

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

CHAPLAINCIES:

NORTHERN SASKATCHEWAN HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Our half-time chaplain visits patients in Saskatoon City Hospital, St. Paul's Hospital, Parkridge Centre 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 connect with ministers, pastoral care teams, and families whose loved ones are hospitalized.

We are able to provide 24-hour coverage, six days a week averaging 15-30 visits and three emergency calls each week. We continue to provide spiritual care by request for patients accessing the provincial MAiD program. Our chaplaincy is a part of an inter-denominational group of spiritual care providers who work together to ensure weekly worship opportunities in Royal University Hospital and Saskatoon City Hospital. Chaplains connect with the Saskatchewan Health Authority regarding spiritual care protocols, needs, and updates.

Prayer shawls continue to provide comfort and peace to those in hospital, and 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, providing a sign of God's love and our communities' prayers at a critical time.

Even as community ministers returned to visiting patients in 2022, we are not meeting the incredible need in our Saskatoon hospitals for United Church ministry. This year, Emily Carr has begun visiting churches to talk about the chaplaincy, and to connect with pastoral care teams. We are considering how to empower volunteers to engage with the work of the chaplaincy. We are also participating in efforts to ask for the reinstatement of Spiritual Care funding provincially.

We wish to thank all the individuals, churches, and ministers who support the chaplaincy, especially Rev. Kent Mohn and Rev. Lindsay Mohn who provide coverage when Emily is away.

Respectfully Submitted,
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SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Looking back at previous Annual Reports, not much has changed. Our Chaplain Lorna provides excellent service to all in need. We receive Mission Support funding and donations from individual Communities of Faith. And, unfortunately, we do not have the government support to jointly ensure spiritual care is understood and delivered in a "team fashion". At one of our meetings Lorna reported that a hospital nurse made the comment to her that she did not know that there were chaplains in the hospital. So, we continue with what we can do to provide hospital chaplaincy.

In conjunction with the Northern Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy (NSHC) Board, we produced an on-line newsletter that was distributed to the Living Skies Region. Thanks to Kent Mohn and a summer student with tech skills, we have a joint website with info about both chaplaincies and a variety of ways to make donations (see below). Also, in conjunction with NSHC, we have examined how we may assist in finding "rural" resources and support people for MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying).

Chaplain Lorna works with Regina Native Outreach Ministry in their project to provide welcome bags filled with supplies for new Indigenous mothers and their babies. Lorna coordinates storage of the bags in the Spiritual Care space at the General and ensures that Lisa Cyr, Indigenous Health Educator has the bags she needs to deliver to the new moms. Lisa reports the delight and appreciation of the moms.

We want to acknowledge the work and input of Carla Yost who has retired from the SSHC Board. Carla was a strong advocate for continuous education and awareness in the rural communities. We will miss Carla's presence but will hopefully maintain the rural awareness that Carla promoted. We are pleased to welcome Margaret Pool as a member of SSHC Board.

We are very thankful of all of the SSHC Board Members and the work they do throughout the year. The finance, personnel and coverage management aspects continue to be handled throughout the year with commitment and dedication to Hospital Chaplaincy.

And, I am so happy that Lorna has continued with being our Chaplain. Lorna's commitment to Hospital Chaplaincy is such a blessing.

In the year ahead, we will continue collaborating with NSHC; supporting the MAID program; and, creating newsletters. Again, I appreciate so much the dedication of Lorna and all Board Members.

Randy Graham, Board Chairperson and Lorna King, Chaplain

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ECUMENICAL CHAPLAINCY, UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Good Breakfast

Each week students gather Monday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings for a light breakfast and fellowship. Good breakfast targets food insecurity and student isolation. Working in a rotation, five congregations provided a personal touch by baking 6 to 9 dozen homemade muffins each week. This ministry grew rapidly from the end of February onward. In January and February, we averaged 90 students each week. In March and April that number grew to 135. We received a donation from the Faith Leaders of \$900.00 at the start of the year. This

money was exhausted by February 24. The University continued funding from that point and to date \$1622.00 has been expended. We will continue with the Good Breakfast for May and June but only once a week on Wednesday. The muffin makers will have the summer off...

Tuesday Meals and Worship (sponsored by Lutheran Campus Ministry)

This partnership ministry has grown. Worship had an average of 18 students. The dinners attracted between 30 and 40 students each week. The significant change this term was the student engagement. I had two regular volunteers who came to set-up and three who stayed for dishes. In addition, students from Trinidad & Tobago, Nigeria and Columbia helped cook meals from their respective countries. I cooked food from Ukraine, Iran, Jerusalem, South Africa, China, Korea as well as a post Easter turkey dinner.

Barbecue (Sponsored by ECUS)

This resumes for May and June on Tuesday nights. This year expect both the cost of ingredients and the number of students to increase. Last year we were at 10-15 students each week. The total cost was around \$450. I would expect both the numbers and the cost to double.

On Campus Ministry

University supplies office space for Faith Leaders within the Usask Community Centre. I do regular hours four days a week. I am privileged to partner with Peer Health which puts me in contact with student leaders who volunteer to assist other students. This opens the door to connections with international students, students active in the Pride Centre and students seeking experience in caring professions. Through them connections are also made to the broader Usask community. This year has been dynamic. Sometimes working with students couch-surfing on campus as a way to survive, other times offering care during times of family crisis. Our community was rocked just last week when a student who regularly attends our community meals texted to say he was attending with his mom then texted back later in the evening to say his mom had died on the walk over to the Campus Centre. Students took over right away and I was free to spend time in the emergency as the student waiter for the coroner. These moments we are called to care happen because connections get made.

FYI...

Lutheran Campus Centre dorm is accepting applications for the academic year of 2023-2024 at \$550.00/month. We have 4 rooms available for the summer months (at slightly the reduced cost of \$465.) and 2 rooms for the fall/ winter academic term. During the academic year the dorm strives to form a supportive Christian Community.

For more information call or text Chaplain George @ 306-380-2158 or email luth.chap@usask.ca

Submitted by Rev. George Hind.
Chaplain for ECUS and LCM

JUSTICE MINISTRIES

REGINA ANTI-POVERTY MINISTRY (RAPM)



Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry

The Existence of Poverty is Shameful - To be Poor is Not

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Mission Statement:

**Rooted in God's radical love,
expressed through
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 five years. 2022 has been a year of blessings. Through the dedication of our staff, RAPM has been able to continue serving low-income clients with the same quality and effectiveness as always and for that we are very grateful. Though caseloads have increased, staff have worked very hard to continue their social justice and education focus. The work they do is invaluable.

Peter Gilmer continues to offer his expertise in a full-time role on our staff. Colleen Taylor has now been with us for over a year, working in a part-time role. These two are the backbone of this ministry. We are also pleased to report that Peter Gilmer received a QEII Platinum Jubilee Medal for his over 25 years of advocacy work. This past year, we were also blessed by the assistance of our practicum students: Kiana Young, Meadow Wells-Goudie and Kylenea Gronick.

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. We have also been very grateful to all of those who chose to donate their

\$500 “Moe Money” rebates to our ministry! 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 <https://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 for 2022.

Individual Advocacy

Individual advocacy involves providing support for low-income people and households to ensure that they are receiving those benefits that they are eligible for 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 people through the appeal processes which are in place to resolve conflicts.

Most of our casework involves responding to decisions made by provincial income security programs due to the loss of other welfare rights services around the province.

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.

In 2022, RAPM handled a high number of cases related to problems with and inadequacies of the Saskatchewan Income Support (SIS) program. This included a large number of cases regarding utility arrears and cut-offs along with rental arrears and evictions. We also helped many people who had been unable to access SIS benefits.

2022 marked the first year that RAPM handled over 2500 cases with a total of 2520. We successfully resolved a significant majority of these cases. 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 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 follow a client driven process and seek to uphold the dignity of those requesting our help. We also maintain strict confidentiality.

During the past year, the RAPM staff conducted advocacy training workshops for volunteers, clients, 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 who 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 ten 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 and presentations on a range of poverty issues to community and labour groups, women's shelters and a broad cross section of high school and post-secondary classes.

RAPM facilitated two practicum placements through the Faculty of Social Work in 2022. We also supervised a work internship through the Faculty of Arts.

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 and they have run continuously for 27 years. 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 2022 our circles included discussions about RAPM's Low-Income Anthology, Refugee Rights and the Papal Apology. 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 lobbying and activism 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 of Social Services and senior officials of Sask Housing. We also met with the Opposition Caucus and Critic for Social Services. We gave a presentation to the National Advisory Council on Poverty and multiple presentations to Regina City Council. RAPM took part in press conferences at the Legislative Assembly for SIS and SAID Issues Days.

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 organized with many groups supporting the motion to End Homelessness Through a Housing First Permanent Supportive Housing Model which was before Regina City Council. We were also active through our networks to call for major changes to the SIS program.

RAPM continues to be active with the Disability Income Support Coalition (DISC) which worked with the Government of Saskatchewan on the development of the SAID program. We are working with DISC on greater adequacy measures for SAID benefits and exemptions.

Since 1997, RAPM has identified key anti-poverty proposals through extensive consultation with low-income people and community groups dealing with poverty issues. Those proposals have been passed through courts of The United Church of Canada. They 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. We have also been promoting The United Church of Canada's call for a Guaranteed Liveable Income for all Canadians.

RAPM Staff

Peter Gilmer – Designated Lay Minister

Bachelor of Arts (Sociology), Master of Theological Studies, Doctorate of Divinity (honoris causa), 34 years advocacy experience, 2005 Saskatchewan Centennial Medal and QEII Platinum Jubilee Medal Recipient.

Colleen Taylor - Anti-Poverty Support Worker

Bachelor of Arts (Sociology), Bachelor of Social Work

From the 2022 RAPM Annual Report

REGINA NATIVE OUTREACH MINISTRY (RNOM)

Minister: Rev. Deb Anderson-Pratt

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RNOM Mission: To reach First Nations people, empower them to realize and share their gifts, nurture their connection to community and Creator God, and unite Indigenous ministries with the larger United Church of Canada.

RNOM Vision: We see a future where First Peoples of this Land and settler peoples are repairing relationships, encouraging the voices of the voiceless, and walking the paths of our spiritualities together.

RNOM Values:

- Decolonizing our Ministry, our attitudes and our actions while encouraging all around us to do so too.
- Acknowledging the sovereignty of First Nations/Metis/Inuit people to live out their own cultural and spiritual ways, broadly and within the Ministry.
- Upholding and implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action.
- Honouring and sharing Ancestral wisdom.

Regina Native Outreach Ministry Projects:

Mother & Baby Welcome Bags

RNOM started 2022 off with the introduction of our Mother and Baby Welcome Bag Project. Indigenous mothers giving birth at Regina General Hospital are often subjected to negative and discriminatory attitudes against Indigenous parenthood and to the policies that work to

remove Indigenous children from their families, homes, and communities. RNOM wants every new mother to celebrate her new baby and to take pride in her Indigeneity. RNOM gifts Indigenous mothers with a Welcome Bag containing essential items for their newborn baby and themselves. These welcome bags provide a tangible and loving start to breaking the cycles of shame passed down from residential schools, government and church.

All United Churches in Regina were asked to donate items from a list of essential items developed by RNOM. RNOM board members collect the donations and meet at one of the churches to assemble the bags. Rev. Lorna King, United Church Hospital Chaplin, allows the board to store the bags in her office at Regina General Hospital. First Nations and Metis Services staff requested the bags from Rev. King to distribute to Indigenous new mothers.

RNOM offers a huge thank you to the Regina United Church members who have very generously donated items for the bags. In 2022, RNOM assembled 24 bags in March, 25 bags in July and 26 bags in November for a total of 75 Mother and Baby Welcome Bags. In February 2023 RNOM assembled 30 bags. RNOM will coordinate 3 more assemblies in 2023 with a goal of 120 bags for the year.

As more and more people hear about the Mother & Baby Welcome Bag project, RNOM is starting to receive some donations from individuals and groups outside the United Churches. To sustain the Mother & Baby Bag Project going forward, RNOM applied for funding through the Healing Fund in March 2023.

In Fall 2023, RNOM plans on starting a New Mom & Baby Friendship Circle to offer a support circle for new, Indigenous Moms to meet regularly to share information, parenting experiences and challenges, and make friends in a safe and supportive space.

Knitting Circle

Out of all the essential items for baby and mom in the Welcome bags, RNOM board members believe the hand knit/crochet baby blankets are the nicest item, allowing the new mom to wrap her baby in a handmade blanket to travel home in. To make sure we keep the donations of blankets coming in, RNOM has set up a Knitting Circle in the Community Commons at Central Branch Regina Library on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 2 to 4pm. The program will run until end of June 2023 and then will resume in Fall 2023. Attendees can supply their own yarn or use yarn, needles and patterns RNOM supplies. Yarn donations are welcomed. RNOM's hope is that while we knit together, we can discuss ways to advance reproductive justice for Indigenous women in Saskatchewan. All are welcome.

Traditional Feast: Gratitude for Steps Towards Reconciliation

On June 4, 2022, RNOM held a Traditional Feast in Wascana Park as a thank you to all those who have supported our ministry over the years. Our leading Elder was Kokum Bea (Beatrice Laframboise). Approximately 50 people attended the Feast.

RNOM is planning our second annual Traditional Feast, Gratitude for Steps Towards Reconciliation, on Saturday, June 3, 2023. All are welcome to attend. Watch RNOM's Facebook page for further details.

Street Ministry

Rev. Deb Anderson-Pratt spends time in the community offering support, encouragement, prayer and a warm cup of coffee to Indigenous street-involved persons. RNOM relies on donations of \$5.00 Tim's Cards from the public to allow RNOM to offer this ministry (e-transfers can be sent to reginanativeoutreachministry@gmail.com).

Time for Listening to Indigenous Voices

As an extension of the Street Ministry and to act upon our vision of encouraging the voices of the voiceless, we have started Time for Listening to Indigenous Voices sessions every Monday from 1 to 2pm in the Community Commons at Central Branch Regina Library. The library's description is:

We want to hear your voices. Please come and share your truth and culture through your storytelling. As you share, the listeners will be gifted with your knowledge of how to live, share and treat others and all things with respect.

The sessions are well attended with a mix of Indigenous and Settler people. All are welcome

Truth & Reconciliation Round Table Discussions

Rev. Deb Anderson-Pratt reached out to Rev. Alexander Campbell, Diocesan Indigenous Ministry, Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle to partner with in offering sessions to discuss Truth & Reconciliation. A sub-group of the board, Rev. Anderson-Pratt and Rev. Campbell worked together to plan how we can address the need to discuss Truth & Reconciliation.

The discussions will cover topics such as - Who were the people on Turtle Island before the colonizers?, Residential School Class Action, Treaty Promises, Healthcare Rights, Indigenous Ways of Life and What does Truth & Reconciliation mean to you?

Rev. Anderson-Pratt has met with all United Church ministers in Regina to share information on these events. Rev. Campbell will promote the event within the Anglican Church. RNOM is inviting other denominations in Regina. The first round table discussion is scheduled for May 2, 2023, at Knox-Met United in Regina.

Spiritual Reflection - Sacred Teachings of Canada's Indigenous and Christian Traditions

Rev. Deb Anderson-Pratt offers a time of spiritual reflection - Sacred Teachings of Canada's Indigenous and Christian Traditions – every Sunday from 12:30 to 2:00pm in the Community Commons at Central Branch Regina Library. RNOM warmly welcome individuals of all faiths and backgrounds to discuss Indigenous Traditional Teachings and Teachings of Christianity in an inclusive and respectful environment. We seek to promote mutual understanding and appreciation among all attendees.

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PARKLAND RESTORATIVE

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Parkland Restorative Justice is a charitable organization providing positive social support

to those in the justice system.

This year has been a great experience of learning and growth for our organization. We have had the chance to be stretched and shaped in new ways in ways that could not have been foreseen. At the start of 2022, the pandemic was still surging, and our programs were still being hampered by the restrictions. We have faced major challenges such as the CoSA federal funding project ending in March and then quickly learning how to be innovative stewards of a surprising new gift that was placed at our feet. At the same time our board and staff completed a yearlong innovation and sustainability coaching process with Edge. Ending the year, we still have challenges before us, but I believe we have grown in our resilience and learned to lean into our faith in the knowledge that we will indeed surface from any incoming waves stronger and more resilient.

Grace Mennonite Church concluded their service to the Prince Albert region in January 2022. Parkland Restorative Justice board and staff mourned with, and then celebrated alongside Grace MC leadership as it was announced that they had chosen to cement their long-term legacy by gifting the church building to us. What a tremendous gift!! Those deep roots will now continue to impact many lives for years to come.

The board of Parkland Restorative Justice officially accepted the former Grace Mennonite Church property and committed to studying the sustainability of establishing a mission space for restorative justice initiatives. The United Church sponsored Edge Future Directions coaching was timely and instrumental in leading us in this process.

With the expiration date of the 5-year CoSA Public Safety federal funding project on March 31, 2022, we were resigned to the fact that we needed to start making other financial plans to supplement our reintegration/CoSA portfolio. We were very fortunate to be approved for a one-year grant from the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan. It has allowed us some time to further lobby federal and provincial governments in the hope of restoring the funding for the highly effective CoSA program as well as continue to employ Seth Michael as coordinator of our reintegration programming. We are disappointed that as of the writing of this report there is no sign of CoSA funding being restored so we continue the search for alternative sources. Pastor Seth and I were able to work together and continue to offer CoSA-style reintegration supports after the end of the official CoSA project while still navigating Covid outbreaks and the resulting lack of parole referrals.

It was a long awaited to have the first visits of Person to Person volunteers take place in September at Saskatchewan Penitentiary after being on pandemic hiatus for 2 ½ years! We had maintained connections with the men inside as much as possible through various means, but those first in person visits were full of joyful mini-reunions as long-term volunteers came together with their inmate-friends. Saskatchewan Penitentiary has had many changes in staffing and security protocols which has made organizing P2P feel like we are starting from scratch!

I am very thankful for the flexibility and adaptability of Penitentiary staff, P2P volunteers, and our faithful supporters as we navigate the new normal going forward into 2023.

Director Kerry Reimer