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Living Skies Regional Council 2022

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
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**CHAIR OF LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL
TRICIA GERHARD**

March 10, 2022

Dear Members of Living Skies Regional Council,

Warm greetings to you during these first days of March. I know many of you are beginning to think about the arrival of Spring and our faith journey through Lent and Easter. Some of you might even be thinking about the Regional Council Annual Gathering. I know there have been some questions floating around about the gathering and if it is happening, so I wanted to give you an update.

Unfortunately, there will be NO gathering this year, not online or in person. There are a variety of factors that have led us to this decision. At the top of our minds is the pandemic. No one knows what the pandemic status will be in May. The likelihood is high that the annual gathering would be online only. Another factor influencing our decision is the position of Convenor of the Regional Council Gathering is still vacant. This impacts the planning and the running of the meeting, among other things. Taking these and other factors into consideration—lack of volunteers, Zoom exhaustion – led us to decide to not hold a meeting this year. The Executive will do the work that needs to be done in lieu of a gathering.

Hopefully, your community of faith has elected or will elect a lay Region Council Delegate(s) at your most recent annual meeting. If not, the existing lay delegate(s) remain in place until your annual meeting is held. The important thing to remember is that even if there is no Regional Council gathering, the delegates continue to have the very important role in communicating and connecting between your Community of Faith and the Regional Council through the year. Communication can happen in several ways, but the best ways are to ensure contact information is up to date with the Regional Council and to subscribe to the Regional Rambler.

While I know it is disappointing that we won't be gathering this year, there will be opportunities to be together in the future. The Affirming Task Group will be offering some events to bring us together as we journey towards being an Affirming Region. There will be other things along the way that will get us together, I am sure.

One other piece I'd like to share with you concerns future Regional Council Gatherings. A few months ago, the presiding officers of Northern Spirit and Prairie to Pine Regional Councils, and I met with Shannon McCarthy to have a conversation about how the annual Gatherings might look going forward. In this discussion we took several things into consideration: planning, finances and most importantly, the demand these meetings have on our Regional Staff, particularly the shared staff. From this conversation the following plan was established: in a three-year rotation, each Regional Council would have one in-person gathering and two remote gatherings.

The in-person meetings would be staggered in such a way that there would be only one in-person gathering each year. For 2023 it was decided that all three regions would have an in-person gathering since most of us haven't gathered together since 2019. Going forward, Living Skies will have an in-person gathering in 2024 and then have remote meetings in 2025 and 2026. We are hoping that this pattern will allow for Regions to have the financial resources and staff resources available to offer a strong in-person gathering in terms of building

community, offering learning, sharing in worship, and doing the work of the church.

If you have questions about any of this information, please feel free to contact me at lsrcexecutive@gmail.com

Blessings to you,

Tricia

(Rev Tricia Gerhard, Chair,
Living Skies Regional Council)

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

**People with whom we are Celebrating
In 2022**

<u>ORDINANDS</u>		
YoungJin Park	Aurora Espenant	Kent Mohn
<u>BEING RECOGNIZED</u>		
James (Jim) Wolff		

Those Retiring

Andrew Appledore Mary Brubacher Jan Coffey-Olson Bonnie Morton Vicki Obedkoff Diane Robinson	Miles Russell Bernice Saulteaux Laura Sundberg Gayle Wensley Brian Walton Daryl Woods
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Those Celebrating Anniversaries

<u>65 YEARS</u> Dale Morrison <u>60 YEARS</u> Isabel Buhr <u>50 YEARS</u> Karen Mitchell <u>45 YEARS</u> Mary Brubacher Catherine Pace Brian Walton <u>40 YEARS</u> Susan Griffith Victoria Obedkoff Donald Schweitzer	<u>35 YEARS</u> James Balfour Everett Hollis Margaret McKechney Mary Beth Nicks-Barbour Gladys Pavo-Penny Bernice Saulteaux Alfred Tinio <u>30 YEARS</u> Lori Erhardt Helen Smith-McIntyre <u>25 YEARS</u> Mohandas Barnabas Nora Borgeson Shannon McCarthy Sherran Schick Geraldine Watkins
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Those for whom we mourn:

Marjorie Kent Dawna Schrag Gord Jardine Laura Thomson	Don Milne Diane Schmidt Shelby Kinrade Don Laing	Mary Sutton Jack Carr
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MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE – 2021 - 2022

Chairperson	Tricia Gerhard
Treasurer	Donna Brown (resigned September 23, 2021)
Treasurer	VACANT
Member	Ron Brandow
Member	Tim Ellis
Member	Linda Gunningham
Member	Kathleen James-Cavan
Member	Brian Maitland (resigned October 28, 2021)
Member	VACANT
Member	Piotr Strzelecki
Member	Dave Whalley
Executive Minister	Shannon McCarthy
Program Assistant	Jamie Mckay

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE REPORT

Over the last two years, Living Skies Regional Council has done its very best to offer ministry, pastoral care, and outreach to its people and communities during a, dare I say it, unprecedented time. The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to shape and shift the lives of our congregations and region, and these changes have been the source of grief and creativity. I will admit, this second year of the pandemic has seen many of us growing weary: tired of preaching to cameras, desperately wanting to reconnect with our communities in ways that feel “normal”, and just wanting to get on with the life and work of the church in ways that feel familiar and beneficial. The adrenaline of the first year has worn off, and we have settled into a holding pattern, waiting for the “next thing” to happen.

Now, I'm not intending this report to you to be all doom and gloom. I want to acknowledge and hold space for the myriad of emotions that each one of us has carried and is carrying during this time. I would be remiss if I didn't allow recognition of the grief that we feel because of all we've had to give up and shift away from during these last two years. This grief is connected to the fact that we've had to let go of so many of the things that bring us comfort, that help us to navigate life together, and that help us mark important moments in life. We've forgone worship in person, or we've limited the number of people who can be together, funerals have been postponed or have taken place in smaller ways, community events have been canceled, postponed, or moved to virtual-only, and our daily patterns and routines have shifted and shifted again to fulfill mandates and restrictions. And it has sucked.

Pauline Boss, the author of “The Myth of Closure: Ambiguous Loss in a Time of Pandemic and Change”, points out that in the midst of this loss and stress, flexibility and growth can help us adapt and thrive even when the world is harsh. Resilience, this ability to bend and change in order to shape life (and ministry) in a new way all the while acknowledging the changes that have taken place, is a key factor in navigating the grief and loss that has been experienced during the pandemic. Over this past year the communities of faith of this region, their leadership, and the region itself has shown this resilience. This resilience and the changes we have made to meet the needs of our church will last as we continue into the next stages of this pandemic and into our future. It has shown us that we are able to shift when needed and has given us the ability to look with hope into our future as a church in this province.

This is my last term as Chair of the Living Skies Regional Council Executive. As we transition into a new year, I want to highlight some of the work that the Executive has done last year. I am so very thankful for the members of the Executive, who have shown dedication, compassion, and a whole lot of patience as we worked together. We continued to have monthly meetings over zoom, ever hopeful that we would have the opportunity to meet in person – but alas, that was not to be. This past year we bid farewell to Rev Brian Maitland and Donna Brown, with thanks for the time and wisdom they offered. We welcomed Rev. Piotr Strzelecki, Rev. Deborah Springer, and Rev. Kathleen James-Cavan to the executive. I am deeply thankful for each member of this executive. I am also deeply grateful for our Regional staff. Shannon, Jamie, Bev, Heather, Kent, Tracy, Julie, and Madeleine work exceptionally hard for Living Skies. Their gifts of knowledge, compassion, wisdom, and gentle prodding are valuable and essential to the life and work of this Region of ours. And then there are the myriad of volunteers who sit on committees, task groups, commissions, and networks. These are the folk who gather names for nominations, walk congregations through property issues, who navigate pastoral relations issues, who facilitate the Affirming process for the region, help lead youth retreats and clergy gatherings, and many other pieces of work. Volunteers who are essential to the ministry of this region. Thank you for all the ways you offer your time and talents.

So, what did the Executive do this year? Good question. Here are some highlights:

- Established an Affirming Task Group
- Worked on finding ways to support the community outreach ministries and camps here in the region – working with Edge to establish a position for grant support.
- Continued to find ways to support communities of faith during the pandemic
- Discontinued the Regional Assessment for 2021 but established a Community Outreach fund where congregations could donate monies that would be distributed equally among the ministries and camps in the region
- Established a rotational model for Regional Gathering Meetings for the three Regional Councils that Shannon McCarthy is Executive Minister for – a three-year cycle with one in-person meeting and two virtual meetings. In 2023 there will be an in-person meeting in all three of the regions and then in 2024 the rotation will begin with Living Skies having an in-person meeting while the other two regions are virtual, and 2025/2026 will be virtual for our region
- Signed and supported the Interfaith Statement on Climate Change, a letter seeking to support the funding request of the Circles of Support and Accountability program to the Government of Canada,
- Created a Justice Committee and are searching for members to start this work
- Continue to offer mission grants to North and South Saskatchewan Chaplaincies, ICM, RAPM, Micah Mission, Parkland Restorative Justice, United Church Camps, and other ministries in our Region
- Support and resource for letter writing in response to Camp Hope and the change in the Saskatchewan Income Support Program (SIS)
- Support and financial considerations for the implementation of the Rural Connect Program in Living Skies Region
- Financial Support for UCW, clusters, learning opportunities, youth events
- On-going work with the Regional Youth Staff position
- Encouraged participation in the Tri Region Snow and Ice Art competition

These are just some of the highlights of the work that has taken place this year. It hasn't always been easy, but grace has been abundant in our discussions. As we continue our work, please hold the executive, the staff, and the leadership of this region in your prayers. Consider

where you might be able to offer your gifts and skills in volunteer positions. Most of all, know that each and everyone one of you has been a source of support and encouragement to the work of the Region.

As my term ends, and I leave the region to move to Winnipeg, I want to thank you for your support and encouragement over the last three years. Together we've moved into a new church structure, we've tried to figure out how this region will function and thrive in this new way of being, AND we've navigated all of this during a pandemic. Whew. Surely God's spirit is in this place. Friends, you are amazing. You are loved. You are not alone.

Thanks be to God

Submitted with Gratitude,
Rev. Tricia Gerhard,
Chair, Living Skies Regional Council Executive

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Regional Council Planning Committee:

Convenor	VACANT
Convenor of the Regional Gathering	VACANT
Member	Hoeun Lee
Member	Bonnie Morton
Member	Brian Tudor
Staff - Admin	Bev Diebert

Property Commission

Convenor	Annette Taylor
Member	Bev Kostichuk
Member	George Thurlow
Member	Gayle Wensley
Member	Daryl Woods
Member	Jonathan Zacharias
Staff – Executive Minister	Shannon McCarthy

Grants Committee

Convenor	Leslee Whalley
Member	Barry Balls
Member	June Blau
Member	Vic Wiebe
Staff - Minister: Justice / Communication	Julie Graham
Staff – Financial Administrator	Heather Dootoff

Nominations Committee

Convenor	Susan Reed
Member	Jeannette Warrian
Member	Yvonne Terry
Member	VACANT
Member	VACANT

Pastoral Relations Commission

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

Committee on Community of Faith Support

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

Committee on Lay Leadership Support

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

Committee on Ministry Personnel Support

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

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

The Pastoral Relations Commission (PRC) meets regularly on the 1st Thursday of each month September to June via Zoom. Between regular meetings, the PRC uses a variety of platforms including phone meetings, email polls and special Zoom meetings to conduct emerging business. The deadline for submissions from Communities of Faith or ministry personnel is the Friday previous to the meeting.

The current members of the PRC are Marvin Mackie (chair), Jen Dresser, Miles Russell, Janelle Shaw and Donna Rumpel. They are assisted by Tracy Murton, Pastoral Relations Minister and Bev Diebert, Admin Support Staff.

Since the last report in May 2021:

The Commission has approved six Community of Faith Profiles for posting to ChurchHub. The PRC has also reviewed many other C of F Profiles with suggestions for clarification. The two areas that typically are deficient are statistics about financial viability and job description for the ministry personnel, particularly in part-time situations. To that end, the Commission has asked Miles Russell and Bev Diebert to devise a Financial Viability Help Sheet to assist pastoral charges to complete necessary information before submitting the draft Community of Faith Profile to the Commission.

The PRC appointed 26 Pastoral Charge Supervisors to those Communities of Faith that are without settled ministry personnel and 13 Liaisons to those Communities of Faith that are in the process of developing Profiles or to assist Search Committees of Communities of Faith.

The Pastoral Relations Commission also dealt with a variety of requests:

- Completed call or appointment to pastoral charges – 38
- Change in pastoral relations – 10
- Sacramental privilege – 1
- Supervised Ministry Education learning site – 1
- Voluntary Associate Minister – 47
- Collaborative Agreement between pastoral charges 1 completed and several in the discussion stages.

All of the Pastoral Relations Commission Policies can be found on the Living Skies Regional Council's website. They are also reported in the "Pastoral Relations Ponderings" section of the "Regional Rambler."

Currently the PRC is working on a Pulpit Supply Policy, Guidelines for Part-Time Ministry Profiles, and the aforementioned Financial Viability Help Sheet.

Respectfully submitted
Marvin Mackie
Chair Pastoral Relations Commission

PROPERTY COMMISSION

Background

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

This report includes the work of the Property Commission from May 2021 to April 2022. During the year, the Commission has met via video conferencing twelve times. The Property Commission is comprised of Annette Taylor (chair), Bev Kostichuk (secretary), George Thurlow (chair of cemetery sub-committee), Daryl Woods, Gayle Wensley, Jonathon Zacharias, and Executive Minister, Shannon McCarthy.

Communities of Faith – Property/Disbanding Decisions

The Property Commission is keeping a working list of communities of faith that are considering property transactions (sale, purchase, rental, etc) and/or are requesting to be disbanded. As of April 30, 2021, the Commission is in communication with twenty communities of faith. Seven communities of faith have already received approval to list or tender their properties (one with empty lots, two churches & four manses). Nine congregations are in the process of disbanding.

Since May 2021 the Property Commission has approved the following decisions regarding properties belonging to communities of faith:

Approval of Lease with Option to Purchase:

- United Church Manse in North Portal – December 22, 2021

Approval of Renovations

- Saskatoon - Grosvenor Park United Church (\$257,000) – May 14, 2021
- Spiritwood - Trinity Bissell Memorial United Church (\$38,164) – February 11, 2022

Approval of Purchase of Property

- Regina - Knox Metropolitan (adjacent parking lot for \$1,200,000) – March 11, 2022

Approval of Subdivision of Property

- Saskatoon - Knox United Church (lot 18 & portion of 19) – November 19, 2021

Approved Sales - date sale approved / date transfer completed

- Bracken United Church (\$1,000) – May 14, 2021 / July 14, 2021
- Shellbrook – Knox United Church (\$10) – May 14, 2021 / July 23, 2021
- Spiritwood Manse (\$125,000) – June 11, 2021 / July 20, 2021
- Saskatoon – Third Avenue United Church (\$1,400,000) – May 14, 2021 / July 29, 2021 (LSRC Executive made final decision on the sale)
- Shellbrook – Knox United Church Manse (\$130,000) – June 11, 2021 / July 22, 2021
- Clavet United Church (\$148,000) – June 18, 2021 / August 12, 2021

- Approved Sales - date sale approved / date transfer completed continued:
 - Borden United Church (\$1.00) – August 9, 2021 / December 31, 2021
 - Pierceland United Church (\$2,000) – August 20, 2021 / September 21, 2021
 - Saskatoon - Knox United Church (lots 18 and subdivided portion of 19 to Presidio Holding Inc. for \$1 plus 40 single vehicle parking stalls in planned building) – December 10, 2021 / February 24, 2022
 - Battleford United Church (\$420,000) – December 10, 2021 / sale not completed
 - North Portal - Knox United Church Manse (\$65,000) – February 9, 2022 / February 24, 2022
 - Lashburn - St. James United Church (\$110,000) – February 11, 2022 / March 6, 2022
 - Tompkins United Church (\$500) – April 2, 2022 / TBD

Since May 1, 2021, eight congregations have officially disbanded:

- Fillmore – Grace United Church – May 14, 2021
- Manor – Knox United Church – May 14, 2021
- Redvers United Church – June 11, 2021
- Nokomis United Church – August 20, 2021
- Robert Hill Mission – September 20, 2021
- Borden United Church – December 19, 2021
- Clavet United Church – February 11, 2022
- Senlac United Church – March 11, 2022

In January, the Property Commission had a discussion with representatives from United Property Resource Corporation (UPRC) to give them some idea of church property issues in Saskatchewan and to discuss how they could be more involved. We also gave them suggestions of properties whose potential for income-generation could be investigated. We plan to meet with them again later in 2022

Abandoned Properties.

The Property Commission is continuing our work to sell or transfer abandoned properties within the regional council. Some are being transferred to the village or rural municipality and others are being sold to neighbouring landowners. We currently have a list of about twenty-five properties.

Sales Approved – date sale approved / date transfer completed

- Liberty United Church (\$300) – January 31, 2022 / April 4, 2022
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Cemeteries

The Property Commission is working with a list of forty-four cemeteries that are no longer connected to an active congregation. Where possible, we are attempting to transfer responsibility to the rural municipality. If the rural municipality is unwilling to take responsibility and no one is currently caring for the property, then we endeavour to find someone to cut the lawn for a fee. There are many cemeteries that are currently being cared for by local individuals or organizations and we are working to set up protocols for oversight of these properties.

Since May 1, 2021, the following decisions have been made:

Approval for Transfer of Cemetery

- Jan Hus Cemetery (including Jan Hus church building) to Jan Hus SK Preservation Society Inc. for \$1.00 – June 11, 2021 / TBD

Approval for Transfer of Cemetery continued:

- Crane Creek United Church & Cemetery to Parklo Properties – January 10, 2022 / April 5, 2022
- Brithdir Cemetery to Kevin and Sherry Gurski (no remaining gravesites) – February 11, 2022 / March 22, 2022

Property Handbook and Policies

GC41 has adopted a proposal that disbanding congregations must pay their assessments in full up to and including the year in which they apply to CRA to cancel their charitable status. The Property Commission will ensure that all assessments have been paid before approving the final distribution of assets.

The *Property Policies and Processes* document has been revised and the latest version was approved in April 2022. The Property Commission is currently reviewing the *Handbook on Church Property Matters* for required updates including updates for the Manual 2022 and the new United Church Act. Current versions of these documents are available on the *Policies & Guidelines* page of the Living Skies Regional Council website:

<https://livingskiesrc.ca/governance-admin/policies/>

Conclusion

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

Respectfully Submitted by
Annette Taylor
Chair, Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission

GRANTS COMMITTEE

The Grants committee met three times by zoom in 2021.

Members of the committee are Leslee Whalley, Chair, Vic Wiebe, Barry Balls, June Blau, and staff support Julie Graham and Heather Dootoff.

The grant amounts allocated for 2022 are listed at the end of this report. Applications for 2023 are now being accepted until the August 31 deadline. The application form information is posted on the Living Skies Regional Council website.

The proposal passed at the last Annual Meeting cancelled the extra Regional Assessment for 2021 which was meant to support Mission Support groups. The Executive assessment task group has continued to meet and discuss how to allocate the assessment fund monies collected from 2020. The task group consists of Tim Ellis, Brian Maitland, Julie Graham, Heather Dootoff, and Leslee Whalley. A zoom meeting was held April 22, 2021 between the task group and the Mission Support recipients, with Carla Leon making a presentation from EDGE. EDGE is a Network for Ministry Development which began in 2011 as a three-year project focused on new and renewing ministries across The United Church of Canada. In 2014, it was integrated into the periphery of the Church in Mission unit of the General Council

Offices. EDGE works with congregations, regional councils, and ministries across Canada in areas of new ministry, renewing ministry, property, and innovation. Carla gave a presentation as to services available through EDGE. There is a Sustainability Cohort zoom program through EDGE which many of the groups have already attended, at no cost. The next step would be for groups to have further discussions with EDGE which could be funded through the Regional Assessment Fund. The Regional Assessment Fund grant is also available to Mission Support recipients for initiatives of sustainability not developed through EDGE. The meeting was also an opportunity for the various groups to discuss issues around funding as well as get to know each other. At this time there are some grant applicants working with EDGE on sustainability. The committee is also working on criteria and an application form for the extra assessment collected.

The Living Skies Executive had also formed a task group to develop funding information for the website, consisting of Julie Graham, who spearheaded the group, Heather Dootoff, and Leslee Whalley. The page is complete but it will continue to be updated as needed. It can be found under Resources/Funding on the website. The information provided is for grants available through the National Office, Mission Support, and Living Skies Regional Council. Regional Council funding is from monies left to the region by various former presbyteries, Saskatchewan Conference, and other groups.

Information on forms for the various grants is also posted on the funding page. There is a great amount of information about grants available for any community of faith.

The Grants Committee continues to work with the executive in getting the information out regarding grants. Please contact Leslee Whalley with any inquiries about Living Skies funding.

Allocation of M & S Grants for 2022 totalling \$126,758

Lumsden Beach Camp -	\$ 1,500
Camp Tapawingo –	\$ 2,758
South Sask Hospital -	\$20,000
North Sask Hospital –	\$20,000
U of Sask Chaplaincy -	\$ 7,400
Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry (RAPM) –	\$32,500
Riverbend Integrated Community Ministries (ICM) –	\$22,500
La Ronge United Church –	\$15,000
Micah Mission –	\$ 2,000
Parkland Restorative Justice –	\$ 2,100
Prairie Centre for Ecumenism -	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
	\$126,758

Mission Support budget -2022 budget was approved for \$125,000.00 plus \$1758 which has come in for the Community Ministries Fund from voluntary donations.

Submitted by
 Leslee Whalley, Chair
 Mission and Support Grants Committee
ldwhalley@sasktel.net

NOMINATIONS

The work of the Nominations Committee is to “gather a slate of nominations for the officers of the Regional Council and its executive, commissions, committees, task groups, steering committees, or teams. It also provides nominations for unexpected vacancies or new positions which occur during the year.” (*From the Structure Document of the Living Skies Regional Council.*)

Throughout the last year, the work of our committee has mostly been to try and fill vacancies within the structures of the Regional Council, as well as to put together a slate of Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners for General Council 44, which is taking place online in 2022. Additionally, this past year saw the creation of a Justice Committee within the Regional Council, and the work of our Nominations Committee has included working on a position description and seeking folks to serve on this newly created Justice Committee. We are working hard to try and ensure some diversity among the membership of the various groups, and also to look for folks as widely as possible within our Regional Council.

We would like to thank all those of you who agreed to take on new roles this year, as well as those of you we asked, who took time to discern, even when the answer was no. We’d like to thank those of you whose terms are coming to an end in June of 2022, and those who are concluding roles you’ve been in. We deeply appreciate your time, your gifts, and your dedication to the work of the Living Skies Regional Council. We would also like to acknowledge and thank Regional Council staff Bev Diebert and Julie Graham for all of their support in our committee’s work, as well as Tracy Murton, Shannon McCarthy, and Tricia Gerhard and the Regional Council Executive for their support, wisdom, and direction in our work.

At the time of the writing of this report, we still have quite a number of vacancies and opportunities to serve within the Regional Council. We will do our best to keep lists of current vacancies updated on the Nominations page of the Regional Council website. And if you are interested in a particular role, or know someone else who might be, we would be happy to hear from you anytime! We will continue to contact individuals to see if you might be willing to take on particular roles, but we also invite you to submit your own expressions of interest, if you see a role you might be interested in. You can find our nominations form on the Regional Council website, and it can be filled in and submitted online. Once we receive the forms, our committee then makes some decisions, and forwards names to the Regional Council Executive for consideration. We hope you’ll have an opportunity to check out our Slate of Nominations, and consider the vacancies and opportunities which are available.

Thank you, and blessings,

Susan Reed, on behalf of the Nominations Committee of the Living Skies Regional Council

Yvonne Terry
Jeanette Warrian
Susan Reed (Convenor)

Email: lsrcnominations@gmail.com
Phone: 306-482-3932 (Susan – church office)

PASTORAL RELATIONS STAFF REPORT

If anyone would have told us two years ago the ways in which our practice of ministry would be changing in light of a pandemic, no one would have believed it. Remember back to March 2020 when we all thought we would have to adjust for a couple of weeks and then it would all be over? Just think of all the ways you have adapted as an individual, and within your community of faith. I have been awed, amazed and sometimes saddened by all that we have needed to let go of as we navigate being people of faith during this time. I am grateful for leaders in all capacities who have offered support and wisdom to one another, whether through sharing tips for online meetings and worship, or understanding the constantly shifting provincial government restrictions, or discerning how to keep one another safe once the restrictions had been lifted. I believe the key ingredient in the ongoing struggle to be people of faith has been a deep reliance on one another and the constant reminders that we are not alone in the journey.

In the midst of it all, the work has continued. You will find the report from Marvin Mackie on behalf of the Pastoral Relations Commission elsewhere in this report. This group of dedicated volunteers have been creatively and courageously reviewing documents and processes to help support pastoral relationships within the Regional Council. As financial pictures continue to shift for many communities of faith, the Pastoral Relations Commission assesses the connection between the financial information and a vision for ministry to enable folks to offer faithful ministry in their own particular context. I am grateful for their capacity to read and interpret multiple documents for each meeting, and the wisdom and humour offered over our Zoom connection in support of ministry in our Regional Council.

Committee on Lay Leadership Support

The mandate of this committee is to provide ongoing leadership development support to lay leaders in the Regional Council, and specifically, to be responsible for the support of Licensed Lay Worship Leaders and Sacraments Elders. For the past year, this mandate has included Zoom gatherings for Licensed Lay Worship Leaders for support, interviewing Licensed Lay Worship Leaders for renewal, contracting with Marg Janick-Grayston to offer an Advent learning event for Licensed Lay Worship Leaders focussed on funeral leadership, and offering an online Sacraments Elder course. Since the last gathering of the Regional Council, 13 Licensed Lay Worship Leaders have had their licenses renewed. We are grateful for the following volunteers who have helped with the license renewals over the past year – Debra Berg, Thom Carnahan, Sheila Lavender, Michele Rowe, Jim Tenford, Brian Walton, and Gayle Wensley. We are also grateful for the work of Piotr Strzelecki who worked with two committee members on developing and offering the Sacraments Elder course. As a result of this course, 4 people have begun the process of becoming a Sacraments Elder in their home community of faith. This spring has also involved a re-evaluation of the Licensed Lay Worship Leader policy for Living Skies Regional Council through surveys to current Licensed Lay Worship Leaders and Pastoral Charge Supervisors. Final revisions to the policy are awaiting the decisions of General Council this summer. I am deeply moved by the passion and persistence of the members of this committee who make difficult decisions that consider the best interests of lay leaders, communities of faith, and a vision for ministry in our Regional Council.

Committee on Ministry Personnel Support

The mandate of this committee is embedded in the title, with the purpose of supporting health, joy and excellence in ministry practice. Given that the whole means of ministry leadership has shifted a number of times over the past year, this work has continued to adjust to meet the changing levels of support required during a pandemic. There are two primary ways this support was offered this year – through the weekly ministry personnel gatherings over Zoom, and through the bi-monthly gatherings of Voluntary Associate Ministers, also over Zoom. These connecting times provide an opportunity for ministry personnel to share their wisdom

and support with one another as it relates to their specific contexts, as well as to highlight any areas of concern or future learning needs. The committee recognized Clergy Appreciation Month in October by sending a thank you card to each active minister in the Regional Council. This committee also hosted again an online Ministry Personnel event in March with resource leaders from across the country that offered broad opportunities for support and learning. Much gratitude to Alcris Lumongi, Karen Medland, David Robertson, Janet Ross, Michele Rowe, Kathy Roy, and Becca Whitla for their contributions to the success of this event which was attended by 28 people across the Tri-Region (Northern Spirit, Living Skies and Prairie to Pine Regional Councils). The Voluntary Associate Ministers policy was also reviewed this year; like the Licensed Lay Worship Leader policy, it will be finalized following the decisions of the General Council this summer. While the policy is intended to support the ongoing functions of ministry for folks not in an active call or appointment, each of the gathering times over Zoom has felt like a long-lost opportunity to see friends and colleagues, which is a delight to witness. The dedicated group of pastors on the committee prayerfully and playfully discern how best to support both active and retired ministry personnel, and are faithfully adjusting their strategies to respond to the immediate needs.

Committee on Community of Faith Support

In many ways, the mandate of this committee is the most extensive as they embody the role of oversight and support to communities of faith. Over the past year, the committee has read annual reports and covenants, looking for areas of concern and celebration. Since the last gathering of the Regional Council, the committee has read 70 annual reports, as well as approved 2 governance structure documents. Given that some communities of faith did not produce an annual report or have an annual meeting in 2021, there has been a lot of catching up to do! This year, the committee unrolled the final aspect of accountability from *The Manual* in the new structure, the self-assessment, as a means to help communities of faith with ensuring compliance with denominational and provincial guidelines. While it might appear that the folks on this committee are primarily rule-based, the faithful, compassionate and intentional way that each community of faith is reviewed is humbling and an honour to witness.

Final comments

Over the past year, I have had the privilege of working with a number of different groups of volunteers in our Regional Council in addition to the ones named above: supporting pastoral relations processes through search team training, supporting lay employees and pastoral relationships through Ministry & Personnel Committee training, ongoing consultations with folks regarding a variety of issues such as dwindling membership and finances, and offering ideas and support for both ministry personnel and lay volunteers in situations of challenge. The work is rich and diverse, always with a sense that there is so much more we could offer. My deepest hope is that folks across the Regional Council know that there is consistently a space to ask the hard questions or to seek resources, and that we will happily offer what we can in response.

For those of us on the Regional Council staff team, we were used to working remotely together and therefore adjusting to working through technology was not a shift over the pandemic. However, I am grateful for my colleagues who are quicker to absorb the nuances of Zoom to help support the work of the Regional Council so that we might offer effective and efficient guidance. I say this every year, but there is absolutely no way that I could function in my role without the patient and consistent support of Bev Diebert in the Regional Council Office. From answering questions to posting information online, Bev lives into her title as administrative support every.single.day. I would also like to offer a shout-out to Tricia Gerhard, our outgoing Regional Council Executive chair, who has functioned as our liaison with the provincial government through a time that no one would have predicted or volunteered for. Her pastoral and attentive care in this work was invaluable as we navigated changes and restrictions and interpretations of guidelines that were never designed with churches in mind. This work is also

supported by the Pastoral Charge Supervisors in more than ½ of the communities of faith that are part of our Regional Council – these folks have been the conduit of information regarding restrictions and regulations, and have offered the care and compassion required to walk with communities of faith. In addition, the work of the Regional Council Liaisons in supporting pastoral relations processes is an invaluable resource during times of change and transition regarding ministry personnel. As the long-term impact of the pandemic continues to be felt throughout the Regional Council, the work of these two groups of people will become even more critical.

It really does take a village to support ministry and faithful communities. I am humbled and honoured to be doing this work in this time and place on behalf of the Regional Council. As the writer of Ecclesiastes would say, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven”. May we each find the time for the things that matter most: seeking justice and peace, engaging the world in acts of support, faithfulness and love.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Murton
Pastoral Relations Minister

MINISTER FOR THE OFFICE OF VOCATION

Hi my name is Karen Medland and I am the Minister for the Office of Vocation working in Northern Spirit, Living Skies, and Prairie to Pine Regions. Well, another year has passed in our ministry together during these strange times.

As your Office of Vocation Minister I feel blessed to serve with you all in this work, trying to support you in any way I can. We continue to see people responding to the call from God to ministry which keeps the candidacy board busy.

We have at present 38 candidates and inquirers within the three regions that I support. Out of that number we expect to see 8 be commissioned, ordained, or recognised sometime this year, which gives me great hope for the church as we look to the future. If you or someone you know is interested in serving in paid accountable ministry, please contact the Office of Vocation where you will be directed to an Office of Vocation Minister for assistance.

Some of you may already be aware that I am moving on from this role and joining Chinook Winds Region as the Pastoral Relations Minister. It has been a great honour to serve you all over the last three years and I pray that your ministries continue to show the love of God in the world to all who encounter them.

Blessings
Rev Dr Karen Medland
Minister for the Office of Vocation, Northern Spirit, Living Skies, and Prairie to Pine Regions

NETWORKS, CLUSTERS AND TASK GROUPS

Refugee Liaisons

Liaison: Judy Beck
Liaison: Jim Tenford

Liaison: Donna Nelson

United Church Sask Camps Network

Contact: Vicki Nelson

UC Rural Ministries

Contact: Catherine Christie

Western Intercultural Ministries Network

Contact: Mathias Ross and Salesi Takau

Women of the United Church Network

Contact: Dawn Weber

Chinook Ministry Support Cluster

Contact: Carolyn Conarro

Chinook Worship Circle (Cluster)

Contact: Elaine Little

Korean Ministers Cluster

Contact: Rev. SunDo Hyun

Former Twin Valleys ministry personnel gathering

Contact: Susan Reed

Reconciliation United (Saskatoon area)

Contact: Jordan Cantwell

Regina and Area Cluster

Contact: ReginaAreaCluster@gmail.com

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

Saskatoon and Area Cluster

Contact: Gary Storey

Affirming Process Task Group

Member: Joy Cowan
 Member: Allison Sarauer
 Member: Tony Thompson

Member: Robert (Bob) Hayes
 Member: Yoonjoo Shin
 Member: Jackie van't Voort

Rural Pastoral Care Task Group

Member: Allan Gairns
 Member:

Member: Frances Kitson

For more information about networks, task groups and clusters, please contact Julie Graham at jgraham@united-curch.ca

THE REFUGEE ADVISORY GROUP

There's been some good news and bad news in the world of refugee support. Most obviously, we are still living in a world turned upside down from the COVID pandemic. Two years of travel restrictions and closed visa offices has led to a tremendous backlog of applications from people wishing to come to Canada. While some new Canadians are starting to trickle into Saskatchewan, it has been slow and frustrating for many. This has been compounded by ongoing crises around the world from Eritrea, Afghanistan, Ukraine, our ongoing climate crisis and more.

This past year we've been receiving word from the Federal Government of changes coming. There is good news that the Blended Visa Office Referral (BVOR) program is back and with that, the opportunity to sponsor families at a reduced cost to our churches. On the other hand, the government has also been bringing new stringent policies regarding how churches (and other organizations) fund refugees; there will be increased costs, accountability, and audits for those doing this work. While it is good to ensure new Canadians are provided what they financially need to be successful, we fear some of these measures are going to halt many churches efforts to take on sponsorships.

One item of very good news is that so many churches in our region are still dedicated to this crucial work and it does look like this coming year will see many new Canadians coming to our province. We thank you for your generosity of finance, time, and hospitality. If you are interested in this vital work of our church feel free to reach out to any of us on your refugee support team.

God's blessings to you and your ministries,
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 Jim Tenford jtenford@sasktel.net

UNITED CHURCH RURAL MINISTRY NETWORK



The General Council Office of The United Church of Canada used to have a Rural Desk that coordinated work and study for rural ministries and communication between rural areas. However, that ministry is no longer there, so a few people with passion for rural ministry and healthy rural communities applied to Embracing the Spirit in the summer of 2020 for help to

establish the United Church Rural Ministry Network. Our aim is to share stories and news of rural communities across the country by networking rural communities of faith and ministers.

One of the early steps was to hire an animator, who produces and distributes UCRMN newsletters, organizes the registration for workshops and runs our 'office'. Connor Jay was hired, from PEI, a seminary student at Martin Luther University College in Waterloo.

There have been two activities UCRMN has been busy with since its inception. Monthly newsletters, which are archived on our website, www.ucrmn.ca, give news of rural issues, stories from communities of faith, sharing of resources. UCRMN invites submissions from

rural people; please send to editor@ucrmn.net. If you want to become a member, go to www.ucrmn.ca and click on "Join My Email List".

The second activity is hosting workshops. Since the fall of 2020, 7 Zoom workshops have been held: *Coming Together While Apart: Being Church During Covid*, in September; *Grief*, October; *Ashes and Resurrection: How Covid Days are Shaping us for Newness*, February 2021; *Practical Technology for Rural Churches*, March 2021; *Community Check In*, November 2021; *What is On Your Heart?*, February 2022; *Discussion on GCE06 (Ministry Leadership to Meet the Needs of the Church in the 2020s)*, April 2022. All of these are available to see, either video or report, on www.ucrmn.ca. There is another scheduled for November 2022, *Trauma-Informed Ministry*, by Michelle Rowe. Registration information is in newsletter.

UCRMN made a recommendation to St. Andrew's College to award an Honorary Doctorate to Rev. Joyce Sasse, who has been a force for advocacy for rural ministry through her 50 years as an ordained minister in western Canada. This was awarded at the Convocation in May of 2021. After being nominated for this honour, Joyce prepared a book of her valuable memories, reflections and writings from throughout the years called *Gleanings from a Prairie Pastor*. This document is available for downloading from the Centre for Rural Community Leadership and Ministry website (www.circle-m.ca) of the Saskatoon Theological Union, an organization which Joyce was an integral part in establishing.

UCRMN has obtained a charitable donation number, and so welcomes donations from rural congregations or people. On the website, www.ucrmn.ca, there is a link for online donations, or an invitation to email for e-transfer information, or an address for mailing a cheque.

The UCRMN Executive is made up of Catherine Christie, chair, Eric Skillings, secretary-treasurer, Donna Mann, Felicia Urbanski and Shelley Roberts. Any others who wish to join to share the leadership roles are most, most welcome.

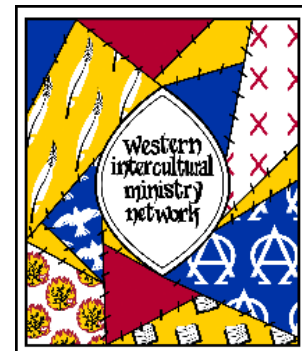
Submitted by Catherine Christie
UCRMN Chair

WESTERN INTERCULTURAL NETWORK

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

The Western Intercultural Network is a relatively 'young' network of communities in The United Church of Canada committed to a fully inclusive and intercultural church, covering the five Western Regional Councils.

The network holds gatherings and online conversations that focus on intercultural discussions. Network members are engaging in and promoting action in their regions towards living out the UCC's vision of being an intercultural church ([Vision for Becoming an Intercultural Church | The United Church of Canada \(united-church.ca\)](http://www.united-church.ca)), and come together occasionally for educational events and other opportunities for dialogue. An executive from the five Western Regional Councils of the United Church offers us leadership.



Our vision of becoming an intercultural United Church encompasses:

- Racialized people and communities, which includes ethnic churches within the United Church, racialized lay leaders, and ministry personnel, and more.
- Indigenous people and communities, within the United Church and beyond, of all traditions.
- People with disabilities.
- LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people and communities.
- The privileged, yet broken, who are seeking wholeness and justice.

We are each worthy individuals and numerous cultural groups, and richer for our diversity. And we are at the same time engaged in a common pursuit of caring for each other and the planet. We honour our identities, and the spaces where they intersect. Our ministry includes courageous (and awkward!) conversations about our diversity, and about the social privilege and history that hinder right relationships. We believe the Good News of Jesus Christ calls us into such conversations, right relationship, and mutual transformation.

2021-22 Activities

During the 2021-2022 period since the WIMN Executive provided an update to Regions the Network has continued to offer its Coffee Chai time series. These series offer opportunities for learning, discussion and reflection on themes related to interculturality. The sessions held between June 2021 – March 2, 2022 were:

- June 3, 2021 – *Let's Get Uncomfortable* – A follow up to a conversation between Damber Khadka and Rev. Bill Millar on the Open Out Podcast (#7) which focussed on giving away power, creating a vulnerable space to support intercultural understanding.
- November 2, 2021 – *The Cultural Iceberg: The Clergy Collar* – A session where, following an overview of the Cultural Iceberg framework for creating intercultural understanding, Rev. Lee Spice and Rev. Piotr Strzelecki provided personal perspectives on what the clergy collar means to them and different cultural perspectives on the clergy collar

Due to ongoing pandemic restrictions the network did not hold an in-person event for the network.

During the past year we have taken the opportunity at our monthly meetings to review the Terms of Reference for the Network and ask ourselves how we have engaged with each of the statements to date, and how we might move forward by building on areas of strength and develop stronger support and ministry for areas which we have not been able to truly focus our attention.

Annual Meeting

WIMN hosted its Annual meeting on November 2, 2021, in conjunction with one of its Chai/Coffee Sessions.

At that meeting the members of the Executive that had guided the Network's activities for 2020-21 largely remained and chose to offer their gifts and stewardship for the work of the network for another year.

The Executive for 2021-22 comprises:

Co-Chairs: Deborah Richards (Pacific Mountain) and Kurt Katzmar (Northern Spirit)

Secretary: Kathy Yamashita (Chinook Winds)

Pacific Mountain: Alwin Maben (past chair)

Northern Spirit: Chelsea Masterman

Living Skies: Mathias Ross, Salesi Takau

Prairie to Pine: Damber Khadka, Bill Millar
Staff support: Julie Graham, Chris Mah Poy

Chinook Winds Region has nominated Rev. Dr. Oh Wang Kwon to join the WIMN Executive. We look forward to welcoming him to the next meeting of the Executive.

The group reaches out, as appropriate, to Emo Yango and Adele Halliday in the General Council Office for support in its work.

Our Elder Kay Quon has elected to take a less active role in the Executive moving forward. Kay has been a key member of the Executive for many years, and we value her wisdom. She will continue to join the Executive for meetings when possible, so that we can continue to benefit from her wisdom.

The Executive meets monthly for about 90 minutes, and this provides an opportunity for us to connect about activities in our region, as well as engage in planning discussions.

Looking forward

The Executive will continue to build on the discussions we have been undertaking in the past year on how the Network will engage in supporting and living out the call within our regions to be an Intercultural Church. Our focus in the coming year will be on taking action to address some of areas which need more attention such as intentionally growing the network, continuing to build understanding at the community of faith level about being an Intercultural Church, and supporting persons with intercultural perspectives to step forward for nominations to regional and national committees and working groups.

Upcoming Events

Our Coffee/Chai time series will continue in 2022. We are currently working on a framework for topics for these sessions in 2022, and into 2023, with the goal of continuing to offer such conversations quarterly.

Stay tuned for more information in a few weeks about our June, September, and November Coffee Chai dates.

Contact Us

If you would like to be contacted about WIMN events you can [sign up for occasional updates here](#); you can unsubscribe at any time, and we don't share your information with anyone else.

Respectfully Submitted by
Deborah Richards and Kurt Katzmar
Co-Chairs
On behalf of the Executive of the Western Intercultural Ministries Network

THE WOMEN OF THE UNITED CHURCH NETWORK

Zoom Executive meetings were held January 16, 2021, April 10, 2021, and September 4, 2021 as well as consulting by telephone and e-mail.

Dawn Weber, 1st Vice Chair and Mary Mohn represented Saskatchewan United Church of Canada Women at the National UCW Annual Meeting held September 20 to 24, 2021 by Zoom. Our unit was assigned to prepare the Opening Prayer and Worship for September 23,

2021. A copy of the National UCW Annual Meeting Report submitted by Mary Mohn and Dawn Weber can be [found here](#).

The 60th anniversary of UCW is set for July 11 to 15, 2022 at Membertou Trade and Convention Centre in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Monthly newsletters have been written, distributed by email and mail by Mary Mohn, Editor. She is our representative to the National UCW In Touch Newsletter [formerly Keeping In Touch]. The Sask UCCW Newsletters and revised Statistics Form are posted online at the Living Skies Regional website at www.livingskiesrc.ca under Programs>Women's Network. Mary Mohn is our Sask UCCW Communications Officer and contact person for Sask UCCW on the UCW webpage.

The Sask UCCW Statistics Form 2021/2022 was circulated with a deadline date for returns by March 1, 2022. As at March 2022 there were 741 Saskatchewan UCCW Members. The Saskatchewan UCW Bursary Fund Committee members are Mary Mohn, Susan Dokken, Chantal Ntibategera, Allison Irvine, Joan Brown. Persons who are members of Living Skies Regional Council United Church community of faith and who are participants in a recognized program of preparation for pastoral ministry in The United Church of Canada may apply. Applications will be considered twice yearly, at the end of February and the end of October. Applications may be submitted once per year per person.

Two Bursaries were awarded totalling \$3,000.00. The Bursary Fund balance at year end, December 31, 2021, is \$8,172.75.

Once again plans were cancelled for an in person regional meeting event planned for September 25, 2021 due to the significant rise in Covid 19 infections. A Sask United Church of Canada Women Regional Annual General Meeting was held by Zoom on Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Founding member and Treasurer Wilma Will retired. The following agreed to let their names stand for Election of Executive for the coming year:

Past Co-chair: Susan Dokken

Co-chairs: Chantal Ntibategera, Prince Albert and Dawn Weber, Saskatoon

1st Vice Chair: Diane Thurlow, Meadow Lake

2nd Vice Chair: Marilyn Bodner, Lanigan

Treasurer: Phyllis Robinson, Saskatoon

Secretary: Barbara Byers Bradley, Saskatoon

The next National UCW Meeting is scheduled to be held September 19 – 23, 2022 at Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga, Ontario.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Saskatchewan United Church of Canada Women
*Chantal Ntibategera, Dawn Weber, Co-chairs; Mary Mohn, Communications Officer;
Diane Thurlow, 1st Vice-chair; Phyllis Robinson, Treasurer; Barb Byers Bradley, Secretary.*

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL AFFIRMING TASK GROUP

At the 2019 Living Skies Regional Council (LSRC) Gathering Proposal No. 8 was presented for a vote. The issue was "We believe that our faith in God is calling us to have Living Skies Regional Council become an Affirming Ministry."

The proposal was “That the Living Skies Regional Council create a small Task Group with the members appointed through the Nominations process adopted by Living Skies Regional Council to create a process for the region to begin the Affirming Ministries exploration which task group will report to the Regional Executive by March 2020 so the report may be circulated, That the task group create or adapt an educational process with respect to Living Skies Regional becoming an affirming region. That time be allotted at the 2020 Regional Council Meeting to participate in an Affirming Ministries discussion culminating with a vote on the issue (*We believe that our faith in God is calling us to have Living Skies Regional Council become an affirming ministry*) after an education process has been completed” (sic). This proposal was approved.

Our LSRC Affirming Task Group was appointed in 2021. Our Task Group consists of Joy Cowan, Bob Hayes, Allison Sarauer, Yoonjoo Shin, Shelly Manley-Tannis, Tony Thompson, Jackie van't Voort, and Julie Graham (LSRC Staff support).

One of our Task Group's goals is to provide education to our Living Skies Region on affirming. We provided an introductory letter outlining our group and it was posted in the Living Skies Regional Rambler. We also hosted two informational Zoom Gatherings (March – PIE Day in Living Skies and May – Preparing for Pride) and invited anyone to “Zoom-In”. We will be hosting future Educational Zoom Gatherings throughout the year.

Our Task Group created a Living Skies Regional Council Affirming Vision Statement which reads: “To support an ongoing, engaging, educational process for Communities of Faith to understand what it means to be affirming. We are committed to celebrating the diversity of God's creation and encouraging the full participation of all people in our ministries. The full rainbow spectrum of human diversity includes (but is not limited to) age, gender identity, racial / cultural backgrounds, sexual orientation, differing abilities, ethnic and theological backgrounds, spiritual beliefs, economic circumstances, and all definitions of family. We are willing to share our faith and our gifts as we respond to God's call to love, compassion, and justice.”

Under the direction and leadership of Yoonjoo a video of our Vision Statement will be produced. This video will be shared with the LSRC Executive and with a link on the LSRC website. We will also post the Vision Statement in the Living Skies Regional Rambler. We will plan on conducting a Zoom Gathering to discuss our Vision Statement. We will also be requesting feedback on the Vision Statement and once finalized, will send it to Affirm United for their feedback and approval.

Our Task Group will develop an action plan on becoming an Affirming Region and will share this plan with Affirm United for their approval.

The dedication, support, and love of our United Church of Canada are exemplified by the Task Group in their commitment to being part of this exciting 'Affirming Journey'!

Respectively submitted
Living Skies Regional Council Affirming Task Group

REGIONAL MINISTER: JUSTICE AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Many of you will remember that shortly before we gathered at last year's annual meeting, news came from the Tk'emlúpsenc First Nation in Kamloops that confirmation of unmarked burials

at the residential “school” had been announced. That confirmation of decades of survivor testimony was both devastating and a moment for renewed commitment to the Calls to Action, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the United Church Apologies, the Caretakers’ Calls to the Church, and more. Those commitments have shaped a lot of my work over the past year, and I have been grateful to work alongside many in these Regional Council and beyond as we try to renew and live into our responsibilities.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY

Community-building: Snow and Ice Art. ([Click here for the web page](#)).

This COVID winter we launched a three-Region Love Your Neighbour ice art and snow sculpture initiative. The Committee on Community of Faith Support gave its blessing and off we went, with a good number of Prairie to Pine Communities of Faith joining in with sculpting, ice art, media coverage, and lots of great photos. My follow up has not been as extensive as I’d like; I am hoping to be in touch with all registrants to see if we should do this again, and to thank them for brightening a hard winter.

Nominations: It has been a pleasure to offer some communications support to this small committee that accepts the challenge of finding new people for a range of governance needs and special projects. Thank you to chair Susan Reed and members Yvonne Terry and Jeanette Warrian for many creative, connected meetings.

Special thanks to Bev Diebert for expanding the Regional Council directory to include United representatives on the boards of community ministries, camps, chaplaincies, and partner groups. We hope this will help you, the people and delegates of the Regional Council, as well as members of Nominations, better see the network of relationships and personal commitments that sustain our ministry.

Missions ministries and assessment task group: The Regional Assessment Task Group has wrapped up its work; staff continue to connect with the EDGE Network to offer grants data and writing support. Thank you to Tim Ellis, Leslee Whalley, and Brian Maitland for several years of careful and thoughtful discussion and planning for opportunities and support to Living Skies ministries supported by mission support grants.

The Grants Committee has updated its main application form and the webpage detailing available grants, making it easier for it to add a section for applications to the Assessment fund (and/ or the more permanent fund proposed after the 2020 regional annual meeting.) I continue to be in touch with ICM, RAPM, Parkland Restorative Justice, and Micah Mission.

Networks and Clusters: The updated list of LSRC Networks and Cluster is posted here, on the [Networks and Clusters page](#). Bev is including all Network and Cluster contacts in an invitation to submit a report to the annual meeting workbook. Understandably, many Clusters seem to be inactive, while Networks have in some cases found it easier to move online.

Newsletters: This continues to be a lot of vital weekly work, especially for fearless editor Bev Diebert, who works with the mountain of content that comes in, maintains the website archive and contact list, and works with new subscribers. I am so grateful for her work. This year, we began an experiment that will run through June and will give our 700 plus subscribers a chance to evaluate: We split the newsletter into alternating News and Events, in an effort to narrow down the focus and both the amount and scope of the content. Thank you to all who have written in with constructive feedback; we welcome this as we continue to adapt to our new structures.

Events: For two years we have all set sail on a sea of online events that occasionally builds to a tidal wave. This is both amazing and occasionally overwhelming for everyone. I have prioritised working with the newsletters team (Bev, Cherry, and Kathy) to promote events and workshops that: have Indigenous leadership/ are focused on right relations; are Affirming; or intercultural; or anti-racism focused; focus on anti-poverty or climate justice; or reflect Regional initiatives and concerns such as government policies that worsen poverty. Generally, we priority-promote first Regional, and then General Council, ecumenical, and national/ regional KAIROS events. Please remember that community of faith events have a [dedicated calendar](#) and [event posting form](#). [Regional events are here](#).

Website troubleshooting and development are always ongoing. As of February 2022 some persistently annoying technical issues have been mostly resolved (of course writing this down ensures they'll start happening again). Keeping the site up to date is a priority for Bev, Kent, and me, and we hope it remains a useful home base for news, key documents, events, and more. www.livingskiesrc.ca For over two years we have maintained a special COVID newsfeed, and this month that page was archived. We hope this is a sign of hope. Over on **Facebook**, our group has reached almost 600 members and remains very active. Thank you to all who contribute to this community!

JUSTICE WORK

Affirming Task Group: It is a privilege to accompany the skilled and diverse membership of this group. Task group members are: Joy Cowan, Bob Hayes (chair), Shelly Manley-Tannis, Allison Saraurer, Yoonjoo Shin, Tony Thompson, and Jackie van't Voort. We've also used the task group's work as another reason to hold semi regular Affirming events for the Region, with much appreciated help from Trisha Little. We decided that we should recognize this ongoing work by creating a Saskatchewan Affirming Network (SKAN), to accompany networks in Regina and Saskatoon. Our latest event was held in May 2022 and focused on Preparing for Pride. [Our Affirming Regional page is here](#). We also value an association with the [Korean Rainbow United Network](#), whose videos of songs and reflections uplift us.

Intercultural ([Click here for the web page](#)). The Western Intercultural Network continues its work, which includes Mathias Ross and Salesi Takau as Living Skies members on the executive. More LS people are always welcome! The Network will not hold a fall 2022 event, instead taking another break from big online events, and advocating that people attend the Fifth Intercultural Adventure in Edmonton this October. It will continue with at least quarterly open, 90 minute intercultural "coffee/ chai" learning and conversation events focused on specific practices of intercultural and anti racist ministry. I maintain the Network list and send out occasional updates, and feel privileged to be part of this vibrant and diverse group of leaders. I also presented on this network at a national staff gathering.

Right Relations/TRC:

Okanese First Nation: Many thanks to Sue Bland, and all who attended the feast to remember the children on Okanese First Nation last August, as we attempt to renew our commitment to Okanese First Nation, the survivors, the surrounding communities, and those at rest in the cemetery. This small group of non-Indigenous people is a vital part of our TRC commitments at this annual feast, and more participants are welcome. Please contact me.

Cote First Nation: Along with Susan Bear and Gwen Reilkoff in Kamsack, I am part of an ecumenical group trying to offer support to survivors of St Philip's Residential School on Cote First Nation. The Presbyterian Church ran the Crowstand institution, followed by the United Church-run Cote Federal Day School, so our church holds intergenerational responsibility even as we respect the Catholic archdiocese's overarching commitment to the community.

The elders have begun language and culture camp work under a cooperative they have formed, and are determined to pass on the Onakawewin language to the youth. We have struggled to work out a stable funding path. And yet, the elders have invited us to the July culture camp, and I honour their generosity of spirit. I continue to struggle with how we free up resources for work that does not fit neatly into structures and funding models.

Many thanks to Rev Deb Anderson Pratt and the board of Regina Native Outreach for your [generous feast invitation to the whole Region](#). It was a beautiful day in every way, and may your partnership with Regina congregations continue to deepen as we follow the Calls to Action.

I prioritise promoting events and resources related to significant days in the Indigenous and right relations calendar, especially June 21 and September 30, and any events offered by Indigenous leadership in the United Church. There have been many of these, meaning that we all have the space needed to come out, to learn, and to be challenged or transformed.

I continue to be in regular contact with staff of Indigenous Ministries and Justice at General Council and with colleague Charlene Burns, and am grateful for these relationships. I feel the absence of a Right Relations/ TRC committee here in our Regional Council and welcome conversations with any of you about how we can carry our responsibilities and relationships forward in a good way.

KAIROS Prairies North Decolonization Committee: Along with Jordan Cantwell and Sheila Catto, I participate in this ecumenical group which offers education and reflection gatherings focused on practical steps towards decolonization in which everyone can be involved, with a focus on Indigenous leadership. Our May workshop series focused on land acknowledgement best practices for faith and spiritual communities. We are looking at a second summer land-based event.

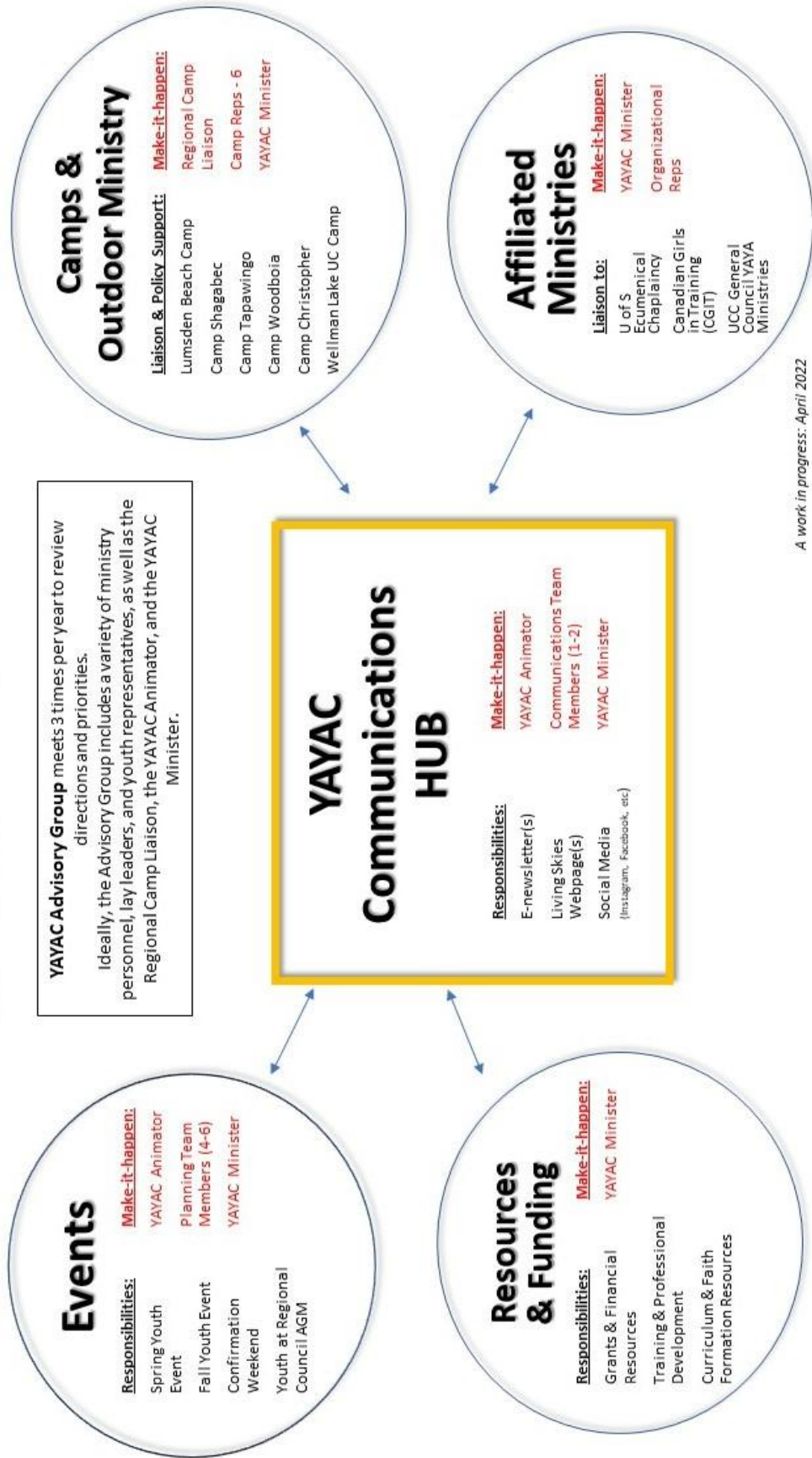
Anti-racism: This is a denomination-wide commitment that will soon have a public action plan in which we can all join. I continue to be part of discussion with national staff about coordinating anti-racism networking with Regional Councils, and accessing lists of people who have done Sessions 3 and 4 of the national training and could be leaders for us. I am part of the facilitation team for the national training, and in spring 2022 supported Rev Jordan Cantwell, Rev Paul Douglas Walfall (Northern Spirit) and elder Russel Burns to offer a three-Region June evening series on anti racism planning in local ministries, based on the book *Wait-Is This Racist?*

Climate justice: United reps to KAIROS Regina continue to engage with For the Love of Creation, the national ecumenical initiative of which the UCC is part. I continue to promote the Faithful Footprints program however I can.

Other justice networking: Strong concerns about Sask Income Support changes, led by Regina Anti Poverty Ministry; Guaranteed Livable Income; Palestine; Faithful Footprints and For the Love of Creation, both climate change related: these are all areas in which Living Skies people are active. In March we held a three-Region refugee supporters and sponsors check in concerning the national refugee sponsorship program, with national staff Khwaka Kukubo. This included a focus on COVID impacts; Afghanistan; and LGBTQ refugees. From time to time I am also drawn in to General Council related justice work and network conversations and projects.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Graham
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Living Skies Youth & Young Adult Community Organizational Chart



A work in progress: April 2022

YAYAC: YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

YAYAC Structure Developments

Re-branded Organizational Chart: The primary focus for the past year has been an intentional re-branding of the structure & purpose of the Youth & Young Adult Community (YAYAC). The emphasis has been on clarifying YAYAC's primary role as communication & connection hub in support of the various groups, congregations and organizations involved in ministry with Youth & Young Adults. This includes summer camps, university chaplains, CGIT groups, national & inter-regional youth ministries as well as local youth groups, lay leaders and ministry personnel (please see previous page).

Staffing Structure: We're hoping that the revised YAYAC Structure will also help to clarify the roles of *YAYAC Minister* & *YAYAC Animator*. We've been very fortunate to have **Josie Williamson** in the role of *YAYAC Animator* since the fall of 2021 and we're exploring ways to maintain the position on a permanent casual-time basis. It's been a difficult year for YAYAC programming with COVID, but Josie has been invaluable in helping to create & design our new structure.

Additionally, in March 2022, **Rod Leuty** took on the volunteer role of *Regional Camps Liaison* with the goal of strengthening support & communication networks with the region and amongst the various camp boards. This is a bit of a guinea pig role as we sort through changes in accreditation & reporting processes, but we hope that it will be a good voice & contact point in support of our camping ministries.

Faith Formation & Ministry with Youth & Young Adults

- 1) **Region-wide ministry programming with Youth & Young Adults** was once again a challenge with a number of in-person events cancelled due to COVID in 2021 and the first months of 2022. However, we're looking forward to a couple of events in spring and more to follow in the fall. <https://livingskiesrc.ca/programs/yayac/>
- 2) Once again, it's important to recognize and appreciate the **YAYA Ministries in local Communities of Faith** who have maintained regular zoom and/or physically distanced programs, confirmation programs, weekly Zoom Gathering for Young Adults (age 18-35), etc. <https://livingskiesrc.ca/programs/yayac/yayac-network/>
- 3) **UCC Camps & Outdoor Ministries** each have unique operational & staffing structures reflected in their ministry programs. All 6 of the Regionally-Affiliated summer camps plan a return to in-person overnight programs for the summer of 2022.

As mentioned earlier, Rod Leuty has volunteered in the new role of Regional Camps Liaison, and plans are currently underway for a joint camp staff & board day to bring representatives from all of the Region's UCC camps together to share resources, ideas, and experience. The hope is that this will support ongoing communication & relationship amongst our camping ministries.

<https://livingskiesrc.ca/programs/yayac/camps/>

- 4) **Ecumenical Chaplaincy at University of Saskatchewan** continues to engage with the Lutheran Campus Ministry for chaplaincy coverage. <https://www.facebook.com/EcumenicalChaplaincyUniversityOfSaskatchewan>
- 5) **CGIT Saskatchewan** for girls aged 12-17 continues with programming & fundraising initiatives in accordance with provincial health guidelines. <https://saskatchewancgit.wordpress.com/>

- 6) **Youth Forum at GC44** (February-July 2022) is a largely virtual event in conjunction with the virtual CG44 meetings. Living Skies Region did not receive any applications for Youth Forum, so we did not have any youth representatives this time around.
- 7) Communities of Faith are encouraged to link with the **Living Skies Region's YouTube Channel** to share resources and broaden our online worship & faith community together. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQumvdyab1_LIPlluOPgArg

Other Ministry Programming & Online Events

- 1) **"Practically Prophetic" Webinars** focus on tools & tips related to various areas of applied ministry each month. With much thanks to our presenters for sharing their knowledge and expertise, recordings of the webinars are posted on the Region's YouTube Channel. This has been an intentional collaboration of Living Skies Region Faith Formation, St. Andrew's College, and the Centre for Christian Studies.
- 2) **EDGE Network "Community Roundtable" pilot programs** were undertaken by St. Andrew's United Church in Lumsden, Lumsden Beach Camp, and YAYAC. This pilot program encouraged community engagement & consultation gatherings with some grant funding available in support of programs or project arising from the gatherings.

Summary

Looking ahead, we're really excited about the new YAYAC structure and communications network. We encourage people throughout the Region to consider being part of our Event Planning Teams and/or Advisory Group.

Once again, thank-you to everyone in the church called to ministry with youth, young adults, children, and families. We're emerging from a difficult time into unknown waters, and your care & ministry with young people is so greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
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ARCHIVIST

After the challenges of recent years, 2021 provided opportunities to start to catch-up on activities that previous circumstances had limited. Among the highlights were the completed transfers of records from several churches, as well as much needed updates to archival finding aids and inventories.

New additions in 2021 totaled approx. 7.4 linear metres (if boxes were lined up end-to-end). This included records from 11 Saskatchewan churches, as well as photographic prints and slides from 2 private donors. Congregations at Mortlach, Estlin, Fort Qu'Appelle, Manor, Redvers, Edgeley, Brownlee, Shellbrook, Leask, Earl Grey, and Swift Current were among the creators of these records.

Arriving at an archivist's office is only one step in the journey of archiving records. From there, volumes, files and items that meet the necessary criteria are re-housed into acid-free folders and protective archival boxes, then moved into archival storage, at the Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan (PAS).

As of 2021, our processed collections at PAS include:

- approx. 260.3 linear metres of textual records (measured as shelf space occupied), made up of church registers, rolls, reports, minutes, histories and various related items;
- about 2,000 photographic prints and 900 slides and negatives showing church events, people and other topics related to the history of the UCC in the region;
- more than 270 architectural plans and blueprints of churches, manses and other sites.

Living Skies Regional Council remains responsible for these records, even after they are moved to PAS, and the region's archivist responds to a range of questions related to their content. Reference activities in 2021 included replying to approximately 152 requests for information. Of these, about 116 pertained to baptisms, marriages, burials and memberships (for personal and genealogical purposes), and 27 to other historical topics (properties, biographies, congregations, etc.). The latter usually require more time to complete than requests for information from registers and rolls, though both can present special challenges, e.g. when a congregation was very small or remote and not well documented. Most requests were received and handled via e-mail.

An important part of archival work continues to be updating collections listings and finding aids, to make it easier for those inside and outside the church to find records and information they may need, or narrow down their research with some independence. Descriptions for many of our collections can be viewed online (via <https://memorysask.ca/united-church-of-canada-saskatchewan-conference-archives>) and new information is added regularly.

As always, the regional archives webpage (<https://livingskiesrc.ca/resources/archives/>) is a good starting point for guides, forms, contact information, links, and other help for those looking for information from our archival collections, or hoping to transfer or donate records.

Many thanks to those who diligently prepared and facilitated records transfers in 2021, and to everyone whose patience and assistance contributed to a productive year!

Respectfully submitted,
Madeleine McLuhan-Myers
Archivist

**STEWARDSHIP ANIMATOR
VICKI NELSON**

**Vicki Nelson
Stewardship Animator for
Northern Spirt, Living Skies and
Prairie to Pine Regional Councils
Philanthropy Unit, General Council Office**



Greetings,

After one year in the role of Stewardship Animator I have had the pleasure to virtually meet and work with a number of generosity-keeners from the Living Skies Region. Through phone calls, stewardship training programs, and at the virtual annual meeting last year, I have continued to get to know the amazing, faith-filled people of this Region. If we haven't yet met, my role is to provide resources and support to individuals, communities of faith, and other

ministries in the areas of generosity, congregational giving, Mission & Service, and the work of the United Church Foundation. If you have ideas, questions or inspiration to share, please get in contact [with me](#).

One way we may have connected over the past year, or could in 2022, is through the learning program, **Called to be the Church: The Journey**. These trainings are designed for community of faith leaders, working as a team, to learn and develop a stewardship plan to help increase giving and deepen connections within your community of faith. There are currently two different modules to help with this work. One Living Skies participant provided this program feedback, *"The course is smart, practical and inspiring."* You can register or learn [more here](#).

Speaking of gratitude for shared abundance, Mission & Service is our Church's most powerful vehicle for helping to transform lives, inspire meaning and purpose, and build a better world. Together we do more. Thanks to generous people like you, across the whole United Church, in 2021, \$240,000 in Mission & Service funding supported a number of ministries in Living Skies. Your generosity through Mission & Service strengthened camps, chaplaincies, economic justice, theological training, and more.

Beyond our borders, Mission & Service also provided \$500,000 in Covid-19 emergency funding, plus \$250,000 towards Covid-19 vaccines. This is on top of support provided to our partners around the globe. And this continues to be a priority as Mission & Service is receiving [donations](#) for the crisis in Ukraine. Your donations to Mission & Service are changing the lives of your neighbours—both here in Saskatchewan, and around the world. Thank you for your gifts.

Sharing inspiring stories about Mission & Service is an effective way to hold up and celebrate this amazing work, and to encourage generosity in your community of faith. The pandemic has changed many things, including the way Minutes for Mission are distributed and told, however they certainly have not gone away. New stories are frequently [posted](#). For those who utilize videos in worship, there are also [videos](#) that tell personal stories of the life changing work of Mission & Service. If you want to bring more Mission & Service inspiration into your community of faith, and would like help finding resources, please let me know.

Finally, I want to thank you, the people of the Living Skies Region. I have been impressed (though not surprised) by the dedication, creativity, thoughtfulness and joy of the people in Saskatchewan. You have found meaningful ways to faithfully create community during a challenging time. It is amazing and so are you.

In gratitude,
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Dear friends of the Living Skies Regional Council,

Greetings in name of the Holy One,



Chapel Rainbow Tapestry

It has been quite year for all of us. I have had the honour to connect with alum, friends and students from across the country. In these conversations, both in-person and remote, there have been many paradoxes present. Hope has been visible even in the reality of the pandemic. Joy has been evident even in the challenges of the fentanyl crisis. There has been resilience even in the context of forces and voices that have served to challenge the common good and our social democracy.

It is in these places that St. Andrew's continues to journey with leaders who are called to bear Light and Good News. This is a faithful pursuit. It is an honour to bring this annual greeting to you as you gather to do the righteous work of our United Church.

When we spoke last year, the College had begun to address an existential financial crisis that led to both an acceleration of our 2020 Strategic Plan¹ and to some extremely difficult restructuring decisions. Since then, much has unfolded. As in all paradox, there is indeed celebration in the midst of change, which is sometimes well received and at other times disruptive. I hope the following, therefore, imparts some of the significant work and changes for St. Andrew's.

In the last year, the College has engaged with our Saskatoon Theological Union (STU) partners to deepen our relationship in significant and substantive ways. This has included conversations that have ranged from our academic commitments to the realities of administration and governance alignment among St. Andrew's, the College of Emmanuel & St. Chad, and the Lutheran Theological Seminary.

As I write to you, the Union has held a Covenanting Ceremony² and has just completed an academic retreat. Arising from these important milestones, we are now completing proposals for new integrated academic MDiv & MTS degrees. These new programmes place the context of the student at the centre of an ecumenical experience, which deeply enhances previous collaborations. In turn, we are finalising a framework for a shared STU Faculty, which will nurture a culture of scholarship and interdisciplinary educational opportunity for students. As these degrees receive approval from the appropriate bodies, beginning in May, the STU Faculty will finalise courses and syllabi for this intensive-based endeavour. Recruitment will

¹ <https://standrews.ca/our-community/about/strategic-plan/>

² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXz1Wrrioq4>

begin in May for a soft launch in the winter of 2023. We look forward to being up to full steam beginning in fall 2023!

As St. Andrew's innovates with our STU partners in the Academic Pathway, I am just as excited to share the further work of the Academic Redesign Team (ART). ART has also been passionately, creatively and substantively developing a new Lifelong Learning Pathway. The Team includes United Church partners, alum, and an Educational Consultant from the University of Saskatchewan. ART has been developing learning opportunities for lay and ordered ministry. They are creating a learning ecosystem that ranges from condensed workshops to new certificates. At the centre of this new Pathway will be the learner and their context. I am confident that this new Pathway will allow the College to not only recruit and educate our traditional United Church family but will also include people from ecumenical and secular sectors who are hoping to connect their spiritual journey with their work and vocation.

At the moment, the timeline for the deployment of the Lifelong Learning Pathway is similar to the Academic. The first certificate – *Leadership in the Faith Community* – will be launched in the same timeline as the new Academic Pathway. It is further anticipated that the other two certificates (*Leadership in the World* and *Spiritual Exploration*) will be launched in 2024.

The three certificates being developed are listed below and are accompanied by initial draft descriptions. All three of these Certificates build in core competencies which will allow students to progress, if they so desire, into the graduate level degree programs of St. Andrew's College, such as the Master of Divinity or Master of Theological Studies.

- The *Leadership in the Faith Community* (LFC) Certificate is a non-credit, competency-based program of active learning and reflection, designed for all members of a faith community (lay or ordered) who are involved in Christian ministry. The LFC Certificate program supports lifelong learners to grow and deepen their skills in contextual theological reflection and the practice(s) of ministry, while assessing and documenting this growth through a personalized study plan, learning portfolio, and intentional mentorship.
- The *Leadership in the World* (LW) Certificate is a non-credit, competency-based program of active learning and reflection, designed for professionals, community leaders, social entrepreneurs, and social justice activists/advocates working for a better world. The LW Certificate program supports lifelong learners to explore their sense of vocation or “calling” and deepen their leadership skills, while assessing and documenting their development through a personalized study plan, learning portfolio, and intentional mentorship.
- The *Spiritual Exploration* (SE) Certificate is a non-credit, competency-based program of active learning and reflection, designed for all who identify as “spiritual but not religious” or spiritually curious/adventurous. The SE Certificate program supports lifelong learners to delve into a wide range of worldview conversations and spiritual practices, while assessing and documenting their exploration and growth through a personalized study plan, learning portfolio, and intentional mentorship.

There is indeed much to celebrate at St. Andrew's! The College is relying heavily on our Strategic Plan. Though the timelines have been accelerated by the pressures of the past year, we are intentionally pursuing a course upon which Spirit has invited us. To that end, we are happy to provide the Regional Council (and its Communities of Faith) opportunities to support the vital work which we do. Here are several concrete development programs we would like you to consider and share widely:

- The 2021 #NoGalaGala

Last year's event featured our previous Registrar, Greg Torwalt. Greg is a successful recording artist and founding member of the band Too Soon Monsoon. This concert is still available online for exclusive viewing by ticketholders, and contains music, conversation, and guest appearances that include student reflections and an introductory meditation with our Pastor in Residence, Janet Clarke.³

Stay tuned for news about the 2022 #NoGalaGala, which will feature the art and music of one of the College's most recent Honorary Doctorate recipients, Brenda Baker. Recording for the September 9th premiere will begin this summer

- Companions of the College

This initiative builds upon the College's ongoing commitment to develop deeper relationships with supporters and friends. College Companions are those who have committed to support the college, on an annual basis, at one of two initial tiers:

1. Cypress: \$500/annum with a yearly commitment to increase the gift by 10% annually; and,
2. Tamarack: \$1 000/annum with a yearly commitment to increase the gift by 5% annually.

This initiative invites new donors to give at these levels; existing supporters, at either of these two-tier levels, are invited to commit to the annual increase. Each tier will have access to ongoing new digital content, which the College has and will continue to create:

1. Cypress: This donor level will have access to the College Sunday Digital Worship Library. This resource allows individuals and faith communities to download and/or stream full worship services developed by members of St. Andrew's. Currently there are 6 worship services, which range from thematic to stand-alone. The college will be adding at least 2–3-year new worship experiences per year; and,
2. Tamarack: At this donor tier, supporters will receive access to the College Sunday Digital Worship Library and exclusive access to all previous and future #NoGalaGala events. Currently the college has hosted two online premieres and intends to have 1-2-year.

If you or your faith community want to know more about this exciting initiative and the digital resources which accompany the tiers, please contact Melanie Schwanbeck, College Secretary, melanie.schwanbeck@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca.

- College Sunday Digital Library

St. Andrew's College has a long tradition of visiting communities of faith, large and small, to bring greetings, share the Gospel, and strengthen our bonds with the wider church. The covid era has invited us to consider innovative ways to continue that tradition, and so we are pleased to offer our new College Sunday digital resources. These include a growing digital library of full worship services, including sermons, hymns, liturgical notes, and conversation-starter questions. Current themes include leadership, stewardship, compassion, vocation, humility, and much more. For more

³ <https://standrews.ca/donate/donate-now/> and choose NoGalaGala

information, contact Melanie Schwanbeck at the College office melanie.schwanbeck@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca.

- Classroom Enhancement Initiative

As the college prepares for renewal over the coming years, we are also continuing to update our classrooms to offer hybrid learning. This will allow students to learn together whether onsite or remotely. Please consider giving to the College's *Second Century Fund*.

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

DESIGNATED LAY MINISTRY: A PROGRAM IN FLUX

Currently, the DLM program has a total of 20 students enrolled from across Canada, literally "from Bonavista to Vancouver Island" with all provinces except Alberta represented in between. They serve in congregations as diverse as a church in downtown Toronto, a three-point charge in rural Newfoundland (one point requires a boat to access), and a congregation nestled in a South-western Ontario farming community. Sixteen students are actively completing program requirements while we have the pleasure of honouring four graduates this year. Congratulations to Jenn Brown, Susan Hutton, Jeri-Lee Jones, and James Martin-Carter.

The switch to remote learning in March 2020 brought both change and opportunity. For the past two years we have engaged in completely online learning: for each themed learning circle, students have spent five weeks reading assigned articles and books and discussing their responses online followed by an intensive ten days on Zoom comprising presentations, roundtable and small-group discussions, and in-circle assignments such as sermons or workshops for the whole learning community.

While students have missed the in-person gatherings, shared meals, and late-night conversations at Laura's Lodge, a tourist hotel across from the College, they have also benefited by learning from such leaders as the Rev. Alf Dumont, author of *The Other Side of the River: From Church Pew to Sweat Lodge*; John Pentland, author of *Fishing Tips: How Curiosity Transformed a Community of Faith*; the Moderator of The United Church of Canada, the very Rev. Richard Bott, and Adele Halliday, Anti-Racism and Equity Lead, United Church of Canada. Faculty from St. Andrew's College such as the Rev. Dr. Sandra Beardsall, Dr. Lynn Caldwell, Dr. Christine Mitchell, and Dr. Becca Whitla have offered leadership in one or more of the five online learning circles. We have been joined by the Rev. Robin King speaking about social media and worship and this past March by the Rev. Cathy Coates, the Rev. Janet Clarke, and the Rev. Shelly Manley-Tannis who all brought wisdom and expertise to the topic of "Caring for Community." The program team has taken advantage of the pandemic to expose learners to a wide range of virtual learning opportunities.

Each zoom learning circle has included a graduation worship service at which Dea. Dr. Richard Manley-Tannis, the program team, and the director have offered reflections on the graduating students' ministries. I remain in awe of the wisdom, leadership, and care offered by the program team leaders, the Rev. Mary-Jo Tracy and Marc Grenon. They are integral to the students' learning.

Our gathering for the upcoming learning circle, “The Community’s Story, in October 2022 will be bittersweet. While the students and program team look forward to meeting in person at St. Andrew’s College for the first time ever, the future of the program is unknown. As commissioners to General Council 44 study and debate the future of Designated Lay Ministry as part of proposal GCE06 “Ministry Leadership to Meet the Needs of the Church in the 2020s,” applications for 2023 have been suspended, effective December 1, 2022. Along with all our siblings in Christ, however, we know we are not alone. St. Andrew’s College is changing and so is our denomination. More important, however, we live in God’s world, and, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we move together into a future in which we continue to be and minister with the body of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
(the Rev. Dr.) Kathleen James-Cavan
Director, Designated Lay Ministry Program

CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES



A Year of Planning for the New

Pandemic – *It was certainly not going away...*

Spring – New Rhythms

By the spring of 2021 staff had found rhythms of working together while working from our homes. We became quite adept at meeting through Zoom for staff meetings, committee meetings, student and mentor and field orientations, and we also made sure to schedule meetings with each other just to chat like we would if we were in the office together. Students were also becoming more comfortable and resourceful with online learning and we have been impressed with the ways students have worked creatively with their field sites to meet their learning goals under ongoing health restrictions.

This year we also held our Annual Service of Celebration online which allowed friends and family of the graduates to participate from across Canada.

Summer – New faces

This summer we ran our first UCC Admission Orientation program for ministers entering the church from other denominations. People joined online from time zones in Canada, India, Korea, Kenya, Congo, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. This meant people were joining the learning circle from every part of the day – morning, afternoon, evening and late into the night. Our Learning on Purpose circle was held for the first time online in August. Donors to the Matching Gift Campaign supported the development and implementation of this new way of offering the LoP. We learned from student feedback how to create space during the intensive learning circles for time to work independently away from the screen while also offering students opportunities to meet informally so they could chat about all the non-school stuff that matters to them. And, importantly, staff enjoyed valuable vacation time. We took advantage of the easing of COVID restrictions to visit family and friends throughout July and August.

Fall – Changes coming and other new things

Our learning circles continued to be online, including: Integration Year, Culture and Identity, and Right Relations. The Right Relations learning circle was a joint circle with Sandy Saulteaux Spiritual Centre and CCS. It was designed and led collaboratively with the staff from both schools. This collaboration allowed staff from both schools to learn from each other's teaching methods, but best of all was the opportunity to talk and laugh together. Right Relations was the first learning circle we ran in a hybrid format with sixteen people participating in person and sixteen people participating online. Some students proceeded with field placements, while others focused on external courses, which were widely available online.

In the fall Michelle and David both announced that they would be leaving CCS to pursue other ministry callings. Michelle returned to congregational ministry in London Ontario and David has begun the discernment process to enter ordained ministry in the Church of England. This set in motion the search process for two new additions to the CCS staff team and the announcement that Ken Delisle would serve as Interim Principal for the first half of 2022.

Progress **Education**

We continued to innovate online pedagogy – the UCC Admission Orientation and Right Relations circles are just two examples. We held 11 Learning Circles online, including four circles that had never been offered online: Culture and Identity, Right Relations, Grief and Loss, and Ministry as Community Building. We continued with free-of-charge public workshops with our CCS Fridays series, exploring topics including How to Host an Online AGM, The Pandemic of Racism, Profiles of Diakonia, Indigenous Testamur, Unanswered Questions about 9/11, and Transgressive Devotion. Members of our learning community presented and participated at conferences including Diakonia of the UCC and Anglican Deacons Canada gatherings (attended by Lori, Michelle, Janet, Marcie). Janet and Michelle attended an online conference on Asian Women's Theology. David attended an online conference with a diaconal network in the UK.

Justice

Staff and students remain committed to ministry education that lives a theology of justice. One aspect of this is our continued practice of revising assigned reading lists with an anti-racist, decolonial lens. Carrying on from last year, we are stringently assessing the whiteness of our assigned authors, and making changes, circle by circle. We do this with the understanding that auditing readings is not a box to be checked, but it is an ongoing practice we are committed to.

We understand that striving for anti-racist and decolonized education is not only about readings. When inviting chaplains, guest speakers, resource people, and education partners for learning circles we are prioritizing people of colour and Indigenous people.

Connecting

Our partnership with the social media firm, Strategic Charm, enables us to stay connected with old friends and reach new folks through Instagram and Facebook.

Our online learning circles have provided an opportunity for people to try a CCS learning circle who might not have otherwise made the journey to Winnipeg. This includes continuing studies students from the US, but it also includes continuing studies students from across Canada. The same is true for our CCS Fridays – in the past these were only available to those who make it to Woodsworth House at noon on a Friday. Now we regularly see people from across the country and occasionally we are visited by someone in the US or further abroad.

Community

The CCS community includes a vast group of generous donors and engaged alumni. As an example of our community engagement we saw a 48% response rate to the donor survey – most organizations don't receive more than 20% response rate. This year donor generosity supported the project to put the LoP online. The fact that they gave almost the same amount in 2021 as 2020 shows an outstanding outpouring of generosity when we were expecting to have some financial losses.

Students are persisting in their ministry formation during this protracted experience of distancing and Covid health precautions. They support each other as they support their local communities. It has been a tiring and challenging year – that is undeniable. But students remain engaged, inspired, and motivated to keep transforming themselves and the world around them.

We are blessed with collaborative, generative partners, including:

- Anglican and United Churches
- Diakonia of The United Church of Canada
- Anglican Deacons
- Diakonia of the Americas and Caribbean
- Diaconal Mentors, Field Placements, Learning Facilitators, Local Committee members,
- Council and Committee volunteers
- St Andrew's College
- St Stephen's College
- Sandy Saulteaux Spiritual Centre
- Strategic Charm (social media managers)

Our Year Book, Financial Statements and Annual Report may be found at:
<http://ccsonline.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2021-Year-Book.pdf>

On behalf of Ken Delisle and
 The Centre for Christian Studies

ATLANTIC SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Annual Report to United Church of Canada Regions

Greetings from Atlantic School of Theology!

Atlantic School of Theology continued to offer a full slate of courses and programs in the last year, adjusting constantly to COVID-19 protocols and norms, just as the churches have done. All courses were delivered online or in a hybrid format. We enjoyed a strong number of new applications, and our total enrollment hovers around the 180 person mark.

Three faculty members were called and appointed to tenure track positions: Rev. Dr. Susan MacAlpine-Gillis, Rev. Dr. Andy O'Neill, and Dr. Evangeline Kozitza Dean. We are delighted by the rich knowledge, experience, and skill that these scholars bring to our teaching team. 2021 brought a change in senior leadership, as Rev. Canon Neale Bennet retired as President. Dr. Tim O'Neill has been called as our Interim President, and we have commenced the search for a new long term president to serve from mid-2023 onward.



2021 saw the launch of our newest program, the Diploma in Missional Leadership. The first cohort is comprised of United Church persons serving in active ministry. The next cohort will launch in 2023. Our Continuing Education programs ranged from “Progressive Approaches to the Bible” to “Decolonizing Theology,” and were all delivered online. AST’s Camino Nova Scotia pilgrimage program took place in beautiful Cape Breton Island this year.

Deep gratitude goes out to our United Church of Canada partners, from the General Council to the Regions to the local churches and ministers where our students are serving and are supervised. We continue to seek to be responsive to the emerging needs of the church as we serve God’s world together.

In Christ,
Rev. Dr. Rob Fennell
Academic Dean

EMMANUEL COLLEGE



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Dear Friends:

On behalf of Emmanuel College, I want to bring greetings to your region as you meet this spring. It is my hope and prayer that your meeting goes well and that you experience God’s presence and blessing in this important work of the church. As Interim Principal, I write to share news of various aspects of life at Emmanuel College.

The search process for Emmanuel’s new Principal is in its final stages. My term will close at the end of June and the College’s new Principal will begin July 1, 2022.

2021-22 has been our second full academic year offered through pandemic-related remote delivery. After a brief taste of in-person gatherings and community life at the beautiful Victoria University campus in fall 2021, we had high hopes of returning to in-person learning this past January. Regrettably, due to the rise of the Omicron variant we were forced to remain online for the winter term and will have our summer course offerings online as well. Emmanuel staff and faculty have adapted well and continued to offer excellent pedagogical, community & spiritual life & student service experiences throughout the pandemic in this online format. We are exploring ways to incorporate the best of the online experience as we move forward into predominately in-person experiences in fall 2022.

Emmanuel College’s accreditation with the Association of Theological Schools has been renewed for another 10 years. Emmanuel received a very positive report from the ATS, commending us on the hard work of interreligious theological education in a triply-embedded school. Emmanuel College is blessed and challenged by the three significant relationships we share with Victoria University, Toronto School of Theology, and University of Toronto.

These relationships made the re-accreditation process particularly arduous, but under the fine leadership of Nevin Reda, it was successful and we were well prepared for the ATS Team visit in September. They were very impressed with our self-study and complimented those responsible for it. In doing this work at Emmanuel College, we have become aware of areas where we need to make changes. We think these changes will strengthen the College and enhance its work as an educational institution preparing individuals for various forms of ministry and service.

Emmanuel College continues to provide significant financial support to students.

Through the John W. Billes Fund, Emmanuel continues to provide 100% of tuition coverage to all domestic students who are registered full-time in the M.Div. programme and who are engaged in The United Church of Canada's candidacy pathway process. All incoming domestic full-time students are eligible for our **Entering Theological Education grant, which offers 50% tuition coverage to their first year courses**. The application deadline is April 30, 2022. For more information about studying at Emmanuel College and about the financial support available for all Emmanuel programmes, whether one is studying full-time or part-time, please contact Andrew Aitchison (emmanuel.admissions@utoronto.ca)

Emmanuel is offering an increasing number of Continuing Education events online.

These events are offered through the Centre for Religion and its Contexts. This past academic year featured The "Things They Didn't Teach Me in Seminary" Seminar Series, which was developed to bridge the gap between academy and church. M.Div. students could take this series for credit, while engaging with continuing education participants who were ministers in the field. The Centre will host its second Annual symposium entitled "Re-thinking Preaching," in April. It will also host the third annual "Christian Left Conference" with a focus on Creation, Land and Indigeneity in August. A list of upcoming offerings are found on the Emmanuel College web site at <https://www.emmanuel.utoronto.ca/the-centre-for-religion-and-its-contexts/continuing-education-events-and-courses/>. For further information about these events and about applying, please contact Shawn Kazubowski-Houston: ec.events@utoronto.ca.

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If you have questions or are seeking further information about Emmanuel College, please be in touch with us or explore Emmanuel: <http://bit.ly/exploremmanuel>.

Yours sincerely,
Rev. Dr. John H. Young,
Interim Principal

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

CHAPLAINCIES:

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Our chaplain visits patients in Saskatoon City Hospital, St. Paul's Hospital, and Royal University Hospital, including the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital and the Dube Center. We walk with those at the end of life and those facing complicated health decisions to provide advocacy, support, and spiritual care for patients and families in need. We continue to provide 24/7 emergency coverage among all the hospitals and officiated at eleven funerals in 2021. We are a part of an inter-denominational group of spiritual care providers in the hospital who support and help one another meet the needs of all patients as requested by hospital staff. We continue to provide non-judgemental and supportive spiritual care in partnership with the provincial MAiD for those choosing medical assistance in dying.

We wish to thank all prayer shawl ministers who have donated incredible shawls to our ministry this year. These shawls help patients as they go through chemotherapy, wrap up newborn babies, are placed on patients' beds as they die, and provide a sign of God's love and our communities' prayers at a critical time.

Even as we continue to face challenges due to Covid 19, at the Northern Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy we are beginning to see some signs of hope. We have begun offering worship again in the hospitals for patients and families who are able to attend. We have resumed visiting at Parkridge Center after over two years of on-call only coverage. Ministers and pastoral care visitors in the city of Saskatoon are returning to visiting as they are able. Thank you to the work of both the Northern and Southern Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy boards, we now have joint business cards for Rev. Lorna King and Rev. Emily Carr, a new website, and are distributing printed information among churches about the work that we are doing together.

Emily Carr

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SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Lorna King has been serving as hospital chaplain since September 2019 and paperwork is underway to extend the appointment for another year. The chaplain provides Spiritual Care for patients at the Pasqua and Regina General Hospitals as well as at the Wascana Grace Hospice, and for patients and residents at Wascana Rehab Centre. Through the pandemic, Chaplain Lorna continued to find ways to connect with patients and residents by phone and email, sending over 1,000 Well Wishes in 2021.

A continuing challenge for the chaplaincy is that Saskatchewan Health Authority does not provide lists of patients by faith affiliation. Chaplain Lorna is very thankful for the patients, families, ministers, and pastoral care committees who alert her that someone is a patient in Regina hospitals.

Over the last year, with the support of Kent Mohn, the two hospital chaplaincies have been consulting and working closely together in the development of a chaplaincy web-page <https://uccskhospitalchaplaincy.com> This page has contact links to each of the chaplains, as

well as information on how to make donations to each of the chaplaincies.

The chaplaincies, chaplains and Kent also consulted with the Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) staff with Sask Health Authority about the need for trained spiritual care support across the province for patients seeking MAiD and for their families. Most of the requests are within Regina and Saskatoon, and the chaplains have provided support in the hospital settings. But many patients wish to have the procedure completed in their home communities. Work continues to discover how the United Church can help connect the MAiD staff with the right Spiritual Care people in communities across the province.

Chaplain Lorna has also partnered with Regina Native Outreach Ministry (another ministry of LSRC) in coordinating their project to provide greetings and support for indigenous new moms. Regina congregations generously donated supplies for new moms and their babies which are packed in reusable cloth bags and come with a greeting card from Rev. Deb Anderson-Pratt along with a bundle of traditional medicine and an explanation of the traditions behind them. Feedback from the hospital staff who support these new moms is that they are very appreciative of this gift.

The chaplaincy is grateful for the support of congregations and individuals who have supported this ministry financially, including the Mission Support Grant and a grant from The United Church Foundation. We are also appreciative of the communities of faith who shared some of their remaining funds with the chaplaincy when they made the sad and difficult decision to close their churches. A big thank you to the congregations who share some of their prayer shawls with the chaplaincy – they are gifts which the patients deeply appreciate and cherish as a reminder that church families are holding them in prayer.

If you or a family member or a member of your faith community is in hospital in Regina, please contact your Chaplain:

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ECUMENICAL CHAPLAINCY, UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

For most of the 700 days between university lockdown and the careful resumption of on-campus learning we have shared a common melody. “Long, confusing, stressful, intrusive, limiting, boring, and lonely,” the words roll off our tongues like a sad litany. Like most laments, we join the chorus keenly aware of plans on hold, opportunities lost, painful separation, chronic anxiety and abiding grief. Debates between angry objectors and worried prognosticators add urgency to our voices and the weary passage of time slows our tempo to a dirge. The Psalmist intones: *“How can we sing a song to the Lord in a foreign land?”* (Ps 137:4). On-line learning, on-campus restrictions and loss of community has been “foreign land” to students and instructors alike. Like the psalmist, it’s hard to imagine something to sing about; yet, like those who wandered in the wilderness or endured captivity discovered; God’s presence, care and hope make new songs possible.

The pandemic caused new melodies to immerge. On-campus demographics of students changed. Those present were more likely international, doing a MA or PhD or enrolled in programs requiring lab-work. Isolation, lack of community events, increasing costs and worry

about folks at home made the year stressful. Working with Peer Health and Student Wellness ECUS increased on-campus office hours and coordinated with University staff to provide a consistent presence. Online services (recorded in local churches as a way to “get students in the door”) were posted on the ECUS Facebook page. With the return to campus, they morphed into “Lent-10” videos which were posted weekly until Holy Week. The partnership between ECUS and Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) has continued to grow. Among students, at events or during on-campus office hours our ministries blend seamlessly. LCM has a long tradition of Tuesday services and meals. During the lockdown “Check-in-takeout” provided an average of 20 takeaway meals and Covid cautious conversations each week. With the end of term, ECUS has taken over this time by hosting a barbecue for continuing students. This Christmas ECUS, LCM, Peer health and the International Student Association hosted a Covid Cautious “Holiday Hangout”. During exams ECUS and LCM partnered with other Faith leaders to host a “Refresh Stop” featuring coffee, home-made muffins, fruit and cookies and a place to calm mind and spirit in the hour before each scheduled exam period.

As with all reports, I can identify changes to the social setting, challenges and actions taken. Such details do help you connect with ECUS’s ministry and enables me to express my gratitude for your support; but, reports can’t convey the privilege of getting to know students from across the country and around the world or the blessings of meeting folks of different faiths, experiences and challenges. It can’t convey the joy of seeing students use their gifts in encouragement and care of others or how they have found hope, learning and life in the midst of a difficult year. “*Sing a new song to the Lord*” (Ps. 96:1) is the Psalmist’s joyful refrain. Like the songs of wilderness wanderers or captive folks of old, God’s gifts discovered in times of challenge do linger and melodies of thanks and praise continue to resound.

Submitted by Rev. George Hind.
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JUSTICE MINISTRIES

INTEGRATED COMMUNITY MINISTRIES (ICM)

River Bend Integrated Community Ministries (ICM) is the face of outreach in the Pleasant Hill neighbourhood of Saskatoon. Following a visioning process undertaken 2019 and 2020 in consultation with Essential Voices staff and community engagement, we have begun some new programs and adapted others to comply with COVID-19 protocols.

Of special note is the institution of a Sharing Circle led by Knowledge Keeper Dr. Jacqueline Marie Maurice (Grandmother Rainbow Woman) and elder Pelly to help address Mental Health Concerns within the community. Although it started small, this program is well received by the community.

Chop’nChat was replaced with a Community Pantry/Food Box program in response to the pandemic. A Take-Away meals program was initiated.

Our annual 10X10 Art Project was discontinued.

Our by-laws were revised to meet Regional requirements.

ICM continues to advocate for resources connected to mental health, trauma-informed care, housing, harm reduction, and client/community care. This work happens through one on one conversation, interview, conferences, vigil attendance, and letter writing.

ICM continues to follow the principle of “Nothing About Us Without Us”, so essential to attaining the trust of the community.

ICM continues to refer to the visioning document and has made significant progress in addressing the priorities in a thoughtful way.

Chantalle Morrow-Fescuic - Director
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REGINA ANTI-POVERTY MINISTRY (RAPM)

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**Rooted in God’s radical love,
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compassion and action,
the Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry
advocates and educates
with and for those seeking
social and economic justice.**

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

I have been privileged to chair the Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry for the last four years. As we continue to negotiate the complexities of providing services in the midst of a pandemic, I give all the credit in the world to our fantastic staff who have done such a commendable job in carrying out the mission of the ministry. Bonnie Morton, after many decades of service with the ministry, retired in December of 2021. Bonnie helped to shape the current vision and mandate of RAPM. It is because of her dedication and perseverance that RAPM has been able to make so many strides towards the elimination of poverty in our community over the last several decades.

Peter Gilmer continues to offer his expertise in a full-time role on our staff, and he is joined by a new part-time staff member, Colleen Taylor. We are so thankful to have Colleen join us. In 2021, we were also blessed by the assistance of our practicum students: Danielle Christie, James Struthers and Courtney Cross.

RAPM is unique. When it comes to social justice, we believe in the call to action. We provide more than just charitable support to people experiencing poverty; we seek to provide them with hope. We believe that change is possible and this fuels our determination to call for change to legislation and policies that keep people in poverty.

As always, we greatly appreciate all the support we receive from Knox-Metropolitan United Church here in Regina, as well as from our other support partners, The United Church of Canada, the Living Skies region, the G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation and our monthly givers, whom I like to call our RAPM heroes, without whom we would not be able to provide these services. Working towards the end of poverty requires patience and determination but it also requires the support of our community.

We are always looking for more RAPM heroes. If you would like to become part of this work, please visit our website at antipovertyministry.ca, to find out how you can help. If you would like to explore becoming a member of our Board, please contact me or either of our staff members at the RAPM office.

Respectfully submitted, Kate Berringer, Chair

STAFF REPORT

The work of the Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry (RAPM) is done in three areas: individual advocacy, public education and social justice. Here are some of our activities in each of these areas in 2021.

Individual Advocacy

Individual advocacy involves providing support for low-income people and households to ensure that they are receiving those benefits that they are entitled to and that they are being treated fairly by the institutions that they are engaging with. RAPM attempts to mediate conflict between individuals and institutions so that there are mutually agreed upon resolutions, but we do represent clients through the appeal processes which are in place to resolve conflicts.

A majority of our individual advocacy casework involves responding to decisions made by the Income Assistance and Disabilities Services Division of the Ministry of Social Services. Since the closure of the Welfare Rights Centre in 2011, we are the only community organization with a mandate to provide this service.

Our income security advocacy includes handling income assistance cut-offs and denials, shelter and utility coverage, underpayments and overpayments, as well as income and asset verification and exemption cases. We help people with the eligibility assessment process for the Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID) as well as accessing special needs.

RAPM handled a high number of cases related to people trying to gain and maintain benefits from the new Saskatchewan Income Support (SIS) program. Since September 1, 2021, SIS has completely replaced the Saskatchewan Assistance Plan and the Transitional Employment Allowance. This has led to a growth in cases related to rental and utility arrears as well as loss of special needs due to the inadequate benefits and provisions.

RAPM handled 2265 cases in 2021 of which we successfully resolved the vast majority. This does not mean that persons necessarily received everything that they would have liked but that their situation was made better after having made contact with our office.

RAPM also acts as a referral agency and intervenes to help people meet immediate needs such as food, shelter and clothing. We navigate systems and refer people to the appropriate

services. RAPM also provides pastoral care for persons who are dealing with issues or crises that are not advocacy or charity related. In all of our casework we seek to uphold the dignity of those requesting our help. We also maintain strict confidentiality.

During the past year, the RAPM staff conducted three advocacy training workshops for volunteers, clients, ministry personnel, service providers and practicum students. These workshops develop advocacy skills in the community and help us keep up with the demand for this service. We present a recognized certificate to those that take the workshop and then provide 30 hours of advocacy service.

Public Education

RAPM's public education work involves providing educational workshops and producing educational resources on anti-poverty issues. Our public education campaign is aimed at the provincial public, with a focus on faith-based, community and educational groups and institutions as well as interested individuals.

Within the faith community, RAPM conducted twelve anti-poverty services of worship in the past year. We also gave presentations to congregational, ecumenical and multi-faith groups and gatherings.

In the wider community, RAPM provided many workshops on a range of poverty issues to community and labour groups and a broad cross section of high school and post-secondary classes. Our office acts as an anti-poverty resource centre and we are a media resource on poverty issues. 2021 marked an all-time high for media coverage for RAPM as we were quoted on almost 70 occasions through interviews, events and rallies. Much of this coverage related to problems with the SIS program but included many other issues as well as coverage related to our 50th Anniversary and the Honorary Doctorates received by staff.

RAPM facilitated two practicum placements through the Faculty of Social Work in 2021. We also supervised a full year internship through the Meadville Lombard Theological School.

In 2021, RAPM continued distributing its Low-Income Anthology. This anthology of 20 stories allowed RAPM clients to describe their experiences in an anonymous way. It is being used to sensitize church members, decision makers and the general public on the struggles faced by low-income people. It also shows the strength of the people seeking our support and many victories over significant barriers.

A key educational activity continues to be RAPM's monthly study circles with low-income volunteers and activists. These study circles offer low-income people the opportunity to discuss poverty concerns that impact their lives. While our staff may provide resource materials or line up speakers, the topics are decided upon and often led by members of the group. In 2021 our circles included discussions about SIS, Guaranteed Liveable Income and international comparisons of inequality and social policy. These study circles influence RAPM's policy and tactical direction. They are also a meaningful way for low-income people to connect with and empower each other.

Social Justice

Social justice work involves anti-poverty activism and lobbying as well as community consensus building around key issues. It also includes joint projects and campaigns with community partners.

RAPM frequently makes presentations to politicians and other government representatives. We know that there are many powerful interests, which carry considerable influence in policy-making circles. The concerns of low-income people and the issues of the anti-poverty movement must also be heard by decision makers. In the past year, RAPM has met with the Minister and senior officials of Social Services. We have also met with the Opposition Caucus and Critic for Social Services as well as making presentations to the Community Wellness Committee and Regina City Council.

RAPM chairs End Poverty Regina and is on the Steering Committee of Poverty Free Saskatchewan. These are networks of organizations and individuals working on poverty issues. In the past year, RAPM has worked with these organizations as well as with Living Skies Regional Council of The United Church of Canada to campaign for reforms and adequacy measures for the SIS program.

RAPM is active in the Disability Income Support Coalition (DISC), which has been working with the Government of Saskatchewan on the development of the SAID program. Most recently we have been represented on the DISC Benefits Committee, which is working on adequacy measures for SAID.

Since 1997, RAPM has identified key anti-poverty proposals through extensive consultation with low-income people and community groups dealing with poverty issues. These proposals fall under the categories of adequate income security benefits, a living wage, quality and affordable housing and childcare, equity initiatives and fair taxation. We continue to promote these proposals along with our call for an Act to End Poverty in Saskatchewan which would ensure basic social and economic rights committed to under international law.

RAPM networks with many organizations at the local, provincial and national levels. Locally this has included involvement with several church and community groups. At the national level Bonnie Morton was President of Canada Without Poverty (Canada's national poor people's organization). Bonnie is also the Chairperson of the Charter Committee on Poverty Issues, which assists low-income people challenging social and economic human rights violations in our court systems. In 2021, Bonnie was asked to work with other leaders on monitoring Canada's policy development around the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. After 34 years of exceptional ministry and advocacy work, Bonnie retired from RAPM at the end of 2021. Joining RAPM as an Anti-Poverty Support Worker is Colleen Taylor. Colleen brings over 30 years in human service and social movement experience to this position.

From the 2021 RAPM Annual Report

MICAH MISSION

The Micah Mission is going through a significant time. At the end of March 2022, the CoSA (Circles of Support and Accountability) National Capacity Project came to an end. This resulted in the loss of considerable funding to our program. However, it also meant that we no longer need to submit monthly data to CoSA Canada which reduced the work load. At the same time, our CoSA Administrator took a one year leave of absence, resulting in less current staff. So, we are working at a reduced capacity – determined to maintain and still grow our program in all ways that we can.

On March 17, we had a great day at Wanuskewin when we invited a number of agencies to gather together, in person, to talk about Reconciliation and how our agencies could work more

closely together in the spirit of Reconciliation and in the work of Restorative Justice. We purchased gift bags, note books and stress balls for the event, and have enough left over for further promotions. A portion of the Living Skies grant was used for these purchases. We, and our facilitators are still in the process of evaluating that day and determining future goals for our Indigenous programs.

We have also been in contact with the Saskatoon Media Group about purchasing online ads with the hope of recruiting more volunteers. Though our CoSA Administrator is away, we continue to receive CoSA, P2P (Person to Person), and Faith Community Reintegration Project (FCRP) referrals and are always in need of volunteers. The intent is that our ads will increase awareness and interest in the work that we do and result in further volunteer applications.

We are grateful for the support of Living Skies Regional Council. The Strategic planning provided by Edge has resulted in our monthly board meeting Agenda focusing on Authenticity, Collaboration, Marketing and Advocacy. It helps us to keep our strategic plan in front of us at all times.

We are also grateful for the support through the annual grant which this year is helping us to assist us with our marketing and advertising.

Dave Feick
Executive Director

PARKLAND RESTORATIVE



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Parkland Restorative Justice is a charitable organization providing positive social support to those in the justice system.

This past year was my first full year as Director of Parkland Restorative Justice (PRJ). It has been filled with exciting new challenges as together we are all learning new ways of being and working.

The Saskatchewan Penitentiary has restricted access for much of the year, so we have learned to work from a home office. We have become much more comfortable with Zoom meetings, initiating new working relationships and professional partnerships virtually. Our programming in the community has continued with minimal interruption and the Dad Hero program adapted to a virtual format when necessary. Inmates in Unit 8 (Minimum Security), and in (SIU) solitary confinement received social support when Covid restrictions made it possible.

The end of CoSA (Circles of Support and Accountability) funding contract from the federal government on March 31, 2022, came and went with no sign of it being included in the latest budget. Advocacy efforts with all levels of government to support this vital program will continue. In the interim, we were successful in being granted funding for one year from the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan to continue programming uninterrupted.

PRJ partnered with Micah Mission of Saskatoon and CoSA South Saskatchewan of Regina in 2021 as we pursue innovative, sustainable funding solutions for CoSA programming in Saskatchewan. We are thankful for our growing relationships with John Howard Society, Str8UP, The Anglican Diocese of Saskatchewan - Prince Albert, Cornerstone Church Saskatoon, Eigenheim Mennonite Church, as well as our longer-term partners: Mennonite Church Sask and congregations, Mennonite Central Committee, Living Skies/United Church of SK, Evangelical Covenant Church, Canadian Families and Corrections Network (<https://www.cfcn-rcafd.org/>); The Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert, CoSA Canada, Sask Penitentiary and others.

We were saddened by the recent closing of Grace Mennonite Church in Prince Albert. We honour this church as the birthplace of P2P (Person to Person) prison visitation, and CoSA in Saskatchewan. They have been active restorative justice supporters for decades. We hold space with them as they grieve.

We are so very thankful for Living Skies Regional Council/United Church of Saskatchewan Mission Support for the provision of the Edge Future Directions coaching!! It has assisted us greatly in the past year with envisioning and planning for a sustainable and innovative future. With the direct coaching of Carol Hennigar our board and staff felt confident in moving ahead with the development of the property of Grace Mennonite Church that was gifted to us upon their recent closing. In addition, we were chosen to receive the funding from the Meewasin Valley United Church Outreach Fund. It was a very welcome gift that has given us the confidence to dream bigger.

Parkland Restorative Justice board of directors have been consistently generous in giving their support showing adaptability as we learn together, grow together as a team, and passionately serve our people in the justice system. I am very thankful to be working for an organization that has a growth mindset; to be able to shift and innovate when the times call for it. This fills my heart with positive anticipation as we look to a bright future.

Director Kerry Reimer

FRIENDS OF LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL

FARMLAND LEGACIES



- Mosaic makes 3-year pledge for the Harvest for Hunger project
- 9 quarters of land placed in trust with Farmland Legacies (1440 acres)
- \$45,000 grant received to renovate the office based on adding a new project – “Lentils for Lunch” as an additional source of protein for food banks and soup kitchens in Saskatchewan
- An informative one-page summary of Farmland Legacies was produced to be used in mail outs and as introductory material for potential donors and sponsors (attached)
- A fresh and updated design was completed for our website presence www.farmlandlegacies.org
- The leaf cutter bee project continued on about 160 acres
- The annual general meeting was held April 7th, 2021
- Livestock herd calved out 82 - pasturing was cut short due to drought so began winter feeding earlier than usual Oct. 1
- Costs of winter feed greatly increased due to drought. Thankfully there was a provincial/federal program of drought assistance which kept us from selling off any of the bred herd
- 20 bred cows were placed at one of the Farmland Legacies’ holdings as Farmland begins to look for alternative ways to run Harvest for Hunger and save on winter feed
- One quarter of land at the Wynyard farm was taken out of grass in preparation for growing livestock feed in 2022 to further mitigate a repeat of drought conditions
- Sold a few pieces of equipment not in use to help offset feed costs
- Over 41,000 servings of beef delivered to Saskatchewan food banks and soup kitchens

KAIROS – PRAIRIES NORTH

Greetings and Update from the KAIROS Prairies North Coordinating Committee,

It's been almost a whole year since KAIROS's "Virtual Potluck" when a few of us volunteered to re-establish a coordinating committee in the Prairies North region. Our hope was to support existing networks and encourage new connections in this vast region, but first we needed to get to know each other. We began meeting online, with Shawn and Amanda in Saskatoon, and Javed and Kevin in Edmonton.

We've been reaching out and learning what's happening in the region. In November we held a regional gathering online; about 50 people registered for the meeting. We heard inspiring updates from a number of local groups across the region: there are local groups working on access to housing, ecological justice, decolonization, prophetic witness, and more. We also heard about the challenges of geographic isolation and yet a strong desire for the work of KAIROS to continue and grow in our region.

As a way to help build connection and relationship, we've also launched a virtual newsletter. In each issue, we'll be sharing encouraging stories from different local groups. We've also partnered with a local decolonization group (which includes a number of KAIROS members), and with the Treaty Land Sharing Network, to support workshops on Treaties and land acknowledgments. A special treat has also been working with St. Andrew's Doctor of Divinity and longtime artist/activist Bob Haverluck, who has gifted KAIROS with his new book "The Courtcase of the Creatures", as a learning tool to engage our treaty and covenant relationship with the whole Creation.

We look forward to continuing the work of KAIROS here in the Prairies North region, on your behalf. Inquiries and new members always welcome!

Yours in faith and goodwill,

The Prairies North Coordinating Committee:

Kevin Guenther Trautwein (Convener)

Shawn Sanford Beck, for St. Andrew's College (Regional Representative)

Javed Sommers (Treasurer)

Amanda Dodge (Secretary)

KAIROS REGINA

The mission statement of many United Church of Canada (UCC) communities of faith may include this sentence or something similar: "We advocate for justice and social action." How is this done? One way certainly is to work within the framework of the UCC, in your own congregation, or in cooperation with other UCC congregations, or through our national church, overseas partners and Mission and Service.

Another way to engage in justice and social action is to work through KAIROS with other Christian churches and faith groups on issues which they too are concerned about. One of the main ways the United Church nationally engages in justice issues is through its membership and support of KAIROS. KAIROS, Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, is a coalition of 10 national Canadian churches and religious organizations working together to do education, action and advocacy [<https://www.kairoscanada.org/>]. KAIROS works through

overseas partners (including those in Guatemala, Philippines, Palestine, Congo and elsewhere) and a network of local KAIROS groups across Canada, including KAIROS Regina. Current areas of work include: ecological justice, gender justice, Indigenous rights and migrant justice. KAIROS was formed in 2001 by bringing together about ten inter-church coalitions including Ten Days for Global Justice and PLURA, an anti-poverty network.

The KAIROS Regina local group meets monthly via Zoom. It currently includes persons from Roman Catholic, United, Anglican, Orthodox and other faiths. In the past two years we have worked on three areas. First, our major focus, climate change, included several small group education/discussion sessions following the “For the Love of Creation” program [<https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/>]; an advocacy campaign aimed at the targets and policies of the federal government; and a successful campaign to have Regina City Council adopt a new Energy and Sustainability Framework with a 1.5 degree target for emissions reduction. Secondly, in the area of Indigenous rights, we supported the Saskatoon-based KAIROS Prairies North Region group in conducting several very popular webinars featuring perspectives of prominent Indigenous women on federal legislation regarding the UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples) and in holding an in-person summer event at Fort Carlton. And thirdly, we initiated a working group on Guaranteed Livable Income.

Currently we are seeking to assist Regina churches explore how they can eliminate emissions from burning natural gas, thus supporting the City's Framework target and reducing Canada's emissions. KAIROS views climate change as a justice issue, where the Global South and others who did the least to create climate change now suffer the most.

KAIROS Regina would welcome your participation in our Regina group or in the KAIROS network. What we do depends entirely on the energy and interests of those who choose to join in.

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PRAIRIE CENTRE FOR ECUMENISM

This Regional Council is one of the denominational partners on the board of the Prairie Centre For Ecumenism, headquartered in Saskatoon. Other partners include the Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Anglican Churches.

The Prairie Centre For Ecumenism exists to promote and facilitate ecumenical action and offer education, advocacy and experiences between and among participants from many denominations. Among other activities, and with partners from across the region, it coordinates the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, most recently managing a well-received week-long online Bible study, and is planning to add to that a return to a series of in-person worship services for winter 2023.

The Prairie Centre For Ecumenism hosts an online database for Ecumenical Shared Ministries as part of its newly refurbished website. Work is needed to bring this database up to date.

Bridging between denominations, the Prairie Centre For Ecumenism offers a way forward toward more sharing of worship, education and the practice of our Christianity. As an

associate member of the Canadian Council of Churches, it brings a wide range of experience to bear on ecumenical issues.

An additional lay delegate from Living Skies Regional Council is needed on the board of the Centre. Feel free to contact me if this might be of interest to you. It's fun!

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GUARANTEED LIVABLE INCOME

In a country where minimum wages and social program benefits no longer are meeting the basic needs of its citizens there is the need to look at other alternatives. The Guaranteed Livable Income (GLI) has been a topic of conversation for many years, but we are at a place now in our history when jobs are not as plentiful, and regressive social policies are making it impossible for people to cover the cost of their most basic needs, such as housing, utilities, clothing, and food.

There were two people as the Living Skies Regional representative on the national Guaranteed Livable Income (GLI) Committee. Vickie Obedkoff was one of the representatives in Saskatoon, but she has since retired and is no longer doing this job. We would appreciate another person, in Saskatoon or a northern community, to take over the position Vickie so capably filled. If you are interested, please contact me at bonnie.morton@gmail.com. I was unable to contact Vickie to figure out all of the actions that happened, and the dates, in Saskatoon, but I am aware that there were a number of gatherings in front of politician's offices.

We were unable to get gatherings happening to coordinate with Saskatoon events. In the Regina area we did send out letters to our Saskatchewan Senators and elected federal politicians, but we did not get any responses from the Senators, and Michael Kram was the only politician that responded to our requests, but a meeting never did happen. I am working with members from the United Church and other faith groups to develop a plan of action in the Regina area, and hopefully we will be able to coordinate provincial actions.

I sit on the national United Church's committee on the GLI, as the Saskatchewan Representative. We have developed worship service material on the GLI, and we support Senator Kim Pates call for the GLI. There is a move to get the Federal government and the Province of Prince Edward Island (PEI) to develop a pilot project around the GLI, to study the outcome for PEI and the feasibility for the rest of Canada. At this point all of the provincial political parties, in PEI, that have been elected unanimously support this idea of a pilot project. Below is a link that will take you to a petition for you to sign your support for the pilot project.

Please consider voicing your support for this, pilot project, through the petition. Many Canadian citizens need your help.

<https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/create-guaranteed-livable-income-program>

Submitted by Bonnie Morton

CLIMATE JUSTICE

For the Love of Creation: Working for Climate Justice in the Living Skies Region

Climate change is a justice issue: generally, those who suffer its worst effects are least responsible for the emissions that cause it. Answering the call to work for justice, General Council Office had staff specializing on climate change in the past. However, with reorganization, the work fell to generalists who sought advice from the wider church, and so in 2019, the Climate Justice Advisory Circle was formed.

By 2021, feeling the urgency of the climate crisis, members of the circle moved beyond their advisory role, and looked for ways to foster action across the church. Starting in January, 2021, we hosted a series of national Zoom meetings promoting a new ecumenical initiative called [For the Love of Creation](#) (FLC). We encouraged and supported participants to use the FLC resources to host “faithful climate conversations” in small groups, to reflect on God’s call to care for Creation, to take small actions personally and to advocate for big actions politically. We called this campaign the “UCC Effort For the Love of Creation.”

Several Living Skies congregations have hosted FLC conversations. An environmental group at Broadway United Church in Regina also took up the task of advocacy by collecting donations to give every Saskatchewan MLA a copy of Seth Klein’s book, *A Good War: Mobilizing Canada for the Climate Emergency*.

For Creation Time (in Pentecost, from the Sunday after Labour Day to Thanksgiving Sunday), a small team, including Anne Mathewson, Rev. Jim Balfour and myself, shared [worship resources tailored to our region](#), with scripture reflections, hymn suggestions, prayers, and “Minutes 4 Climate” focused on different Saskatchewan landscapes. We hope to add to these resources for 2022.

While celebrating these achievements, I also note the urgent need for a stronger, more coordinated effort at the regional level. I look forward to seeing General Council’s work on a climate proposal this year, and what new supports may become available nationally.

Respectfully submitted,
 Laura Stewart
 Lay Climate Justice Organizer

TASTE OF PALESTINE REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

After the May 2021 assault on Gaza by Israeli occupying forces, one of our members gave a slide presentation informing two congregations about the effects on civilian lives and infrastructure from a health perspective.

Two local ministers, members of The United Church of Canada (UCC) and friends were then moved to create and record a justice worship service with a Palestine focus. The purpose was to draw attention to the continuous suffering of Palestinians – Muslim and Christian- under Israeli occupation, in response to the Kairos Palestine document.

What started as a Saskatchewan initiative became a cross - Canada collaboration due to our lack of capacity. UCC ministers and UCC members from Ontario and BC contributed their considerable talents and tech support. Omar Haramy from Sabeel provided the sermon.

The service has been used in at least 5 UCC congregations that we are aware of. On YouTube it has had 437 views. It is on the UNJPPI website.

<https://youtu.be/jHKdLiyEq6E>

The justice worship service was meant to be a jumping off point for a Taste of Palestine series of events. Our first one featured a talented young woman from Gaza with strong feminist principles instilled by her parents. A university-educated writer, translator and podcaster, she told the audience about the effects of the blockade on the physical, mental and economic health of Gazans.

The second one was presented by a Palestinian woman in Bethlehem whose house is surrounded on three sides by the separation wall. She had a business selling olive wood carvings made in a workshop for carvers with mental health problems until the Israeli army's repeated interference shut the business down.

As mainstream media tend to show Palestinians in a negative light, we wanted to portray not only their common humanity but also the difficulties under which they try to survive.

We paid stipends to Omar Haramy and the presenters in the Taste of Palestine events, totalling \$1200. These funds came from a grant through the Living Skies Regional Council. Julie Graham of the Regional Council staff also gave invaluable assistance with facilitating the virtual events and advertising. We are grateful to the Living Skies Regional Council for their financial and staff support for these initiatives.

For future events, we are working on connecting Canadian youth with Palestinian youth to increase Canadian awareness of the human rights violations Israel is committing daily in the Holy Land. We especially want to connect Indigenous Canadian youth as they too are still experiencing the effects of settler colonialism.

A workshop on antisemitism by Independent Jewish Voices will be offered to the region in the near future.

We plan to continue educating UCC congregations and the general public, for instance by showing documentaries about the ongoing Nakba.

Submitted by:

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BIOGRAPHIES

ORDINANDS

YOUNGJIN PARK



Growing up in a small town near Seoul, South Korea, I was a small boy who enjoyed the time and people of the Sunday School in the Church. As my family moved to Seoul, I moved to a Presbyterian Church in the city because my father wanted to settle in the Presbyterian altogether. I made the Church my home with many friends and was full of enjoyment in the youth group once again. My mother introduced a Bible study group that led me to a new faith group later. I spent lots of time there learning biblical instructions and volunteering for the ministry. One day I felt it was the time to change my life. I made my first step toward studying English in Canada in 2014 and moved to Saskatoon to study theology at St. Andrew's College in 2015. During the academic course in Saskatoon, the outstanding faculty at the college gave me the privilege to study theology about social justice and the tradition of the United Church. The volunteering time in local churches helped me learn about the culture of Canada and the ministry of the United Church, which made me feel like returning home to Presbyterian Church. The opportunity to volunteer for the Ecumenical Chaplaincy at U of S and the Saskatoon Food Bank became a precious time for learning the practical ministry for the wider Church. Moving to a town in the Southeast of the province in 2020, the Church approved me to practice the ministry in the faith community and grow in leadership to serve the people of God in my Supervised Ministry Education. Now I am glad to work for the people of God in the United Church.

AURORA ESPENANT



Hello Living Skies! I am a 24-year-old, newly ordained minister who has passions for rural ministry, youth ministry, and social justice initiatives. I also got married over the summer, so life has been full of exciting and significant changes for me lately! I am very blessed to currently be serving the community of Outlook as the minister of St. Andrew's United Church. I love utilizing my musical talents in ministry; leading drumming circles and teaching my congregation new hymns. I also have a passion for preaching on the Old Testament, which I have come to learn is not the norm. Lastly, I have recently started serving on the Prairie Candidacy Board. It is important to me that I am active not only in the local community that I serve, but also in the wider church.

My hopes for the future are that my love for the church will continue to be contagious, and that I will write a book. Living Skies Region is very close to my heart, as my love for both the church and ministry was seeded in Saskatoon. I look forward to crossing paths with many of you in the coming years. My blessings to all navigating what it means to be the church in these challenging times.

KENT MOHN



Everything seemed pretty normal when we got married. Somehow since then though, Lindsay and I turned into a...ministry couple?

I grew up in Regina, where my family was very active at Rosemont United Church. Through my young adult years, I was fortunate to experience the leadership of many caring & faith-filled people in ministry with young people at Rosemont, wider church activities, and camping ministries. They taught me to embrace the doubt, the challenge, and the spiritual wonder of faith.

After university, their leadership examples led to a Staff Associate/DLM role with McClure United Church in Saskatoon for ten wonderful years.

After twelve interesting years in residential construction consulting, I followed Lindsay into vocational ordained ministry and studies at St. Andrew's College. Cue the perfect time for our kids Emmett and Maggie-Rae to burst onto the scene, so now we'll just have to figure out what it means to be a ministry family, right?

I'm honoured to be in ministry with the people of Knox United Church in Saskatoon and to have been ordained in Living Skies Regional Council. I am infinitely grateful for the wisdom, grace and example provided by the countless colleagues, friends, family, and mentors in my life. Thank you all for walking with (and sometimes carrying) me on this journey of faith.

BEING RECOGNISED

JAMES (Jim) WOLFF



Born in 1945 in rural Saskatchewan, first eight years of schooling in one-room country schools. University of Saskatchewan College of Education 1962 to 1968, initially in the two-year program, then two years of teaching, then two years to complete B.Ed. and a Post-Grad Diploma in Ed Psych. Worked as a school counselor and teacher in the public system in Saskatchewan and Alberta 1968 to 1993, then two years with Grande Prairie Regional College before moving into on-reserve native education as teacher, counselor, school administrator and system administrator in Alberta and Saskatchewan until retirement in 2008.

I began a conscious spiritual quest in my mid-thirties and was baptized in 1988. Entered Licenced Lay Worship Leader program from retirement in Meadow Lake, then discernment in Grace United Church, Meadow Lake, with the recommendation for DLM stream. I came to Wolseley: St. James United in September 2019, after having completed the first Learning Circle without a SME placement.

I am a father of children ranging in age from 13 to 60, a grandfather and a great grandfather. My ministry and the new arc that my life has taken has certainly had an impact on my adult children and my extended family of nieces and nephews.

RETIREES' BIOGRAPHIES

ANDREW APPLEDORE



Andrew was born and raised in Victoria, Australia. He left school at the age of 16 to work on the family wheat farm. In the 1980s Andrew and his brother diversified their farm and began producing ultrafine merino wool. They soon achieved international recognition with two world records. Wool from their farm was highly sought after by fashion houses in Milan and Tokyo. A line of men's suits carried the farm's name of Kadinia. In 1987 Andrew and his brother were presented with a citizenship award for their contribution to the Australian wool industry.

While working on the farm Andrew began studying for his Bachelor of Arts degree by correspondence from Deakin University. He was also a member of Victorian Young Farmers Association serving terms as District and Regional President and State Vice President.

Andrew attended a small rural Uniting Church at Brim East where he was a lay preacher and lay pastoral visitor within the parish. In 1990 he became a candidate for ordained ministry with the Uniting Church in Australia and moved to Melbourne to begin theological education at the United Faculty of Theology at Melbourne University. Andrew was ordained in 1994 and settled in Robinvale, in North Western Victoria, where he was minister to five congregations, including a Tongan congregation.

Robinvale is the traditional homeland of the Latji Latji First Nations. After the Second World War, a soldier settlement was established in the area where returned soldiers were given land to develop vineyards. Robinvale later became home to many Italian, Greek, Vietnamese and Pacific Islander immigrants. Living in such a culturally diverse community offered many unique ministry opportunities. In 1998 the Uniting Aboriginal Islander Christian Congress and the Victorian Synod of the UCA appointed Andrew to the new position of Community Development Minister. Working in partnership with Aboriginal Elders, Andrew worked in 5 Aboriginal communities in the area as well as liaising with Uniting Churches within the Presbytery.

Toward the end of 2001, Andrew moved to Melbourne as he discerned the next chapter of his life. During this time, he worked as a chaplain at a Uniting Church Aged Care facility and supply minister at The Church of All Nations in Carlton, Melbourne.

In 2002 Andrew moved to Canada and began working at St Paul's United Church in Saskatoon with a focus on children, youth and Christian Education. In 2006 Andrew was formally admitted to the order of ministry in the UCC and continued ministry at St Paul's until June 2009. Andrew then accepted a call to Dundurn/Hanley Pastoral Charge where he was able to return to his rural ministry roots.

For the past 28 years, Andrew has had a very rich and varied ministry. He also served the wider church in many capacities. Firstly, in the UCA where he was a member of various Synod and Presbytery committees. In the UCC, he served on the Conference Interview Board, Internship Committee, Chair of NSHCC and was a member of the ICM Board serving as chair for 2 years. Andrew is looking forward to retirement and spending winters somewhere warm!

JAN COFFEY-OLSON



I started life in an ordinary way for a child of the late baby boom. I was born in Edmonton and lived in the same house with my family throughout my childhood. In fact, that was my permanent address until I was settled in my first manse and began being a responsible adult. During the Edmonton years, I was part of church groups, community activities, and school activities. I was aimed toward University and maybe even a math-based career since I enjoyed math but I also talked about archaeology or being a librarian or teacher. I attended Highlands United Church where I later became a member and Candidate. If there was any frustration, it was seeing my groups and schools shrink because it was the end of the baby boom, and the grief of the adults somehow made it feel like our fault,

Just before my last year of high school, there was a crack in my normal life. It was the summer of '75 and I was enrolled in a French immersion program at the Banff Centre of the Arts. I was having a great time being away from home, and all the fun of youth in the mountains (in French). However, that is not the key event. One Sunday morning, a few friends and I wandered down to the United Church. The service was being led by a female student minister. I clearly remember watching her while my mind did its usual Sunday morning wander. In the midst of those wanders I was thinking, "Hmm, women can be ministers." Then I heard my own voice saying, "And I am going to be a minister." It was so real that I immediately looked around, but apparently, I had used my inside head voice. What a relief and yet. . .

I went back to my normal life and tried to keep that experience a secret. Everyone, including myself, was expecting me to go to University. I was exploring the University of Alberta, but that secret kept popping up. Then I received a brochure that included information about a program called Winter Session at Naramata Centre. With fear and trembling and before I told my folks, I applied. They supported me, as usual, and instead of University, I attended Winter Session in Naramata. Finally, I was able to tell people my secret and found out how to go about becoming a United Church minister.

When I returned to Edmonton, my secret became public and I was well-supported. My home church was glad to sponsor me as their candidate. I enrolled in the University of Alberta in Education because teaching was my second choice of career and I felt I had much to learn in stepping forward as a leader. I graduated in 1981 and went straight into Theology at Vancouver School of Theology. That was the beginning of a new trend of the early baby boomers choosing ministry as a second career. Throughout most of my ministry career, the trend has continued, often leaving me as one of the younger ministers. It didn't seem so strange when I was 25 but now in my 60s . . .

In 1985 I was settled in the Morrin Pastoral Charge just north of Drumheller (Transfer for most Alberta and NW candidates was a formality). I spent 6 years there including one exchange year in Kawerau Presbyterian Church in New Zealand. In 1991, I moved to Rosetown, Saskatchewan for a new experience in team ministry and found new skills in my chosen career. In 1995, I met and married my husband, Steve, and in 1999, we had a son. I knew I would probably only get this one chance at parenting and so was excited to resign and be at home with him. Two years later, I was asked to come back into ministry in Rosetown for a couple of years as part time support for the Intentional Interim Minister. Much as I was glad to be back with people I love, ministry did not seem the right fit. I chose to be retained on the ministry rolls indefinitely until I knew what would be next.

Soon I was asked to do pulpit supply at several rural pastoral charges in our Presbytery and that felt like a good fit. Another door opened in 2005 when I learned that as teachers were retiring, there were openings in Education and especially in subbing. I applied to get my Saskatchewan Teaching Certificate and started a new journey. I continued to lead worship in the rural pastoral charges several Sundays a month. In about 2009, I got a full-time teaching position at Rosetown Central High School with the Independent Ed. Class and loved it. In total, I taught for just over 13 years. Interestingly, I had also been in full time ministry for just over 13 years. In 2020 I chose to retire at the end of the school year. Then Covid hit. The hardest part of that retirement was not being able to have a party to say good-bye to my class.

Steve has also retired and so we have begun a new phase of our lives. In the fall of 2021, I applied for my church pension, which makes me retired in the United Church, too. We have loved being able to choose how to fill our time even with covid restrictions. I picked up a bit of pulpit supply and a bit of subbing, but my biggest goal in retirement has been to focus on my writing. I have several novels done in at least a draft format, although nothing ready to pitch for publishing. I guess I should have retired earlier to keep up with myself as I churned out another couple of drafts, while revising others. I have a short story chosen to be published this spring, so at least I am making progress. We also have 3 grandchildren to enjoy as much as possible. Who knows what doors will open next? Perhaps it starts with me having submitted my nomination papers for the local municipal bi-election today?

BONNIE MORTON



I am the eldest of 5 children (5 minutes older than my twin). I grew up, most of my young life, on a farm near Gananoque Ontario. Our family did not have much money, but we did have pride, community spirit, and lots of love. So, as children we did not realize we were poor, or that most of Mom and Dad's efforts and money went into the farm that provided us our existence.

I left home at 20 years old with very little education, but lots of hope for my future. Life and reality set in quickly. I had a son, who was born with Muscular Dystrophy, but we wouldn't find this out for a number of years. I was married twice, and was living in Silvan Lake, Alberta when I fled my second marriage due to violence and fear for my son's safety. I am happy to say I am happily married for the third and last time, to a very loving and supportive man, Kevin Carr.

I arrived in Regina in 1981, not knowing anyone. But, due to the generosity and caring of others I was provided a safe place for my son and I to live, and food to nourish our hunger. I was afforded the opportunity to work at the Husky House even though my cooking skills were very much lacking. I learned quickly, which was good for the truckers, and those who ate there, how to cook.

Due to my son's medical needs I had to go on Welfare, and wasn't able to work. I went back to get my basic education, starting at grade 5, and in 7½ years I received a Bachelor of Human Justice. While in the upgrading program I had the opportunity to do some voluntary advocacy out of a politician's constituency office, and I also met Rev. Bob Gay, at a school event. Bob called me December 1987 (my first semester in university), just before Christmas, and asked me to work with him. I started right after Christmas. Due to a hiring glitch, I didn't pay into pension and therefore IT ONLY APPEARS that I have worked for Saskatchewan Conference, now, Living Skies Region for 25 years, but it's been 34!

I was blessed those many years ago to be invited into this ministry. Little did I know the opportunities this blessing would afford. For 34 years I advocated for and with people living in poverty, and with others, to call for and sometimes achieving progressive social policy changes. I had the opportunity to work with two dynamic men, Rev. Bob Gay and Rev. Peter Gilmer, who taught me what ministry is all about, and what God calls us to. I have had the opportunity to educate, advocate, protest when needed (and that was fun), and preach what God calls us all to. I may be retired, but I believe I am, as we all are, **“Still Called To Make A Difference”**. Even though we are not meeting in person, Blessings to all! I will see many of you again.

VICKI OBEDKOFF



Hard to believe but I have been in United Church of Canada ministry for almost 50 years! As songwriter James Keelaghan puts it: Better a good run, than a bad stand!

I started as a community worker with First United Church in Vancouver '73-76, did my M.Div at Chicago Theological Seminary, interned at Naramata Centre, and settled in '82 at Third Avenue, North Battleford, teaming with our beloved Jack Carr. Then 30 years in Toronto: 5 years on the ministry team of Bloor Street United Church while doing a Ph.d in social ethics; 10 wonderful years with St. James in Etobicoke; then Downsview UC, Trinity-St. Paul's UC, and back west to St. Thomas Wesley in Saskatoon, where both the congregation and I have completed our ministries.

Social justice, spirituality, and the fine people and communities of the UCC have kept me going in ministry. So has contra dancing...my band and I had a great dance ministry in Toronto churches.

Over the years I have enjoyed "side gigs" in chaplaincy, teaching Humanities at the former Humber College, and facilitating.

Climate justice (nuclear waste issues and renewable energy (ICUCEC), UNJPPI (United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine/Israel), and Truth and Reconciliation will keep me learning and busy. I am looking forward to spending more time with my beloved nieces and nephews and friends across the country!

DIANE ROBINSON



I was born in Prince George, British Columbia, the youngest of three children. My growing up years were deeply influenced by my church-and-community-involved parents, but also by the many hours I spent at church (my second home) in a variety of church activities.

Music has been one of my life's saving - and life-giving - graces. In addition to growing up in a musical family, I took 9 1/2 years of piano lessons; and, over the years, have sung in many choirs (university, community and church), as well as accompanying many soloists, musicians and choirs.

I began my post-secondary education (1976) at the University of Alberta (Edmonton) in the Faculty of Education, with the end-goal of becoming a secondary English teacher. When life happened (I got married and had my first-of-two children), I dropped out of university just one year shy of getting my degree. When that marriage ended, I applied to Simon Fraser University (Burnaby) to their Distance Education Teacher's Diploma Program. Following the successful completion of the diploma's requirements, I was awarded my BC Teaching Certificate in 1991. I substitute taught K - 12 for 5 years.

When a second marriage didn't work out (a long story!), the intentional interim minister at our church (who, bless him, assisted me in returning to the land of the living following the end of that marriage) asked me one day: "Diane, have you ever thought of going into the ministry?" I responded, "No". And the rest, as they say, is history.

I began my theological studies at Vancouver School of Theology in 2003. During that first grueling year, I met a wonderful man (Ken) who - a year later - became my husband. While Ken completed his Lay Pastoral Minister-in-Training Program in Ashcroft, B.C., I found pulpit supply jobs.

When I read, in an Observer article (2005), that a new ministry-based distance-education (ordination) program (MBOP) was getting underway at United Theological College (Montreal), I applied and was accepted. My ministry-training site was St. Paul's United Church in Princeton, BC.

In 2008, after 3 years in the Program, my MBOP colleagues and myself were informed by the college that the UC of C was terminating the Program; and that we students could - if we wished - complete our degree at Atlantic School of Theology (Halifax) in their Summer Distance-MDiv Program.

In 2011 - after 8 years and 3 colleges located across the country - I graduated from AST with my Masters of Divinity degree! That same year (2011) I was ordained by BC Conference at their annual meeting.

In 2008, my husband, Ken and I moved from BC to Saskatchewan. Since coming to Saskatchewan I've had the pleasure of serving Radville Pastoral Charge (my 2nd ministry-training site) from 2009 - 2013; and St. James United Church in Regina, from 2014 - 2022.

Inarguably, my life's road has been long, with many a winding turn that has led me into many unexpected (and, at times, difficult) places. However, I am grateful that it has been a journey, which has led to my life's purpose and calling!

MILES RUSSELL



I was born in Regina, Saskatchewan and grew up at Strasbourg, Saskatchewan, where my family farmed. I was always part of the United Church, being brought to church in a baby carriage when I was young (I pre-date strollers). I felt a strong sense of call to ministry when I was a kid and it only grew as I moved into teen age years.

I went to St. Andrew's College in Saskatoon for my formal theological education. As part of the process to ministry I did an 11 month internship with the people of Lang-Milestone Pastoral Charge. After internship I postponed my return to St. Andrew's for one year and worked for "The Alliance of Youth and the Elderly" in Saskatoon. It was an early form of Home Care. I was a Home Helper.

1983 was a big year. I convocated from St. Andrew's College. I was ordained at the end of May in St. Andrew's United Church in Moose Jaw by Saskatchewan Conference. I was settled effective July 1, 1983 at Preeceville-Sturgis United Church Pastoral Charge north of Yorkton. On July 8, I married Anna Jean Van Der Koot. My first day of work was a funeral, my second day was a meeting of the Official Board to talk about the challenges and issues facing the Charge, my 6th day of work was a wedding with a wedding party of 16 (if I remember correctly), and then I had my first Sunday Service. Life never slowed down from that time until now, 39 years later!!

During my time at Preeceville-Sturgis, I have worked with the church in worship, helped lead youth groups and programs, took part in other events such as a 30 year community church play (comedies) that travelled to each of the three main communities on the charge, Preeceville, Sturgis and Stenen... We have had two major church building projects; one for Grace in Sturgis, and one for Trinity in Preeceville. I took supervision training and together we hosted 5 internships for individuals who went on to become United Church ministers and I was able to support neighbouring Pastoral Charges with 4 other internships.

I served in Pastoral Relations and Division of Mission work for many years, as well as other committees or tasks in the wider church. I took my turn as Chairperson of Presbytery and was President of Saskatchewan Conference from 2009—2010.

Locally I was also able to serve in many community organizations and tasks in all three of our main communities.

I will begin retirement taking time for rest, increased time for my family, and extensive travel, (our son Joel and his wife Amy and our grandchild Elliot live in London, England and our son William and his partner Spencer live in Halifax). I will also enjoy the ability to plan things at the last minute, rather than a year ahead!

I have been so blessed to be a minister. And I am so grateful to all who have surrounded me with love and care, during my ministry, not least of which is my wife Anna. And for all these gifts of love and life, I give humble thanks to God.

LAURA SUNDBERG



My call to ministry began in my high school graduating year with a “conversion” experience – after 9 years of perfect attendance in Sunday School at Trinity North Bay! I was part of a youth choir, and we sang “Pass It On”. I felt overwhelmingly loved by God. It was a profound Spirit moment in which I claimed my young adult faith. My intentional journey in the Spirit, and as a follower of Jesus, had begun.

The journey led me to many unconventional places. I was in and out of the charismatic movement, IVCF (Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship) and the SCM (Student Christian Movement). My faith shifted as I encountered the Jesus of justice and peace. I worked for the SCM and Project Peacemakers in Winnipeg in the 1980’s.

My call to ministry in the church was awakened during the years that I attended Young Winnipeg (1982 - 1987). That congregation and Peter Williams gave me opportunities to explore my gifts and to learn and grow in the areas of faith, social justice, and ministry with children.

I joined the staff team at Westminster Winnipeg (1987 - 1989) as a Staff Associate in Christian Education. That experience, combined with a theological students tour to China, and my Discernment Process, made it clear that this journey was taking a more formalized direction. It was the call of the Spirit and the United Church Pension and Benefits Plan!

I headed off to Emmanuel College (1989 - 1993) and served as a student minister in C.E. at Forest Grove Toronto (1991 - 1993). There were summer internships: rural ministry in Clinton, Ont.; a CPE Unit at St. Michaels Hospital in Toronto. I was ordained in Winnipeg in 1993 on my way to Saskatchewan. My settlement charge was the Wolseley - Sintaluta Pastoral Charge (1993 – 1998) followed by a call to St. James Regina (1999 – 2021). At St. James I spent many of my 22 years in team ministry. I participated in the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program for Palestine and Israel in 2004 and became an adoptive parent.

That Spirit moment in 1974 was a long time ago. I am grateful to everyone who supported and challenged me over the years. I am grateful to Darwin Dopson and my daughter Pam for their love. There were amazing times, and incredibly painful times when I didn’t think that I would make it through the losses. My parents died before I was 30. My first marriage ended in 2000. I made it through because of Love passed on to me. I hope that I was able to pass that Love on in some small way to others.

The journey continues. I await the Spirit’s call.

GAYLE WENSLEY

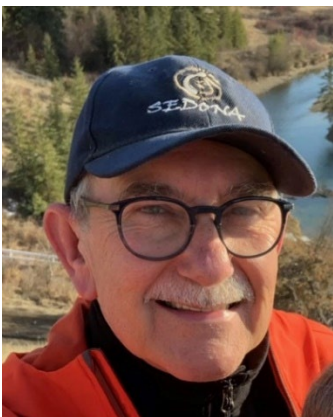


I place 50% of the blame of becoming a lay minister on my husband who wished to have our baby baptized; and the other 50% of the blame on my sister who firmly stated that if we were to have children baptized, we needed to also attend church. So, I began attending church, had three children baptized that year and another baby baptized two years later and have never looked back. I was hooked on church and soon became fully immersed in all the comings and goings of church as well as Presbytery and eventually Conference (as those two groups were called back then).

It was in 2004 that I volunteered to lead a service and then another and then another, and enjoyed every minute. That year when I attended Conference, I was told that I had been “called” and that I should go back to my congregation and ask that I do a year of discernment, which I did. It was discerned that I go into the Lay Pastoral Ministry stream of ministry which I was recognized for at Conference in 2009. Since 2005, I served the congregations of Borden and Speers part-time up to 2016, at which time I began to serve the congregation of Battleford as well to become a full-time minister of three pastoral charges. To say I put many miles on my vehicle is an understatement. My home church of Borden closed in June of 2021 which I will admit took some of the wind out of my sails. With much deliberation, I determined that I would retire in June of 2022.

My travels afforded me many hours of enjoyment and many interesting sights. One morning on my way to Speers church, due to time of day, month and year, due to position of the sun in the sky, due to the fact that I was 10 minutes later than usual, I witnessed an interesting phenomenon. Along both sides of the highway, just before my turnoff to Speers, what appeared to be lights lit up on both sides of the highway looking very much like a runway for an airplane. Just before I turned off, the last light winked out. Having been asked, encouraged, cajoled, poked and prodded to think of things theologically during my training, and indeed, having to think theologically every week for church service, I wondered what to make of this. It came to me that these lights (which were really only the sun reflecting off of the highway signs) could be thought of as the people who lit my path all along my life and especially my church life, who lit my way with their support, their encouragement and their love, who allowed me to let my light shine. To these people I owe much and cannot thank enough.

BRIAN WALTON



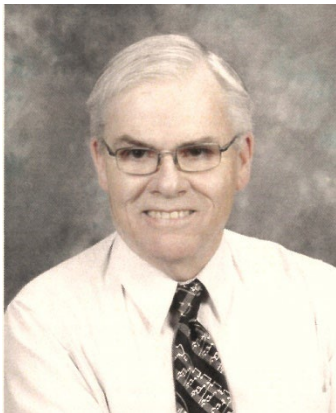
When I was six years old, I had an intimate experience of God in my life – more intuitive than logical. In Grade 8 I met a friend who introduced me to the community of St. Andrew’s Church in Regina. At St. Andrew’s my faith expanded to include a social/community dimension with other people who sought to walk in God’s way. All of this eventually led me to a ministry vocation and enrolment at St. Andrew’s College. At St. Andrew’s College I learned to add an intellectual foundation to my intuitive and church experience of the Holy. I am so grateful for all who accompanied me on this beginning journey.

After ordination I was tutored in the practicalities of ministry in the Pheasant Creek Larger Parish (centered in Balcarres). I returned

to Saskatoon to be welcomed by the people of Mount Royal-Emmanuel Churches. My first foray into chaplaincy work was as the co-ordinating chaplain for the North Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy. This introduced me to Clinical Pastoral Education which in turn led to an STM degree in pastoral counselling. In 1989 I was called to St. Martin's Church in Saskatoon where my experience of ministry found its greatest fulfilment. After 15 years I returned to chaplaincy work, this time as the Spiritual Care Educator (CPE) at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon. I retired from that work in 2017 followed by temporary calls to St. Martin's and McClure churches in Saskatoon.

All of these communities of faith helped me evolve an understanding of God as the Source of Love who inspires and empowers act of love in the world. I have been blessed to have this love shown to me by so many people over the years. I have been supported for 47 years by my partner Victoria who has challenged, shaped, and expanded my knowledge of God. If I could list only three mentors, they would be Rev. Bill Armitage (St. Andrew's Regina); Dr. Bill Nelson (Lutheran Theological Seminary) and Dr. Don Misener (CPE); however; I have learned from and travelled alongside so many inspiring people of faith. Thanks be to God!

DARYL WOODS



Daryl was born in Rossland B.C. and spent the early years of his life in the Southern Interior of B.C. along with 5 brothers and 1 sister. His father Gordon entered the ministry later in life and they first moved to Saskatchewan in 1967. They returned to B.C. for one year and returned to Saskatchewan in 1969 and it has been home for Daryl ever since. He graduated from High School in Grenfell and began his 41-year career in ministry in 1981 with the Cutarm Larger Parish. While working part-time in Lanigan he attended St. Andrew's College full-time and was ordained by Saskatchewan Conference at Swift Current in 1990. After ordination he served at Coteau Hills, Lanigan, St. Andrew's Yorkton and is retiring from Grace-Westminster United Church, Saskatoon where he has served for the last 21 years.

Daryl has been active in all courts of The United Church of Canada. He has convened divisions at the Presbytery level, served twice as chairperson of Presbytery and many years on the Executive of Presbyteries, been involved with Divisions of the Conference and served as Convenor of the Internship Committee of Saskatchewan Conference. He attended his first General Council in Toronto in August, 2000 and found it to be a rewarding experience so was also privileged to attend in Cornerbrook in 2015. He currently serves on the Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission.

Daryl is married to Nola and they have two daughters Tara and Alison who have also enjoyed the support and fellowship of former Saskatchewan Conference through the Children at Conference program and later with Youth and Young Adult activities in the Conference and General Council. Daryl & Nola have 5 wonderful grandchildren and get to spend lots of time with them.

Daryl enjoys skiing, camping, reading and spending time with family and friends.

IN MEMORIAM

Marjorie Kent

1951 – 2021



There is lot to miss about Marjorie Kent. Sadly, it won't all fit in this space. I believe two things about her are important to highlight here. She was a woman who found joy in everything and worked tirelessly to create joy for all around her.

Also, she loved sticky notes.

I suppose it's no surprise then that when her daughters were cleaning out her office in the days after Marj's death they found a sticky note with an apt reminder.

It read, "We pray that when we are gone, people will miss us because our kindness is lost."

There are many reasons we miss Marj. A newfound kindness and joy void tops that list.

Rev. Marjorie Kent of Lumsden, SK died on July 8, 2021 at the age of 69 years. Predeceased by her father, Grant Hoggarth and brother Lyle Hoggarth, Marj is survived by her mother, Doreen Hoggarth; her husband and life partner of almost 50 years, David Kent; her son Fletcher Kent and his wife Shauna Young-Kent; daughters Leanne and Amy Kent, and Amy's spouse Kenny Spasoff, who was like a son. Marj adored her six grandchildren; Matthew and Victoria Kent, Linden and Luke Spasoff, and Ari and Bekah Jacobson. Her grandkids adored Marj, too. Marj is also survived by her brother, Earle (Jan) Hoggarth, sister-in-law Mel Johnson and nephews Cameron and Nolan (Laura) Hoggarth.

Marj was born in 1951 to Grant and Doreen Hoggarth. Her family moved around the prairies until they settled in Grenfell when Marj was young.

She sang in the United Church choir and joined CGIT. She also met Dave. The two fell in love and went to university.

Marj went to the University of Manitoba and the University of Alberta where she received her Bachelor of Physiotherapy degree. She practiced for a few years but left the profession when her first child was born. She and Dave raised Fletcher, Leanne and Amy. As they did, Marj remained active in the United Church.

When the kids were older, Marj was called to ministry. She returned to university and received her Master of Divinity from St. Andrew's College at the University of Saskatchewan. Since then, Marj has served congregations in Strasbourg, Bulyea, Sifton, Regina (Rosemont United) and Lumsden (St. Andrew's United Church) and also served the wider church including as a member of the St. Andrew's College board.

All listed here and so many others who knew Marj either professionally, personally or both undoubtedly have their own stories about how she created joy and relished in it.

Every Sunday, children raced to the front of the church during children's time to see who could sit next to Marj. She beamed and made sure every one of them could get close.

Her grandkids remember cuddling with Marj around the campfire and having Grandma get down on the floor to play endless games of mini sticks.

She just wanted to make the world a better place for everyone she loved.

And she did.

Arrangements were entrusted to Speers Funeral Services. Their staff and Marj's long-time friend Lorne Palmer have earned her deep respect for the work they do. In our loss, we understand why.

Dawna Lisa Schrag

October 23, 1979 – July 11, 2021



Dawna Lisa Schrag of Regina, Saskatchewan and formerly of Eastend, Saskatchewan died on Sunday, July 11, 2021 at her home in Regina.

She was born on October 23, 1979 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. On May 3, 1982 she came to live with Ken and Eleanor Schrag and was adopted by them on May 2, 1983. She received her education in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Herbert, Saskatchewan, Wilkie, Saskatchewan and Eastend. She married Wayne Topp at Eastend United Church on July 27, 1996.

She was predeceased by her birth mother Viola Osborne.

Dawna is survived by daughter Victoria Topp of Medicine Hat, Alberta and grandchildren Toby Layborne and Taytum Erickson, daughter Raven Sky Scott; son Dominique Sage Gagnon; parents Kenneth and Eleanor Schrag of Eastend; brother Jeremy Schrag of Eastend; sister Kristel Grant (Carry) of Eastend, nephew Gabriel Grant and niece Eleanor Grant; brother Kevin Schrag of Regina; sister Heidi Volasko (Simon) of Bolton, Ontario; and sister Amber Connor of Hamiota, Manitoba as well as by several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Dawna has been a "free spirit" seemingly always on the move and looking for something better. While a teen she was diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FASD) and hyperactivity which accounted for her restlessness. She lived most of her life in Regina and became addicted to drugs trying to handle her FASD. She had a difficult life before her passing. As a youth she enjoyed dance and music. When she felt better she also displayed a quiet sense of humor. After losing a leg because of illness, she issued a challenge to Kristel (having MS) to a "chariot race" with her wheelchair. Dawna also enjoyed reading and nearly always carried a book with her.

Funeral Services were held from Eastend United Church in Eastend on Thursday, July 22, 2021 with Connie Sykes officiating. Pianist was Shelley Morvik. Interment took place at Riverside Cemetery at Eastend. Pallbearers were Jeremy Schrag, Kevin Schrag, Heidi Volasko, Amber Conner, Gabriel Grant and Eleanor Grant. Binkley's Funeral Service of Shaunavon (www.Binkleys.com) was in charge of the arrangements.

Samuel “Gordon” Jardine

December 11, 1934 – August 22, 2021



Samuel “Gordon” Jardine late of Fort Qu’Appelle, Saskatchewan died peacefully on Sunday August 22, 2021. Gordon is survived by his wife of 65 years Hazel; his children Bonnie (Hugh McLellan), Ted, John (Jacinto Elais), Donna (Gabriela Salazar), and Naomi (Doug Hadders); his grandchildren Stephen (Mizcha Fourie) McLellan, Kate (Calvin) Grant, and Marshall Jardine, and his great-grandchildren Rosalyn & Justin Grant.

Born in Spearhill, Manitoba, Gordon was the fifth of seven children born to Donald Jardine and Jean Mason Jardine. He attended a one room school house up to age 16 then left home to finish high school and attend university in Winnipeg. He started study as a physicist but soon discovered that his calling was the ministry. He became ordained as a United Church minister in 1956 and served charges in Beardmore, Ontario, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Winnipeg, Manitoba and Fort Qu’Appelle, Saskatchewan before he retired.

Gordon was a beautiful soul, fascinated by so many things in life, he loved to sit outside and immerse himself in nature – he’d say “oh, beautiful beautiful” while watching a sunset, and he made little wooden houses with doorways for the gopher holes in the yard.

He was a gifted carpenter and made so many beautiful pieces of furniture. Gordon could fix anything and his workshop was a sight to behold.

Passionate about social issues Gordon worked hard to stand up for those who were oppressed, fostering inclusivity and connection between all people. Through his work as a minister he helped people through all of life’s joys, traumas and griefs.

He had a wonderful warm sense of humour – he was Hazel’s biggest fan, boy she could make him laugh. He leaves us the legacy of his gentle wisdom, compassion and thoughtfulness, his creativity, his love of whimsy, and his appreciation for all the small glorious moments in life. While we miss him terribly, we know he will always be near us with his support and love.

“We all love you dad, more than words can say.

Arrangements were entrusted to Speers Funeral Services.

Laura Jean Thomson

1942 - 2021



Laura Jean Thomson passed away peacefully Wednesday, September 15, 2021 in the Regina Pasqua Hospital. Laura was born in 1942 to Harvey and Jean Fairgray in Cabri, SK. She attended Unionville Elementary School in the Hazlet area until the age of ten when she moved to Pennant, SK where she completed high school. Her love of learning and caring nature led her to become a registered nurse, completing her degree at the University of Saskatchewan in 1963. Following university Laura was married to Don Thomson and worked both as a nurse and farmer in the Swift Current area. She was proud to be a farmer and cared for her crops with the same passion as her patients. Her nursing career was varied and ranged from clinical to administrative positions, finally finishing at the Swift Current Care Home where she enjoyed caring for the elderly. She was compassionate and caring to everyone, a trait that led to her unofficial position of town nurse in Pennant.

Laura was a lifelong member of The United Church of Canada and was actively involved locally, provincially and nationally in the church. Her volunteer positions over decades were numerous and included serving as the President of Saskatchewan Conference. Her dedication to her church and faith led to her being awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity by St. Andrews College in 2016. Laura enjoyed life. Optimistic, courageous, tenacious, she never met a problem she thought unsolvable. She always remained alert for an opportunity to play bridge and cultivated many friendships through card playing. She enjoyed large crowds of people and socializing. She was a fantastic cook and Sundays often involved a day of work in the kitchen to host family and friends for dinner and her outstanding pies.

She was predeceased by her parents Harvey Fairgray and Jean Fairgray/Craig and by her step-father Merlin Craig. Laura is survived by her sons Pat (Penny), Ken (Erika) and Chris (Tania); six cherished grandchildren; sister Norma (Roy) and aunt Merle; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. Arrangements were entrusted to Regina Funeral Home.

Don Milne

December 21, 1933 – December 3, 2021



Donald Roy Milne was born on December 21, 1933 on the family farm in the Nut Lake District near Kelvington, Saskatchewan. He began his schooling at the Nut Lake Country School, then following his mother's untimely death the family moved to Kelvington. Don moved to Saskatoon for Grade 12 and lived with his brother Alec and his sister-in-law Myrtle. While in Saskatoon he attended and graduated from Bedford Road Collegiate. It was during his Grade 12 year that he received the call to ministry. As a young man, he had apprenticed with the Kelvington butcher. He learned new skills which he used when he moved to Saskatoon. He found work as a butcher at the 11th Street West Safeway. He worked at that job for one year before he went on to become a full-time student at the University of Saskatchewan. He thrived as a student and earned his B.A., then

began his studies at St. Andrews College, and he was ordained in the Spring of 1959. He was settled into his first charge serving Semans, Raymore, Punnichy and Tate, and then in 1962 he was called to First United in North Battleford, SK. In 1964 he was called to serve at Grace United Church in Meadow Lake, plus Dorintosh United Church. Northern Saskatchewan was where Don found the love of the outdoors, including camping and especially fishing.

In 1969, Westview United Church in Yorkton called him and the family moved again. He served that congregation for 30 years, and he served the wider Yorkton community as well. He was elected Chairman of the School Board. He was a Rotarian and a founding Board Member for SIGN - The Society for the Involvement of Good Neighbours. He became the Yorkton Legion Padre plus the Civil Chaplain for CFS Whitespruce. He was also an Addictions Counsellor at Whitespruce Youth Drug Treatment Center. For many years he coordinated the Band Boosters Booth during the annual Yorkton Exhibition, plus he acted as Chairman of Yorkton's United Way. Wherever Don went he was a friend to many.

Don and Sylvia were married at Fife Lake, SK in 1956. Don and Sylvia have three children: Cheryl (Ken), Dale (Eleanor), and Doug (Moira). Don passed away peacefully on the morning of December 3rd, 2021. He was 18 days short of his 88th birthday. He was predeceased by his mother Florence in 1945, and his father James in 1981; his brother Alex and sister-in-law Myrtle; sister Ruth and brother-in-law George Forrister; brother Dick and sister-in-law Thelma; brother Bob and sisters-in-law Irene and Laurine. Don is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Sylvia Milne; also survived by three children plus their families, including 13 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. Also, his sister Alice (Wilf) Rodenberg.

The funeral took place on Saturday, December 18, 2022 at Westview United Church, Yorkton.

Diane Schmidt

1957 – 2021



The passing of Diane Schmidt (nee Scowen), of Mildren, Sask. occurred on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon, Sask. at the age of 64 years. Diane was a beloved member of the Mildren Community, as a teacher, a licensed lay worship leader of The United Church of Canada and a volunteer.

She is lovingly remembered by her husband, Evan; her family: Andrea (Marc) Zimmer and their family, Hudson and Eden; Lyndon (Megan) Schmidt and their family, Lennon, Lincoln and Mila; and Travis (Danielle) Schmidt and their family, Everly and Ezra; two sisters, Janet (Marvin) Skalicky and Patty Mooney (Doug McMyn); three sisters-in-law, Judy Scowen, Heather (Ken) Tuck and Val Schmidt (Larry Turner); her mother-in-law, Lenora Schmidt; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Jack and Bunny Scowen; brother, Richard Scowen; and by her father-in-law, Harvey Schmidt.

Arrangements were in care of the Outlook Funeral Chapel.

Shelby Kinrade



Shelby Catherine Kinrade (Wiebe), late of Weyburn, SK died suddenly but peacefully on January 13, 2022 at the Weyburn Special Care Home.

She was predeceased by her parents, Kathleen and Jacob Wiebe; her brother Kelly Wiebe; husband Gordon and her daughter Dorrie.

Shelby is survived by her daughter Amy (Mark) Kenway; grandchildren Chance (great grandson Landyn), Bailey (great-granddaughter Paisley), Abigail, Kinsey and Zoe; her son Scott (Margaret) Kinrade, and her children and grandchild Miranda [Hazel] and Allison; grandchildren Myriah Mills (great-granddaughter Ivy), and Owen; grandsons, Jaden, Harley and Rylan Kinrade-Malbeuf.

Shelby served several congregations in southern Saskatchewan.

Mary Sutton



Our mom, Mary Rosalie Sutton, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 25, 2022 with her family by her side. She has now been reunited with her late husbands, Rev. Ronald Sutton and Keith Elliott; parents Katherine and Robert Dunlop; brother Bob Dunlop; and stepson Keith Sutton. The family is grateful to all of the staff of units 4A and 3A at the Pasqua Hospital. The medical care she received was professional, compassionate, and inspiring to observe. Mom raised a large, diverse, spirited and loving blended family. She encouraged us to pursue our passions such as music, dance, sports, education, and handcrafts to the best of our abilities.

Compassion for others, as well as service to the community, was instilled in us from a young age. Mary leaves to cherish her memory her 5 daughters Bonnie (Mike), Cathy, Joy, Colleen and Leah (Jason); 4 sons David (Lori), Douglas, Paul (Donna) and Ivan; 14 grandchildren; and 24 great- grandchildren. Mom also had many warm and loving relationships with friends of all ages, adding to the size of her family.

Arrangements were entrusted to Regina Funeral Home.

Jack Carr**February 9, 1938 – May 11, 2022**

Rev. Jack Carr passed away of cancer on May 11, 2022 at St. Paul's Hospital Palliative Care Unit. Jack was born February 9, 1938, in Nipawin to Addie and Letha Carr of Whitefox. When Jack was ten years old, his family moved to Prince George, BC. After completion of grade 12, he entered the Union School of Theology in Vancouver, becoming ordained in 1968. His first posting was to Speers, SK, in the Maymont Larger Parish. While in Speers, he met and married Louise Cunningham in 1974. Jack and Louise transferred to Third Avenue United Church in North Battleford in 1973. There they enjoyed a thriving congregation until his final move to Mayfair United Church in Saskatoon in 1986. This move presented many challenges, including the building of a beautiful new church to replace the original church which was burned down

by vandals. Jack and Louise took part in many activities at Mayfair, including choir and congregational gatherings. Jack's quiet manner and efficient organizational skills made him popular on church committees. He and Louise enjoyed attending the symphony and live theatre, as well as world-wide travel. Jack was known for his calm demeanor and matter-of-fact manner, which always put people at ease, and made him a popular choice for both weddings and funerals. Jack is survived by his wife, Louise, sister Carol Jones, brothers Lewis (Jennette) and Bill, sister-in-law Eva Carr and Louise's sister, Lorna, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and many close friends. He was predeceased by his parents, sisters Peggy Lidster, Joyce Carr, Anne Wiita and brother Bob. The Memorial Service was held at Mayfair United Church (Saskatoon) on Friday, May 20, 2022. Arrangements entrusted to Derryl Hildebrandt, Park Funeral Home.

Congregations/Pastoral Charges that have ceased worshipping

Balcarres Pastoral Charge

Penzance of the Craik Pastoral Charge

Robert Hill Mission part of the Hudson Bay Larger Parish

Lashburn: St. James United Church

Saskatoon: St. Thomas Wesley United Church

Shellbrook-Leask: Knox United Church

Tompkins Pastoral Charge

Wiseton United Church of the Prairie Spirit Pastoral Charge

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Executive, Commission, Committee & Task Group Members

Notes:

-This listing reflects how the membership of the groups of the Regional Council will look as of June 9th, 2022 (equivalent date to the usual rise of a Regional Gathering). There are some people concluding their terms or leaving their positions in June of 2022, whose names do not appear on this list. There are also other potential new appointments to positions which are currently in progress.

-All positions, except for task groups or unless otherwise noted, are three year terms, renewable once.

Regional Council Executive

Chairperson:	Darrell Reine (DLM)	Term 1, year 1
Treasurer:	VACANT	
Member:	Dave Whalley (DLM)	Term 2, year 2
Member:	Deborah Springer (DM)	Term 1, year 1
Member:	Ron Brandow (L)	Term 2, year 2
Member:	Linda Gunningham (L)	Term 2, year 2
Member:	Piotr Strzelecki (OM)	Term 1, year 2
Member:	Kathleen James-Cavan (OM)	Term 1, year 2
Member:	VACANT	

Regional Meeting Planning Committee

Convenor:	VACANT	
Convenor of Regional Gathering:	VACANT	(*1-year position)
Member:	Bryan Tudor (L)	Term 1, year 2
Member:	VACANT	
Member:	VACANT	

Property Commission

Convenor:	Annette Taylor (OM)	Term 2, year 1
Member:	Gayle Wensley (DLM)	Term 1, year 3
Member:	George Thurlow (L)	Term 2, year 2
Member:	Bev Kostichuk (L)	Term 2, year 1
Member:	Daryl Woods (OM)	Term 2, year 1
Member:	Jonathan Zacharias (L)	Term 1, year 2
Member:	VACANT	

Nominations Committee

Convenor:	Susan Reed (DM)	Term 2, year 1
Member:	Jeanette Warrian (L)	Term 2, year 1
Member:	Yvonne Terry (DLM)	Term 2, year 2
Member:	VACANT	
Member:	VACANT	
Member:	VACANT	

Grants Committee

Convenor:	Leslee Whalley (L)	Term 2, year 1
Member:	Barry Balls (L)	Term 2, year 1
Member:	June Blau (L)	Term 1, year 2
Member:	Vic Wiebe (L)	Term 1, year 2

Pastoral Relations Commission

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

Committee on Lay Leadership Support

Member:	Sheila Ivanochko (L)	Term 2, year 1
Member:	Doreen Hewitson (DLM)	Term 1, year 2
Member:	Andrew Hecker (L)	Term 2, year 2
Member:	Tricia Challoner (L)	Term 1, year 2
Member:	VACANT	

Committee on Ministry Personnel Leadership Support

Member:	Michele Rowe (OM)	Term 2, year 1
Member:	Heather Wyatt (DM)	Term 1, year 1
Member:	Joy Cowan (OM)	Term 1, year 1
Member:	Pamela Thomas (OM)	Term 1, year 1
Member:	VACANT	

Committee on Community of Faith Support

Member:	Deborah Smith (OM)	Term 2, year 2
Member:	Bill Pollock (L)	Term 2, year 1
Member:	Sheila Deforest (L)	Term 2, year 2
Member:	VACANT	
Member:	VACANT	

Justice Committee

Member:	VACANT
Member:	VACANT
Member:	VACANT
Member:	VACANT
Member:	VACANT
Member:	VACANT

Refugee Liaisons

Liaison:	Jim Tenford (OM)
Liaison:	Donna Nelson (L)
Liaison:	Judy Beck (L)

Affirming Process Task Group

Member:	Joy Cowan (OM)
Member:	Robert Hayes (L)
Member:	Allison Sarauer (L)
Member:	Tony Thompson (OM)
Member:	Jackie van't Voort (DM)
Member:	Shelly Manley-Tannis (OM)
Member:	Yoonjoo Shin (L)

Rural Pastoral Care Task Group

Member:	Frances Kitson (C)
Member:	Allan Gairns (DM)
Member:	VACANT

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMISSION
Living Skies Regional Council
Report 2021 - 2022

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

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

Elrose	Deborah Springer (DM)	03/01/2022*
Grenfell	Koshy David (OM)	01/01/2022*
Indian Head: St. Andrew's	Koshy David (OM)	11/05/2021*
Kyle-Lacadena	Deborah Springer (DM)	03/01/2022*
Langham: Knox	Emily Carr (OM)	04/01/2022*
Maple Creek	Michele Rowe (OM)	02/01/2022+
Melfort-Ethelton	Jonathon Worrall (OM)	10/01/2021
North Battleford: Third Ave.	Jo-Ann Hills (OM)	09/01/2022
Saskatoon: NSHC	Emily Carr (OM)	07/01/2022*
Regina: Sunset	Jim Tenford (OM)	09/01/2022

PROVISIONAL CALLS

Community of Faith

Name

Effective Date

Esterhazy: St. Andrew's	YoungJin Park (CS)	07/01/2022
Saskatoon: Knox	Kent Mohn (CS)	11/01/2022

COMPLETED APPOINTMENTS

Community of Faith

Name

Effective Date

Assiniboia	Wendy Gibson (DLM/RS)	09/01/21-08/31/22*
Assiniboia	Wendy Gibson (DLM/RS)	09/01/22-06/30/24*
Biggar	Dale Worrall (CS)	02/01/22-06/30/25*
Big River	J. David Whalley (DLM/RS)	09/01/21-08/31/24*+
Climax	Connie Sykes (DLM)	07/01/22-06/30/27*
Delisle-Vanscoy	Marilyn Leuty (OM/RS)	11/08/21-05/02/22*
Eston: St. Andrew's	Doreen Hewitson (DLM)	08/01/21-06/30/24
Fort Qu'Appelle: St. Andrew's	Jo Mader (DLM/RS)	07/01/21-06/30/24*
Four Town	Sarah Giles (CS)	07/01/21-06/30/22*
Four Town	Sarah Giles (CS)	07/01/22-06/30/23*
Glenavon	Lynette Callfas (DLM)	01/01/22-12/31/22*

<u>Community of Faith</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Gull Lake	Ken Schrag (OM/RS)	07/01/21-06/30/23*
Imperial	Ray Purdie (OM/RS)	07/01/21-06/30/26*
Maple Creek	Carolyn Conarroe (DLM/RS)	11/01/21-01/31/22*
Melfort-Ethelton	Jonathon Worrall (CS)	07/01/21-09/30/21
North Battleford: Third Avenue	Dexter van Dyke (OM/RS)	09/01/21-08/31/22
Outlook	Aurora Coulthard (CS)	09/01/22-10/31/22
Prince Albert: Calvary	Claus (Tony) Thompson (OM/RS)	01/01/22-11/30/22*
Radville	Jeri-Lee Jones (CS)	07/01/21-10/31/21*+
Radville	Jeri-Lee Jones (CS)	11/01/21-12/31/21*
Regina: Anti-Poverty Ministry	Peter Gilmer (DLM)	01/01/22-12/31/26
Regina: Knox Met	J. Cameron Fraser (DLM)	07/01/21-06/30/26
Regina: SSHC	Lorna King (DLM/RS)	09/16/21-09/15/22*
Regina: SSHC	Lorna King (DLM/RS)	09/16/22-09/16/23*
Regina: St. James	Danna Wiebe (DLM/RS)	09/19/21-06/19/22*
Regina: St. James	Dexter van Dyke (OM/RS)	09/01/22-06/30/24
Regina: Wesley	Carolyn Woodall (IM)	08/01/21-07/31/23
Regina: Westminster	Darrell Reine (DLM)	07/01/21-06/30/24
Saskatoon: Mount Royal Emmanuel	Joan Brown (DM/RS)	07/01/21-06/30/23*
Saskatoon: NSHC	Emily Carr (OM)	07/01/21-06/30/22*
Saskatoon: Grosvenor Park	Margaret McKechney (OM/RS)	01/24/22-04/25/22*
St. Paul's International	Jeri-Lee Jones (CS)	02/01/22-06/30/22
Strasbourg Pastoral Charge	John Sellwood (DLM/RS)	07/01/21-06/30/23*
Unity, Meridian	Gary Johnson (DLM)	07/01/22-06/30/27
Wolseley: St. James	Jim Wolff (CS)	07/01/21-06/30/22*
Wolseley: St. James	Jim Wolff (CS)	07/01/22-12/31/22*

RETIREMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Andrew Appledore	06/30/2022	Brian Maitland	10/31/2021
Bonnie Morton	12/31/2021	Vicki Obedkoff	02/14/2022
Diane Robinson	06/30/2022	Miles Russell	06/01/2022
Bernice Saulteaux	12/31/2021	Laura Sundberg	09/30/2021
Gayle Wensley	06/30/2022	Daryl Woods	06/30/2022

MINISTRY PERSONNEL LEAVING THE REGION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Going to:</u>
Tricia Gerhard	06/30/2022	Prairie to Pine
Margaret McCallum	01/27/2022	Prairie to Pine
Eunkyu Ji	08/31/2022	Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters

MINISTRY PERSONNEL COMING INTO THE REGION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Coming from:</u>
Doreen Hewitson (DLM)	08/01/2021	Antler River Watershed
Deborah Springer (DM)	03/01/2022	Chinook Winds

COMMUNITY OF FAITH IN PASTORAL RELATIONS PROCESS¹

<u>Community of Faith</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>	<u>Liaison</u>	<u>Date Complete²</u>
Abbey-Lancer-Portreeve	05/27/20	EunKyu Ji	
Alameda	09/24/21	Susan Reed	
Assiniboia	01/18/19	Duane Filson	
Battleford	04/07/22	Dave Whalley	
Biggar	01/18/19	Lyall Campbell	03/27/22
Carlyle	06/30/20	Fran Balls	
Dundurn, Hanley	05/05/22	Lyall Campbell	
Eatonia-Mantario	11/04/21	Piotr Strzelecki	
Elrose	12/17/20	Lyall Campbell	06/26/22
Foam Lake, Leslie	03/05/20	Marvin Mackie	
Grenfell/Kipling	04/01/21	Beth Johnston	
Indian Head	10/07/21	Lorna King	
Kamsack	04/02/20	Brian Mee	
Kyle-Lacadena	12/17/20	Lyall Campbell	06/26/22
Loreburn, Hawarden	02/06/20	Michelle Rowe	
Lumsden	09/02/21	Darrell Reine	
Maidstone-Paynton	06/30/20	Dale Worrall	
Maple Creek	11/04/21	Catherine Christie	11/05/21
Moosomin: Bethel	10/07/21	Darrell Reine	
North Battleford	10/07/21	Dave Whalley	
Ogema, Bengough, Pangman	01/01/19	Shirley Crone	
Outlook	04/01/21	Dale Worrall	
Oxbow	09/24/21	Susan Reed	
Pine Cree	02/13/19	Michele Rowe	
Preeceville-Sturgis	10/07/21	Marvin Mackie	
Regina: Heritage	05/05/22	Darrell Reine	
Regina: Lakeview	12/03/20	June Blau	03/13/22
Regina: St. James	12/03/20	June Blau	
Regina: Sunset	12/02/21	June Blau	
Regina: Wesley	05/02/19	Darrel Reine	08/01/21
Saskatoon: Knox	12/17/20	Beth Johnston	
Saskatoon: Grace-Westminster	05/05/22	Lyall Campbell	
Saskatoon: Grosvenor Park	11/07/21	Lynne Clarke	11/07/21
Speers	04/07/22	Dave Whalley	
Stoughton	04/02/20	Darrelle Reine	
St. Paul's International	06/06/19	Susan Reed	
Yellow Grass United Lutheran	10/27/21	Nancy Styles	12/01/21

COMMUNITY OF FAITH SUMMARY

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.

² Date call or appointment begins.

<u>Community of Faith</u>	<u>Ministry Personnel³</u>	<u>Call start/Appt end⁴</u>
Abbey-Lancer-Portreeve	(Ken Schrag – May 27/20)	
Alameda	Jacqueline Van't Voort (DM)	Call - 07/01/18*
Arcola-Kisby	(Anita Warriner – Sept 3/20)	
Asquith-Perdue	(Brian Maitland – Jan 1/19 – Oct 31/21)	
	(Bonita Chad – Jan 13/22)	
Assiniboia	(Duane Filson – March 7/19 – August 31/21)	
	Wendy Gibson (DLM/RS)	Appt – 06/30/24*
Avonlea-Blue Hill	(Yvonne Terry – Nov 7/19)	
Balcarres: St. Andrew's	(Rick McCorrister – Jan 1/19 – June 12/22)	Closing
Balgonie-McLean	(Cam Fraser – Jan 18/19)	
Battleford	Gayle Wensley (DLM)	Retiring – 06/30/22
	(Lorna Brick – 07/01/22)	
Beechy	(Diane Schmidt – Jan 1/19 – Dec 21/21)	
	(Jeannine Cline – May 5/22)	
Biggar	(Piotr Strzelecki – Jan 27/20 – July 15/21)	
	(Jeannine Cline – Sept 2/21 – Jan 31/22)	
	(Deborah Springer – Apr 7/22)	
	Dale Worrall (CS)	Appt – 06/30/25*
Big River	Dave Whalley (DLM/RS)	Appt - 08/31/24*+
Borden	(Gayle Wensley – May 14/21)	Disbanded – 12/18/21
Borderlands	(Duane Filson – May 2/19)	
Bradwell	(Donna Wilson – Jan 1/19 – Oct 31/21)	
	(Emily Carr – Jan 13/22)	
Bridging Waters	Beth W. Johnston (OM)	Call - 05/01/19
Broadview	(Barbara Wilkins – May 6/21)	
Cabri, Hazlet, Pennant	(Salesi Takau – June 20/19)	
Canora: St. Andrew's	(Jen Dresser – May 27/20)	
Carlyle	(Sharon Hubbard – June 30/20)	
Carnduff Alida	Susan Reed (DM)	Call - 07/01/07
	(Kathy Kyle: sabbatical Jan 1/22 – Mar 31/22)	
Carrot River/Arborfield	(Nancy Steinbachs – Jan 1/19)	
Carry the Kettle (Hurricane Hills)	Bernice Saulteaux	Retired – 12/31/21
Clavet	(Bonita Chad – May 27/20)	Disbanded – 02/11/22
Climax	Connie Sykes (DLM)	Appt – 06/30/27*
Colleston, Steep Creek	(Nora Vedress – June 20/19)	
Colonsay	(Jan Clarke – Nov 5/20)	
Coteau Hills	(Allan Gairns – May 7/20)	
Craik	(Ursula Wiig – Sept 24/21)	
Crossroads	(Cindy Goodman – June 25/19)	

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<u>Community of Faith</u>	<u>Ministry Personnel⁵</u>	<u>Call start/Appt end⁶</u>
Crossroads United	Roy Bortolotto (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/23
Crystal Springs	(Valerie Barnes-Connell Jordan – Sept 3/20)	
Cut Knife	YongSeok Baek (OM)	Ended - 07/31/21
	(Louise Robson – Oct 27/21)	
Davidson-Girvin	Ursula Wiig (OM/RS)	Ended – 06/30/21
	(Margaret McKechney – June 30/21)	
Delisle – Vanscoy	Lindsay Mohn (OM)	Call - 07/01/18*
	Marilyn Leuty (OM/RS)	Appt – 05/02/22*
Dundurn, Hanley	Andrew Appledore (OM)	Retiring – 06/30/22
Eatonia-Mantario	(Piotr Strzelecki – Apr 1/21)	
Elrose	(Jan Coffey-Olson – May 6/21 – Feb 28/22)	
	Deborah Springer (DM)	Call – 03/01/22*
Esterhazy (SM)	YoungJin Park (CS)	Appt - 06/30/22*
	(Michele Rowe – June 4/20 – May 29/22)	
	YoungJin Park (OM)	Call – 07/01/2022
Eston: St. Andrew's	(Jeannine Cline – May 6/21 – July 30/21)	
	Doreen Hewitson (DLM)	Appt – 06/30/24
Five Oaks (SM - Lutheran)	Kragbe Legre (EA)	
Foam Lake, Leslie	(Marvin Mackie – May 2/19)	
Fort Qu'Appelle: St. A's	Jo Mader (DLM/RS)	Appt - 06/30/24*
Four Town (SM)	Sarah Giles (CS)	Appt - 06/30/23
	(Lindsay Mohn – June 4/20)	
	(Jordan Cantwell – maternity leave Nov 7/21 – May 2/22)	
Gainsborough, Carievale	Rob Reed (DM)	Call - 07/01/07
	(Henry Friesen sabbatical Jan 1/22 – Mar 31/22)	
Glenavon	Lynette Callfas (DLM)	Appt - 12/31/22*
Goose Lake	(Diane Schmidt – Jan 1/19 – Dec 21/21)	
	(Jeannine Cline – May 5/22)	
Grasslands	EunKyu Ji (OM)	Ending - 08/31/22
Gravelbourg	(Wendy Gibson – June 20/19)	
Gray	(Bonnie Morton – Jan 1/19)	
Grenfell	Hyun Heo (OM)	Ended - 06/30/21
	(Lynette Callfas – June 24/21 – Dec 31/21)	
	Koshy David (OM)	Call – 01/01/22*
Gull Lake	Ken Schrag (OM/RS)	Appt - 06/30/23*
Hudson Bay	Brad Wudrich (OM)	Call - 07/01/19
Humboldt	Brenda Curtis (DM)	Call - 07/01/04
Imperial	Ray Purdie (OM/RS)	Appt - 06/30/26*
Indian Head	(Lorna King – Sept 3/20 – Nov 4/21)	
	Koshy David (OM)	Call – 11/05/21*

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Ituna	(Brian Mee – Jan 1/19)	
Kamsack	(Thom Carnahan – May 14/21 – Jan 15/22) (Tricia Challoner – Feb 3/22)	
Kelliher	(Brian Mee – June 20/19)	
KeLRose	(Sheila Ivanochko – Feb 7/19)	
Kennedy	(Roy Bortolotto – Nov 7/19)	
Kerrobert	(SunDo Hyun – June 4/20)	
Kindersley	Piotr Strzelecki (OM)	Call - 07/01/16
	(Doreen Hewitson sabbatical May 20/22 – Sept 2/22)	
Kinistino	(Charles McKenzie – Jan 1/19)	
Kipling	Hyun Heo (OM)	Ended - 06/30/21
	(Catherine Christie – July 1/21)	
Kyle, Lacadena	(Jan Coffey-Olson – May 6/21 – Feb 28/22)	
	Deborah Springer (DM)	Call – 03/01/22*
La Ronge	Janae Brownley (OM)	Call - 12/07/20
Lafleche-Limerick	Janelle Shaw (OM)	Call - 02/18/18
Landis	(Gary Johnson – Nov 7/19)	
Langham: Knox	Emily Carr (OM)	Call - 04/01/22*
	(Joan Brown – May 21/20 – Sept 19/21)	
Lanigan, Nokomis	Frances Kitson (CS)	Appt - 12/31/22
	(Ursula Wiig – May 21/20)	
Lashburn	(Pat Ribey – Jan 16/20)	Closing
Leader, Sceptre	(Andrew Hecker – Jan 1/19)	
Lemberg, Abernethy	(Mary Anne Grand – Jan 1/19)	
Little Cutarm	(Susan Griffith – Jan 1/19)	
Long Lake	(Dwaine Dornan – Jan 30/19 – June 30/21) (Koshy David – Jan 13/22)	
Loreburn, Hawarden	(Ron McConnell – Nov 7/19 – May 31/21) (Kathleen James-Cavan – Sept 2/21)	
Lumsden	Marjorie Kent (OM)	Ended – 07/08/21
	(Mathias Ross – Sept 2/21)	
Luseland	(Dale Worrall – Nov 5/20)	
Maidstone, Paynton	(Dexter van Dyke – Nov 26/19 – Aug 31/22)	
Maple Creek	Michele Rowe (OM)	Call - 02/01/22+ (07/01/18)
	Carolyn Conarro (DLM/RS)	Appt - 01/31/22*
Marsden, Neilberg	Lorna Brick (OM)	Call - 01/01/17*
Maymont	(Gayle Wensley – Jan 1/19 – June 30/22)	
Meadow Lake	SunDo Hyun (OM)	Call - 07/01/19

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Melfort-Ethelton	Jonathan Worrall (CS) <i>(Dave Whalley – June 4/20 – Sept 30/21)</i>	Appt - 09/30/21
Melville: First	Jonathan Worrall (OM)	Call – 10/01/21
Moose Jaw: Minto	Brian Mee (OM)	Call - 04/01/21+*(07/01/17)
Moose Jaw: St. Andrew's	Linda Tomlinson-Seebach (OM)	Call - 01/01/16
Moose Jaw: Trinity	Jim Tenford (OM) <i>(Linda Tomlinson-Seebach – June 20/19)</i>	Ending – 08/31/22
Moose Jaw: Zion	Tim Ellis (OM)	Call - 07/01/17
Moosomin: Bethel	Carolyn Woodall (IM) <i>(Jim Balfour – Jan 13/22)</i>	Ended – 06/30/21
New Venture	<i>(Linda Stumpf – Jan 1/19)</i>	
Norquay	Margaret McCallum (OM) <i>(Brad Wudrich – Jan 28/22)</i>	Ended – 01/27/22
North Battleford	Dexter van Dyke (OM/RS)	Appt - 08/31/22
Northern Lakes	<i>(George / Diane Thurlow – Jan 1/19)</i>	
Ogema, Bengough, Pangman	<i>(Shirley Crone – June 25/19)</i>	
Outlook	Ron McConnell (OM) <i>(Deborah Springer – Apr 7/22)</i>	Retired - 06/01/21
Oxbow-Glen Ewen	Jacqueline Van't Voort (DM)	Call - 07/01/18*
Pelly	<i>(Velda Dahlin – Jan 1/19)</i>	
Pine Cree	<i>(Connie Sykes – June 20/19)</i>	
Plainsview	<i>(Russell / Brian Mitchell-Walker – Jan 1/19)</i>	
Plenty, Dodsland	<i>(Dale Worrall – Nov 5/20)</i>	
Prairie Points	<i>(Vic Wiebe – May 7/20)</i>	
Prairie Spirit	<i>(Denise Sweet – Jan 1/19 – June 30/21)</i> <i>(Dave Hewitson – Jan 13/22)</i>	
Preeceville-Sturgis	Miles Russell (OM)	Retired - 06/01/22
Prince Albert: Calvary	Nora Vedress (OM)	Call - 07/01/05
	Claus (Tony) Thompson (OM/RS)	Appt - 11/30/22*
Quill Plains	<i>(Brenda Curtis – Jan 1/19)</i>	
Radville	Jeri-Lee Jones (CS) <i>(Judy Beck – Feb 9/20)</i>	Appt - 12/31/21*
Redvers United	<i>(Rob Reed – Sept 5/19 – June 11/21)</i>	Disbanded – 06/11/21
Regina Anti-Poverty	Peter Gilmer (DLM)	Appt - 12/31/26
	Bonnie Morton (DLM)	Retired - 12/31/21
Regina: Broadway	James Balfour (OM)	Call - 09/15/98
Regina: Eastside	Russell Mitchell-Walker (DM)	Call - 09/10/12
Regina: Heritage	Joy Cowan (OM) <i>(Lorna King – July 15/22)</i>	Ending – 07/15/2022
Regina: Knox Met	Cameron Fraser (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/26

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Regina: Lakeview	(<i>Delise Pitman – June 30/20 – Nov 30/21</i>) Carla Blakley (EA)	Call – 12/01/21*
Regina Native Outreach Ministry	Deb Anderson-Pratt (OM)	Call - 07/01/20*
Regina: SSHC	Lorna King (DLM/RS)	Appt - 09/16/23*
Regina: St. James	Diane Robinson (OM)	Retiring – 06/30/22
	Laura Sundberg (OM)	Retired - 09/30/21
	Danna Wiebe (DLM/RS)	Appt – 06/19/22*
Regina: Sunset	Tricia Gerhard (OM)	Ending – 06/30/22
	(<i>Christa Eidsness – July 1/22</i>)	
Regina: Wesley	(<i>Bryan Tudor – Jan 7/21 – July 31/21</i>) Carolyn E. Woodall (IM)	Appt - 07/31/23
Regina: Westminster	Darrell Reine (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/24
	(<i>Christa Eidsness sabbatical May 6/21 – Aug 3/21</i>)	
Rocanville	Barbara Wilkins (OM)	Call - 05/01/21*+ (07/01/18)
Rosetown	Allan Gairns (DM)	Call - 02/23/20*
Saskatoon: Grace-Westminster	Daryl Woods (OM)	Retiring – 06/30/22
	(<i>Brian Walton – July 1/22</i>)	
Saskatoon: Grosvenor Park	Nobuko Iwai (OM)	Call - 08/15/15
	Margaret McKechney (OM/RS)	Appt – 04/25/22*
	(<i>Cathy Coates sabbatical 01/24/22 – 04/24/22</i>)	
Saskatoon: ICM	Chantalle Morrow-Fesciuc (L)	Appt - 08/31/22
Saskatoon: Knox	Brian Maitland (OM)	Retired – 10/31/21
	(<i>Wayne Knouse – 01/13/22</i>)	
Saskatoon: Mayfair	Shelly Manley-Tannis (OM)	Call - 06/01/20+ (03/02/20*)
Saskatoon: McClure	Debra Berg (OM)	Call - 07/01/11
	Laura Fohse (DM)	Ending – 07/31/2022
Saskatoon: Mount Royal Emmanuel	Joan Brown (DM/RS)	Appt - 06/30/23*
Saskatoon: NSHC	Emily Carr (OM)	Call – 07/01/22* (10/01/20)
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	Mitchell Anderson (OM)	Call - 08/01/20
Saskatoon: St. Thomas Wesley	Vicki Obedkoff (OM)	Ended – 02/14/22*
	(<i>Wayne Knouse – Dec 19/21</i>)	Closing
Shell Lake Partners in Worship (SM)	Sarah Urano (EA)	Call - 09/01/20
Shellbrook-Leask	(<i>Bob Hayes – Sept 3/20</i>)	Disbanded – 05/13/22
Silton	(<i>Danna Wiebe – Jan 1/19</i>)	
Smiley	(<i>Jo-Ann Hills – Jan 1/19</i>)	
Soo Line	(<i>Yvonne Terry – Oct 1/20 – July 15/21</i>)	Disbanded – 07/15/21
Southey	(<i>Leslie Parkin – Nov 7/19</i>)	

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Speers	Gayle Wensley (DLM) <i>(Lorna Brick – July 1/22)</i>	<i>Retiring - 06/30/22</i>
Spirit Hills	<i>(Neil Colmin – Jan 1/19)</i>	
Spirit of Hope	<i>(George Holliday – Jan 1/19)</i>	
Spiritwood Partners in Faith (SM)	Sarah Urano (EA)	Call - 09/01/20
Springwater	<i>(Carmel Waddington – Jan 7/21 – May 13/22)</i>	<i>Disbanded - 05/13/22</i>
Spy Hill		
St. Paul's International	Jeri-Lee Jones (CS) <i>(Vic Wiebe – Sept 15/19 – May 15/22)</i> <i>(Susan Reed – June 2/22)</i>	Appt – 06/30/22
Star City	<i>(Carol Beal McKenzie – June 20/19)</i>	
Stoughton	<i>(Mohandas Barnabas – June 4/20)</i>	
Strasbourg	John Sellwood (DLM/RS)	Appt - 06/30/23*
Swift Current: First	Annette Taylor (OM) <i>(Janelle Shaw Sabbatical May 6/21 – August 15/21)</i>	Call - 07/01/15
Tantallon	<i>(Shari Forsythe-Hohm – Jan 1/19)</i>	
Theodore	<i>(Catherine Pace – Oct 3/19 – June 30/22)</i>	
Tisdale: St. Paul's	Hoeun Lee (OM)	Call - 07/01/20
Tomkins (SM: Anglican)	<i>(Carolyn Conarro – Jan 1/19)</i>	<i>Closing</i>
Turtle River (SM - Anglican)	Kun Kim (OM) Don Skinner (EA)	Call - 08/01/11 (07/01/19*+)
Unity, Meridian (SM)	Gary Johnson (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/27
Wakaw	<i>(Brian Walton – Jan 1/19)</i>	
Wapella	<i>(Barbara Wilkins – June 4/20)</i>	
Watrous Young	Jo-Ann Hills (OM)	<i>Ending – 08/31/2022</i>
Weyburn	Mohandas Barnabas (OM)	Call - 01/01/08
Wilkie, Scott	YongSeok Baek (OM) <i>(Louise Robson – Oct 27/21)</i>	<i>Ended - 07/31/21</i>
Wolseley	Jim Wolff (CS) <i>(John Sellwood – Oct 3/19)</i>	Appt – 12/31/22*
Yellow Grass (SM – Lutheran)	<i>(Mohandas Barnabas – Sept 3/20 – Nov 30/21)</i> Carla Blakley (EA)	Call – 12/01/21*
Yorkton: St. Andrew's	Jennifer Dresser (DM)	Call - 07/01/13
Yorkton: Westview	Deborah Smith (OM)	Call - 09/01/14

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Voluntary Associate Ministers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>	<u>Community of Faith</u>
Hazel Arbon	September 2, 2021	Regina: Eastside
Carole Beal-McKenzie	June 3, 2021	Star City
Sharron Bodnaryk	October 7, 2021	Lemberg-Abernethy
Nora Borgeson	June 3, 2021	North Battleford: Third Avenue
Lois Burwash	June 24, 2021	Evesham
Lorne Calvert	June 2, 2022	Moose Jaw: Zion
Thom Carnahan	June 24, 2021	Canora
Bonita Chad	June 3, 2021	Saskatoon: Mayfair
Catherine Christie	September 2, 2021	Abbey-Lancer-Portreeve
Janet Clarke	September 2, 2021	Colonsay
Jeannine Cline	June 3, 2021	Rosetown
Cathy Coates	June 3, 2021	Saskatoon: Mayfair
Jan Coffey-Olson	June 3, 2021	Rosetown
Carolyn Conaroe	June 3, 2021	Maple Creek
Bev Diduck	June 24, 2021	Regina: Westminster
Christa Eidsness	May 5, 2022	Regina: Sunset
Walter Farquharson	June 24, 2021	Four Town
Jane Gallagher	February 3, 2022	Saskatoon: Grace-Westminster
Susan Griffith	June 3, 2021	Little Cutarm
Al Hingley	November 4, 2021	Humboldt
Marg Janick-Grayston	June 24, 2021	Canora
Wayne Knouse	June 24, 2021	Saskatoon: Knox
Sheila Krueger	June 24, 2021	Saskatoon: McClure
Kathy Kyle	November 4, 2021	Carnduff
Roland Legge	June 24, 2021	Yorkton: St. Andrew's
Marilyn Leuty	September 2, 2021	Delisle-Vanscoy
David Maxwell	September 2, 2021	Canora
Carolyn McBean	June 24, 2021	Regina: Wesley
Rick McCorrister	June 3, 2021	Balcarres: St. Andrew's
Margaret McKechney	May 5, 2022	Saskatoon: Grosvenor Park
Charles McKenzie	June 3, 2021	Star City
Karen Mitchell	September 2, 2021	Bridging Waters
Helen Mooney	December 19, 2021	Plenty
Bonnie Morton	November 4, 2021	Regina: Knox Metropolitan
Mary Beth Nicks-Barbour	December 19, 2021	Plainsview
Catherine Pace	June 3, 2021	Theodore
Ken Powers	September 2, 2021	Regina: Eastside
Arlene Reynolds	November 4, 2021	Saskatoon: St. David's Trinity
Mathias Ross	June 3, 2021	Regina: Knox-Met
Donna Rumpel	June 2, 2022	Strasbourg
Leslie Schweitzer	June 24, 2021	Saskatoon: McClure

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Helen Smith-McIntyre	June 3, 2021	Saskatoon: St. Thomas Wesley
Nancy Steinbachs	June 24, 2021	Hudson Bay
Laura Sundberg	May 5, 2022	Regina: Sunset
Salesi Takau	March 3, 2022	Abbey- Lancer-Portreeve
Yvonne Terry	November 4, 2021	Avonlea-Blue Hills
Pamela Thomas	June 3, 2021	Regina: Wesley
Brian Walton	June 3, 2021	Saskatoon: St. Martin's
Geraldine Watkins	November 7, 2021	Arcola
Michael Webster	June 3, 2021	Saskatoon: St. Martin's
Danna Wiebe	June 24, 2021	Regina: St. James
Ursula Wiig	December 2, 2021	Saskatoon: Grosvenor Park
Heather Wyatt	June 3, 2021	La Ronge

Recognized Licensed Lay Worship Leaders

<u>Name</u>	<u>Licensed to</u>	<u>Community of Faith</u>
Alexander, Neil	December 31, 2024	Avonlea (Avonlea-Blue Hill)
Baerwald, Beth	June 30, 2025	Star City
Bamforth, Emily	December 31, 2023	Eastend (Pine Cree)
Beck, Judy	June 30, 2024	Yellow Grass
Berge, Diane	June 30, 2022	Nipawin (Bridging Waters)
Bjarnason, Rosellen	June 30, 2024	Wynyard (Spirit of Hope)
Challoner, Tricia	December 31, 2022	Norquay
Chuiko, Meredith	June 30, 2023	Loon Lake (Northern Lakes)
Dahlgren, David	June 30, 2025	Moosomin: Bethel
Dahlin, Velda	December 31, 2022	Norquay
Daisley, Rosalie	December 31, 2022	Hudson Bay (Hudson Bay LP)
Fowler, Sandra	December 31, 2023	Tugaske (Spirit Hills)
Francis, Jani	December 31, 2022	Indian Head: St. Andrew's
Friesen, Henry	December 31, 2022	Carnduff (Carnduff Alida)
Gonczy, Kendra	June 30, 2025	Weyburn: Grace
Goodman, Cindy	June 30, 2024	Wynyard (Spirit of Hope)
Grand, Mary Anne	December 31, 2023	Raymore (Crossroads)
Groenen, Colleen	December 31, 2022	Lashburn
Hain, Norma	December 31, 2023	Swift Current: First
Herman, Garth	December 31, 2025	Arcola: St. Andrew's
Hewitson, Dave	December 31, 2024	Port Lambton
Hilderman, Henrietta	December 31, 2022	Govan
Jordison, Cindy	December 31, 2022	Tisdale: St. Paul's
Klassen, Linda	December 31, 2024	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)

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Little, Elaine	June 30, 2024	Hazlet (Cabri, Hazlet, Pennant)
Lyster, Patricia	December 31, 2022	Abernethy (Balcarres)
Mackie, Marvin	June 30, 2024	Rose Valley (KeLRose)
Mostowy, Ruth	June 30, 2025	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	June 30, 2025	Beechy
Pulfer, Jim	June 30, 2023	Saskatoon: St. Thomas Wesley
Reilkoff, Gwen	June 30, 2025	Kamsack
Robertson, Laurie	December 31, 2022	Mankota (Grasslands)
Sawchuk, Patti	December 31, 2022	Dundurn (Dundurn, Hanley)
Styles, Nancy	June 30, 2024	Weyburn: Grace
Sullivan, Linda	December 31, 2024	Bethune (Long Lake)
Tober, Heather	June 30, 2024	Oxbow (Oxbow Glen Ewen)
Tudor, Bryan	December 31, 2024	Regina: Sunset
Warrian, Jeanette	June 30, 2024	Lanigan (Lanigan, Nokomis)
Watson, Sandra	December 31, 2023	Abbey (Abbey-Lancer-Portreeve)
Yasinowski, Jennifer	June 30, 2025	Fort Qu'Appelle: St. Andrew's
Young, Diane	December 31, 2023	Saskatoon: St. Martin's

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Akins, Eleanor	June 30, 2023	Plainsview
Alexander, Neil	June 30, 2023	Avonlea (Blue Hills-Avonlea)
Bernier, Sue	June 30, 2022	Biggar
Bjarnason, Rosellen	June 30, 2023	Wynyard (Spirit of Hope)
Challoner, Tricia	June 30, 2023	Norquay
Chuiko, Meredith	June 30, 2023	Loon Lake (Northern Lakes)
Court, Gladys	June 30, 2023	Kinistino
Fowler, Sandra	June 30, 2023	Tugaske (Spirit Hills)
Girard, Sharon	June 30, 2023	Pine Cree
Grand, Mary Anne	June 30, 2023	Raymore (Crossroads)
Irving, Carroll	June 30, 2023	Kelvington-Lintlaw (KeLRose)
Kirby, Linda	June 30, 2023	Coronach (Borderlands)
Larsen, Lynn	June 30, 2023	Preeceville-Sturgis
Lewis, Wayne	June 30, 2023	Kipling
Little, Elaine	June 20, 2023	Cabri, Hazlet, Pennant
Lyster, Patricia	June 30, 2023	Balcarres
Mack, Marjorie	June 30, 2022	Kerrobert
Mackie, Marvin	June 30, 2023	Rose Valley (KeLRose)
Morris, Shelly	June 30, 2023	Atwater (Little Cutarm)

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Payne, Shirley	June 30, 2023	Kelvington (KeLRose)
Porter, Marion	June 30, 2023	Bethune (Long Lake)
Seymour, Bev	June 30, 2023	Harris (Goose Lake)
Sichkaruk, Dianne	June 30, 2023	Theodore
Smith, Marie	June 30, 2023	Eatonia-Mantario
Sorensen, Wanda	June 30, 2023	Radville
Yost, Carla	June 30, 2023	Rockglen (Borderlands)