

Clusters and Networks in Living Skies Regional Council, 2023



**Interested in starting a Network or Cluster? Confused? Have ideas to share?
We want to hear from you!**

Contact Bev Diebert at the Regional Council office: bdiebert@united-church.ca or 306-704-0181.

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

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

Networks are more issue-focused, and may cover much wider geography. Many cross provincial or Regional boundaries.

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

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

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

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

Chinook Worship Circle (Cluster) Several years ago, the pastoral charges in southwest Saskatchewan who have been without ministers, especially full time ones, for some time, developed a 'Worship Circle', which rotates a number of part-time ministers, lay ministers and LLWLs from across the southwest through the different charges. This ensures there are services each Sunday in churches that would like them. This model has worked very well for our congregations, and has given us a chance to get to know people in other communities, spread over about a 300 km radius." **Contact:** Sandra Watson, sandra.abbey@sasktel.net or 306-587-2403

Korean Ministers' Network in The United Church of Canada This is an extensive network covering all of Canada. All Korean ministers who are currently serving or studying in The United Church of Canada and all Koreans attending United Churches are eligible to attend as regular members. The mission of the network is "Support/Advocacy, Education, Fellowship, and Engagement" with the wider United Church. The network wants to support one another and partner with wider networks within the UCC to advance the mission of the UCC. **Contact:** Rev. Taeil Yang, tiyangca@gmail.com

Korean Rainbow United is a network of The United Church of Canada for Korean queer people and allies, with involvement and leadership in our Regional Council. Members of the network work along with affirming Christian alliances in Korea, as well as with the “Rainbow Jesus” activist movement, to end the oppression and hatred caused by heterosexism, homophobia and transphobia.

* Homepage: <https://koreanrainbowunited.org>

* Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100070966962984>

* Official email address: koreanrainbowunited@gmail.com

* Chair (Rev Hoeun Lee): rev.hoeunlee@gmail.com

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

Refugee Networking Is your community of faith sponsoring a person seeking refuge? Do you want to connect with others to learn more about sponsorship, advocacy, and more, or share both your question and wisdom with others? **Contact one of our Living Skies Liaisons:** Jim Tenford at sunsetunited.jim@gmail.com ; Donna Nelson at msdonnanelson@gmail.com ; and Judy Beck at norlandcreek@sasktel.net .

Regina and Area Cluster The Regina and Area Cluster seeks to serve as a hub of coordination and communication for communities of faith in Regina and the surrounding area. We host events from time to time that typically focus on capacity building and strategic conversations about the future of ministry and call in this part of the world—including education, community ministries, justice and right relations, mutual support and nurturance. Facebook & our occasional e-newsletter are the best ways to hear about what we are working on.

You can reach us at ReginaAreaCluster@gmail.com

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

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

Saskatoon and Area Cluster This group initially gathered to examine the future of Communities of Faith in Saskatoon, and to encourage formal and informal resource sharing and collaboration. Several meetings were held and more were planned, but no meetings have been held from 2020 to the present being December 2022 due to the Pandemic. The Cluster still exists as a vehicle for communities of Faith to meet and suggestions for meetings can be entertained by **contacting:** Gary Storey, GPUC, gary.storey@usask.ca or 306-281-9251.

United Church Rural Ministry Network The UCRMN is an on-line network whose mission statement is to “share the successes, the opportunities and the culture of the Whole People of God of the Rural Church, throughout rural Canada, specifically in The United Church of Canada,” with an awareness we will be connecting with ecumenical partners who share rural communities with us. It is a goal to reach all rural communities of faith, whether ‘lay-led’ or with resident order of ministry folk. Our website is www.ucrmn.ca. **Contact:** Catherine Christie at christiecatherine4@gmail.com .

United Church Sask Camps Network This Network includes contacts at Camps Tapawingo, Christopher, Shagabec and Lumsden Beach (so far!! All camps welcome! For more information, see the YAYAC page on the Living Skies website: <https://livingskiesrc.ca/programs/yayac/> **Contact:** livingskiesyaya@united-church.ca

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

Women of the United Church Network This longstanding network includes all women within the United Church in Saskatchewan. A monthly Sask UCCW Newsletter is published to connect all women and women’s events within the Regional Council. It contains regional and national happenings, links to the National UCW “Keeping in Touch” newsletter and World-wide Ecumenical news relating to women sent out by Women’s Inter-Church Council of Canada. This Network also has a committee who oversees the UCW Bursary Fund. Website: [Women’s Network](#) **Contact:** Mary Mohn d.mohn@sasktel.net with newsletter information.