worshipping

Springside congregation of the Theodore, Springside Pastoral Charge.

Livelong congregation of the Turtle River Parish (SM)

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

Kelfield and Ruthida congregations of Springwater Pastoral Charge

Clavet Pastoral Charge

Birch Hills Pastoral Charge

Earl Grey Pastoral Charge

Edgeley Pastoral Charge

Lashburn Pastoral Charge

[Loverna Pastoral Charge](#)

Mortlach Pastoral Charge

Mossbank Pastoral Charge

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Regional Council Executive:

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

Regional Meeting Planning Committee:

Convenor:	Darrell Reine (DLM)	(2) 2-year term
Convenor of ARG:	Rob Reed (DM)	(2) 1-year term*
Member:	Hoeun Lee (OM)	(2) 3-year term
Member:	Bonnie Morton (DLM)	(2) 3-year term
Member:	Barb MacNaughton (DLM)	(2) 2-year term

Property Commission:

Convenor:	Annette Taylor (OM)	(2) 3-year term
Member:	Gayle Wensley (DLM)	(1) 3-year term
Member:	George Thurlow	(2) 2-year term
Member:	Bev Kostichuk (L)	(2) 3-year term
Member:	Daryl Woods (OM)	(2) 3-year term
Member:	VACANT	3-year term

Nominations Committee:

Convenor:	Susan Reed (DM)	(2) 3-year term
Member:	Jeannette Warrian (L)	(2) 3-year term
Member:	Yvonne Terry (DLM)	(2) 2-year term
Member:	Carolyn Conarroe (DLM)	(2) 2-year term
Member:	VACANT	3-year term
Member:	VACANT	3-year term

Grants Committee:

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

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

Pastoral Relations Commission:

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

Committee on Lay Leadership Support:

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

Committee on Ministry Personnel Leadership Support:

Member:	Rick McCorrister (OM)	(2) 3-year term
Member:	Michele Rowe (OM)	(2) 3-year term
Member:	Koshy David (OM)	(2) 2-year term
Member:	VACANT	3-year term

Committee on Community of Faith Support:

Member:	Deborah Smith (OM)	(2) 2-year term
Member:	Bill Pollock (L)	(2) 3-year term
Member:	Sheila Deforest (L)	(2) 2-year term
Member:	VACANT	3-year term

Refugee Liaisons

Liaison:	Jim Tenford (OM)
Liaison:	VACANT

Affirming Process Task Group

Member:	Cindy Bourgeois (OM)
Member:	VACANT
Member:	VACANT
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Member:	VACANT

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL

Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2019

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL

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For the year ended December 31, 2019

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of Living Skies Regional Council

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Living Skies Regional Council (the "Council"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2019, and the statements of operations and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Council as at December 31, 2019, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

We draw attention to Note 8 in the financial statements, which indicates on January 1, 2019, the Council entered into a restructuring transaction with The United Church of Canada Saskatchewan Conference and the surrounding Presbyteries. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other Matters

We have not audited, reviewed or otherwise attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of the schedule on page 15 of the Council's financial statements.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

Winnipeg, Manitoba
October 23, 2020

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL
Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2019

Assets

Current Assets

Cash and bank	\$ 308,209
Short-term investments (Note 2)	133,733
Accounts receivable (Note 3)	16,127
Accrued interest	4,418
Prepaid expenses	4,503
Due from related party (Note 5)	8,203
	<hr/> 475,193

Long-term Investments (Note 4) 1,707,028

Wascana Solar Co-op and Saskatchewan Environmental Society
Solar Co-op investment 9,750

Capital assets (Note 6)

4,208

\$ 2,196,179

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 7,215
Due to related party (Note 5)	998
	<hr/> 8,213


Net Assets


Unrestricted net assets	156,000
Restricted funds	2,031,966

2,187,966

\$ 2,196,179

Approved by the Regional Council Executive:

 Executive Minister

 Treasurer

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL

Statement of Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2019

	Budget	Designated Fund	General Fund	Total
	(Unaudited)			
Revenue				
United Church of Canada grants	\$ 614,000	\$ -	\$ 681,000	\$ 681,000
Event fees	35,000	-	32,479	32,479
Donations	-	87,406	8,018	95,424
Investment income	-	13,216	47,010	60,226
Lease and rental income	-	23,080	-	23,080
Sales of goods and services	-	1,000	-	1,000
Oil royalty	-	9,487	-	9,487
Unrealized gain on investments	-	10,815	51,814	62,629
	649,000	145,004	820,321	965,325
Expenses				
Allocations and payments to programs	145,000	36,788	247,826	284,614
Amortization	-	-	2,105	2,105
Annual meeting	75,000	-	59,214	59,214
General fund	57,000	2,309	47,794	50,103
Office and administration	35,898	-	30,952	30,952
Staffing costs	282,295	-	376,430	376,430
	595,193	39,097	764,321	803,418
Excess of revenue over expenses before other item	53,807	105,907	56,000	161,907
Other Item				
Presbytery and Conference transfers (Note 8)	-	2,026,059	-	2,026,059
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 53,807	\$ 2,131,966	\$ 56,000	\$ 2,187,966

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL
Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended December 31, 2019

	Designated Fund	General Fund	Total
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 2,131,966	\$ 56,000	\$ 2,187,966
Transfers	(100,000)	100,000	-
Net assets, end of year	\$ 2,031,966	\$ 156,000	\$ 2,187,966

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL
Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31, 2019

Cash Flows from (used in) Operating Activities

Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 2,187,966
Adjustments for	
Amortization of capital assets	2,105
	<u>2,190,071</u>
Adjustments for non-cash items:	
Accounts receivable	(16,127)
Accrued interest	(4,418)
Prepaid expenses	(4,503)
Due from related parties	(8,203)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	7,215
Due to related parties	998
	<u>2,165,033</u>

Cash Flows from (used in) Investing Activities

Transfer of capital assets	(6,313)
Purchase of short-term investments	(133,733)
Purchase of long-term investments	(1,707,028)
Transfer of solar investments	(9,750)
	<u>(1,856,824)</u>

Increase in cash and cash equivalents **308,209**

Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year **-**

Cash and cash equivalents, end of year **\$ 308,209**

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2019

1. Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Operations

The Living Skies Regional Council (the "Council") is composed of Communities of Faith of The United Church of Canada within the Province of Saskatchewan. The Regional Council of The United Church of Canada is a decision making body responsible to serve and support Communities of Faith within its bounds and provide necessary oversight. The Council is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act. It is exempt from income taxes under section 149(1) of the Income Tax Act.

The purpose of the Council is:

- Provide support advice and services to Communities of Faith in the areas of human resources, property, archives and leadership training.
- Provide oversight of Communities of Faith and supporting them in their life and work and ensure compliance with the policies and polity of the United Church.
- To ordain and commission members of the order of ministry, recognize Designated Lay Minister, and celebrate admission and re-admissions into the order of ministry.
- To speak both pastorally and prophetically while providing education and advocacy on issues that affect the health of our communities.

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Fund Accounting

A portion of the monies received by the Council may only be used for specific purposes and accordingly are reflected in separate funds within the accounting records. While individual bank accounts are not maintained for these restricted pools, long-term investments are apportioned to fund these. Permanent transfers are recorded as transfers in the net asset accounts.

The General Fund reports those revenues and expenses related to the operations of the Council office.

The Designated Fund reports the revenues and related expenses of externally or internally restricted programs carried on or administered by the Council and are identified in the schedule of changes in designated funds.

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For the year ended December 31, 2019

1. Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Revenue Recognition

The Council follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.

Restricted contributions related to general operations are recognized as revenue of the General Fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. All other restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate designated fund.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the General Fund in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Grants and Assessments - These revenues are recognized as revenue in the period for which the assessment is made based on the approved budget of the Council.

Royalties, lease and rental income - These revenues are received from Vermillion Energy Inc, Spartan Energy Corporation, Pemoco Ltd. and Crescent Point Resources Partnership and are recognized as revenue when received.

Interest - Interest revenue is recognized as income when Council becomes entitled to such earnings.

Event fees - These revenues are recognized in the year the related event occurs.

Donations - Donation revenue is recorded when received. Donation revenue received for specific purposes is restricted and will be used at the discretion of the Council. The Council's practice is to allocate these funds as per the donor's request.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization. Capital assets are amortized using the straight-line method over 5 years.

A full year of amortization is taken in the year after addition.

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2019

1. Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Financial Instruments

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, financial assets with actively traded markets are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in operations. All other financial instruments are reported at cost or amortized cost less impairment, if applicable. Financial assets are tested for impairment when changes in circumstances indicate the asset could be impaired. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale or issue of financial instruments are expensed for those items remeasured at fair value at each statement of financial position date and charged to the financial instrument for those measured at amortized cost.

Post Retirement Benefit Plan

The employees of the Council participate in a defined benefit pension plan administered nationally by The United Church of Canada. Defined contribution plan accounting is applied to this multi-employer contributory defined benefit.

Contributed Services

The Council benefits greatly from the work of volunteers who contribute countless hours of service to enable the Council to fulfill its mandate. Because it is not possible to determine the fair value of these services, they are not recognized in these financial statements.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

2. Short-term Investments

BMO GIC bearing interest at 2.03%, maturing January 13, 2020	\$ 65,000
Innovation CU GIC bearing interest at 2.75%, maturing February 20, 2020	4,000
Innovation CU GIC bearing interest at 2.30%, maturing March 5, 2020	<u>64,733</u>
	<u>\$ 133,733</u>

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL

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For the year ended December 31, 2019

3. Accounts Receivable

Wascana Presbytery	\$ 11,800
GST receivable	<u>4,327</u>
	<u>\$ 16,127</u>

4. Long-term Investments

Conexus CU GIC bearing interest at 1.45%, maturing July 30, 2020	\$ 20,076
Conexus CU GIC bearing interest at 2.05%, maturing November 21, 2020	600,000
Conexus CU GIC bearing interest at 2.05%, maturing November 21, 2020	50,000
BMO mutual funds	348,673
Frontier Capital mutual funds	633,335
Innovation GIC bearing interest at 2.95%, maturing March 7, 2024	<u>54,944</u>
	<u>\$ 1,707,028</u>

5. Due from Related Party

The following table summarizes the Council's related party transactions for the year:

Grants from the United Church of Canada	<u>\$ 681,000</u>
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These transactions are in the normal course of operations, measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount agreed upon by the two parties.

The amounts due (to) from related parties at year end are as follows:

Due from Northern Spirit Regional Council	\$ 1,608
Due from Prairie to Pine Regional Council	<u>6,595</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,203</u>

Due to United Church of Canada	<u>\$ (998)</u>
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LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2019

5. Due from Related Party (continued)

These transactions are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount agreed upon by the two parties. These amounts are non-interest bearing and have no specific terms of repayment.

Northern Spirit Regional Council and Prairie to Pine Regional Council are also United Church Regional Councils with similar purposes, goals and policies. These regions share employees and accounting with the Living Skies Regional Council.

United Church of Canada is the governing body for all Regional Council's in Canada and they provide grants and assistance to each region.

6. Capital Assets

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value
Office equipment	\$ 6,313	\$ 2,105	\$ 4,208

7. Pension Plan

Retirement benefits for employees of the Council are provided through the pension plan of The United Church of Canada (the "Plan"). The Plan is a multi-employer pension plan which provides pensions for members of the Ministry Personnel and lay employees of the Offices of the General Council, Regional Council, or Community of Faith of The United Church of Canada. The Plan is a contributory defined benefit pension plan which is financed by contributions from participating employers and employees, and by the investment earnings of the Plan. The Plan is registered under the Pension Benefits Act, (Ontario), Registration #0355230.

At the date of the last actuarial valuations and publicly available financial information, there were no unfunded liabilities related to either past service or to amendments to the Plan.

During the year, the Council made employee contributions to the plan of approximately \$22,212.

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2019

8. Restructuring

On January 1, 2019, the Council entered into a restructuring transaction with The United Church of Canada Saskatchewan Conference and surrounding Presbyteries. The restructuring transaction was approved in the 2018 General Council of the United Church of Canada and passed by Parliament April 2, 2019 as amendment to the United Church of Canada Act. The restructuring transaction was undertaken to provide services more efficiently. This acquisition has been recorded by the acquisition method and the net assets have been included in these financial statements from the date of acquisition.

The receipt of \$2,026,059 has been recognized as a separate line item on the Statement of Operations, which represents the net effect of the assets and liabilities received. No compensation was exchanged.

9. Subsequent Event

The global pandemic, COVID-19, has disrupted economic activities and supply chains. It has also impacted the Council's operations and, in particular, its ability to support local Communities of Faith. Although temporary and given the dynamic nature of these circumstances, the duration of the business disruption and its financial impacts cannot be reasonably estimated at this time. The Council's ability to pay for its operating costs depends on its ability to continue to receive grants and cash flows for operations.

10. Financial Instrument Risk

The Council is exposed to different types of risk in the normal course of operations. The Council's objective in risk management is to optimize the risk return trade-off, within set limits, by applying integrated risk management and control strategies, policies and procedures throughout the Council's activities.

(a) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument fails to discharge an obligation and causes financial loss to another party. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Council to significant concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and bank, investments and accounts receivable. The Council is not exposed to significant credit risk as the accounts receivable have typically been paid when due, and investments are diversified.

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2019

10. Financial Instrument Risk (continued)

(b) Market Risk

Market risk is the risk the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Organization is not exposed to significant market risk. The risk has not changed in the year.

(c) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The Council is not exposed to significant interest rate risk. Its cash is held in short-term or variable rate products. The risk has not changed in the year.

(d) Foreign Currency Risk

The Council is not exposed to significant foreign currency risk as it does not have any financial instruments denominated in foreign currency and the number of transactions in foreign currency are minimal. The risk has not changed in the year.

Living Skies Regional Council
Schedule of Funds
For the year ended December 31, 2019
(unaudited)

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Expense	Balance	Internal Transfers	Closing Balance
ANCC Funds	\$648,718	\$52	(\$2,722)	\$646,048	\$16,056	\$662,104
MVUC (in trust for ICM)	199,862	11,548	(31,062)	180,348		180,348
MVUC (social justice)	199,862	12,430	(1,247)	211,045	(50,000)	161,045
IGG				0	94,517	94,517
Hugh and Selma McKay Fund				0	71,345	71,345
Personnel Issues Resolution Fund	11,378			11,378		11,378
Cohen Fund	23,629			23,629		23,629
Counseling Assistance Fund	6,000			6,000		6,000
Interim Ministry Fund	6,000			6,000		6,000
Review/Hearing				0	20,000	20,000
Bull Dozer Fund				0	10,000	10,000
Continuing Education Fund	6,650		(112)	6,538	22,370	28,908
Lay Learning				0		0
Archives Fund	0	16,000		16,000		16,000
First Five Event Fund	3,732			3,732		3,732
Learning Site	10,000			10,000		10,000
Chinook Presbytery designated	107,162			107,162	(107,162)	0
Good Spirit Presbytery designated	71,345			71,345	(71,345)	0
Prairie Pine Presbytery designated	17,975			17,975	(17,975)	0
Wascana Presbytery designated	58,090			58,090	(58,090)	0
Moats Land Fund	160,781	32,567	(453)	192,895	(22,557)	170,338
Funds from Conference and Presbyteries					288,598	288,598
Funds from Church Sales		67,500		67,500		67,500
Reserve Fund	475,257	500		475,757	(310,757)	165,000
UCW Bursary Fund	7,710	4,406	(3,500)	8,616		8,616
Youth Ministry Fund				0	15,000	15,000
Faith Formation Generosity for Mission Fund	11,908			11,908		11,908
Total Funds	\$2,026,059	\$145,003	(\$39,096)	\$2,131,966	(\$100,000)	\$2,031,966

2020 REMIT AND PROPOSALS

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

PROPOSAL NO. 1

Title: **BANNING CONVERSION THERAPY IN SASKATCHEWAN**

Originating Body: Grosvenor Park United Church, Saskatoon

1. What is the issue?

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

2. Why is this important?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Regional Council action: Concurred with by Living Skies Regional Council

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

PROPOSAL NO. 2

Title: REMIT 1 – AMENDMENT TO THE BASIS OF UNION

Originating Body: General Council

Remit 1: Background and resources for delegates

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

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

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

The Question:

Does the Regional Council agree that:

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

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

Background

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resources to help with understanding gender identity

Videos

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

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

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

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

Print resources

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

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

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

United Church webinars:

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

Regional Council action: Concurred with by Living Skies Regional Council

PROPOSAL NO 3

Title: **REMOVING OR REDUCING THE 20% EXTRA REGIONAL ASSESSMENT FOR 2021.**

Originating Body: Living Skies Regional Council Executive

1. What is the issue?

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

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

2. Why this issue is important:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Proposal:

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

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

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

***Community Ministries:**

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

Regional Council action: Concurred with by Living Skies Regional Council

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL

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