

**Living Skies Executive Minutes
January 26, 2023 via Zoom**

EXECUTIVE PRESENT	<p>Darrell Reine (Chair), Dave Whalley, Kathleen James-Cavan, Piotr Strzelecki, Linda Gunningham, Ron Brandow, Deborah Springer</p> <p>A quorum was present.</p>
REGRETS	<p>Lindsay Mohn (Youth and Young Adult Minister)</p>
STAFF PRESENT	<p>Shannon McCarthy (Executive Minister); Julie Graham (Justice & Communications Minister); Heather Dootoff (Finance Administrator), Bev Diebert (Administrative Support); Chantal Winslow (Executive Assistant & Recording Secretary), Tracy Murton (Pastoral Relations Minister);</p>
CALL TO ORDER	<p>Darrell called the meeting to order. We checked in and Darrell led us in reflection & prayer.</p>
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<p>We reviewed the agenda and it was approved with one addition.</p>
APPROVAL OF MINUTES 025-2022/2023	<p>It was agreed by consensus: That Living Skies Regional Council Executive approve the minutes of November 24, 2022 as distributed and record the motion passed on November 27, 2021 via email vote as follows:</p> <p>Having received the required documentation and successfully completed the interview process and mandatory training, the Committee on Lay Leadership Support recommends that licences be renewed for the following Licensed Lay Worship Leaders, effective December 1, 2021 – December 31, 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Neil Alexander- Karen Cartmell- Linda Klassen- Linda Sullivan- Bryan Tudor <p>Having received the required documentation and successfully completed the interview process and mandatory training, the Committee on Lay Leadership Support recommends that a licence be granted to Dave Hewitson as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader, effective December 1, 2021 – December 31, 2024.</p> <p>Having received the required documentation and successfully completed the interview process, the Committee on Lay Leadership Support recommends that licenses be renewed for the following Licensed Lay Worship Leaders, pending completion of the mandatory training:</p>

- Dave Dahlgren
- Garth Herman

CORRESPONDENCE

Saskatchewan Health We received a letter from Saskatchewan Health Coalition along with an application form for membership. The Executive had questions. Why would we want to be members? Who are the other members? Is it specifically advocacy for Saskatchewan? Dave Whalley thinks we used to be members in the 90s. Chantal Winslow has volunteered to gather more information. We will table this until more information is gathered.

BUSINESS ARISING

Planning Committee – Regional Council Gathering 2023 The committee met this morning. They have a theme idea but it isn't really named as of yet. They will be focusing on themes of reconciliation. Chief Cadmus Delorme of Cowessess First Nation is going to be a theme speaker. We have also been invited to a Pow Wow on the Friday. Tracy Murton raised questions about accessibility for those who wish to attend the Pow Wow. There may be some difficulty moving across the gravel and grass. What about those who need assistance for hearing or seeing? There has been some preparation by the Affirming task group to present information and possibly present a vote to become an affirming region (Julie isn't sure if this ready for a vote yet). A Save the Date will be going out next week. People will be informed that they should book a hotel sooner rather than later. There will also be the remit regarding the indigenous church. This will be a category 3 remit which means that all congregations needs to vote. There is planned to be lots of education around this remit so that the representatives are able to go back to their communities of faith and share the information before the vote. Because of the Pow Wow, not sure if there will be time for Workshops at this gathering. Tracy Murton raised questions about pre-events. Groups like Ministry & Personnel and Lay Leadership Support are really wanting the opportunity to connect in person.

Nominations 026-2022/2023

It was agreed by Consensus:

That Living Skies Regional Council Executive approve Chantalle Morrow-Fesciuc (Layperson) be named to the Regional Meeting Planning Committee.

Property Commission

**Property Commission Quarterly Report
to Living Skies Regional Council Executive
January 1 to March 31, 2022**

The LSRC Property Commission held three meetings in the first quarter of 2022 (January 10, February 11 and March 11). All of our meetings are held using Zoom video conferencing. This report outlines the current status of our work and also summarizes the decisions that were made in the past three months.

Congregational Properties:

We are currently working with twenty-two communities of faith. As of March 31, 2021 we have four communities of faith that are planning to renovate, rent or purchase property, twelve in the process of selling property, and nine that are in the process of disbanding. In the past three months the following decisions were made:

Approval of Renovations:

- February 11, 2022 – Trinity Bissell Memorial United Church in Spiritwood (estimated cost \$38,164 – to be paid with proceeds from sale of manse)

Approval to Enter into Negotiations to Purchase:

- February 11, 2022 – Knox Metropolitan in Regina (to purchase adjacent parking lot)

Approval of Purchase of Property

- March 11, 2022 – Knox Metropolitan in Regina (adjacent parking lot for \$1,200,000 – to be paid with Trust Fund investments)

Approval of Listing of Church Buildings and/or Lots

- January 10, 2022 – Knox United Church Manse in Gainsborough (by tender)
- February 11, 2022 – Big River Manse (asking price \$168,000)
- February 11, 2022 – Tompkins United Church (by tender)

Approval of Sale/Transfer of Church Buildings and/or Lots:

- February 9, 2022 – Knox United Church Manse in North Portal (to Callie Elaine Fair and Dorothy Jean Fuchs for \$65,000) (email vote)
- February 11, 2022 – St. James United Church in Lashburn (to Timothy Michael Krenbrink for \$110,000)

Disbanding of Congregation/Pastoral Charge:

- February 11, 2022 – Clavet United Church
- March 11, 2022 – Senlac United Church

The commission has also been working with the trustees of Third Avenue United Church, in our position as their governing body, to ensure that their final distribution of funds is completed as specified by the LSRC Executive. We are pleased to report that all cheques to charitable organizations have been distributed and a cheque for the remaining funds (\$31,834) has been received at the LSRC Office. We are now waiting for the requested financial records to be sent to Heather Dootoff. The

Trustees are also working to send their final report to the CRA and prepare church records for archival.

In January, the 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 this year.

Abandoned Properties

We are 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. The following decisions were made in the first quarter:

Request Approval from LSRC Trustees to Offer Property for Sale

- January 10, 2022 – Stenen United Church (by tender)

Request Approval from LSRC Trustees for the Sale of Property

- January 10, 2022 – Liberty United Church (for \$300 to Donna Dermott)

Approval of Sale/Transfer of Church Buildings and/or Lots

- January 31, 2022 – Liberty United Church (for \$300 to Donna Dermott) (email vote)

Request the Removal of Historical Designation

- March 11, 2022 – Stenen United Church (to Stenen Village Council) (note: tender is delayed until this matter is resolved)

Cemeteries

We are working with a list of forty-four cemeteries that are no longer connected to an active congregation. Sixteen have buildings on site. Some of the cemeteries will remain on our list and we will provide oversight to the people who are caring for the cemeteries. Other cemeteries are being transferred to organizations willing to take responsibility for their care. The following decisions were made in the last three months:

Approval of Transfer of Church & Cemetery

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

Policies & Processes

Some cheques from communities of faith to church organizations have taken a long time to cash. At Heather Dootoff's suggestion, we are changing our process so that

money to be distributed to church entities will be sent to the Living Skies Regional Council and then distributed by the Financial Administrator.

We are in the process of reviewing the Property Handbook and expect to have an updated version available for approval in the next couple of months.

Thanks to the members of the property commission, Bev Kostichuk, Daryl Woods, George Thurlow, Gayle Wensley, Jonathan Zacharias and Shannon McCarthy for your continuing dedication to this important work. .

Respectfully Submitted by
Annette Taylor
Chair, Living Skies Property Commission

It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission recommend to Living Skies Regional Council Executive that in solidarity with St. Andrew's College we refuse the offer from Pemoco to sell the surface rights on the two quarters of Moats land at this time. In the future we endeavor to negotiate any further offers on this land jointly with St. Andrew's College immediately upon receipt of an offer.

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**Upon the recommendation from the Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission it was agreed by consensus that:
Living Skies Regional Council Executive in solidarity with St. Andrew's College we refuse the offer from Pemoco to sell the surface rights on the two quarters of Moats land at this time.**

Archives

Shannon reported.
Working with Nicole Vonk to come up with a job description. Madeleine will be with us until March. We will not be actively seeking out new records to store at this time, however, we will take what is given to us.
A huge part of the work may be able to be done online. An option is to contract that work to P2P or NS part time archivists and then hire another person for the in person part.
There is currently space at Lakeview.
Shannon will follow up with other groups who find themselves in the same situation due to this decision.
Our first priority is to keep the records in Saskatchewan. We don't want to hand over possession/ownership of our records. The second would be to place our archives in space that is available through the UCC in Ontario or the Maritimes.

**Incorporated
Ministries**

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**It was agreed by consensus:
That Living Skies Regional Council Executive take the following action:**

a) Lumsden Beach Camp

...pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the Lumsden Beach Camp 2022-2023 Board of Directors

Shirley Bartz
Susan Black
Vicki Conway
Barbara Flaten-Orr
Mike Hadwen
Kara Moen
Sarah Moreland-Petrie
Jordan Nixdorf
Kevin Perrey
Chelsey Vargo-Wilson

This is based on the draft AGM Minutes of November 23, 2022, the 2022 board member approval form, contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries Policy.

Determining Criteria for Ordination

There are three criteria for ordination (The Manual, H.4.8):

1. Determination by the Office of Vocation of the candidate's fitness and readiness for ministry.
2. Confirmation of the completion of a program of study and recommendation by the school for ordination.
3. Confirmation of an approved call or offer of employment.

Tracy Murton presented a situation in which a current student candidate for ordination has met two of the criteria. However, she has not completed "Supervised Ministry Experience". She has been offered a full-time ministry position at Luther Heights (a seniors high rise connected to Luther Communities). She is hoping that this will fulfill the requirements of SME and would ultimately meet one of the criteria for ordination. Does the Executive feel that this would satisfy the criteria?

This is being presented as a discussion, not a proposal at this time.

Shannon or Tracy will find out if other regions have a policy for such exceptions. Do we create a policy?

The consensus seems to be that we accept and support this situation.

Tracy will communicate to Laura that we are in support.

STAFF REPORTS

Justice & Communications

Julie is on Sabbatical starting February 1 until the end of April.

Abortion is Healthcare

We agreed to share the links on the United Church Commons to some of the past Abortion stances of the UCC.

We need to find a way to address the issue of poor access to abortion in rural areas particularly. There is a similar issue with Medical Assistance In Dying (MAID), a large percentage of doctors will not even talk about MAID and they can't be forced to.

We agreed that we will set this aside until we have the letter that Abortion is Healthcare sent to the Sask Government.

Shannon will reach out to Abortion is Healthcare to try to get the letter.

Executive Minister

Shannon is continuing her university course titled "Managing Change". She has set aside most Fridays to work on her course work.

Julie is going on sabbatical. Trying to piece together how we cover that.

General Council Executive meets February 10 and 11.

We are going to schedule a meeting for the Tri-Region Executive chairs and one rep from each to meet. Chantal will reach out to schedule this. Piotr will be the rep from Living Skies to attend with Darrell.

Finance

Heather reported. She provided us with 3 attachments to review.

Heather will be in Winnipeg for in person audits in February.

**Pastoral Relations
Minister &
Community of Faith
Support**

Tracy reported.

We are desperate for members for the Communities of Faith Support Committee to help support the work.

35 pastoral charge supervisors met last night.

Gratitude was expressed to the Property Commission for help with transitioning as communities of faith discern next steps related to dwindling funds and people.

There will be a celebration in May for those communities who have closed/disbanded over the past year, as well as the remaining covenants.

People appreciate the opportunity to gather by Zoom but there is a yearning for in-person gatherings.

Tracy will be making the trip to Preeceville-Sturgis to help prepare for the welcome of an Admissions minister from Zimbabwe.

Last fall a national task group reviewed the cost of living groups. In Living Skies, half stayed the same and the other half went down a cost of living group which will be a significant impact on ministry personnel. Broadview has reached out to discuss.

Very happy that Earl is back as she was covering for him while he was gone.

We received a report of all of the Pastoral Relations Motions for 2022 (attached)

YAYA	Working on our upcoming events - the Confirmation Retreat coming up on March 3-5 (details to follow), and the youth portion of the Regional Gathering in May. Lindsay will be attending the planning meeting for the Regional Gathering on Thursday morning as well.
Reconciliation Budget Line	No update. Table this until after the Annual Meeting.
OTHER	
Letter to Premiere	Darrell went to a meeting on Sunday regarding Onion Lake. He has drafted a letter with Julie to the premiere regarding this issue (attached). We reviewed the letter as a group.
029-2022/2023	<p>It was agreed by consensus: That the Living Skies Executive approve the letter to the Premiere and that it be posted on the website and sent out.</p> <p>Darrell will finalize the letter and send it out. Bev will post the letter to the website.</p> <p>Deborah asked about contacting the media. However, Julie doesn't have the time to do this before she goes on sabbatical and there is no list prepared for this. Julie invites others on the Executive to send to their local media for attention.</p>
Approving motions for committees (in email)	<p>Should we change the way we do this? Or continue with the procedure that we follow now?</p> <p>The motions are currently always recorded in the minutes. Chantal will make sure that motions from November/December get added to the minutes.</p> <p>What do we need for supporting documents or background info in order to make a decision? If other information is needed, ask, otherwise we will trust the work of the committee who brought forward the proposal.</p>
Email motions 030-2022/2023	<p>It was agreed by consensus that the following motion was passed via email on December 15, 2022: That having received the required documentation and successfully completed the interview process and mandatory training, and on the recommendation of the Committee on Lay Leadership Support, the Regional Council Executive renew licenses for the following Licensed Lay Worship Leaders, effective January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tricia Challoner• Rosalie Daisley• Henry Friesen• Henrietta Hilderman• Lynn Larson• Patricia Lyster• Shirley Payne

- Bill Pollock

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It was agreed by consensus that the following motion was passed via email on December 15, 2022:

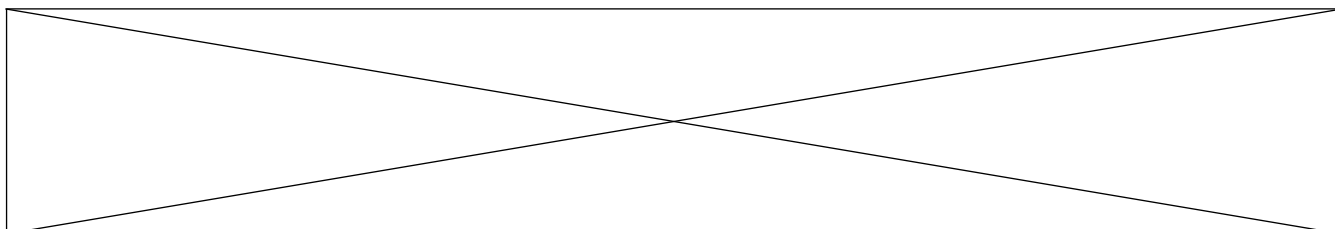
That on the recommendation of the Committee on Community of Faith Support, the Regional Council Executive approve the proposed governance structure for Swift Current: First United Church.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be January 26 from 1-4 pm. Piotr will do the opening.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned.


Darrell Reine, Chairperson
Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister

	Opening Balance January 1, 2022	Receipts	Expense	Balance	Internal Transfers	Closing Balance Dec 31, 2022
Region General Fund	\$0.00	\$756,820.75	-\$691,342.55	\$65,478.20	\$0.00	65,478.20
Funds of Living Skies Regional Council						
1 ANCC Funds	726,351.57	39,000.13	-7850.00	757,501.70		757,501.70
2 MVUC (in trust for ICM)	149,338.89			149,338.89		149,338.89
3 MVUC (social justice)	172,699.57		-8,700.00	163,999.57		163,999.57
4 IGG	96,269.29			96,269.29		96,269.29
5 Hugh and Selma McKay Fund	71,344.76			71,344.76		71,344.76
Regional Assessment Fund	117,050.46		-372.60	116,677.86		116,677.86
6 Personnel Issues Resolution Fund	11,378.48			11,378.48		11,378.48
7 Cohen Fund	22,901.42			22,901.42		22,901.42
8 Counseling Assistance Fund	6,000.00			6,000.00		6,000.00
9 Interim Ministry Fund	6,000.00			6,000.00		6,000.00
10 Review/Hearing	20,000.00			20,000.00		20,000.00
11 Property Fund	11,400.00			11,400.00		11,400.00
12 Continuing Education Fund	28,400.19		-500.00	27,900.19		27,900.19
14 Archives Fund	133,928.40	12,091.38		146,019.78		146,019.78
15 First Five Event Fund	3,732.05			3,732.05		3,732.05
16 Learning Site	10,000.00			10,000.00		10,000.00
Moats Land Fund	221,131.12	76,425.87	-39,913.08	257,643.91		257,643.91
LSRC Fund (SK Conf, Presbyteries and C of F) (Nov 25, 2021)	634,172.42	67,718.62	-7460.00	694,431.04		694,431.04
Reserve Fund	165,000.00			165,000.00		165,000.00
14 UCW Bursary Fund	8,482.75	960.00	-1750.00	7,692.75		7,692.75
Youth Ministry Fund	11,700.00			11,700.00		11,700.00
20 Faith Formation Generosity for Mission Fund	11,907.88			11,907.88		11,907.88
Totals	\$2,639,189.25 **	\$953,016.75	-\$757,888.23	\$2,834,317.77	\$0.00	\$2,834,317.77
Conexus chequing and savings	177,300.78	Capital Assets	840.76	Receipts	953,016.75	
Conexus share and Innovation CU Rewards	2,047.74	LT Investment	1,485,416.75	Less Expense	-757,888.23	
Petty Cash	132.60	Term Deposits	1,800,595.81	Income/Loss	195,128.52	
Innovation and BMO Cash	9,396.83			Beginning balance	2,639,189.25	
Cash on Hand		Solar	9,750.00	Ending balance	2,834,317.77	
Accounts Receivable and accrued interest	40,980.01	Deposit/Prepaid	998.35	Liability	25,756.49	
			<u>\$3,527,459.63</u>		<u>\$2,860,074.26</u>	
				Retained Earnings	667,385.37	
					<u>\$3,527,459.63</u>	

** year end adjustments included

Living Skies Regional Council **Comparative Income Statement**

	Actual 01 Jan, 2022 to 31 Dec, 2022	Budget 01 Jan, 2022 to 31 Dec, 2022	Percent	Actual 01 Jan, 2022 to 31 Dec, 2022	Actual 01 Jan, 2021 to 31 Dec, 2021	Percent
REVENUE						
GENERAL FUND REVENUE						
GC Governance Grant	324,999.96	325,000.00	0.00	324,999.96	325,000.00	0.00
GC Mission and Ministry Grant	240,000.00	239,000.00	0.42	240,000.00	240,000.00	0.00
GC Ex Min and Asst Salary Grant	88,475.04	67,000.00	32.05	88,475.04	76,375.08	15.84
Total General Council Grants	653,475.00	631,000.00	3.56	653,475.00	641,375.08	1.89
Gov grant for Program/Meetings	7,992.00	0.00	0.00	7,992.00	7,962.00	0.38
Total Government(s) Grants	7,992.00	0.00	0.00	7,992.00	7,962.00	0.38
Other grants for Program/Meeti...	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	-100.00
Total Other Grants (incl'ng PC)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	-100.00
Identifiable Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	360.00	-100.00
Donation fr. Charitable Gr. (don...	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,761.34	-100.00
Total Donations (Tax Receipt)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,121.34	-100.00
Unidentifiable Donation	142.00	0.00	0.00	142.00	205.95	-31.05
Qualified Donee	85,342.56	0.00	0.00	85,342.56	-5.95	-1,434,42...
Total Donation (no tax receipt)	85,484.56	0.00	0.00	85,484.56	200.00	42,642.28
Tax Receipt	550.00	0.00	0.00	550.00	1,903.12	-71.10
Total Fundraising (Charitable)	550.00	0.00	0.00	550.00	1,903.12	-71.10
Region Event Registration Fee	1,495.00	0.00	0.00	1,495.00	1,500.00	-0.33
Total Event Fees Collected	1,495.00	0.00	0.00	1,495.00	1,500.00	-0.33
Region Sales/Fee for Service	2,404.46	0.00	0.00	2,404.46	654.75	267.23
Total Sale of Goods/Service	2,404.46	0.00	0.00	2,404.46	654.75	267.23
Interest - Chequing Account	753.14	0.00	0.00	753.14	407.20	84.96
Interest - GIC	4,126.74	0.00	0.00	4,126.74	6,411.58	-35.64
Investment Gain	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60,709.03	-100.00
Unrealized Gain - Fiera	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150,347.15	-100.00
Solar Dividend	299.85	0.00	0.00	299.85	308.05	-2.66
Misc Revenue (was Freight)	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	2,691.65	-92.57
Total Other Revenue	499.85	0.00	0.00	499.85	2,999.70	-83.34
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVE...	756,780.75	631,000.00	19.93	756,780.75	891,590.95	-15.12
RESTRICTED/DESIGNATED F...						
RF Gifts from Qualified Donees	117,692.79	0.00	0.00	117,692.79	338,018.33	-65.18
RF Grant fr Other (incl'ng PC)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-33,401.82	-100.00
RF Donations (tax receipt)	995.00	0.00	0.00	995.00	956.04	4.08
RF Sale of Goods/Services	135.00	0.00	0.00	135.00	1,880.00	-92.82
RF Oil Royalty	48,685.87	0.00	0.00	48,685.87	30,894.90	57.59
RF Lease and Rental Income	27,740.00	0.00	0.00	27,740.00	29,283.00	-5.27
RF Interest Earned	987.34	0.00	0.00	987.34	4,120.56	-76.04
RF BMO Investment Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,133.00	-100.00
RF BMO Unrealized Gain	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-5,612.61	-100.00
TOTAL RESTRICTED/DESIGN...	196,236.00	0.00	0.00	196,236.00	374,271.40	-47.57
TOTAL REVENUE	953,016.75	631,000.00	51.03	953,016.75	1,265,862.35	-24.71
EXPENSE						
GENERAL FUND						
Meeting Travel	560.33	34,000.00	-98.35	560.33	0.00	0.00
Meeting Meals	356.87	0.00	0.00	356.87	0.00	0.00
Meeting Accommodations	156.34	0.00	0.00	156.34	0.00	0.00
Electronic Meeting Cost	86.24	0.00	0.00	86.24	113.52	-24.03
Meeting Administration	297.57	0.00	0.00	297.57	28.29	951.86
Total Conference Administration...	1,457.35	34,000.00	-95.71	1,457.35	141.81	927.68
Event Travel	1,305.32	20,000.00	-93.47	1,305.32	47.56	2,644.58
Event Meals	2,267.77	0.00	0.00	2,267.77	66.08	3,331.86
Event Accommodations	350.11	0.00	0.00	350.11	0.00	0.00

Living Skies Regional Council **Comparative Income Statement**

	Actual 01 Jan, 2022 to 31 Dec, 2022	Budget 01 Jan, 2022 to 31 Dec, 2022	Percent	Actual 01 Jan, 2022 to 31 Dec, 2022	Actual 01 Jan, 2021 to 31 Dec, 2021	Percent
Event Honorarium	1,450.00	0.00	0.00	1,450.00	3,430.00	-57.73
Event Resource	243.03	0.00	0.00	243.03	731.74	-66.79
Total Reg Program Expenditure	5,616.23	20,000.00	-71.92	5,616.23	4,275.38	31.36
Profess'l/Consult Fee (legal/invst)	8,258.34	6,500.00	27.05	8,258.34	14,266.82	-42.12
Website	1,007.44	1,000.00	0.74	1,007.44	1,004.74	0.27
Membership/License	195.00	0.00	0.00	195.00	195.00	0.00
Donations/Grants to Q Donees	211,525.55	125,000.00	69.22	211,525.55	125,500.00	68.55
Program Grants (reimburse exp...	14,833.38	0.00	0.00	14,833.38	6,535.65	126.96
Insurance Premium Pd	513.63	0.00	0.00	513.63	0.00	0.00
Archive Storage	10,805.55	10,100.00	6.99	10,805.55	10,086.00	7.13
Bank Fees	155.94	0.00	0.00	155.94	996.94	-84.36
Incorporated Ministries Fee	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Total Other Expenditures	250,294.83	145,600.00	71.91	250,294.83	161,585.15	54.90
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	257,368.41	199,600.00	28.94	257,368.41	166,002.34	55.04
ANNUAL MEETING/GATHERING						
AM Meeting Facility Cost	0.00	10,000.00	-100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
AM Guest Accom/Meals	273.42	0.00	0.00	273.42	127.13	115.07
AM Meeting Sub-Total	273.42	10,000.00	-97.27	273.42	127.13	115.07
AM Serv Praise planning/bibles/...	391.32	0.00	0.00	391.32	89.85	335.53
AM Honorariums	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,748.00	-100.00
AM Delegates Travel	347.62	0.00	0.00	347.62	87.85	295.70
AM Event Sub-Total	738.94	0.00	0.00	738.94	3,925.70	-81.18
AM Memb'sp/License/Music Co...	217.00	0.00	0.00	217.00	217.00	0.00
AM Sub-Total (On-Going)	217.00	0.00	0.00	217.00	217.00	0.00
ANNUAL MEETING/GATHERIN...	1,229.36	10,000.00	-87.71	1,229.36	4,269.83	-71.21
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
RF Administration Cost	3,150.00	0.00	0.00	3,150.00	3,167.64	-0.56
RF Total Meeting/Event/Worksh...	3,150.00	0.00	0.00	3,150.00	3,167.64	-0.56
RF Grants/donations to Q Donees	7,460.00	0.00	0.00	7,460.00	0.00	0.00
RF Program Grants (reimburse ...	55,162.79	0.00	0.00	55,162.79	74,297.38	-25.75
RF Contracted Services	372.60	0.00	0.00	372.60	6,365.25	-94.15
RF Taxes (land/mineral)	400.29	0.00	0.00	400.29	529.66	-24.43
RF BMO Mgt Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,964.06	-100.00
RF Total On-Going Expense	63,395.68	0.00	0.00	63,395.68	83,156.35	-23.76
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS E...	66,545.68	0.00	0.00	66,545.68	86,323.99	-22.91
REGIONAL OFFICES OPERATI...						
RO Rent/Parking	11,199.53	11,000.00	1.81	11,199.53	10,173.00	10.09
RO Maintenance	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
RO Office Furnishing (desks/ch...	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,722.54	-100.00
RO Total Occupancy Cost	12,199.53	11,000.00	10.90	12,199.53	12,895.54	-5.40
RO Photocopying	622.11	1,000.00	-37.79	622.11	295.74	110.36
RO Computer Maintenance/Upg...	4,542.72	4,500.00	0.95	4,542.72	4,947.96	-8.19
RO Office Equip Purchase (sm i...	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	109.79	-100.00
RO Phone and wifi	1,989.87	2,000.00	-0.51	1,989.87	4,032.35	-50.65
RO Total Office Equipment/Serv...	7,154.70	7,500.00	-4.60	7,154.70	9,385.84	-23.77
RO Stationery Supply	899.77	4,000.00	-77.51	899.77	456.74	97.00
RO Recycling (Paper)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.46	-100.00
RO Postage	142.91	300.00	-52.36	142.91	247.91	-42.35
RO General Office (Tissue/Soa...	8.66	0.00	0.00	8.66	0.00	0.00
Shared Office Expenses	931.38	3,500.00	-73.39	931.38	11,404.52	-91.83
RO Depreciation on Office Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,262.33	-100.00
REGIONAL OFFICES TOTAL	21,336.95	26,300.00	-18.87	21,336.95	35,773.34	-40.36
STAFFING COST						
ST Regional Salary and Benefits	259,480.97	251,500.00	3.17	259,480.97	254,657.29	1.89

Living Skies Regional Council
Comparative Income Statement

	Actual 01 Jan, 2022 to 31 Dec, 2022	Budget 01 Jan, 2022 to 31 Dec, 2022	Percent	Actual 01 Jan, 2022 to 31 Dec, 2022	Actual 01 Jan, 2021 to 31 Dec, 2021	Percent
ST Shared Salary and Benefits	94,726.49	92,000.00	2.96	94,726.49	90,470.52	4.70
ST Total Conference Salary/Be...	354,207.46	343,500.00	3.12	354,207.46	345,127.81	2.63
ST Staff/President Travel/All staff	8,894.30	8,000.00	11.18	8,894.30	1,960.26	353.73
Shared Staff Travel	2,440.85	10,000.00	-75.59	2,440.85	1,210.25	101.68
ST Contin'ng Ed (Prog)	212.05	3,240.00	-93.46	212.05	244.72	-13.35
ST Prog Stff Resource (Manual/...	153.40	0.00	0.00	153.40	96.65	58.72
ST All Staff Meeting	3,064.65	2,000.00	53.23	3,064.65	0.00	0.00
ST Contracted Services	42,435.12	45,000.00	-5.70	42,435.12	41,723.35	1.71
TOTAL STAFFING COST	411,407.83	411,740.00	-0.08	411,407.83	390,363.04	5.39
TOTAL EXPENSE	757,888.23	647,640.00	17.02	757,888.23	682,732.54	11.01
NET INCOME	195,128.52	-16,640.00	-1,272.65	195,128.52	583,129.81	-66.54

Living Skies Regional Council
Departmental Income Statement 01 Jan, 2022 to 31 Dec, 2022

	Governance	Mission and Ministry	Restricted and Designa...
REVENUE			
GENERAL FUND REVENUE			
GC Governance Grant	324,999.96	0.00	0.00
GC Mission and Ministry Grant	0.00	240,000.00	0.00
GC Ex Min and Asst Salary Grant	88,475.04	0.00	0.00
Total General Council Grants	413,475.00	240,000.00	0.00
Gov grant for Program/Meetings	0.00	7,992.00	0.00
Total Government(s) Grants	0.00	7,992.00	0.00
Unidentifiable Donation	0.00	142.00	0.00
Qualified Donee	0.00	85,342.56	0.00
Total Donation (no tax receipt)	0.00	85,484.56	0.00
Tax Receipt	0.00	550.00	0.00
Total Fundraising (Charitable)	0.00	550.00	0.00
Region Event Registration Fee	25.00	1,470.00	0.00
Total Event Fees Collected	25.00	1,470.00	0.00
Region Sales/Fee for Service	1,714.46	730.00	0.00
Total Sale of Goods/Service	1,714.46	730.00	0.00
Interest - Chequing Account	753.14	0.00	0.00
Interest - GIC	4,126.74	0.00	0.00
Solar Dividend	129.85	170.00	0.00
Misc Revenue (was Freight)	0.00	200.00	0.00
Total Other Revenue	129.85	370.00	0.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVE...	420,224.19	336,596.56	0.00
RESTRICTED/DESIGNATED F...			
RF Gifts from Qualified Donees	0.00	0.00	117,692.79
RF Donations (tax receipt)	0.00	0.00	995.00
RF Sale of Goods/Services	0.00	0.00	95.00
RF Oil Royalty	0.00	0.00	48,685.87
RF Lease and Rental Income	0.00	0.00	27,740.00
RF Interest Earned	0.00	0.00	987.34
TOTAL RESTRICTED/DESIGN...	0.00	0.00	196,196.00
TOTAL REVENUE	420,224.19	336,596.56	196,196.00
EXPENSE			
GENERAL FUND			
Meeting Travel	560.33	0.00	0.00
Meeting Meals	356.87	0.00	0.00
Meeting Accommodations	156.34	0.00	0.00
Electronic Meeting Cost	86.24	0.00	0.00
Meeting Administration	297.57	0.00	0.00
Total Conference Administration ...	1,457.35	0.00	0.00
Event Travel	0.00	1,305.32	0.00
Event Meals	0.00	2,267.77	0.00
Event Accommodations	0.00	350.11	0.00
Event Honorarium	0.00	1,450.00	0.00
Event Resource	0.00	243.03	0.00
Total Reg Program Expenditure	0.00	5,616.23	0.00
Profess'l/Consult Fee (legal/invst)	8,258.34	0.00	0.00
Website	1,007.44	0.00	0.00
Membership/License	195.00	0.00	0.00
Donations/Grants to Q Donees	0.00	211,525.55	0.00
Program Grants (reimburse exp...	0.00	14,833.38	0.00
Insurance Premium Pd	513.63	0.00	0.00
Archive Storage	10,805.55	0.00	0.00
Bank Fees	155.94	0.00	0.00
Incorporated Ministries Fee	3,000.00	0.00	0.00

Living Skies Regional Council
Departmental Income Statement 01 Jan, 2022 to 31 Dec, 2022

	Governance	Mission and Ministry	Restricted and Designa...
Total Other Expenditures	23,935.90	226,358.93	0.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	<u>25,393.25</u>	<u>231,975.16</u>	<u>0.00</u>
ANNUAL MEETING/GATHERING			
AM Guest Accom/Meals	0.00	273.42	0.00
AM Meeting Sub-Total	0.00	273.42	0.00
AM Serv Praise planning/bibles/...	0.00	391.32	0.00
AM Delegates Travel	347.62	0.00	0.00
AM Event Sub-Total	347.62	391.32	0.00
AM Memb'sp/License/Music Co...	217.00	0.00	0.00
AM Sub-Total (On-Going)	217.00	0.00	0.00
ANNUAL MEETING/GATHERIN...	<u>564.62</u>	<u>664.74</u>	<u>0.00</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
RF Administration Cost	0.00	0.00	3,150.00
RF Total Meeting/Event/Worksho...	0.00	0.00	3,150.00
RF Grants/donations to Q Donees	0.00	0.00	7,460.00
RF Program Grants (reimburse ...	0.00	0.00	55,162.79
RF Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	372.60
RF Taxes (land/mineral)	0.00	0.00	400.29
RF Total On-Going Expense	0.00	0.00	63,395.68
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS E...	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>66,545.68</u>
REGIONAL OFFICES OPERATI...			
RO Rent/Parking	11,199.53	0.00	0.00
RO Maintenance	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
RO Total Occupancy Cost	12,199.53	0.00	0.00
RO Photocopying	622.11	0.00	0.00
RO Computer Maintenance/Upd...	4,542.72	0.00	0.00
RO Phone and wifi	1,989.87	0.00	0.00
RO Total Office Equipment/Service	7,154.70	0.00	0.00
RO Stationery Supply	899.77	0.00	0.00
RO Postage	142.91	0.00	0.00
RO General Office (Tissue/Soap/...	8.66	0.00	0.00
Shared Office Expenses	931.38	0.00	0.00
REGIONAL OFFICES TOTAL	<u>21,336.95</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
STAFFING COST			
ST Regional Salary and Benefits	105,830.84	153,650.13	0.00
ST Shared Salary and Benefits	94,726.49	0.00	0.00
ST Total Conference Salary/Ben...	200,557.33	153,650.13	0.00
ST Staff/President Travel/All staff	8,775.16	119.14	0.00
Shared Staff Travel	2,440.85	0.00	0.00
ST Contin'ng Ed (Prog)	212.05	0.00	0.00
ST Prog Stff Resource (Manual/...	153.40	0.00	0.00
ST All Staff Meeting	3,064.65	0.00	0.00
ST Contracted Services	42,435.12	0.00	0.00
TOTAL STAFFING COST	<u>257,638.56</u>	<u>153,769.27</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>304,933.38</u>	<u>386,409.17</u>	<u>66,545.68</u>
NET INCOME	<u>115,290.81</u>	<u>-49,812.61</u>	<u>129,650.32</u>

26 January 2023

To: Premier Scott Moe; Minister of Natural Resources

From: Living Skies Regional Council, the United Church of Canada

Re: We call for an immediate halt to the sale of Saskatchewan Crown land

Dear Premier Moe,

I am writing on behalf of Living Skies Regional Council, the United Church of Canada in Saskatchewan, to express our continued opposition to the selling of Crown lands entrusted to the province and held under Treaty agreements.

As chairperson of the Executive of our Regional Council, I was fortunate to learn of the Onion Lake Cree Nation's appearance at the Legislative Building on Monday, January 22 and so I attended along with many other Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

I listened to their concerns about the Saskatchewan Government auctioning off Crown lands where First Nations hold ceremony, hunt, fish, trap and gather, and have done so for thousands of years.

In 2021, Living Skies Regional Council of the United Church and in 2017 the former Saskatchewan Conference of the United Church of Canada wrote a letter to the provincial government, joining many other groups in expressing strong concern about exactly the same issue, and reminding the government of our shared Treaty responsibilities and our commitment to healthy lands and waters. Yet these sales have continued unabated.

Now, the Treaty Land Sharing Network notes that, "Since 2007, the Saskatchewan government has sold nearly 2 million acres of Crown land that previously belonged to the people of this province. This land – totalling an area twice the size of Prince Albert National Park – includes formerly protected grassland, wetlands, and aspen parkland that are the territories of the Cree, Saulteaux, Nakota, Dakota, Lakota, and Métis Peoples."

On September 30, 2021, Premier Scott Moe posted on Facebook the following words: "Our government is committed to working with the Indigenous peoples of Saskatchewan in advancing cultural and economic reconciliation in our province."

The provincial government's First Nation and Métis Consultation Policy Framework (CPF) sets out government's commitment to fulfilling its legal duty to consult and accommodate First

Nation and Métis communities in advance of decisions or actions that have the potential to adversely impact the exercise of:

“Treaty and Aboriginal rights such as the right to hunt, fish and trap for food on unoccupied Crown land and other land to which a community has a right-of-access for these purposes; and

Traditional uses of land and resources such as the gathering of plants for food and medicinal purposes and carrying out ceremonial and spiritual observances and practices on unoccupied Crown land and other land to which a community has a right of access for these purposes.”

How does the sale of Crown land, which is also Treaty land, support these stated commitments, especially when Indigenous nations and groups have protested such sales again and again? Our Executive suggests to you that it is impossible for Government-initiated sales of Crown land to respect either Treaty obligations and the government’s own commitments.

We, the Living Skies Regional Council Executive on behalf of the United Church of Canada, call on the Saskatchewan government to halt the liquidation of public land immediately and to enter into agreed upon consultation processes with Indigenous peoples.

It is our commitment as the United Church to honour the Treaty relationship, protect natural landscapes, and ensure that all people have access to land for both leisure and livelihood. We long for the government of Saskatchewan to do the same.

Sincerely,

Reverend Darrell Reine
Convenor of The Living Skies Regional Council
The United Church of Canada