

Bold, Deep, Daring



Living Skies Regional Council of The United Church of Canada Travelodge Hotel Saskatoon

Registration begins at 1:00PM on Thursday June 13th; lunch is not provided on this day

**Program begins at 1:45 p.m. Thursday, June 13th
until Sunday, June 16th**

Lots of parking on the west side parking lot of the hotel.

The Docket for the regional gathering is now posted on the Living Skies Regional Council website at <https://livingskiesrc.ca/governance-admin/regional-meeting/> so you can read it on your computer or other device.

One copy of a condensed version of the Docket will be available for sharing at each table group. This condensed version will include the agenda, Section A (which includes, Who's Who at the Gathering, Our Meeting and Business Processes, and Basic Rules for Debating Proposals), the Nominations Report, the Proposals, and the Biographies of our Ordinands, Commissionand, Admittand, our Retirees, and those who have died in the past year.

If you have any questions about any of this call Bev Diebert at the Regional Council Office at 306-704-0181.

*****What to Bring to the Regional Gathering*****

- Your own mug and water bottle for drinking
- A copy of *Voices United & More Voices* if you would like to have the music
- If you requested a docket, something to put it in – duo tang or your own binder

Welcome to the Regional Meeting of The Living Skies Regional Council

After much planning, and countless numbers of hours of preparing by many, many people, the Living Skies Regional Council Meeting in Saskatoon, 2024 is ready to begin.

We look forward to people from across this Regional Council gathering in Saskatoon. As always when we come together as a church there is opportunity to renew friendships, meet new people, worship, sing, pray, visit displays and look at (and probably purchase, more than we intend!!) books and other resources. In addition, as a gathered community of faith we will discuss proposals and faithfully reflect on many issues and ideas that face our church and world. In the coming together as a church, we trust that the Spirit of God will touch our hearts, minds and spirits and guide us as a faith community in this place and time.

This year the meeting is filled with much celebration and important business. This year we celebrate becoming an Affirming Regional Council. We also are privileged to have the Moderator of The United Church of Canada, the Rt. Rev. Carmen Lansdowne with us, who will lead a Saturday morning and afternoon workshop on Flourishing Communities of Faith.

There is time on the agenda for visioning as a church, as well as choosing and attending workshops on various themes, and choosing General Council Commissioners for the 2025 General Council in Calgary.

As part of our important work as a gathered Regional Council we will honour and remember the faithful service of those individuals who have died in this past year as well as those faith communities who have closed.

We celebrate with prayer and praise, with tears and laughter, with stories and song and of course food, including the Saturday evening Banquet celebrating various ministries.

And this year the Sunday Service of Praise held at Knox United Church will include a record number of people being celebrated as they enter into new roles of formal ministry such as ordination, commissioning and service for the church.

Please take time to read the reports on the website, as well as note the other information there including the Agenda for the meeting. Trust you will find the meeting meaningful and spiritually refreshing as we celebrate, discuss and do some of the important work of Living Skies Regional Council.

In faith.

Miles Russell
Convenor of the
Regional Council Meeting Planning Committee



DURING THE REGIONAL GATHERING

EMERGENCY Number: 306-716-2955

CHAPLAINS:

Thursday: Shelly Manley-Tannis

Friday: Russell Mitchell-Walker

Saturday: Dexter van Dyke

2024 PROPOSALS

- 1) Responding to the Crisis in Palestine / Israel Clergy Members from Saskatoon.
- 2) Anti-Poverty Concerned Anti-Poverty People
- 3) Growth Priority St. Paul's United Church, Saskatoon
- 4) Church Improvement Grant Mount Royal Emmanuel United Church, Saskatoon
- 5) Congregational Governance St. Paul's United Church, Saskatoon
- 6) Review Questions Required by The Manual of Candidates at the Time of Ordination, Commission or Recognition. Council of St. James United Church, Regina

ORDINANDS

Sheila Deforest

Deborah Ferber

Ryan Sawchuk

Roy Bortolotto

Lynette Callfas

Cam Fraser

Peter Gilmer

Doreen Hewitson

Gary Johnson

Lorna King

Jo Mader

Bonnie Morton

Darrell Reine

John Sellwood

Gayle Wensley

ADMITTAND

David Mugadzi

COMMISSIONAND

Dave Whalley

Those Retiring

Jim Balfour

Mohandas Barnabas

Tim Ellis

Connie Sykes

Bill Unger

Jim Wolff

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